

As at 25 October 2026

Daily Program – subject to change			
	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	5.15pm 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, University of Tasmania) - Forests – soil & water supply (Anne Chuter, Forest Practices Authority) - Indigenous peoples - cultural connection & forest practices (Lyndon O'Neil, Healthy Country Services) - Biosecurity for forests and plantations (Dr Helen Nahrung, University of the Sunshine Coast)	Lunch provided Topics: - Tree genetics and "improving trees" (Dr Kevin Harding, Gottstein Trustee) - Softwood plantations & management practices (Steven Brown, Timberlands Pacific) - Hardwood plantations & management practices (Jim Wilson, Forico)	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 selected native/farm forest plus hardwood and softwood plantation sites to enhance your learning. 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. 6:00pm 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, STT) - Forests on farms (representative Private Forests Tasmania) - Certification – verifying sustainable forest management (Matt de Jongh, Responsible Wood) - Carbon equation of trees, forests & wood products (Dr Fabiano Ximenes, NSW DPIRD)	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, NSW DPIRD) - Forest biodiversity monitoring and protection of values (Suzette Weeding, chair Gottstein Trust)	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 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, University of Tasmania) - About the EPBC Act Reforms (Dominic Lane, AFPA) - Carbon & emerging Nature Repair Markets (Blair Freeman, Indufor Asia Pacific) Coach return to Country Club 5pm.	Dinner - Course Celebration 6.30 pm Pre-dinner drinks 7.30pm Seated for dinner. We'll be joined by other industry guests, course speakers, Gottstein trustees and Gottstein fellow/s. The Minister for Resources (Tasmania) the Hon Feliz Ellis will attend pre-dinner. Hosted by Gottstein Trust chair, Suzette Weeding
Friday 13th November	Guest presentations with Q&A Topics: - National Timber Fibre Strategy – Frank Miller, Global Forest Partner (tbc) - Research & development priorities for healthy forests and renewable material supply (Dr Jodie Mason, FWPA & Dr Patrick Mitchell, AFWI) - Australian forests & plantations - future opportunities & challenges. Panel (Rob de Fegely, chair, Sustainable Timber Tasmania with other panel members being finalised) The course ends at 12 noon		