

Summer Exhibition program launches at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

Wagga Wagga Art Gallery is set to launch its Summer Exhibition program.

Immerse yourself in the program featuring four new exhibitions and an afternoon of artist talks and facilitated conversations in the exhibition spaces coming up this Saturday 16 December.

Discover the captivating *See You in Hell* exhibition, a collaboration by Sydney artists Louise Zhang and Jessica Bradford. Explore playful and subversive artworks and installations that delve into Chinese concepts of the Afterlife, taking you on a journey through Diyu, the Chinese concept of Hell.

POWER – The Future is Here, is a touring exhibition from Museums and Galleries of NSW and is a collaboration between Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay artist Dennis Golding and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Alexandria Park Community School.

As superheroes, Golding and his young collaborators are empowered and reminded of the strength of their culture in forming their identity and connection to Country.

Staying with the Trouble brings together four established artists: Linda Dening, Kim Mahood, Sally Simpson and Wendy Teakel, showcasing large-scale experimental drawings resulting from a year of discussions and critiques.

The artists reference the ideas of author Donna Haraway, whose book of the same title *Staying with the Trouble*, asks us to take responsibility and action regarding the current crisis of life in our damaged world.

Celebrate the illustrious career of glass artist Emma Varga in the exhibition *Fire – Water – Life* at the National Art Glass Gallery. Reflecting on 50 years of glassmaking, Varga's work draws attention to major global warming events, urging us to consider their environmental impact.

This Saturday's program of events includes the opportunity to connect with the artists through floor talks and discussions.

Gain a greater understanding of *Staying with the Trouble* as the artists present a floor talk at 2pm discussing the individual and collective evolution of their work for the exhibition.

At 3:30pm there will be a floor talk with *See You in Hell* artists Louise Zhang and Jessica Bradford, facilitated by Art Historian Dr. Sam Bowker from Charles Sturt University, unravelling the playful exploration of Chinese concepts of the Afterlife.

This is followed by the official launch event for the four exhibitions at 5pm.

Ensure you don't miss this day of art and inspiration at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery's Summer Exhibitions launch on Saturday 16 December from 2pm.

Spaces are limited, bookings required via waggaartgallery.com.au/whats-on/programs-and-events

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

What: Hear about the Summer Exhibitions program at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.

Who: Wagga Wagga Art Gallery Director Dr Lee-Anne Hall and artist Emma Varga.

When: Wednesday 13 December **10:15am**.

Where: Wagga Wagga Art Gallery (via lower entrance, across from glass gallery).

Programs:

Summer Exhibition Launch

Saturday 16 December, 5pm-7pm

Free event | RSVP essential

Floor Talk: *Staying with the Trouble*

Saturday 16 September, 2pm-3pm

Free event | RSVP essential

Artist Talk: Louise Zhang and Jessica Bradford

Saturday 16 September, 3:30pm-4:30pm

Free event | RSVP essential

<https://waggaartgallery.com.au/whats-on/programs-and-events>

Media images:

- 1.) Left: Louise Zhang. Photo credit: Zan Wimberley Right: Jessica Bradford. Photo credit Jacquie Manning.
- 2.) Louise Zhang, Map of Diyu 2023
- 3.) Artist Dennis Golding with The Future is Here, 2021, Carriageworks. Image courtesy and © the artist. Photograph Zan Wimberley
- 4.) Dennis Golding, The Future is Here, 2021, installation at Carriageworks. Image courtesy and © the artist. Photograph Zan Wimberley
- 5.) Emma Varga. Revival 20-21-22, 2022, glass / pâte de verre, fused, slumped
- 6.) Kim Mahood, Murdoch Cliffs, Tanami Salt Lake Country, pastel and ink on paper, 150cm x 200cm, 2023





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About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of more than \$236M.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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