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# Forest science course in Canberra voted an ‘overwhelming’ success

THE 2019 Gottstein Trust forest science course from February 22 to 29, held in Canberra for the first time, was hailed an overwhelming success, with 23 participants enjoying five days of insights from forest experts, excursions and a Bombala, NSW, field trip.

Trust chair John Simon praised the Gottstein science course committee, also expressing appreciation to Professor Peter Kanowski and Associate Professor Cris Bracks of



**Taking a break at the Gottstein course are, back row, Beth Welden, Carrie Heng, Michelle Buckles, Joanna Tan, Ishara Kotiah, and Natalie Heazlewood, and front, Gaela Hurford, Jocelyn Carpenter, Creesida Lehmann, and Tim Hurford.**

the ANU Fenner School of Environment and Society for hosting the course at the

Forestry Building.

“They delivered interesting sessions at the course and assisted on aspects of the course format,” he said.

A whole range of presenters – from foresters to researchers to fire experts – willingly donated their time to deliver sessions. On the field trip, both the Dongwha Mill at Bombala and the ForestCorp NSW regional staff welcomed course participants who were able to glean specific information with ample time for questions.

**“AN IMPORTANT COLLABORATIVE ACHIEVEMENT”**

“It’s an important collaborative achievement between the Gottstein Trust, forest industry experts and the research and education community to deliver the material,” John Simon said.

“The trustees sincerely appreciate the effort and generous involvement of all

the presenters.”

Special dinner guest Senator Richard Colbeck, Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water, and minister responsible for forestry, enjoyed mixing at the final night course dinner held at University House.

“The icing on the cake was the Gottstein fellows past and present who made the effort to attend the dinner, mix with participants and say a few words about what

the fellowships meant to them,” Helen Murray said.

Helen’s Kurrumbene Projects & Advocacy team took on management of the Gottstein Trust secretariat in January. This was the first course delivered by the new team.

“We’ve greatly enjoyed supporting the trust in running the course and carrying on the association with ANU which was built by the Institute of Foresters of Australia, the previous trust manager, under guidance of former CEO Sarah Paradise.

Participants came from most states and included delegates from California and Singapore. “The organisations they represent are involved in softwood and hardwood milling and processing, forest and plantation ownership and industry associations,” Helen said.

“One young man paid for the course because he has an



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**Gottstein group at the ANU Fenner School of Environment and Society... back and middle rows, from left, Helen Murray, Jordan Halloran, Gaela Hurford, Tim Hurford, Annelies de Ruiter, Daniel Augustine, Simon Burns, Jocelyn Carpenter, William Chow, Lucy Mulcahy, Adam Tyndall, Cressida Lehmann, Elysia Harradine, Kelsey Hanrahan, Phil Jones, Ishara Kotiah, and Tim Kelly. Front row, from left, Beth Welden, Michelle Buckles (USA), Joanna Tan (Singapore), Natalie Hazealwood, and Carrie Heng (Singapore).**

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interest in joining the industry in the future.

“Yes, it was a terrific group of people and all of them said new contacts made was a side benefit of the course.”

A course highlight was Suzette Weeding’s talk on the sophisticated use of LIDAR technology across Tasmania’s

**“ POSITIVE VIBES ON TIMBER AS THE ULTIMATE RENEWABLE ”**

southern natural forest estate. Her team at Sustainable Timber Tasmania is rigorously mapping mature breeding habitat for the critically endangered swift parrot, one of nature’s most elusive birds.

Similarly, Michael Ryan, an experienced Victorian forester, talked about the methods to track, map and protect leadbeater possum habitat in the mountain ash forests.

A session on forest economics and investment was addressed by Rob de Fégely, co-chair, Forest Industries Advisory Council, and Ross Hampton CEO, Australian Forest Products

Association, talked about industry challenges in the 21st Century. Rounding off was Nick O’Brien, New Forests, on the carbon positives of wood.

Responsible Wood CEO Simon Dorries and FSC Australia CEO Sara Gipton hosted a joint session on forest certification.

PlanetArk’s David Rowlinson filled the room with positive vibes as he took the group through the wonders of timber as the ultimate renewable.

“Consumers are very interested in the research

findings about the positive health and wellbeing impacts of wood in their built environment,” Helen said.

She added: “The proof of the pudding is in the eating – 70% of participants rated the course as excellent and 30% as good. Speakers performed like (Australia’s world champion racehorse) Winx with 100% ranking the course as ‘very knowledgeable.’”

**On the cover: NSW Forestry Corporation’s regional team at Bomballa (in yellow vests), explain forestry harvesting operations to Gottstein forest science course participants.**

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