



# ARB AUSTRALIA 2025 CONFERENCE

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## FRIDAY 14 MARCH

3:00PM -  
5:00PM

ATCC Gear Check and Climber walk through | The Kingston Hotel

## SATURDAY 15 MARCH

8:00AM -  
5:00PM

ATCC Preliminary Events | Telopea Park

## SUNDAY 16 MARCH

8:00AM -  
5:00PM

ATCC Master Events | Telopea Park

5:30PM -  
6:30PM

STIHL Bar and Conference Welcome Function | Trade & Exhibition Area,  
Eureka Room, QT Hotel

6:30PM -  
8:30PM

ATCC Awards Presentation, in association with ATCC sponsor Husqvarna | Ballroom 1, Level 1, QT Hotel  
Welcome Function continues

## MONDAY 17 MARCH

*All conference sessions are in Ballroom 1*

Session Chair: Meg Caffin

8:00AM

Welcome to Country | Violet Sheridan, Senior Ngunnuwal Elder  
Conference Opening & Introduction to Canberra | Minister Tara Cheyne MLA,  
Minister for City and Government Services

8:45AM

Samantha Ning | Director, Tree Protection with the ACT Government  
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9:30AM

Mark Hartley | Education Chair, Arborist Network  
*Shaping tree transplanting through innovation and technology*

10:15AM

**MORNING TEA | Trade & Exhibition Area**

Session Chair: Mona Bruckhoff

11:00AM

Dario Valenza | Founder and CEO, Carbonix  
*Transforming vegetation management: Monitoring encroachment  
risks to powerlines*

11:30AM

Ali Jasper | Lead Consulting Arborist, Active Tree Services  
*Diversity as a resourcing solution – A lived perspective*

12:15PM

ISA 2025 New Zealand Update

12:30PM

**LUNCH | Trade & Exhibition Area**

Session Chair: James Maund

1:30PM

Sarah Priestley | Tree Management Coordinator, City of Greater Geelong  
*Contract Management & the Challenges*

2:15PM

Outdoor Trade Exhibition Displays & Demonstrations

3:00PM

**AFTERNOON TEA | Trade & Exhibition Area**

3:30PM

Panel Discussion | Ethics & Application of AI in the Arb industry  
facilitated by Meg Caffin – Chair, Arboriculture Australia  
Felix Lipkin - Principal Data Scientist, Player Piano Data Analytics Pty Ltd  
Peter Sasi - Vice President, greehill Asia-Pacific  
Jonas Christensen – Chief AI Officer, ARAIN

4:30PM

Day 1 close

6:00PM

Buses depart for dinner from QT Hotel

6:30PM

2025 Arb Aus Gala Dinner & Awards | Canberra Arboretum

## TUESDAY 18 MARCH

ARB Stream   Ballroom 1		UAAA Stream   Ballroom 2	
Session Chair: Royce Turner		Session Chair: Vijay Vetrivel	
9:30AM	<b>David Smith</b>   Forest Pathologist/Entomologist, ArborCarbon <i>The use of tree databases, remote sensing and artificial intelligence to assist in urban forest biosecurity preparedness and response</i>	9:30AM	<b>Sean Neale</b>   Business Intelligence Manager, Asplundh Australia <i>Growing with the times</i>
10:15AM	<b>Martin Weaver</b>   City of Perth <i>Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) – The City of Perth, Western Australia response and experience....so far!</i>	10:15AM	<b>Matt Palmer</b>   Vegetation Specialist, Ergon Energy Network, Energex <i>Securing a sustainable supply of hardwood power poles for Energy Queensland</i>
<b>11:00AM MORNING TEA   Trade &amp; Exhibition Area</b>			
Session Chair: Carl Dalla Riva		Session Chair: Vijay Vetrivel	
11:30AM	<b>David Da Silva</b>   Arboriculture Manager, Victoria Racing Club <i>Creating History through trees</i>	11:30AM	<b>Ehren Wittmer</b>   Powerlink Queensland <i>The Evolution of UVM in Changing Community Expectations</i>
12:00PM	<b>Angus Carnegie</b>   Senior Principal Research Scientist, NSW Dept of Primary Industries & Regional Development <i>How can you help protect our urban trees from exotic pests</i>	12:00PM	<b>Joel James</b>   Land and Easement Operational Specialist   Powerlink Queensland <i>Integrated Vegetation Management: Advancing Sustainability in Queensland Utilities</i>
12:30PM	<b>David Galwey</b>   Managing Director, Tree Dimensions <i>Uncommon Law</i>	12:30PM	<b>Graeme McMahon</b>   Safety Consultant & Investigator, Helicopter Tree Removals <i>The use of Helicopters for Sectional Tree Removals and Long Lining Debris</i>
<b>1:00PM Official Conference Close followed by Lunch   Trade &amp; Exhibition Area</b>			
<b>2:30PM-3:30PM Optional Walking Tour   National Arboretum Canberra</b>			