

Current at 2nd September 2026 - please note the program is subject to change before finalisation.

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Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday 8th November	For those wishing to combine a few days recreation, the group accommodation rates are available either side of the course.	Check in after 2pm - group rate accommodation is available at The Villas, Country Club Launceston, Located at Country Club Avenue, Prospect Vale, Tasmania	5.30 to 6.15pm – Registration 6.30pm Welcome dinner (casual) introductions and brief course overview. Hosted by: Helen Murray, Gottstein Trust course convenor.
Monday 9th November	Guest presentations with Q&A Topics: • Forests & Forestry 101 (Dr Sue Baker) • Forests – soil & water supply (pending) • Indigenous peoples - cultural connection & forest practices (Lyndon O'Neill) • Biosecurity for forests and plantations (Dr Helen Nahrung)	Lunch provided Topics: • Tree genetics and “improving trees” (Dr Kevin Harding) • Softwood plantations & management practices (pending) • Hardwood plantations & management practices (Jim Wilson)	Evening – free time. Dinner - please make your own arrangements (various options on-site or travel into Launceston to explore).
Tuesday 10th November	Field Trip 1 - all day Travelling by coach we will visit a series of relevant forest and plantation sites. Representatives of the site managers/owners will be on hand to explain their operations and guide us. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and learn. Lunch Packed picnic. For your safety and comfort - bring all weather gear in case of poor weather, PPE will be provided except for footwear. Toilet stops will be made – just be aware that we will be out on site for most of the day.		Arrive back approx. 7:00pm Dinner - please make your own arrangements (various options on-site or travel into Launceston to explore).

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Wednesday 11th November	Guest presentations with Q&A Topics: - Managing native forests (Dean Kearney - pending) - Forests on farms (pending) - Certification – verifying sustainable forest management (Matt de Jongh, Suzette Weeding) - Carbon equation of trees, forests & wood products (Dr Fabiano Ximenes)	Lunch provided Topics: - Case study - High tech 'LiDAR techniques for informing a forest estate's tree inventory' (Lee Stamm, Gottstein Fellow) - Case study – High tech fauna monitoring to inform biodiversity protection (Dr Brad Law) - Forest biodiversity monitoring and protection of values (Suzette Weeding)	Evening – free time. Dinner - please make your own arrangements (various options on-site or travel into Launceston to explore).
Thursday 12th November	Field Trip 2 – half day Travelling by coach we will visit different forest, or plantation or farm forest sites which will add to your learning. Representatives of the site managers/owners will again be on hand to explain their operations and guide us. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and learn. (Note: PPE & all weather gear)	Lunch provided Guest presentations with Q&A Venue: Rivers Edge Building, School of Architecture and Design, University of Tasmania, Inveresk. Topics: - Timber use – a case study of Rivers Edge building (Dr Louise Wallis) - The EPBC Act Reforms (pending) - Carbon & emerging Nature Repair Markets (Blair Freeman) Coach returns to the Country Club.	Dinner - Course Celebration We'll be joined by national & local industry people, course speakers, Gottstein trustees and Gottstein fellow/s. Hosted by: Suzette Weeding, Chair of The Gottstein Trust.
Friday 13th November	Guest presentations with Q&A Topics: - National Timber Fibre Strategy – (pending) - Research & development priorities for healthy forests and renewable material supply (Dr Jodie Mason & Dr Patrick Mitchell) - Australian forests & plantations - future opportunities & challenges. Rob de Fegely plus other panel members pending) The course ends at 12 noon		