



# Australian Forest Growers

INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

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**“sustainable forestry - everybody benefits”**

22nd to 25th OCTOBER **2006**

INVERESK TRAM SHED CONFERENCE CENTRE and  
THE QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AUDITORIUM  
Inveresk Cultural Precinct, Launceston, Tasmania

# CONFERENCE

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & HIGHLIGHTS

### PROFESSOR DAVID LINDENMAYER



Professor David Lindenmayer is a key participant of The Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies at the Australian National University and actively involved in forest wildlife management and nature conservation. He is currently researching the development of approaches for integrated forest management and nature and biodiversity conservation. His current major research projects include: modelling of wildlife; examining the effectiveness of wildlife corridors; identifying

long-term viable populations of organisms; and determining the impacts of habitat fragmentation on forest-dependent and woodland-dependent fauna. In addition, he studies the impacts of habitat fragmentation, large-scale landscape change and wildlife response, and plantation design for biodiversity conservation. He has published 16 books and over 405 scientific articles from his major large-scale and long-term research projects.

### PROFESSOR TED LEFROY



Professor Ted Lefroy is the Director of the Centre for Environment at the University of Tasmania and a Director of Land and Water Australia. Ted has 30 years experience in rural extension and research in Australia and overseas, having worked for departments of primary industries in Queensland, Papua New Guinea, and Western Australia and the CSIRO. He has also been a member of the CRC for Legumes in Mediterranean Agriculture and

the CRC for Plant-Based Management of Dryland Salinity where he was leader of the biodiversity program.

His research interests are in perennial farming systems, agroforestry and the management of biodiversity in production landscapes. In 2004 he was awarded the GRDC Eureka Prize for research into the environmental sustainability of grain production.

### AFG PRIME SUPER NATIONAL TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The much anticipated AFG Prime Super National Tree Farmer of the Year Award ceremony will be a feature of the Biennial Conference dinner. This prestigious award honours and acknowledges individuals, who by their personal efforts and example have made significant contributions to private commercial tree growing in Australia. The AFG Prime Super National Tree Farmer of the Year will be awarded to a most outstanding leader and innovator in farm tree growing for commercial and environmental benefits. A national tradition since the early 1980s.

#### THE AWARD RECOGNISES:

- excellence in farm planning and farm forestry,
- good land management, in that the whole farm is either being used or there is a demonstration that a whole farm plan has been developed and that the part development is in line with such a plan,
- innovation in any sector of private forestry, natural forests, plantations, agroforestry, etc,
- leadership in the community in these developments,
- wide application of the principles adopted, and
- integration of forestry with other farm developments.

### AFG PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The AFG Forestry Tools President's Award will be presented at the dinner of the Launceston Conference. This award recognises people (usually AFG members) who have made substantial contributions to the cause of AFG.

#### Typical recipients will have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Long term members and have regularly contributed to AFG organisational activities

- Regular correspondents to the Grower magazine
- High levels of support to AFG within branches
- Office bearers contributing outstanding service at branch, State or National level (current Board members are not eligible)
- Contributors to forest science, particularly in the form of written submissions or scientific articles.

Nominations for the award come from the Board, and the final arbiter is the President.

**This Conference is TreeSmart travel carbon neutral**

# PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

AUSTRALIAN FOREST GROWERS INTERNATIONAL  
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2006 OCTOBER 22 - 25th

<b>SUNDAY 22</b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm		Registration Desk			
6:00pm - 10:30pm		<b>Official Welcome</b> Icebreaker Reception & BBQ Queen Victoria Museum & Inveresk Cultural Precinct			
<b>MONDAY 23</b> 8:00am - 5:00pm		Registration – Available daily			
9:00am - 10:30am		<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION</b> Mr David Geddes, AFG President, <b>CONFERENCE OPENING</b> Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation <b>OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> Professor David Lindenmayer <b>SPONSOR SEGMENT</b>			
10:30am - 11:00am		<b>MORNING TEA</b>			
<b>CONCURRENT STREAMS</b>	<b>STREAM A</b> Policy, Planning & Marketing	<b>STREAM B</b> Training, Research & Development	<b>STREAM C</b> Industry and Innovation	<b>STREAM D</b> Farm Forestry	
<b>SESSION 1</b> 11:00am - 12:30pm	<b>A1. THE BIG PICTURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sleeping Giant?</li> <li>National Plantation Inventory</li> <li>Forest certification in North America</li> </ul>	<b>B1. LANDHOLDER PERCEPTIONS &amp; CASE STUDIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southern Tablelands NSW</li> <li>Master Treegrower in WA</li> <li>Strategic Tree farming project WA</li> </ul>	<b>C1. INDUSTRY EXPANSION &amp; INNOVATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EcoAsh marketing story</li> <li>Gunns pulp mill project</li> <li>Practice &amp; rewards of sustainable forestry</li> </ul>	<b>D1. FARM FOREST INITIATIVES &amp; INVENTORY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farm Forestry &amp; NRM</li> <li>Farm Forestry Toolbox</li> <li>New frontiers in medium rainfall agriculture</li> </ul>	
12:30pm - 1:30pm		<b>LUNCHEON</b>			
<b>SESSION 2</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm	<b>A2. PARTNERSHIPS &amp; EXCELLENCE IN INDUSTRY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plantation industry partnerships – 2020 Vision</li> <li>Private Forestry Development Committees (1) - Excellence in private forestry</li> </ul>	<b>B2. RESEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest hydrology</li> <li>Environmental benefits of trees on farms</li> <li>Rural tree decline</li> </ul>	<b>C2. THE LATEST IN CHEMICALS USE &amp; FIRE IN FOREST MANAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical use in forestry</li> <li>Fires and eucalypt plantations</li> <li>Fire policy and management</li> </ul>	<b>D2. MULTIPURPOSE AND SMALL SCALE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk and opportunity</li> <li>Firewood harvesting &amp; processing, SA</li> <li>Small scale harvesting technologies, Tas.</li> </ul>	
3:00pm - 3:30pm		<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>			
<b>SESSION 3</b> 3:30pm - 5:00pm	<b>A3. INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES &amp; MARKETS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australia &amp; Indonesia</li> <li>The emerging Indian market</li> </ul>	<b>B3. SPECIALTY TREE FARMING &amp; SILVICULTURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic tree farming</li> <li>Non-wood products</li> <li>Blackwood plantation silviculture</li> </ul>	<b>C3. NEW FORESTS &amp; BIOENERGY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managed investment schemes</li> <li>Biofuels and opportunities for bioenergy in Australia</li> <li>Biofuels and silviculture</li> </ul>	<b>D3. PRIVATE &amp; FARM FORESTRY-DIVERSITY AND OPPORTUNITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private Forestry Development Committees (2) – History &amp; success</li> <li>Santalum and ‘Shambala’</li> </ul>	
<b>FREE NIGHT - TAMAR RIVER CRUISE OR DINING OUT</b>					
<b>TUESDAY 24</b> FIELD TRIPS 8:30am - 5:00pm	<b>TOUR 1</b> Eucalypt Plantation & Native Forest Tour	<b>TOUR 2</b> Northern Midland (low rainfall) Farm Forestry Tour	<b>TOUR 3</b> Tamar Valley Processing Tour	<b>TOUR 4</b> Specialty Timber Tour	
5:00pm - 6:00pm		Australian Forest Growers 38th Annual General Meeting			
7:00pm - 11:00pm		<b>CONFERENCE DINNER – HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR - MAP LOCATION</b> 			
<b>WEDNESDAY 25</b> <b>SESSION 4</b> 9:00am - 10:30am	<b>A4. PRIVATE FORESTRY REGULATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity regulation</li> <li>Strategic Action plans</li> <li>Forest practices audits</li> </ul>	<b>B4. FOREST SILVICULTURE AND MANAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regrowth forest, SE Qld.</li> <li>Grazing &amp; dry coastal forest, Northern NSW</li> <li>Eucalypt plantations in Tas.</li> </ul>	<b>C4. CARBON FORESTRY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Putting carbon back to work</li> <li>Plantations to sequester carbon</li> </ul>	<b>D4. FARM FORESTRY TOURS</b> 8:00am -12:30pm <b>TOUR 5</b> Ian Dickenson ‘Elverton’ Blessington  <b>TOUR 6</b> Bruce & Katrina Archer ‘Chester’ Westwood	
10:30am - 11:00am		<b>MORNING TEA</b>			
<b>SESSION 5</b> 11:00am - 12:30pm	<b>A5. POWER TO THE PEOPLE ?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marketing cooperatives?</li> <li>Private native forests</li> <li>Family forests – Oregon</li> </ul>	<b>B5. PROBLEM SITES: STRATEGIES, OPPORTUNITIES &amp; RETURNS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trees for salinity, Tas.</li> <li>Salinity, biodiversity &amp; geodiversity, Southern NSW</li> <li>Low rainfall areas</li> </ul>	<b>C5. SOCIAL PLANNING &amp; COMMUNITY IMPACTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement strategy</li> <li>Social dimensions</li> <li>Socio-economic impacts of plantation expansion</li> </ul>	<b>TOUR 7</b> John & Diana Lord ‘Springmount’ Blackwood Creek	
12:30pm - 1:30pm		<b>LUNCHEON</b>			
1:30pm - 3:30pm		<b>INTERVIEW</b> <b>CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>CONFERENCE CLOSE</b> Panel of three of Australia’s leading private foresters Professor Ted Lefroy			

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# HOW TO GET TO THE CONFERENCE

## BY AIR

CTM is the official travel agency for AFG 2006 International Conference travelling. CTM offers the best internet or published airfares available on Qantas, Virgin Blue Airlines and Jetstar when travelling internally within Australia or International bound. To ensure the BEST airfare available, ALL delegates are urged to contact: CTM on TOLLFREE: 1800 630 866 quoting AFG2006 or log onto [www.travelctm.com/enq/IAFG2006.htm](http://www.travelctm.com/enq/IAFG2006.htm) for your online booking form.

## BY SEA

The two new ships, Spirit of Tasmania I and II, travel daily between Melbourne and Devonport with fares from as low as \$115.00 for a cruise seat one way with cars travelling for \$59.00 each way during the time of the conference. All booking arrangements can be made direct to - TT line booking service by phoning TOLL FREE 1800 204 687 quoting the AFG Conference or download a copy of the booking form from the conference website [www.conferenceplus.com.au/afg](http://www.conferenceplus.com.au/afg) and fax direct to TT line on 1800 636 110.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended and covers your conference registration fees and travel costs in the case of unforeseen circumstances. A domestic premium from \$57 per person (5 day policy), provides cover for up to \$10,000 in cancellation costs. CTM Group's consultants are able to assist with sending the insurance brochure for your perusal (prices subject to confirmation upon booking).

## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

We have negotiated a special discounted price of \$8 one way and \$14 return with Launceston Airport Shuttle Service for 'AFG' delegates. They will meet and greet you at the airport and transport you to your hotel simply advise their office of your flight details by booking a seat on fax no. 0500 512 048 to be eligible for this discounted service.

## HIRE CARS

Europcar vehicles are available at special conference daily rates: To be eligible for the special conference rates phone Conference Plus, the Conference Secretariat on (03) 6330 1444 for rates, further information and a booking form or log onto [www.deltaeuropcar.com.au](http://www.deltaeuropcar.com.au) and quote your contract ID number CCC04237.

# ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE

## WHERE TO STAY

Accommodation has been 'block booked' by Conference Plus at all listed hotels to ensure availability and to provide an efficient and convenient reservation service. To avoid disappointment, rooms being double booked and to ensure the best prices, accommodation bookings **MUST** be made through Conference Plus.

To secure and confirm your accommodation booking, your hotel will require your credit card details. No transaction is processed until checking out. Your hotel reserves the right to debit your card one nights accommodation unless written advice is forwarded 48 hours prior to any change of the check in date.

### A PRINCE ALBERT INN

4 ½ Star - 22 Tamar Street Launceston  
5 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Room Single/Double /Twin	\$137.50
Family Room Single/Double/Twin	\$137.50
Executive Suites Single/Double/Twin	\$181.50
Each additional person	\$ 34.00

### B HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR

4 ½ Star - 29 Cameron Street Launceston  
8 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Room Single/Double/Twin	\$190.00
Each additional person	\$ 35.00

### C BATMAN FAWKNER HOTEL

35 - 39 Cameron St Launceston  
8 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Room Single	\$75.00
Standard Room Double/Twin	\$85.00

### D EARLINGTON HOTEL

4 Star - 3 Earl Street Launceston  
12 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Double Room Single/Double/Twin	\$124.00
Standard Queen Room Single/Double	\$144.00
Standard King Room Single/Double	\$156.00
Each additional person	\$ 20.00

### E COMMODORE REGENT

4 Star - 13 Brisbane St Launceston  
12 mins from Conference Venue  
Including a continental breakfast

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Single	\$121.00
Standard Double/Twin	\$132.00

### F QUEST SERVICED APARTMENTS

4 ½ Star - 16 Paterson St Launceston  
12 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Studio Apartment Single/Double/Twin	\$136.00
1 Bedroom apartment Single/Double/Twin	\$153.00
2 Bedroom apartment Single/Double/Twin/Quad	\$212.00
Each additional person	\$ 30.00

### G SANDORS ON THE PARK

4 Star - 3 Brisbane Street Launceston  
15 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Hotel Single	\$85.00
Double/Twin	\$95.00
Each Additional Person	\$14.00

### H PEPPERS SEAPORT HOTEL

4 ½ star - 28 Seaport Boulevard Launceston  
15 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Motel Single /Double/Twin	\$175.00
Suite Single/Double/Twin	\$225.00

### **I** COLONIAL MOTOR INN

4 Star - 31 Elizabeth St Launceston  
20 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Motel	Single/Double/Twin \$120.00
Family Room	Sleeps 4 \$180.00
2 Bedroom apartment	Sleeps 5 \$210.00
Heritage Spa Suite	Single/Double \$205.00

### **J** ELPHIN VILLAS

4 ½ Star - 29a Elphin Rd Launceston  
15 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Motel	Single/Double/Twin \$136.00
2 Bedroom apartments	Single/Double/Twin \$142.00
3 Bedroom apartments	Single/Double/Twin \$204.00
Each additional person	\$39.00

### **K** ADINA PLACE

4 Star - 50 York St Launceston  
15 mins walk to Conference Venue

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Studio Self Contained Apartment	Single/Double/Twin \$110.00
2 Bedroom Self Contained Apartment	Sleeps 5 \$140.00

### **L** LAUNCESTON COACH HOUSE

4 Star - 10 York Street Launceston  
15 mins walk to Conference Venue  
Including a Continental Breakfast

Room type	Per-room per night rate
Standard Motel	Single/Double/Twin \$112.00

REFER TO THE MAP BELOW FOR ACCOMMODATION LOCATIONS:



# CONFERENCE SOCIAL AND TOURING PROGRAM

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

**ICEBREAKER RECEPTION** 6.00pm – 7.30pm

**WELCOME BBQ** 7.45pm – 10.30pm

At the Queen Victoria Museum, relax and enjoy the Icebreaker reception with canapés and beverages followed by a typical 'Aussie' BBQ where you can network with new and old acquaintances.

**Cost: Included in full registration**

**Additional tickets: Industry and general attendees: \$65.00 pp**

**Accompanying partners: \$45.00 pp**

## MONDAY OCTOBER 23



### TAMAR RIVER DINNER CRUISE – HOME POINT

6.30pm – 10.30pm

**Sheer Magic!** Enjoy this cruise featuring the captain's commentary informing you of the fascinating history of the Tamar Valley while enjoying a superb gourmet 'Taste of Tasmania' buffet menu and fine Tasmanian wines with music to suit the mood, panoramic river scenery, lights of the city and river-edge communities.

**Cost: \$90.00 per person**

**Includes transport to and from hotel, river cruise, gourmet buffet dinner and fine Tasmanian wines.**

Maximum capacity - 80, book early to avoid disappointment

OR

### DINE AROUND LAUNCESTON FINE RESTAURANTS

An opportunity to unwind and meet up with friends after the first day of the conference. Delegates will be able to select from a range of restaurants and cafes. Menus will be posted on the first day at the registration desk of the conference - you can organise a group and select your choice of local eateries. A great way to sample some of the local cuisine. At your own cost.

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 24

**CONFERENCE AWARDS DINNER:** 7.00pm - 11.00pm

A visit to one of our well known hotels-Hotel Grand Chancellor - Enjoy a sample of some Tasmanian Food and wine with a gentle string quartet playing in the background. A night not to be missed with the announcement of the AFG Prime Super National Tree Farmer of the Year Award and Presidents Award!

**Cost: Included in full registration**

**Additional tickets: Industry and general attendees: \$90.00 pp**

**Accompanying partners: \$70.00 pp**

## PARTNERS & TOURING PROGRAM

Organisers of the AFG Conference welcome and look forward to the attendance of delegate partners to Launceston. Shopping in Launceston is a very pleasant experience. There is a fine selection of up to-date shops, major department stores and banks. There are many outlets for Tasmanian arts and crafts, the renowned Design Centre of Tasmania being a showcase and retail outlet for Tasmania's most renowned wooden arts, crafts and furniture display.

### AQUARIUS ROMAN BATHS

Luxury Therapeutic Treatments - Luxury treatments that are not only delightfully pleasant & therapeutic but ensures the relaxation of the body and mind. Treat yourself to this ultimate of indulgences! Visit [www.romanbath.com.au](http://www.romanbath.com.au) for bookings and further information.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 22



### WEST TAMAR WONDERS

Travel along the tranquil West Tamar appreciating the panoramic view of the valley from Brady's Lookout used once by the bushranger 'Mathew Brady'. For a unique experience visit Seahorse World, Platypus House and walk through a display of Tasmanian Butterflies. Visit Beaconsfield Gold mine and museum and return by the rivers edge to the unusual A-framed cable truss Batman Bridge, Artisan Pottery and Auld Kirk Church - a historic convict site passing through some wine grape growing areas. Finish with a coach tour of Grindelwald Swiss Village before returning to Launceston.

**Cost: \$91.50 per person**

**Includes: Quality Coach, Entrance fees and light lunch**

**Depart Hotel: 9.15am & Return Hotel 2.30pm**

## MONDAY OCTOBER 23

### HISTORIC HOMES AND GARDEN TOUR

Visit historic Evandale village famous for its antique galleries, art and craft shops and the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Co, widely acclaimed for its range of sauces, relishes, and chutneys, all available for tasting. Visit Woolmers Estate and the award winning Rose Garden and Clarendon House, Australia's most significant colonial properties, reflecting colonial Tasmania in its most genuine state. Their collection of buildings, antique cars, photographs, art and furniture together with their horticultural excellence joins a select group of historic homes throughout the world.

**Cost: \$76.00 per person**

**Includes: Coach, entry fees and light lunch**

**Depart Hotel: 10.00am & Return Hotel 4.00pm**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 24**



### CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Travel through Sheffield the town of the Murals nestled under spectacular Mt Roland to Cradle Mountain National Park part of Tasmania's World Heritage area, a wilderness of pristine forest and glacial lakes. Visit the information centre before continuing to Dove Lake. Watch for wallabies and experience the many short walks through the temperate rainforest of this premier National Park before returning back to Launceston late afternoon. Lunch at Cradle Mountain at own cost.

**Cost: \$120.00 per person**

**Includes: luxury coach and entry fees**

**Departs Hotel: 8.30am Returns Hotel: 5.30pm**

**OR**

### FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK EXCURSION

8.30am – 5.30pm

Pristine sandy beaches and breathtaking ocean views are what make Wineglass Bay on of the most beautiful destinations for tourists and locals. Take an optional one hour return walk to the Wineglass Bay Lookout, or travel to Sleepy Bay and Cape Tourville Lighthouse. Here you can take in the spectacular views, where the gigantic pink and grey granite boulders spattered in orange lichen come alive with the Hazard Mountains as their backdrop. Lunch at own cost:

**Cost: \$110.00 per person**

**Includes: coach and entry fees**

**Departs Hotel: 8.30am Returns Hotel: 5.30pm**



### LAUNCESTON CITY SIGHTS & CATARACT GORGE TOUR

A quality tour giving an overview of Australia's third oldest city, its magnificent buildings, early history, scenic vantage points, recreational venues, parks, gardens, educational facilities and points of interest and visit the popular 'Cataract Gorge' and cliff grounds and finish with the Design Centre of Tasmania featuring exclusive Tasmanian designer ware products.

**Cost: \$45.00 per person**

**Includes: Quality Coach and entrance fees**

**Depart Hotel: 9.30am Returns Hotel: 1.00pm**

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## PRE CONFERENCE TOUR

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 17 - SATURDAY OCTOBER 21**

**Tour Leader: Robin Dickson**

### DAY 1 DEPARTURE: 9.00am

Depart Mercure Hotel and travel via Huonville down to Geeveston Forest and Heritage Centre. Enjoy a tour of the Centre and morning tea before leaving for the Tahune Airwalk for a unique view of some of Tasmania's forests. After lunch, take a tour of the Southern Forests and inspect Southwood as you make your way to the Apple Valley Craft Centre. Admire the local craftsmanship on display and relax with afternoon tea before heading back to Hobart.

**Dinner bed and breakfast - Mercure Hotel - Hobart**

### DAY 2

Depart Mercure Hotel and travel to the Central Highlands via Hamilton and Ouse. Morning tea will be at Bronte Park and then inspect selective harvesting of an *E.delegatensis* forest. Travel on to beautiful Lake St Clair. Enjoy the views, tour the Visitors Centre and have lunch before journeying to Strahan via Queenstown where you can take note of the effects of the early mining days.

**Dinner bed and breakfast - Hilltop Garden View Hotel - Strahan**

### DAY 3

Enjoy the amazing scenery on the Gordon River Cruise. Stop off on Sarah Island (an early convict colony) and view untouched rainforests. Sit back and relax as you cruise along these picturesque waterways (morning tea and lunch is included). Travel to Smithton via the Murchison Highway passing numerous plantations on the way.

**Dinner bed and breakfast - Tall Timbers**

### DAY 4

Depart Tall Timbers for Dismal Swamp. You never know what you might find on the fascinating journey that unfolds as you descend 40 metres from the Visitor Centre on the sinkhole rim into a world at the bottom of a giant sinkhole. Move on to Preolenna to inspect *E.nitens* clearwood plantations and following lunch, next visit Gunns Nursery and Veneer Mill before arriving at the nights accommodation. Have a night out for dinner at Wellers restaurant.

**Bed and breakfast - Bayside Accommodation - Burnie**

### DAY 5

Depart Bayside for Burnie Port to inspect the Forestry Tasmanian Log Export facility and Gunns Export Woodchip loading facility. Travel to Boland Farm Forestry for a tour of the farm and morning tea and then on to Guide Falls Reserve for lunch. Take time at Ashgrove Cheese Factory to sample the many different flavours on offer before moving on to your Launceston hotel.

**A TOUR COST: \$790.00 per person twin share**

(4 nights Dinner, Bed & B'fast) Tuesday - Friday inclusive

**B TOUR COST: \$912.00 per person twin share**

(5 nights Dinner, Bed & B'fast) Monday - Friday inclusive

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: TOUR A: \$210.00 TOUR B: \$282.00**

**Includes:** 5 star coach, tour leader, assistant guides, morning & afternoon teas, lunches, dinner, accommodation and all entry fees.

## CONFERENCE TECHNICAL FULL DAY TOURS

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 24**



### DEPART & RETURN FROM CONFERENCE VENUE 8.30am – 5.00pm

Each tour offers all delegates unique opportunities to inspect private forestry planning, management, silviculture and operations & processing facilities. Visit industrial and small-scale private forestry properties demonstrating best practice and innovation. Alternatively visit wood processing and product manufacturing industries with domestic and export markets.

**Choose one of the following:**

#### TOUR 1

##### EUCALYPT PLANTATION AND NATIVE FOREST TOUR

**Tour Leader - Robin Dickson**

- Inspect native forest management - Mt Barrow
- Visit *E. nitens* plantations and inspect second rotation sites
- Aerial fertilising of plantations
- Visit farmland converted from pasture to plantation - site issues

#### TOUR 2

##### NORTHERN MIDLANDS (low rainfall) FARM FORESTRY TOUR

**Tour Leaders - David Bower & Michael Castley**

- Visit radiata pine and eucalypt plantations - integrated planning, silviculture, productivity, nutrition, genetics, environmental services and managed investment schemes
- Inspect eucalypt hybrid trials for salinity and water table control
- Native forest management for conservation and production
- Rural tree decline - problems and challenges.

#### TOUR 3

##### TAMAR VALLEY PROCESSING TOUR

**Tour Leader - Tony Cannon**

- Inspect conventional hardwood sawmill
- Visit woodchip mill and proposed Gunns Ltd Pulp Mill site
- Tour FEA Hewsaw mill
- Inspect Board Mill

#### TOUR 4

##### SPECIALTY TIMBER TOUR

**Tour Leaders - Mark Leech & Arthur Lyons**

- Blackwood with nurse crops - silvicultural solutions
- Cypress and She-oak plantations - niche products
- Specialty furniture manufacturer

## CONFERENCE TECHNICAL HALF-DAY TOURS

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25**



### DEPART AND RETURN TO CONFERENCE VENUE FOR LUNCH

8.00am – 12.30pm

These tours visit three large and very well established properties, each with property management plans and diversified enterprises to which forestry is a significant contributor. The property owners, all AFG members, are widely recognised for their contribution to private forestry, Landcare and agriculture.

#### TOUR 5

**'Elverton' Ian Dickenson, Blessington**

PAST LANDCARE AND AFG TREE FARMER  
OF THE YEAR STATE WINNERS

**Tour Leader - Gordon McCutchan**

- Native forest management - harvesting and regeneration
- Eucalypt Plantations - triple bottom line benefits
- Radiata pine and Cypress Plantations - diversity and management

#### TOUR 6

**'Chester' Bruce and Katrina Archer, Westwood**

PAST LANDCARE AND AFG TREE FARMER  
OF THE YEAR STATE WINNERS

**Tour Leader - David Bower**

- Radiata Shelterbelts - adding value through shelter and clearwood
- Eucalypt Hybrids - salinity trials
- Rural Tree Decline - challenges and solutions
- Joint Venture eucalypt plantations - integrated farm forestry

#### TOUR 7

**'Springmount' John and Diana Lord**

- Blackwood Creek

CURRENT TASMANIAN AFG TREE FARMERS OF THE YEAR

**Tour Leader - Joanne Tubb**

- Radiata pine plantations - silviculture and investment decisions
- Eucalypt plantations - thinning
- Regrowth native forest - management and harvesting
- Joint Venture eucalypt plantations - diversity and profit