Australian School of Urban Forestry

Trees have always been a vital part of the urban fabric. They are now more important than ever for the multiple benefits they contribute to the liveability of cities faced by changing climate and urban densification.

Urban forestry is an integrated, evidence-based approach to maximising the benefits of trees and other vegetation in cities. Research shows that well-designed and well-managed urban forests provide multiple benefits, including; climate mitigation, improved human health and well-being, biodiversity protection, and social and economic development.

The University of Melbourne’s School of Ecosystem and Forest Science, in partnership with the City of Melbourne, has developed the Australian School of Urban Forestry, the first of its kind to be held in Australia.

This six-day professional development course is an interactive program delivered by leading urban forest practitioners and researchers, presenting best-practice approaches and case studies. The school includes seminars, workshop exercises, team-based problem solving and field trips.

Who should attend?
The school is suitable for all professionals in the urban greenspace industry, community advocacy, environmental health, and policy management with a desire to develop their skills and knowledge in the multi-disciplinary field of Urban Forestry.

A successful urban forest requires an engaged and informed range of stakeholders, from community groups to land managers, to planners and practitioners.

The Organisers
The City of Melbourne and the University of Melbourne have joined together to develop a unique forum to inspire and grow multi-disciplinary industry professionals.

The City of Melbourne is a leader in Australia and internationally, on how to effectively engage with business, industry and the wider community to strategically plan and establish an urban forest for the future.

The University of Melbourne’s School of Ecosystem and Forest Sciences is at the forefront of education and research in urban horticulture, arboriculture and urban forestry.

Urban Forestry Program

Venue: Rydges on Swanston, Melbourne, VIC

2018 Dates
• Sunday 11th November
• Monday 12th November
• Tuesday 13th November
• Wednesday 14th November
• Thursday 15th November
• Friday 16th November

Fees
The Urban Forestry Program fee is $3,500.

How to apply for the program
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Meet the presenters…

Lyndal Plant, Consultant, Urban Forester Pty Ltd
Lyndal has worked in local government, in the urban green space and urban forest sector, for 25 years. She has recently completed a PhD on urban forest evidence gathering and the business cases for investment in green infrastructure.

Ian Shears, Practice Lead, Urban Forestry and Green Infrastructure, City of Melbourne
Ian leads the City of Melbourne’s stewardship and advocacy, external liaison and strategic work regarding urban forestry, integrated water management and green infrastructure.

Meg Caffin, Principal Consultant; Urban Forest Consulting
Meg has worked as a green infrastructure specialist for the last five years; helping local government develop solutions, strategies and priorities regarding urban greening and urban forests.

Arron Wood, Deputy Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne
A forester, a Melbourne City councillor and currently Deputy Mayor of the City of Melbourne. Aaron has a history of outstanding contributions in conservation and the environment.

Dr Tim Entwisle, Director and Chief Executive, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria
Tim is a highly respected scientist, scientific communicator. He is currently Director and Chief Executive of the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

Dr Dave Kendal, Senior Lecturer, University of Tasmania
Dave has recently published several research reports, in collaboration with the City of Melbourne, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Victoria and a network of local governments, that assess the vulnerability of urban tree species to climate change warming.

Dr Stephen Livesley, Associate Professor, The University of Melbourne
Stephen is a key member of the University of Melbourne’s Green Infrastructure Research Group and is leading research into the role of trees and other vegetation in providing environmental and social benefits.

Jason Summers, Manager Parks & Open Space, City of Hume
Jason manages all parks and open space throughout the rapidly growing City of Hume. He is actively involved in developing industry standards and the wider sharing of information and ‘lessons learned’.

Kelly Hertzog, Urban Forester, City of Melbourne
Kelly is an Urban Forester at the City of Melbourne, specialising in the social elements of the urban forest, including citizen science and stakeholder engagement.

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