

Understanding Wood Science Course 2025 Preliminary Program (July 2025)

Note: Accommodation for <u>two nights & all meals at Albury is included</u> in the Course fee. The 3 nights accommodation in Canberra accommodation is <u>not included</u>. We have a group booking code for you to use at the course venue, EAST Hotel, Kingston which is a great spot to stay.

Field trips and guest speaker presentations based in Albury

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday 7 th Sept.		Make your way to the lovely NSW regional city of Albury, located on the Murray River. Check in after 2pm Group accommodation is at Atura Albury 648 Dean Street, Albury NSW	6pm Registration 6.45pm welcome dinner & course briefing Atura Albury Host: Helen Murray, course convenor.
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Monday 8 th Sept.	Field Trip 1 Alpine Truss Producing bespoke roof trusses and frames for the Australian housing market	Lunch Venue: Gateway Hotel Wangaratta	Dinner Relaxed evening at The River Deck Café on the banks of the iconic Murray River.
	Presentations Venue: Gateway Hotel Wangaratta Hardwood Sawmilling Vince Hurley (Australian Sustainable Hardwood)	Field Trip 2 Alpine MDF Industries Manufacture of medium density fibreboard (MDF) and vertical joint (VJ) panels	
	Softwood Sawmilling Speaker pending	Return by coach to Albury	
Tuesday 9 th Sept.	** Check out of hotel Presentations Venue: Atura Albury Wood Composites Fiona Zhang Structural Engineer XLam Building product conformity Kim Harris Director Engineered Wood Products	Lunch Venue: Atura Albury Then depart by luxury coach bound for Canberra Sit back and relax for this approx. 3.5 hr journey. Travel n/e on Hume Highway to Yass, NSW then s/w on the Barton Highway to Canberra.	Arrive Canberra Approx. 7:00pm Check in to accommodation EAST Hotel, 69 Canberra Avenue, Kingston ACT Dinner Please make your own arrangements (hotel dining or
	Association Australasia Travel by coach to Wodonga Field trip 3 Tour the XLam cross laminated timber plant. Return by coach to Albury	*Short travellers rest stop at Gundagai, NSW	short walk to numerous eateries)



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Wednesday 10 th Sept.	Venue: Australian National University, Canberra The circular economy and the place of forest related products. Professor Peter Kanowski, Australian National University The Biological Nature of Wood Dr Matthew Brookhouse, Senior Lecturer, AN	Laboratory Session Wood Anatomy Dr Matthew Brookhouse Australian National University	Free evening Please make your own dinner arrangements (in hotel dining or wander down to Manuka or Kingston eateries 5-10 mins walk)		
Thursday 11 th Sept.	Venue: Crema Room, EAST Hotel Appearance grade timbers Dr Rob McGavin (invited & tbc) Verifying Sustainable Timber Sources Matt de Jongh Sustainability Manager Responsible Wood Timber & Wood Products -markets and trade dynamics Tim Woods (pre-recorded) Industry Edge Pulp, paper and biorefineries Speaker pending.	Venue: Crema Room, EAST Hotel Durable timber – nature plus nurture Professor Tripti Singh Director, National Centre for Timber Durability & Design Life Case Study – Guulabaa Place of Koala precinct Ken McBryde Design Director Architecture Gensler & Adjunct Professor The University of Sydney The characteristics of timber suiting major projects Ralph Belperio Major Projects Director Aurecon Adaptable Design Strategies in Timber Speaker pending	Course Celebrationwith an after dinner speaker Participants will be joined by Gottstein trustees, fellows and course speakers.		
Friday 12 th Sept.	Venue: Crema Room, EAST Hotel Giles Street, Kingston Australia's forestry products' research & development Ian Blanden Manager Research, Development & Extension Forest & Wood Products Aust. Forests, Plantations, Wood Products & Australia's Carbon Balance Dr Fabiano Ximenes, Senior Research Scientist NSW DPI High technology & timber meets net zero carbon Professor Keith Crews, ARC Transformation Hub to Advance Timber in Australia's Built Environment, University of Queensland.	Course ends 12 noon			