

The Places We Go... (Trio-Exhibition with Naomi White and Leisl Baker)

September 3rd, 2021 - Latrobe Art Space, Paddington Brisbane 4034



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Recent Works by Naomi White, Leisl Baker and David Usher

Opens 6pm, 3rd September 2021. Latrobe Gallery Space, Paddington Brisbane, Qld 4034

Image #5 'The Places We Go...' (Invite image)

'The Places We Go...' Artist Statement

This is the second exhibition Naomi White, Leisl Baker and David Usher have held together at the Latrobe Gallery. The new paintings that each of the artist has completed over the course of the last 12 months represent their individual responses to the places they have visited or passed through in that time. Each has visited sites along the coastline or explored some familiar (and unfamiliar) haunts in more remote locations.

The trio made one road-trip together as part of Western Sydney University, 'Paint The River Project', conducted in Moree in April 2021. Other artists involved in this project were Lucy Culliton, Joe Furlonger, Leo Robba, Lucy Wang, Rhett Brewer, Monica Usher, amongst others. This trip will culminate in a group show at the BAMM Gallery space, Moree, N.S.W. for those artists involved.

'The Places We Go...' exhibition is scaffolded by each artist engaging directly with the environment to generate works through the familiar processes of sketching, painting studies, documenting, and responding with mark-making to the *en plein air* encounter/experience.

Each artist views the landscape through a personal lens, and this lens or 'eye' directly prescribes how these initial 'sketches' are interpreted from *the places they go*, into the completed works, once back in the privacy of their individual studios. These works continue to build upon their experiences as artists in the landscape and demonstrate a genuine desire to find ways of 're-imagining' environments through the act of painting.