

Understanding Wood Science Course 2025 Preliminary Program (June 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.

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	6pm Registration 6.45pm welcome dinner & course briefing Atura Albury
		Atura Albury 648 Dean Street, Albury NSW	Host: Helen Murray, course convenor.
Monday	Travel by Coach to Wangaratta		
8 th Sept.	Travel by Coden to Wangaratta		
	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	Field Trip 2	
	Venue: Gateway Hotel Wangaratta	Alpine MDF Industries Manufacture of medium density fibreboard (MDF) and vertical	
	Hardwood Sawmilling Vince Hurley (Australian Sustainable Hardwood)	joint (VJ) panels	
	Softwood Sawmilling Speaker pending	Return by coach to Albury	
Tuesday	** Check out of hotel		
Tuesday 9 th Sept.	Presentations		
у Зери.	Venue: Atura Albury	Lunch Venue: Atura Albury	Arrive Canberra Approx. 7:00pm
	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 accommodation EAST Hotel, 69 Canberra Avenue, Kingston ACT
	Building product conformity Kim Harris Director	Travel n/e on Hume Highway to Yass, NSW then s/w on the Barton Highway to Canberra.	Dinner Please make your own
	Engineered Wood Products Association Australasia	*Short travellers rest stop at Gundagai, NSW	arrangements (hotel dining or short walk to numerous eateries)
	Travel by coach to Wodonga Field trip 3 Tour the XLam cross laminated		,
	timber plant.		
	Return by coach to Albury		



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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, Australian National University	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 Speaker pending Pulp, paper and biorefineries Dr Bill Hurditch (invited & tbc) Consultant, Fifth Estate Verifying Sustainable Timber Sources Matt de Jongh Sustainability Manager Responsible Wood Timber & Wood Products -markets and trade dynamics Tim Woods (pre-recorded) Industry Edge	Venue: Crema Room, EAST Hotel Durable timber – nature plus nurture Professor Tripti Singh Director, National Centre for Timber Durability & Design Life Adaptable Design Strategies in Timber Ken McBryde (invited & tbc) Design Director Architecture Gensler & Adjunct Professor The University of Sydney The characteristics of timber suiting major projects Ralph Belperio Major Projects Director Aurecon	Dinner Course Celebration Participants will be joined by Gottstein trustees, fellows and course speakers. After - dinner speaker pending	
Friday 12 th Sept.	Venue: Crema Room, EAST Hotel Giles Street, Kingston Australia's forestry products' research & development Ian Blanden (invited & tbc) 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		