

# 2024 Forestry Australia Symposium

Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 October 2024 | Mercure Hotel & Convention Centre, Ballarat, Victoria

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Time	Tuesday 29 October	
07.30	Registration desk opens Arrival tea & coffee	
08.30 – 10.10	<p><b>Opening and Keynote Speakers 1 and 2</b></p> <p><b>Nurturing healthy and resilient forests to mitigate wildfire and climate change</b>  <b>Prof Lori Daniels</b>, <i>Department of Forest and Conservation Services, Forest Services Centre, Canada</i></p> <p><b>Supporting the sustainable future of forestry</b>  <b>Adam Fennessy</b>, <i>Secretary, DAFF</i></p>	<p><i>Proudly supported by</i></p> 
10.10	Morning refreshments & trade exhibition	
10.40 – 11.15	<p><b>Keynote Speaker 3</b></p> <p><b>Healthy Forests from a diverse perspective</b>  <b>Kirsha Kaechele</b>, <i>Co-owner of MONA &amp; sponsor of Forest Economics Congress</i></p>	
11.15 – 12.40	<p><b>Session 1: Active forest management producing healthy forests</b></p> <p><b>Refining timber harvesting and reservation approaches to maximise biodiversity outcomes</b>  <b>Prof Sue Baker</b>, <i>University of Tasmania</i></p> <p><b>Restoring forest health through rehydration – a case study from the Goldfields of central Victoria</b>  <b>Dr Paul Foreman</b>, <i>Blue Devil Consulting</i></p> <p><b>Density management for ecological outcomes: expanding our options</b>  <b>Prof Patrick Baker</b>, <i>University of Melbourne</i></p> <p><b>Active plantation management to produce healthy forests</b>  <b>Tim McBride</b>, <i>HVP</i></p>	<p><i>Proudly supported by</i></p> 

12.40	Lunch & trade exhibition
13.30 – 14.50	<p><b>Session 2: Threats &amp; biosecurity</b></p> <p><b>Eradicating feral deer from South Australia's forests</b> Myall Tarran, SA dept. Primary Industries and Regions</p> <p><b>The threat of wildfire to healthy forests</b> Dr Tom Fairman, University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>The threat of drought and heat stress</b> Prof Tim Brodbribb, University of Tasmania</p> <p><i>Additional speaker to be announced shortly</i></p>
14.50 – 15.40	<p><b>Session 3: Aboriginal forest management and caring for Country</b></p> <p><b>Caring for Country</b> Angeline Pool, Wadawurrung Corporation</p> <p><b>Fire and Country</b> Speaker to be announced shortly</p> <p><b>Aboriginal forest management case study</b> Speaker to be announced shortly</p>
15.40	Afternoon refreshments & trade exhibition
16.10 – 16.20	Major Sponsor Spotlight: <b>ForestWorks</b>
16.20 – 16.50	<p><b>Keynote Speaker 4</b></p> <p><b>The Philosophies of production forestry and conservation: what can we learn from each other for the future of Australia's forest health</b> Dr Bill Jackson, Acting President, Forestry Australia</p>

16.50	<b>Forestry Australia Annual General Meeting</b>
18.00 – 20.00	<b>Welcome Reception &amp; Trade Exhibition</b> <div style="text-align: right;"> <i>Proudly supported by</i>   </div>

Time	Wednesday 30 October	
08.00	Registration desk opens Arrival tea & coffee	
	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	
09.00 – 09.20	<b>Concurrent 1   Biodiversity</b>  <b>Land biodiversity to support habitat for critically endangered species</b> <b>Dr Elizabeth Pryde, Greening Australia</b>	<b>Concurrent 2   Healthy forests, diverse, inclusive and healthy people</b>  <b>Emotional, social and cognitive factors that shape experiences of nature</b> <b>Prof Kath Williams, University of Melbourne</b>
09.20 – 09.40	<b>Biodiversity monitoring program</b> <b>Chris Slade, Forestry Corp NSW</b>	<b>Creating accessible forests for people with disabilities</b> <b>Yvette Eglington, NPWSA and ForestrySA</b>
09.40 – 10.00	<b>Standardised approach for monitoring change in vegetation quality</b> <b>David Bennet, PF Olsen</b>	<b>Regional Wellbeing Survey</b> <b>Dr Jackie Schirmer, University of Canberra</b>
10.00 – 10.20	Additional speaker to be announced shortly	Additional speaker to be announced shortly
10.20	Morning refreshments & trade exhibition	

10.50 – 11.10	<b>Concurrent 3   Technology, Innovation &amp; Latest Research</b>  <i>Proudly supported by</i>    <b>AI camera technology for bushfire detection</b> Mike Lawson, SFMES	<b>Concurrent 4   Carbon methods and active management</b>    <b>Title tbc</b> <b>Rob Waterworth, FLINTpro</b>
11.10 – 11.30	<b>Remote sensing: where has it been, where is it, and where is it going?</b> <b>David Smith, Forestry Consultant</b>	<b>Biomass and carbon assessments</b> <b>Dr Fabiano Ximenes, DPI, NSW</b>
11.30 – 11.50	Additional speaker to be announced shortly	<b>Carbon Farming for healthy forests</b> Zoe Ryan, <i>Climate Friendly</i>
11.50 – 12.10	Additional speaker to be announced shortly	<b>Native regrowth thinning in Tasmania</b> Michael Schofield, <i>Midway Tasmania</i>
12.10	Lunch & trade exhibition	
13.10 – 13.30	<b>Concurrent 5   Healthy forests, healthy farms and agricultural landscapes</b>  <b>Strategies for a healthy and resilient agroforestry operation</b> <b>Rowan Reid, Bambra Agroforestry Farm</b>	<b>Concurrent 6   Forestry, art, history &amp; creativity</b>  <b>Nature Play – creative connection fostering healthy people</b> <b>Daniel Burton, Education by Nature</b>
13.30 – 13.50	<b>Healthy forests delivering on-farm benefits</b> <b>Dr Rachelle Meyer, Trees on Farms Project</b>	<b>Forests as medicine</b> <b>Kerry Wailes, forester and natural health practitioner</b>
13.50 – 14.10	<b>Creating landscapes which are both productive and ecologically resilient</b> <b>Krista Patterson-Majoor, Cassinia Environmental</b>	<b>Forestry imagery &amp; how people respond</b> <b>Mike Ryan, Victoria</b>
14.10 – 14.30	<b>Silvopastoral trials of commercial pine systems in North Queensland</b> <b>Mick Stephens, Timber Queensland</b>	<b>The importance of people and their stories</b> <b>Mike Bleby, freelance forester</b>

14.30	Afternoon refreshments & trade exhibition	
15.00 – 16.30	<p><b>Closing Plenary Session</b></p> <p><b>Panel: What is a healthy forest?</b> Panellists to be announced shortly</p> <p><b>Closing Plenary:</b> Speaker to be announced</p> <p><b>FINAL REMARKS AND WRAP UP</b> President, Forestry Australia</p>	
18.30 – 22.00	<p><b>SYMPOSIUM DINNER</b> Sovereign Hill</p>	<p><i>Proudly supported by</i></p> 

## Thursday 31 October

8:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Field Trips</b></p> <p><b>Field Trip #1: Creswick/History/People</b></p> <p><b>Field Trip #2: Forest gardening and caring for country</b></p> <p><b>Field Trip #3: Plantations</b></p> <p><b>Field Trip #4: Woookarung Regional Park</b></p> <p><b>Field Trip #5: Wombat State Forest – Storm and fire recovery</b></p> <p><b>Field Trip #6: Farm Forestry</b></p>
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