



Otway Agroforestry Network
Australian Master TreeGrower Course
 Bellarine MARCH – JUNE 2021



A Comprehensive 8-Day course for landholders to integrate trees into farming systems for conservation, agriculture, and profit.

DATE	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS
Friday 26 March	9.30 am McGlashan Estate 225 Swan Bay Rd, Wallington Lunch at 12:30 <i>Mannerim properties</i> 1 pm - 4:30pm	DAY 1 – Mastering trees on farms: Introductory day An opportunity to try-before-you-buy! Ploughman’s Lunch Provided Come along & meet the team, we are keen to hear about your interests in growing trees. Presentations include Rowan Reid; introducing the concept of agroforestry as farmers growing trees to meet their own needs, the role of trees in regenerative farming & reviewing the need/opportunities for trees on farms across the region. After lunch, we will head out to two local properties for farm walks to highlight local experiences.
Friday April 16 th	9.30 am Timber Zoo 385 Portarlington Rd, Moolap. <i>Drysdale property</i> 12 noon - 4:30pm	DAY 2 - Markets for tree products & services Overview of the commercial prospects for selling tree products, focussing on timber and non-timber products (cut flowers, bush foods, honey, etc.) and environmental services (such as Carbon) derived from trees, across small and larger scale markets. Bush Tucker inspired Lunch and afternoon Field trip @ Drysdale.
Friday April 23rd	9.30 am Bambra Agroforestry Farm 165 Bambra-Boonah Rd, Bambra	DAY 3 - Growing trees for conservation & profit Including Tree & Forest measurement; tree growth & management. Presentations on tree growth and development and measuring trees for timber and carbon. See Rowan Reid’s Bambra Agroforestry Farm, which includes more than 50 commercial tree species and non-timber forest products. Includes farm walk and practical measurement and silvicultural practices such as thinning & pruning.
Friday April 30 th	9.30 am Bellarine Landcare Indigenous Nursery 40-110 Belchers Rd. Drysdale	DAY 4 – Trees, biodiversity & nature conservation Managing trees and landscapes for biodiversity. Potential topics include the importance of paddock trees, diversity and roles of species and tree health. If there's demand, this session can include seed collection and plant propagation. Nursery tour. Afternoon farm walks and talks.
Friday 7th May	9.30 am Yan Yan Gurt Valley 2005 Winchelsea Deans Marsh Rd, Deans Marsh	DAY 5 - Integrating trees into the farming landscape – regenerative farming, trees, multipurpose plantings & agriculture Shade & shelterbelt design & measurement of wind speed. Revisit the principles of revegetation design & management of multi-purpose forests on farms. Farm walks at Andrew & Jill Stewart’s sheep, tree and flower farm and Ian and Susan Campbell’s beef and Blue gums property
Final 3 Days May - June	Designed by MTG participants!	DAY 6 – 8: The final 3 days will be designed around the interests of participants and may include visits to participants own farms with expert presenters on related topics of interest.

Cost: \$120: Participants will receive a MTG Hat, diameter tape, certificate and MTG Gate sign, and includes lunches.

To register your interest please fill in the back of this form & for more information contact:

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Registration Details

*Please include the location and area (ha) of your land and your interest in tree growing.

**Priority will be given to those landholders who reside in the Greater Bellarine Region with a limit of 25 participants. Bellarine residents are welcome to apply particularly if they work with farmers.

**As a subsidised program the Otway Agroforestry Network reserve the right to choose who can participate in the program after Day 1.

Title First Name..... Last Name.....

Address.....

Town..... State..... P/code.....

Postal Address (if different from above):

Telephone..... Mobile.....

E-mail.....

Property location (if different from above)

..... Property area (ha).....

Your interests in tree growing & the MTG course

Some of your questions answered....

Can I still do the course even if I'm not a farmer or consider myself a 'landholder' as such?

Yes, definitely. The Master TreeGrowers course is open to anyone with an interest in growing trees and other vegetation for a variety of reasons. The course aims to give you the skills, networks and ideas that you can apply to all aspects of what you do or are interested in, whether you have land or not.

Is there minimum attendance, and can I attend on a per session basis?

The main aim of the Master TreeGrowers course is building knowledge, skills, connections, trust, and networks amongst participants. Also to create the kind of environment where everyone is comfortable sharing ideas and feedback, and you feel comfortable having people, potentially, to come and have a look at your property. This can only really be built as a group through active participation over time, hence the approach of the course.

We understand that you may not be able to attend every session, and not all sessions may be of interest to you. The minimum requirement to complete the course is your attendance at 6 sessions. If you would like to discuss this further feel free to contact Andrew, as there may be some flexibility depending on your situation.

Other than Day 1, each day outlined above will be part of the whole course and will not be advertised as a stand-alone activity. However, we do encourage registered participants to bring along their neighbours/friends to sessions of interest.

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