

Pagoda Journey Forum

15th May 2021 10.30am- 2.30pm



Exhibition Pagoda at the Gang Gang gallery in Lithgow provides a focus on the Western Blue Mountain's iconic Pagoda Country - the '**Pagoda Journey Forum**' is being held at the Gallery as part of this exhibition.

The forum will provide an opportunity to hear of the treasures tucked away in the country earmarked for protection under the Destination Pagodas proposal¹. It will provide insight into the unique landscape, the amazing range of flora within it, the efforts that have been made to protect it to date and the potential for the regional economy that the Destination Pagodas proposal provides.

As a highlight in the forum you will hear a conversation between a curator and two acclaimed artists relating to the inspiration they derive from landscape, an insight into the visceral response we all feel when connecting to wild beauty.

The Destination Pagodas' State Conservation Zone proposal will effectively create a park under which legacy mining activity will continue. At the same time new age energy initiatives are appearing in the region whilst traditional power generators continue their operation, all part of a transition. We are going to close the forum with a reflection on this transition, a presentation on renewable energy and what is happening locally - The Lithgow Community Power Project.

Reflections on wildness	Some thoughts on wilderness and wildness as contributors to human well being Dr Paul Brown
Reflections on the Past	A summation of where we have been and where we are going Dr Richard Stiles
Reflections on Country	A conversation between artists on their spiritual response to landscape Anne Graham, Cindy Yuen-Zhe Chen and Nic Tsoutas
Reflections on Potential	An insight into the economic potential of Destination Pagodas Dr Haydn Washington
Reflections on the Journey	The journey Milo Dunphy Colo Committee Haydn Washington Madi McLean
Reflections on a Future	The Lithgow Community Power Project Greg Mortimer OAM

We will commence with morning tea at 10.30 with formal proceedings at 11am. Light lunch will be served for which we ask attendees to make a donation of \$15. Bookings essential go to

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/ZGRVT>

¹ https://www.gardensofstone.org.au/files/Blog/final_destination_pagoda-300319_web.pdf