

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

12.40	Lunch & trade exhibition
13.30 – 14.50	<p>Session 2: Threats and forest health</p> <p>Quantifying pest and disease risk and strengthening surveillance to build plantation health, resilience and capacity Dr Danielle Wiseman, <i>Plantation Health Collaborative</i></p> <p>Eradicating feral deer from South Australia's forests Myall Tarran, <i>SA dept. Primary Industries and Regions</i></p> <p>The threat of wildfire to healthy forests Dr Tom Fairman, <i>University of Melbourne</i></p> <p>The threat of drought and heat stress Prof Tim Brodbribb, <i>University of Tasmania</i></p>
14.50 – 15.40	<p>Session 3: Aboriginal forest management and caring for Country</p> <p>Caring for Country Angeline Pool, <i>Wadawurrung Corporation</i></p> <p>Fire and Country Speaker to be announced shortly</p> <p>Aboriginal forest management case study Speaker to be announced shortly</p>
15.40	Afternoon refreshments & trade exhibition
16.10 – 16.20	Major Sponsor Spotlight: ForestWorks

16.20 – 16.50	Keynote Speaker 4 The Philosophies of production forestry and conservation: what can we learn from each other for the future of Australia’s forest health Dr Bill Jackson , <i>Acting President, Forestry Australia</i>
16.50	Forestry Australia Annual General Meeting
18.00 – 20.00	Welcome Reception & Trade Exhibition <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Proudly supported by</i></p> 

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

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

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

Thursday 31 October

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