



# Catalogue Archive

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Title	Date	Synopsis
The Relationality Paradigm Shift	Nov 2024	We need to change the way we think about our place in the world, to recover the timeless wisdom of the ancients and marry it to the power of modern science and technology within a paradigm of relationality, rather than extractive wealth creation for the few.
Anatomy of the Defeat of the Referendum	Oct 2024	The failure of the Voice Referendum shows just how far decolonisation remains the master project for shaping Australia’s future as the ‘world’s most successful multicultural nation’ as frequently claimed by politicians of all persuasion.
Cultivating Playmind – Buddhist Insights	Oct 2024	It is a playful mind that will enable us to turn away from the denialism and anger that feeds authoritarian populism and ethno/religious-nationalism, and embrace how to ‘stay in the trouble’, allowing the ‘imperceptible to blossom’ as we search for new ways of being, doing and thinking
Exploring AI, Humanity & Wisdom: Part 1	Oct 2024	Exploring Yuval Harari’s take on AI, in ‘Nexus: A Brief History of Information Networks from the Stone Age to AI (2024)
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Towards A Relationalist Economy & Society	Sept 2022	For any way of thought to become dominant, a conceptual apparatus has to be advanced that appeals to our intuitions and instincts, to our values and our desires, as well as to the possibilities inherent in the social world we inhabit
A Canoe Journey of Inquiry into Enlightenment 2.0	Sept 2024	A consideration of Tyson Yunkaporta’s book, ‘Right Story/Wrong Story’(2023) in relation to how we engage with indigenous knowledge systems
The Cultural Challenge of Our Times	Aug 2024	Exploring the growing underground revolution in new ways of being, thinking and doing, in the belly of the beast of modern civilisation
First Nations Spirituality & Eco-Balance	Jun 2024	Through the idea of Makarrata and Truth Telling, we need to not only acknowledge the terrible history of colonial injustices, but we need to turn our attention to the growing crisis of this ‘mainstream economic cosmology’;
The Bones of Our Sacred Fire	May 2024	A poem celebrating decolonising the self from the Berlin Citizen’s Lab
Be Like Your Place	May 2024	Somehow, we have to balance real politics (the arts of winning elections) with the challenges of over consumption, rising wealth inequality and spiritual integrity
Reclaiming Arts & Culture in Community Develop.	April 2024	The Whitlam vision has been lost with the Arts now captured by the ideology of neoliberalism—the glorification of market forces, individualism and prestige maximisation via wealth and/or fame, at the expense of our shared sense of community



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Quantum Phenomenology	April 2024	Reflection on a retreat with Patrick Gaffney
Grandmother Walking	April 2024	A praxis approach to learning-in-place. In transdisciplinary topics and themes, we connect where relevant, the fields of natural science, the arts, the humanities and technological design.
Wisdom & the Knowledge Code	Jan 2024	Through personal anecdotes and reflections, the narrative challenges readers to reevaluate the limitations of Western education and embrace the richness of diverse philosophies.
Creating a Mycelium Network of Creative Praxis	Nov 2023	Reporting on the 2023 NENA Conference in Canberra, themed "Life After Capitalism," convened a diverse array of voices to confront pressing global challenges.
Glaring Cognitive Dissonance	Oct 2023	Exposing the stark contrast between mainstream economic discourse and the lived experiences of many Australians.
Reimagining Conservation in Australia	Sept 2023	Insights from the Reimagining Conservation Forum, highlighting the urgent need to integrate Indigenous wisdom into conservation efforts.
Questions of Identity - Australian Indigeneity	July 2023	A response to the 2023 Referendum - understanding the complexity of Indigenous identity in Australia
Search for Identity in a Hybrid World	July 2023	A response to the 2023 Referendum - what does identity mean in a multicultural world
Settler Transplants in Australia's Ancient Soil	July 2023	A response to the 2023 Referendum on the Voice - understanding colonial history
Relationism & the Circular Economy	July 2023	Reflections on NENA's DeGrowth seminars and Donnie Maclurcan's idea for transitioning the entire business world to a Not-For-Profit model as a cure for the logic of extractivism and growing wealth inequality
Conversations with Jacqueline Drinkall	July 2022	Ways of looking and the idea of telepathy
Cut the Sky - Marrugeku	Nov 2022	Marrugeku performing arts company shows the power of the arts in responding to climate change and colonial history
Storying Our Future	April 2023	Visions for an annual Seven Valleys Arts and Culture Festival
Ideas for a Garden of Stones Caring for Country Festival	Jan 2023	Ideas for a performing arts work, inspired by the work of Marrugeku, to promote the Garden of Stones, through many voices
Interculturalism & Marrugeku	Nov 2022	Interculturalism, my own life and work of the performing arts exploring this domain of human experience
Liminal Conversations with Mother Nature	Aug 2022	How the arts can open up liminal conversations with nature to find a way out of our existential alienation
Artistic Activism in Turbulent Times	Jan 2022	Explores the work of various artist-activists including 'Climarte' in Melbourne
Ian RT Colless - Gundungurra Choreographer & Artist	Oct 2021	Ian RT Colless, now based at the NGA in Canberra discusses his life work and meaning of his Gundungurra heritage
Embedding the Arts in Community	Nov 2020	Answers the question: How do we garner and nurture the passion in why the arts are so important in cultural life?
Jo Truman - Multimedia Artist	Oct 2020	Explores the work and vision of Blue Mountains artist, Jo Truman



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Art and Wellbeing	April 2020	The burgeoning interest in the intersection between the creative arts and health and wellbeing for an ageing population, the growing incidence of mental health problems across all age groups, and the need to take a more holistic attitude to the way we think about health and healing and the mind-body connection.
Requiem for the Blue Mountains National Park	Jan 2020	Responses to the Gosper Mega Fire that burnt out huge areas of the National Parks in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
Encountering the Wild at Dargan	Dec 2019	An account of our multi-arts event at Gallery H Basement, Dargan in 2019
The Healing Power of Nature	Oct 2019	The work of Cheryl Charles, Rosalie Chapple, Karen Keenleyside et al for the Children and Nature Network
Call of the Wild	Oct 2019	How podcasts are helping people reconnect with nature
Groundswell - KSCA	Aug 2019	Explores the work and vision of the Kandos School of Cultural Adaptation
Exploring Climate Change Through Fiction	August 2019	Contemporary fiction is now investigating the possibilities and limits of story-telling in the era of global climate change.
The Serpent Gurrangatch & Hunter Mirrigan	July 2019	Bhante Sujato's telling of the Gundungurra story when the land of the Blue Mountains was shaped in the struggle for life, a struggle marked by both passion and restraint, with a link to his website
Encountering the Wild at Dargan	July 2019	Ryan Jasper's video of our multi-arts event held at Dargan, Blue Mountains
Australian Nature Writing	May 2019	The work of Mark Tredinnick and the poverty of nature writing in Australia, despite our cultural veneration of 'the Bush'.
Love Among the Ruins with Ian Milliss	April 2019	Love among the ruins may well be the most optimistic vision of the future that we could have, a love of all life and its amazing ecological weave, where there is no outside, no autonomy, everything is linked.
Celebrating Trees	March 2019	A seminar with Janet Lawrence and Louise Fowler-Smith at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre 6 April 2019
The Inner Wild of Poetic Resistance	Sept 2018	Exploring and honouring the writings of Behrouz Boochani, the Kurdish-Iranian poet and writer
Welcoming Henryk Topolnicki	August 2018	Exploring the work and vision of Dargan sculptor, Henryk Topolnicki
Eliot Boyd Reynolds	August 2018	Founder of Song Cave Studios and well-known guitarist with a spiritual bent, is a Blue Mountains treasure for the live music community
The Aesthetic Beauty of the Universe	August 2018	The poetic beauty of my grandson Jasper's eye behind the camera
Touching the Earth	August 2018	The vision and inspiration of art therapist, Martin Roberts of the Blue Mountains
Lorraine Shannon	August 2018	Wentworth Falls environmentalist, nature writer and academic, and founding member of Kangaloon Creative Ecologies, Lorraine supported the work of the Regenesys Collective in its previous incarnation as the Wild Mountains Collective



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Honouring the Kangaloon Ecologies Group	August 2018	The brainchild of Deborah Bird Rose, author of 'Wild Dog Dreaming' (2011), with a day-long seminar at Macquarie University with James Hatley in which ideas were explored and Kangaloon was the end result. The Regenesis Collective took inspiration from the way the Kangaloon group brings together practising artists, poets, writers, philosophers and thinkers—drawn together by a sense of the need to re-imagine our relationship with the natural world towards an eco-centric worldview.
Ian Brown	July 2018	Ian Brown is a well-known Blue Mountains nature photographer and environmentalist whose photographic works have been a feature of the Greater Blue Mountains Creative Arts Network
The Wild Mountain Collective	July 2018	The founding of the Wild Mountain Collective (now the Regenesis Collective) as a project of the Blue Mountains Creative Arts Network, now the Greater Blue Mountains Creative Arts Network, reaching out to embrace Lithgow and Blue Mountains LGAs.
Humans as Weapons of Mass Destruction	July 2023	In response to the film Oppenheimer, takes a Buddhist look at the need for humans to disentangle their capacity for ingenuity from the forces of cognitive and emotional delusion
Violence & Defying the Enemy Within	February 2023	Drawing on the work of Indigenous change agent, Jo Williams, explores how to address male violence
White Male Fragility & Violence	Jan 2023	Drawing on my own family history to explore white male fragility's link to the cultural construction of masculine identity
The Story of Australia 2023+	Dec 2022	The Three Pillars of Regenesis - caring for country, multiculturalism and a circular wellbeing economy
From Transactional Living to the Gift Economy	Nov 2021	Exploring Maleny Eco Village ideas for collaborative living
Healing People, Country & Culture in the Symbiocene	Nov 2022	Exploring what it might mean to move from the Anthropocene to the Symbiocene (Glen Albrecht)
The New Face of Extractivism - Ghost Workers	October 2022	Exploring Dr Mary Graham's thesis on extractivism versus relationism, Hugh Brody's 'Other Side of Eden' (2021) and Gray and Suri's 'Ghost Work' (2019) as an example of extractivism in platform capitalism.
Regenesis - exploring the cancer metaphor	Sept 2022	Using cancer as a metaphor for the Western concept of continual Progress and how to 'cure' it
The Antithesis Project and Regenesis	July 2022	Response to EY's Adam Carrel's critique of corporate programs for sustainability
Challenging the Old Story	Feb 2022	The need to challenge economic orthodoxy shaped by neo-liberalism, even among Labor party thinkers
Time for the Liveable Income Guarantee in a Post Covid World	July 2020	Drawing on an article in The Conversation by John Quiggin, (UQ) Elise Klein (ANU) and Troy Henderson (USYD)
Coming Together for a Just Transition	Feb 2020	The impact of the Gosper Mega Fire and the Black Summer on Greater the Blue Mountains area



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Beyond the Zero Sum Game	June 2019	Reflections on the impact of mass tourism on nature, and the colonisation of consciousness, drawing on the ideas of French philosopher of Taoism, Francois Jullien.
A Plea to Yuval Harari	Dec 2018	Article by Jeremy Lent of the Liology Institute, which challenge Harari's assumptions in 'Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind' and 'Homo Dues: a Brief History of Tomorrow' - seeing nature, including humans, as 'machines', and his ignorance about new economic thinking.
Ancestors & Lineal Connections in Multicultural Australia	Oct 2022	Exploring insights of the post-colonial thought leaders in Australia and the idea of the Third Archive by Margo Neale for a new knowledge system of regensis
Thinking Differently - Negotiating Two-way Learning	July 2022	The roots of our crisis are epistemic - how to bring in Indigenous ontologies and epistemologies to modern learning
Regensis & Technology Futures	June 2022	Critique of the assumptions of neutrality in science and technology, looking at the Consilience Project and axiological design thinking
Regensis	May 2022	Exploring the idea of regensis from George Monbiot's (2022) work on the wonderful world of soil and the rhizosphere and work of GreenPrints (AELA) on community transformation - all begins with inner personal transformation
Ceremony and Indigenous Art	March 2022	The important role of ceremony and knowledge in Indigenous art - NGA exhibition curated by Hetti Perkins
The Climate Adaptation Question	Dec 2021	Responding to the impact of climate change from an Indigenous perspective, and failure of scientific establishment to understand extractivism
Weaving the New Story	Dec 2021	Using the symbolism of Jillian Culey's woven vessels, and Regenerative Songlines Australia, can we Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples of Australia weave a new story based on a different ontology and epistemology to our western inheritance?
The Ecology of Revelation	Nov 2021	Draws on insights from Tibetan Buddhism and challenges eco-fascist ideas of green nativism, to promote a new ecological epistemology
Lessons from Deep Time Thinking	Nov 2021	Bhikku Sujato's talk at the "New Horizons in Buddhism", the 16th Sakyadhita International Conference on Buddhist Women, Leura 2019
Designing Regenerative Cultures	Aug 2021	The paradigm shift required for designing and developing regenerative living
Call of the Dakin i- A Memoir	Aug 2021	Barbara Lepani's memoir, tracking the way the Tibetan feminist principle of wisdom, symbolised by the dakini, shaped her life's journey
Songspirals: Sharing Women's Wisdom of Country	June 2021	Exploring the insights from the book 'Songspirals' (2019) by the Bawaka Collective, Arnhem Land, on the inner meaning of songlines as songspirals, co-becoming with Country
Warrior Scholars	Dec 2020	Exploring the de-colonising research work of Indigenous scholars using the idea of 'storywork' to challenge western academic research methods



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The Third Archive - The Promise of Songlines	Nov 2020	Examining the work of Margo Neale and Lynne Kelly, part of the new First Knowledge series published by the National Australian Museum
Why Epistemology & Ontology Matter	Nov 2020	In a multicultural society, it is important to understand that our different cultures embody different assumptions about ontology and epistemology.
Closing the Gap in Ways of Knowing	Sept 2020	A response to The Uluru Statement from the Heart (2017)
James Bradley's 'Ghost Species'	July 2020	Review of James Bradley's book - part of a new genre of climate fiction that blends science, politics and epistemological assumptions about life
Jim Blendell - The Human Propensity for 'Escape' from Death	July 2020	Taken from a post in Professor Jem Bendell's Deep Adaptation Forum newsletter on the ideology of escape, where each letter of the acronym describes a way of thinking and feeling, which co-produces our (now empirically-observable) omnicultural culture.
Decolonisation of Knowledge	June 2020	Drawn from writings of Alex Broadbent, Co-Director, African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, and Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg
Jim Blendell - Dire Warnings on the Climate Crisis	June 2020	Taken from a post in Professor Jem Bendell's Deep Adaptation Forum newsletter
Ways of Thinking Ecologically	June 2020	Article by David Wright from the Social Ecology Group at Western Sydney University
A Wild Love for the World	April 2020	Looks at the work and vision of Joanna Macey, Buddhist and deep ecology practitioner
Hibernation - Reflections on the Idea of Time	April 2020	Exploring the ideas of Carolo Rovelli, 'The Order of Time' (2018) - the world as many dancing Shivas
Rhizomatic Thinking	April 2020	Taken from the writings of David Pledger an award-winning contemporary artist, curator, cultural commentator and thinker working within and between the performing, visual and media arts
Phosphorescence	March 2020	Exploring Julia Baird's book, Phosphorescence and the idea of 'inner luminosity' in the spiritual life
Mythic Ways of Knowing	March 2020	Dreams, consciousness, the brain and ways of knowing
Critical Reflections on Knowledge Systems	March 2020	It is western materialism that divided the world into mind and matter, leaving spirit out of the picture, or rather transferring it to religious belief in an external 'God', entirely separate from earthly existence and embodiment.
Cultural Burning as Caring for Country	March 2020	The work of Victor Steffensen and the Firestick Alliance
The Epistemic and Cultural Challenge	Feb 2020	Drawing on a discussion by Professor Freya Mathews about 'law' on the ABC Religion & Ethics Report - contrasting cultural burning with 'fighting bushfires'.
Finding Our Inner Wilderness	Jan 2020	Max St John on his journey to find a sense of the wilderness within, Dark Mountain Project.



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The Environmental Loss of Solastalgia	Nov 2019	Reflections from Melissa Harrison on Glen Albrecht's idea of solastalgia - grief at loss of nature in our living environment - dealing with denial
Ways of Thinking - the Great Challenge	Sept 2019	Exploring the ideas of Tyson Yankaporta in 'Sand Talk' (2019) on Indigenous ways of research and knowledge creation
Amitav Gosh - The Great Derangement	Sept 2019	If anthropogenic climate change and the gathering sixth mass extinction event have taught us anything, it is that the world is wilder than the laws we are used to, would predict.
Re-Generation - Pathways out of the morass	August 2019	Discussing the need for a project focused on the idea of 'regeneration' flowing from Charles Massey's book, 'Call of the Reed Warbler'(2017)
Climate Change, Agriculture and Regeneration	August 2019	The implications of The IPCC Report, <i>Climate Change and Land</i> , and the importance of our 'mindset' in understanding this
Jim Blendell's Review of Deep Adaptation	August 2019	The Compendium of Research Reports on Climate Chaos and Impacts
Interviews with Dr Wolfgang Knorr	August 2019	From Jim Blendell's Deep Adaptation Newsletter
Entropia	July 2019	A visionary work by Samuel Alexander (2019), it is a masterful work of the imagination that envisions a world beyond growth and consumerism.
Mindscaping Tibet	July 2019	The ideas of Dan Smuyer Yu, <i>Mindscaping Tibet</i> (2015), exploring the links between environment and spirituality
Three Options at the End of Civilisation as We Know It	June 2019	Samuel Alexander's 3 options in conversation with philosopher, Rupert Read, published by the Simplicity Collective
Faith, Ceremony and Fearlessness	June 2019	Without access to deeply encoded ceremonial spiritual life, people can easily feel marooned, adrift with fear and anxiety in the world of materialist consumerism or looking for affirmation and identity through social media connections, or expressing their rage and frustration in the twittersphere.
Resilience: Relinquishment and Restoration	March 2019	Jim Blendell's program of Deep Adaptation in response to the climate change crises.
The Order of Interbeing	March 2019	Exploring the vision of Vietnamese Buddhist master, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Buddhist4Climate
The Phenomenology of Perception	March 2019	Sarah Redshaw on the phenomenology philosophy of Maurice Merleau Ponty
The Philosophical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis	Feb 2019	Michael Paul Nelson of Oregon State University, together with Thomas J. Sauer of the US Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service, reminds us of the prescient words of Lynn White, a historian of medieval science and technology.
Why Can't You Take the Gift We Offer?	Jan 2019	Ellen Fanning's interview with Wesley Enoch, Director of the Sydney Festival 2019, and his Barangaroo celebration of Indigenous cultures



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Listen to New Zealand's Whale Whisperers	Jan 2019	To get out of the existential crisis that Western Civilisation has led us to, we must put aside the mindset that characterises Western Civilisation and its technological might, and learn from the knowledge that is encoded in the worldviews of the First Nation's peoples.
Eco-Civilisation	Oct 2018	Drawing on Jeremy Lent's work in 'The Patterning Instinct: A Cultural History of Humanity's Search for Meaning' (2017). He asserts One way or another, humanity is headed for the third great transformation in its history: either in the form of global collapse or a metamorphosis to a new foundation for sustainable flourishing.
Deep Time Dreaming - The Meaning of Aboriginal Art	Sept 2018	A response to Billy Griffith's 'Deep Time Dreaming: Uncovering Ancient Australia' and the response of Frank Guirmanamana and Frank Malkorda in 1974 to Canberra as a place of 'wilderness', devoid of presence honouring the ancestors
Liliology	Sept 2018	What is liliology and how it can inform our worldview
Inge Riebe	August 2018	Exploring the work and ideas of Inge Riebe, Katoomba based anthropologist who first alerted Barbara Lepani to the significance of ontology and epistemology in how we 'see' and 'understand' the world around us
The Hidden Language of Trees	August 2018	Refers to Peter Wohlleben's book, The Hidden Life of Trees (2016), as 'intelligent' communicating networks
Tantric Buddhism and Inter-being	July 2018	According to Tantric Buddhism, everywhere in this world and all the phenomena that exist outside ourselves have a corresponding existence within our body - bound by invisible energetic threads (tendrel) of interdependence
New Appetite for Serious Reflection	July 2018	A look at the publishing success of books such as Yuval Harari's 'Sapiens' (2016) and Charles Massey's 'Call of the Reed Warbler' (2017)
Freya Mathews - Relating to the Natural World	July 2018	Freya Mathews is one of Australia's leading environmental philosophers and a practising Daoist
In Search of the Wild Archetype	July 2018	Drawing from Clarissa Pinkola Estes, 'Women Who Run With the Wolves' is a precursor of the 2023 Rewilding movement across the developed world.
Encountering the Wild in the Trobriand islands	July 2018	My own unexpected journey into the wild and wonderful world of the Trobriand Islands of PNG