

Return by coach to Albury

## **2025 Understanding Wood Science Course**

**Preliminary Program (August 2025)** 

**Note:** Accommodation for two nights & all meals at Albury is included 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.

d trips and guest speaker presentations based in Albury t leading Australian processing plants and learn from sessions with expert guest presenter		
Morning	Afternoon	Evening
day 7th September  Make your way to the lovely.  NSW regional city of Albury, located on the Murray River.	Check in from 2pm Group accommodation is at Atura Hotel 648 Dean Street, Albury NSW	6pm Registration 6.45pm welcome dinner & course briefin Atura Hotel Albury Host: Helen Murray,
day 8 <sup>th</sup> September		course convenor.
Travel by Coach to Wangaratta		
Field Trip 1 Alpine Truss Producing bespoke roof trusses and frames for the Australian housing market	<b>Lunch</b> Gateway Hotel Wangaratta	<b>Dinner</b> Relaxed evening at The River Deck Café on the banks of the iconic Murra River.
Presentations Gateway Hotel Wangaratta  Hardwood Sawmilling	Field Trip 2 Alpine MDF Industries Manufacture of medium density fibreboard (MDF) and vertical joint (VJ) panels	
Vince Hurley Managing Director - Australian Sustainable Hardwoods		
Softwood Sawmilling Kim Harris General Manager -Technical, AKD	Return by coach to Atura Hotel, Albury	,
sday 9 <sup>th</sup> September		
** Please check out of hotel  Venue – conference room Atura Hotel	<b>Lunch</b> Atura Albury	Arrive Canberra Approx. 7:00pm
Presentations Wood Composites Fiona Zhang Structural Engineer XLam	Then depart by luxury coach bound for Canberra Sit back and relax for this approx. 3.5 hr journey.	Check in to accommodat EAST Hotel, 69 Canberra Avenue, Kingston ACT
Building product conformity Kim Harris Director Engineered Wood Products	Travel n/e on Hume Highway to Yass, NSW then s/w on the Barton Highway to Canberra.  *Short travellers rest stop at	Dinner Please make your own arrangements (hotel dinior take a short walk to
Association Australasia  Travel by coach to Wodonga  Field trip 3  Tour the XLam cross laminated timber plant.	Gundagai, NSW	numerous eateries



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dnesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September		
Travel by coach for a guided tour of 23 National Circuit, Barton. Host: Matt Cuthbert, DOMA Group	Laboratory Session	Free time
https://architectureau.com/articles/canberras-first-clt-office-building-to-act-like-a-lantern-in-parliamentary-triangle/ Travel by coach to the Australian National University, Venue: Forestry Lecture Theatre, Fenner Building	Wood Anatomy Dr Matthew Brookhouse Australian National University	Please make your own dinner arrangements (in hotel dining or wander down to Manuka or Kingsto
Presentations The circular economy and the place of forest related products. Professor Peter Kanowski		eateries 5-10 min walk)
Australian National University		
The Biological Nature of Wood Dr Matthew Brookhouse, Senior Lecturer, ANU		
rsday 11 <sup>th</sup> September		
Crema Room, ground floor EAST Hotel , Kingston ACT		Course
Presentations Appearance grade timbers Adam Faircloth Principal Research Scientist, Research Engineer Depart of Agriculture & Fisheries (Qld)  Verifying Sustainable Timber Sources Matt de Jongh Sustainability Manager Responsible Wood  Timber & Wood Products - markets and trade dynamics Tim Woods (pre-recorded) Industry Edge  Vibration & Acoustics in Timber Structures - learnings from recent global tour Adam Faircloth Gottstein Trust Fellow  Pulp, paper and biorefineries - pending Professor Warren Batchelor (invited & tbc) Monash University  lay 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Presentations Durable timber - nature plus nurture Professor Tripti Singh Director, National Centre for Timber Durability & Design Life  The characteristics of timber suiting major projects Ralph Belperio Major Projects Director Aurecon  Adaptable Design Strategies in Timber Architecture speaker - pending	Celebration Dini At The Library Room, The Kingst Hotel (walking distance Hosted by Gottste Trust chair, Suzet Weeding. Our gro will be joined by Gottstein trustees fellows, course speakers and othe guests.
Presentations Australia's forestry products' research & development Ian Blanden Manager Research, Development & Extension Forest & Wood Products Australia  Forests, Plantations, Wood Products & Australia's Carbon Balance Dr Fabiano Ximenes, Senior Research Scientist NSW DPI	Course ends 12 noon	
High technology & timber meets net zero carbon Professor Keith Crews, Director, ARC Transformation Hub to Advance Timber in Australia's Built Environment, University of Queensland		