

**Company:** Lisa Blair OAM, Sydney, Lisa Blair Sails the World, Warriewood, NSW Australia

**Company Description:** Lisa is the first woman in history to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around Antarctica on her yacht, Climate Action Now, and holds eight world records. Best selling author, speaker and environmentalist, Lisa delivers a powerful message that taking care of the environment cannot wait, we need to take action now.

**Nomination Category:** Media Awards Categories

**Nomination Sub Category:** Documentary of the Year by a Woman

**Nomination Title:** Lisa Blair - Ice Maiden

1. Provide the date on which the nominated video was released:

**June 2024**

2. Provide a description of the nominated documentary - it's development, purpose, and performance to date (up to 350 words):

**Total 3 words used.**

**The compelling feature documentary 'Ice Maiden' Premiered in June 2024, was released in Cinemas in August 2024 and broadcast on mainstream TV in June 2025.**

**It vividly chronicles Lisa Blair's unprecedented 2017 voyage to become the first woman to sail solo around Antarctica, capturing an epic tale of perseverance and pushing human limits. The film shares her astonishing journey to break the speed record, confronting treacherous Southern Ocean conditions and a catastrophic dismasting that threatened both her life and mission. 'Ice Maiden' showcases Lisa's unwavering courage, determination, and self-belief in overcoming the planet's most dangerous waters. It's more than an adventure film; it's Lisa's personal story, deeply intertwined with her mission to inspire climate action.**

**'Ice Maiden' garnered significant critical acclaim, successfully touring cinemas and film festivals globally. It's reached 36,000 individuals via SBS, an estimated 4,000 people in cinemas across Australia and NZ, and 40,000 views through the Ocean Film Festival Global.**

**The film has been recognised through prestigious nominations, including 'Best Documentary Feature' at the Warsaw International Film Festival and 'Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Cinematography' at the Documentary Edge Awards. It was also an official selection for esteemed events, including the Ocean Film Festival World Tour, Newport Beach Festival, Portland Festival, Salt Spring Film Festival, Capricorn Festival and Docedge Film Festival.**

**Filmed during the lockdown of the pandemic and made on a budget of just AUD\$462,000, the film challenged the production team to recreate the massive storms Lisa faced, putting her through the freezing experience repeatedly to capture the footage. Lisa also had to relive the trauma of fighting for her life during the interviews while still conveying the story for the screen.**

**Critics have lauded 'Ice Maiden' as "not just a stunning portrait of an incredible woman," but "an inspiring call to arms for climate and societal change". Its release generated extensive media coverage, featuring interviews with Lisa on prominent platforms including The Project and ABC Radio, further amplifying its vital environmental message and Lisa's advocacy with the Climate Action Now Campaign.**

[More Info Here](#)

## **Attachments/Videos/Links:**

[Lisa Blair - Ice Maiden](#)



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