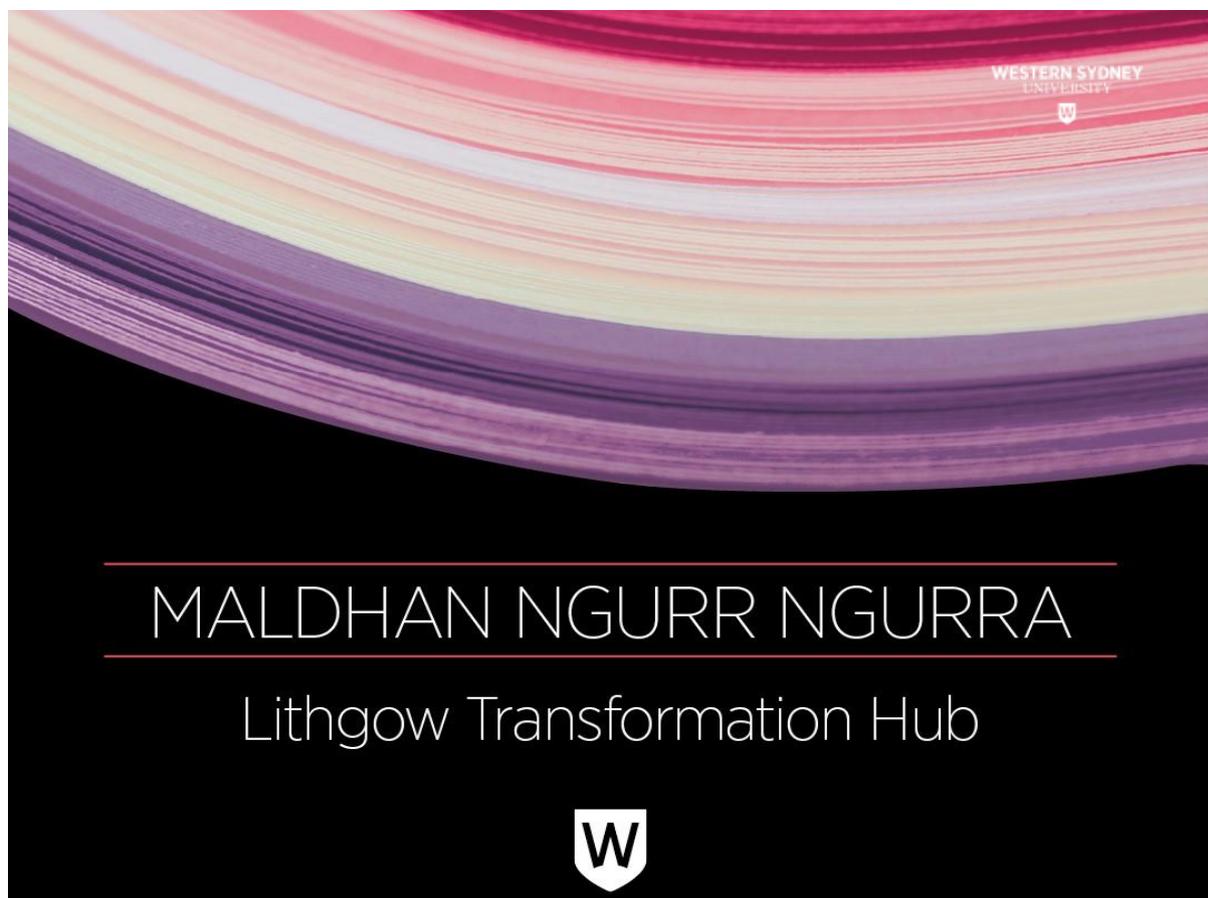


Regenerating Lithgow: People, Place and Planet

It is part of the mission of Western Sydney University (WSU) to be an advocate for sustainability, innovation and social transformation in our region. In this context, the Western Sydney University *Lithgow Transformation Hub* has been established in the former Charles Hoskin Memorial Institute Building in Mort Street, Lithgow. The city of Lithgow is located in the Central Tablelands of New South Wales about 150km west of Sydney. The area has many nineteenth century heritage buildings and a proud history in mining, power generation and industrialisation.

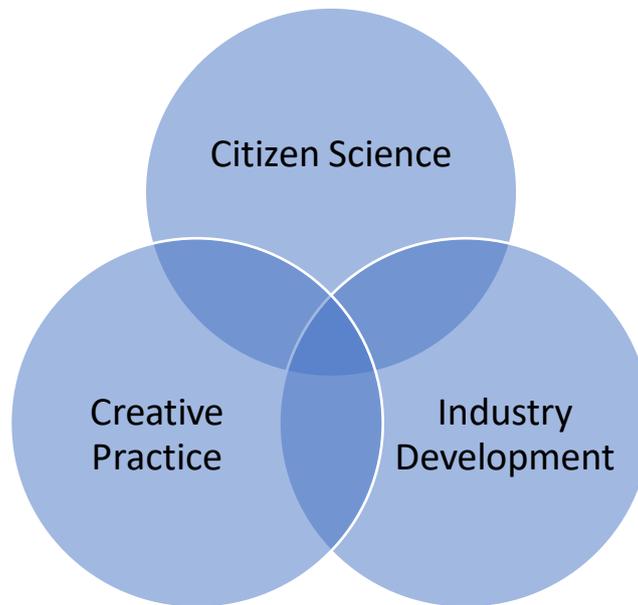
The WSU building is used as a collaborative space for community, business, education and industry to come together to ensure a vibrant and thriving future for the area which is consistent with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The new name of the building in Wiradjuri is Maldhan Ngurr Ngurra which means “working together, side by side”.



Funded by the federal government the *Regenerating Lithgow Project* will assist the recovery from the impacts of the bushfires of 2019 – 2020 through education, skills building, mentoring and creative activities that will improve interconnected resilience across key areas of the natural, built, economic, and social environment. The project includes purposely selected activities to improve understanding of, and the skills to build and retrofit resilient housing and landscapes, together with energy use, food, citizen science, industry development and creative activities. This project will ensure intergenerational engagement from children to older citizens and importantly will create

employment and deliver a co-developed plan with community, industry and government for future regional resilience.

There are three interconnecting streams to the project: Citizen Science Creative Practice and Industry Development.



C4SMC member Assoc. Prof. Mary Hardie is involved primarily with the Industry Development stream. She will be leading resilient housing seminars, as well as working on a future community expo and a demonstration site for energy efficient new build in Lithgow. The project will network with community, local government, industry and social enterprises within the Lithgow City Council area. We look forward to a positive contribution to a community led project which will inspire a more socially, environmentally and economically resilient region for the future.