

The Nature of the Urban Forest

Sunday December 1	Evening	Welcome Barbecue
Monday December 2		This day explores the potential of the urban forest to provide nature-based solutions that can respond to urban and suburban challenges. Gaining knowledge of the complexity of protecting, managing, and restoring ecosystem function within urban areas, students will discuss how to implement nature-based solutions in their communities. Confirmed speakers: Diane Pataki, Utah State University; Steve Livesley, University of Melbourne; David Callow, City of Melbourne
	Morning	
	Afternoon	Urban green spaces & tree stories: Walking tour through the City of Melbourne
Tuesday December 3		Taking inspiration from indigenous ways of knowing, this day explores how to connect a multi-cultural city to nature in inclusive ways. Hearing a range of perspectives on what makes the urban forest a compelling way to connect to country, and to connect a multi-cultural society, students will reflect on how the urban forest can respond to and reflect the local and wider Australian community.
	Morning	Confirmed speakers: Jefa Greenaway, University of Melbourne
	Afternoon	Solutions-based peer learning sessions on current issues in Urban Forestry
Wednesday December 4		This day explores the benefits to human and societal wellbeing provided by access to green spaces in the urban forest. From personal psychological benefits of viewing nature close to home, to community benefits provided by social opportunities in local parks, students will discuss how to plan, design, and prioritize urban green spaces to increase residents' access to nature. Confirmed speakers: Jenny Gray, Zoos Victoria; Sara Barron, University of Melbourne; Kate Neale, Southern Cross University
	Morning	
	Afternoon	Exploring urban forest issues along a diverse transect: Walking tour through Melbourne's East
Thursday December 5		This session brings together the complexity of urban forests. From rooftops to regions, historic underpinnings to future urban landscapes, participants will gain insight into the ingredients to consider when creating a recipe for a future forest. Confirmed speakers: Maree Grenfell, Resilient Melbourne; Ian Shears, City of Melbourne; Lyndal Plant, Lyndal Plant Urban Forester; Ben Seamark, City of Burnside
	Morning	
	Afternoon	Solutions-based peer learning sessions on current issues in Urban Forestry
	Evening	Community of Practice Dinner
Friday December 6		This day invites past ASUF participants to join in the day and share conversations towards developing a Community of Practice for Australian Urban Foresters.
		Understanding the future needs of our urban forests to articulate what skills and resources are needed to manage them. What gaps are we facing? What are the challenges but also the opportunities? Confirmed speakers: Susan Day, University of British Columbia; Meg Caffin, Urban Forest Consulting.
	Morning	
	Afternoon	An optional networking and relationship building event for the new Community of Practice.