

2020 Gottstein wood science course, field trip set to commence in Albury

THE popular Understanding Wood Science course, run by the JW Gottstein Memorial Trust, is gearing up to run in February 2020.

This is a 'crash course' to provide knowledge about how harvested timber moves along the value chain and undergoes conversion to wood products like building materials, furniture or the like.

It promises to be another packed week of learning experiences. Participants will assemble in Albury on the NSW-Victoria border on Sunday evening, February 16, ahead of a day and a half in the region. Inspections are planned at prominent timber processing facilities at Benalla, Wangaratta and Wodonga.



Gottstein Trust wood science course... how harvested timber moves along the value chain.

This will cover a variety of processes from hardwood sawmilling to the manufacture of trusses and cross laminated timber.

The group is likely to be accompanied by Dave Gover,

CEO of the Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia, who will make use of travel time to speak about wood composites.

Additional networking opportunities will open for course participants to mingle with regional timber industry people over a meal in Albury. Once the field trips are complete the group will be whisked in comfort up the Hume Highway to Canberra by luxury coach.

The second leg of the week is a lecture series which will wrap up on Friday, February 21. This will be held at the Australian National University's Fenner School of Environment and Society, which has again generously provided the venue. The support and participation of the school's Professor Peter Kanowski and Associate Professor Cris Brack is invaluable, and both will again deliver presentations.

It promises to be a course not to be missed. To express

your early interest email the Gottstein management team at gottsteinsecretary@gmail.com

Bookings open in mid-November at www.gottsteintrust.org

The trust provides substantial discounts for patron and sponsor donors to send directors and staff to Gottstein courses.

In other news, the Gottstein trustees will interview the short-listed candidates for the 2020 fellowships and scholarships on November 20. Award announcements can be expected soon after.

The Joseph William Gottstein Memorial Trust Fund was established in 1971 as a national education trust to promote the development of Australia's forest products industry through the pursuit of excellence in people, processes and products.

The Gottstein Trust provides financial support to people employed in the industry who wish to further their education, develop new skills and continue contributing to the industry through their professional development.

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