

“Dhalawala: forest country, Arboresco: become a tree”

Alison Clouston & Boyd, 2023 Video 10:00

This is the story of our artwork within a town and a forest following a terrible bushfire; how the supportive cooperation of trees and fungi can inspire human communities; how reverence for a tree can be an outlet for grief, whilst suggesting resilience and hope with the emergence of fungi and the regeneration of seedlings. How respect can engender cohesion. Alison & Boyd

Dabee Wiradjuri collaborators Peter Swain & Emma Syme Soundtrack Wiradjuri words chosen by Emma Syme Spoken by Emma Syme & Bangamaldhaany

Dawn Chorus Cocks Creek

"Arboresco – to Become a Tree" by Boyd Sung by sopranos Sophie Moore & Belinda Bennett, alto Christina Mimmocchi, tenor Jess Ciampa, bass Rob Maxwell-Jones Recorded by Richie Belkner at Free Energy Device Studio

Pictured Eclectica Choir from Bathurst singing "Arboresco – to Become a Tree" by Boyd

Musical Director Tracey Callinan Bass Ron Harrison, Patrick McArdle, Brian Clymo, Aivars Klavins Tenor 2 Michael Graf, Don Young Tenor 1 Diana Kureen, Hai Choo Khoo, Michael Gould, guest Tenor Stephen Anderson Alto 2 Cassandra Harrison, Margaret Shearer Alto 1 Cobi Hofman, Ruth Schmid, Pauline Graf, Cath Coghlan Soprano 2 Pamela Aked, Lorraine Clymo Soprano 1 Rosemary McArdle, Helen Lowe Viola Kerry Davies, Flute Martyn Cook

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Smith Seedlings Wolar Community Nursery Thanks to Ginny Handmer, Jake Dale, Gary Stimpson, Leanne Thompson, Paul McGraw, Ken Pollard & the Cementa staff and volunteers Original work Created for Cementa 22 May 2022

Latin translations

Arbor – tree

Arboresco – to become a tree *Callitris endlicheri* - Black Cypress Pine (the local indigenous tree we are working with, from *calli* meaning beautiful and *tris* meaning three ie, leaves in whorls of three)

Fruticatus sum – to become bushy

Arbuscular mycorrhiza sum – to become Arbuscular mycorrhiza (An arbuscular mycorrhiza is a type of mycorrhiza in which the symbiotic fungus penetrates the cortical cells of the roots of a vascular plant forming arbuscules. Allows fungi and plants to cooperate)

Fungus sum – to become a mushroom

Loqui via mycelia – talk via the mycelia (mycelium is part of a fungus, made up of hyphae, that enables the transfer of nutrients and information between trees and fungi and other trees).

Fecundus sum- to become fecund

Emma Syme's **Wiradjuri words** for “Dhalawala – Forest Country” Cementa 22 performance and installation

1. Dhalawala – Forest Country
2. Madhan tree
3. Wiiny fire

4. Yindyamarra behaving respectfully to family, social networks, country, acting slowly to make that consideration
5. Madaang guwu permission and thanks for taking from nature
6. Nguny bunhaandhi gift from the ashes
7. Dharrraay please
8. Wiinya burning / enlightening
9. Yamandirra to carry fire
10. Yamanha accompany, go together
11. Walamanhayalinya take care of till strong (edit Cracker)
12. Yuambi Mountain Pine
13. Muliyan gum knobs on trees
14. Guraban mushroom (Emma)
15. Wurrubaay mushroom (Cracker)
16. Ngunhadar-guwur underneath the earth (Emma)
17. Murruwadya pathway, journey
18. Ngunhadar-guwur Murruwadya pathway, journey under the earth
19. Garraa gum used from pine trees for binding spears (Emma)
20. Wiinyugamin bushfire (edit cracker)
21. Walanmarra strong