

2025 Training Program

The Longford Academy is pleased to announce our 2025 program of building conservation training, set in the sublime landscape of the World Heritage-listed Woolmers and Brickendon Estates in Longford, Tasmania. There's our usual Summer and Autumn courses, plus a special one on Lime in Building Conservation supported by Heritage Tasmania's Grant Scheme which is for Tasmanians only:

- **Summer School in Building Conservation:** 10–16 February 2025 (7 days)
- **Autumn: Introduction to Practical Building Conservation:** 5–10 May 2025 (6 days)
- **Lime in Building Conservation:** 12–15 May 2025 (4 days).

Summer School in Building Conservation 10–16 February 2025 (7 days)

The Summer School is an intensive seven-day course on the conservation of traditional buildings. It focuses on the use, properties, deterioration and conservation of stone, brick, mortar, plaster, wood, metals and paints. Topics covered include rising damp, salt attack, repointing of masonry, timber decay and joinery repairs, and the repair and reconstruction of corrugated iron roofs. Theory sessions are supported by inspections on the Brickendon and Woolmers Estates.

The Summer School is intended for all those involved in the care and physical management of buildings, including architects, engineers, archaeologists, planners, site managers, conservators, heritage officers and others who specify or oversee works to heritage buildings, as well as tradespeople and builders who want to extend their understanding of materials and heritage issues.

The School provides the theoretical basis for building conservation practice that is further developed in the Autumn session of the Longford Academy where more emphasis is placed on practical aspects.

Autumn: Introduction to Practical Building Conservation 5–10 May 2025 (6 days)

This six-day course introduces participants to the practical aspects of building conservation. Topics covered include paint stripping, dealing with damp and extracting salts, lime-based materials (mortars, plasters and limewashes), diagnosing timber decay and repair needs, roofing and metals. Site inspections and practical activities are reinforced by theory sessions and discussions.



The Longford Academy was established in 2010 by the APT Australasia Chapter and nine editions were coordinated by the Chapter. In 2019, the Longford Academy Inc. was established as an independent body which now has responsibility for all training courses. The APT Australasia Chapter is pleased to be a supporter of the Longford Academy.

The Autumn course is for all those involved in building conservation (whether specifiers or those who are hands-on) who want some practical and theoretical exposure to a range of topics that they're likely to come across in their normal work. More relaxed than the intensive Summer School, the Autumn course provides a good introduction to anyone wanting to learn about looking after older buildings.

Lime in Building Conservation 12–15 May 2025 (4 days)

This special course is only open to Tasmanian tradespeople, builders, architects and related consultants. The course will be a mix of theory, demonstrations, site inspections and hands-on practical work and will cover all aspects of the use of lime, including slaking quicklime mortars, making and using lime putty, repointing mortar joints, sand-lime plastering, harling, limewashing and limewater consolidation treatments.

This course is supported by Heritage Tasmania's Built Heritage Grant Scheme which will fund attendance and provide a daily allowance. There will be a selection process for applicants to ensure a good mix of trades and other disciplines.

Costs

Details of costs will be provided in advance of each course. Registration fees are charged to cover program development and delivery costs, lunches and morning and afternoon teas. Travel and accommodation costs are not included.

Continuing Professional Development

CPD points may be available for credit through your registration body or industry association.

Accommodation

LA is grateful to Woolmers and Brickendon Estates for their ongoing support of our programs, and in return we encourage participants to use their on-site accommodation. LA staff stay at the properties and are always very comfortable. Additional accommodation is available in Longford and the surrounding district. For those wanting extra comfort we recommend the Racecourse Inn at Longford. Accommodation costs are the responsibility of participants.

Transport

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

Enquiries

For all enquiries and to express interest in these courses please email: info@longfordacademy.org.au

