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Interviewer: Venerable Jue Fang

Interviewee: David Campbell

### **00:01 Venerable Jue Fang**

This is Venerable Jue Fang, continuing the interview with Mr. David Campbell after a quick break. So, Hi David, welcome back. (David Campbell: Thank you.) And do you have anything else that you would like to add to this interview?

### **00:16 David Campbell**

I guess on reflection, at the beginning of this process, the City Council and the people of Wollongong had done some research but weren't quite entirely sure what we were going to get. So, there's a bit of a gamble, I guess, having done that research, a bit of a gamble, what we gonna get here?

### **00:40 David Campbell**

Are we really dealing with a credible person and organisation? But I think also, the Grand Master had the same gamble. He'd done some research, um, he, he'd made a commitment, but it was a gamble for him as well.

### **01:02 David Campbell**

Um, at the end of the day, through determination, communication, the gamble paid off for both both sides. Um, I've got no doubt that Wollongong was a winner, and what I've observed, what I've been told is that Fo Guang Shan and the Nan Tien Temple were winners as well, so that's, that's pretty exciting.

### **01:26 David Campbell**

So, that reflection, I think, is important in what we're doing here, making this, this oral history. Um, the other thing for me personally, and I think for other people, is to understand the different aspects to the temple, so the different prayer halls and what they represent.

### **01:52 David Campbell**

But personally, I don't know others, I was a bit fascinated by the pagoda, by its purpose, by its use, and fascinated and very interested by that. And of course, it's a different structure, but it fits within the whole temple complex.

**02:14 David Campbell**

So, you know, once you start sitting down and talking about it and thinking about it and remembering it, there's all sorts of things come to mind, but that, that two-way gamble is pretty, pretty exciting, I think.

**02:30 Venerable Jue Fang**

Thank you very much. (David Campbell: Thank you.) Thank you.

**02:32 David Campbell**

Thank you.