

## MEDIA RELEASE

# The Last Whale

Chris Pash

*A timely reminder of how far we've come since the days of routine slaughter, of how hard conservationists fought to bring it to an end, and how vigilant we must be in making sure that the dark days of whaling are behind us forever.*

**Tim Winton**

### About the book

It's the end of the seventies and one young reporter is bearing witness to the final days of Australia's whaling industry.

Thirty years after the last whale was captured and slaughtered in Australia, ex-journalist, Chris Pash, tells the very human story of the characters and events that brought whaling to an end.

This fair and balanced account portrays the raw adventure of going to sea, the perils of being a whaler and the 'crazy, but somehow magical' commitment that leads activists to throw themselves into the path of an explosive harpoon.

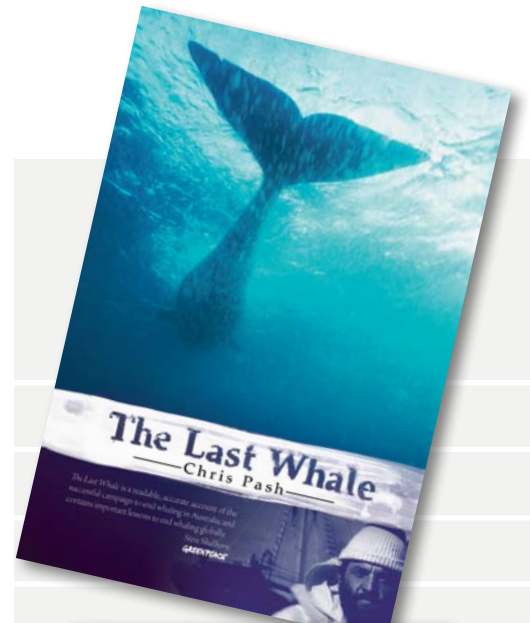
Accompanied by a wonderful photographic record of the time, this is the action-packed history of a town reliant on whaling dollars pitted against a determined band of international protesters.

### About the author

Chris Pash, former editor, correspondent, bureau chief and newswire chief executive, was a pimply reporter at the *Albany Advertiser* in 1977 when activists launched Greenpeace's first direct action in Australia. He lives in Sydney, Australia, with his wife and two children and is an executive with the financial media group Dow Jones & Company.

### Media Notes

- In November it is 30 years since the last whale was killed in Australia in Albany, Western Australia.
- The anti-whaling campaign in Albany marked the first direct action by Greenpeace in Australia.
- The book accompanies a national touring exhibition: '30 Years of Inspiring Action' Greenpeace Australia Pacific 1977-2007: A Photographic Retrospective.
- The author has remained in close contact with both whalers and activists and provides a balanced account.
- The book will be launched in WA at the Sprung Festival in Albany on 20 September.



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