'Practical Building Conservation'
Longford Academy's Autumn Program
1, 2, 6 or 9 days beginning Monday May 6, 2019

Practical Building Conservation is a 1, 2, 6 or 9 day program in conservation of traditional buildings, structures & fabric, held at the World Heritage inscribed Woolmers & Brickendon Estates in Longford, Tasmania. It offers a unique mix of theory, demonstrations & involvement in practical conservation works, benefiting both the participants & the sites.

Participants can attend the 6 day program, which includes structured face-to-face workshops on Days 3 & 6 on the subjects of Lime Mortars & Plastering, & Roofing, & extend the program to 9 days, by staying on with the expert facilitators, furthering their physical contribution to the site conservation works, or attend one or both of the specialist one day structured workshops.

- Investigate significant building fabric, structures & sites.
- Learn how to obtain long term sustainable conservation outcomes in real life situations.
- Share knowledge & experience with conservation practitioners.
- Understand environmental impacts, deterioration & how to deal with complex challenges.
- Participate in hands-on activities with experienced practitioners.
- Relax & learn in an outstanding cultural landscape.
Presenters

Our presenters comprise of a broad group of highly experienced conservation professionals & tradespeople who are on hand to teach & guide. Conservation specialists demonstrate techniques & lead hands-on activities at selected sites in the field & in the workshop.

Lime Mortars & Plastering – one day workshop: Wednesday May 8

This day will be co-presented by David Young OAM, a conservation specialist, educator & author of technical publications on the subject. He is currently finalising technical guides & codes for the Heritage Council of Victoria on lime mortars & repairing traditional masonry buildings. Our other co-presenter will be Ray Wiltshire, a solid plasterer who has specialised in traditional & conservation plastering for 40 years. Ray is well known in the building conservation industry in Victoria & is a long term contributor to Longford Academy. Ray will be assisted by Brian Maxwell, conservation solid plasterer from Brisbane.

Roofing – one day workshop: Saturday May 12

This day will be presented by Greg Owen, Conservation Builder, Consultant & roofing specialist. Greg is a mechanical & maintenance engineer by background, before 30 years as a conservation builder, who developed a mid career passion for traditional roofing, and trained & licensed as a plumber practicing traditional recreation & preservation skills in the building conservation industry. He is jointly preparing a heritage code for repair & replacement of corrugated galvanised iron roofs with Heritage Victoria. Greg will be supported by the LA team.

Activities

Generally, activities include inspections, workshops, demonstrations & direct involvement in conservation works across both sites. Participants are introduced to the practical aspects of building conservation: topics covered include investigation & documentation of works, dealing with damp & extracting salts, lime-based materials, plaster & masonry repair, diagnosing timber decay & repair needs, roofing & metals. Please note that practical works will continue on Monday & Tuesday (May 14 & 15). Participants are invited to continue learning by participating in works on these days with no additional course fees.

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Who should attend?

All those involved in building conservation, or who wish to be, & who want some hands-on practical & theoretical exposure to a range of topics that they’re likely to come across in the industry. This Autumn program is the ideal LA entry activity for both professionals & trades, who can then progress further via our specialised Spring Master Classes & broad ranging Summer School.

The Lime Mortars & Plastering one day workshop will be of particular interest to heritage advisors, bricklayers, builders, masons, plasterers, conservation practitioners, property managers & specifiers of masonry repairs.

The Roofing one day workshop will be of particular interest to heritage advisors, roofers, builders, conservation practitioners, property managers & specifiers of roofing repairs & replacement.

Dates

The 6 (& 9 day) course commences with coffee at 8.30am on Monday May 6, for 9:00am introductions.
The 6 day & 9 day courses finish 4pm Saturday May 11, & 4pm Tuesday May 14, respectively. Participants travelling long distances should arrive by Sunday May 5.
The one day courses, Lime Mortars & Plastering on Wednesday May 8, & Roofing on Saturday May 11, are, similarly, conducted from 8:30am - 4:00pm with optional debriefing discussions following over drinks.

Costs

Registration fees are charged to cover program development & delivery costs, lunches & morning & afternoon teas.
6 & 9 day courses: $900 ($750 APT members) including one day workshops on May 8 & 11.
1 day courses: $250 ($200 APT members) each or $450 ($375 APT members) for both 1 day courses.

Funding support

Tasmanian builders & tradespeople may be eligible for support from the TBCITB (the Tasmanian Building & Construction Industry Training Board) who support Longford Academy programs.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available on-site at both Brickendon & Woolmers Estates & also in nearby Longford & surrounding district.

Continuing Professional Development

Course participants will receive certificates of attendance. CPD points may be available for credit through your registration body or industry association.

Transport

Launceston Airport is twenty minutes away. Jetstar & Virgin fly direct to/from Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane. Qantas flies direct to/from Melbourne. Hire cars are available at Launceston Airport. Participants are encouraged to share cars.

Transfers for those staying on site are available by the LA team from/to Launceston Airport.

Enquiries and Registration

For registration, complete the registration form & email to the program coordinator, Greg Owen, at grego@pbcau.com. Enquiries can also be made to this contact.