

## **Recognising Trees as assets: How to improve university tree management with limited time and resources**

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This presentation will be based on my work for the University that involved an Urban Forest Project as a part of my Master of Environment.

The presentation will cover:

- Advantages of engaging Students in Grounds management and planning
- Importance of the campus landscape to the student experience
- Advantages of liaising with Academics on projects
- Case study of how UoM aims to maintain and improve its campus grounds into the future and how other university's may replicate this approach
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Urban Forest Analysis
  - Species Selection Issues
  - Urban Forest Monitoring
  - Informing Planning Decisions
  - Campus as a Living Lab, using the campus grounds as a teaching and learning tool
  - Next Steps- a Urban Forest Strategy for the University

### **Bio**

After completing my undergraduate studies (BSc- Forest Science) at the University of Melbourne, I continued on to study a Master of Environment specialising in Urban Forestry & Greening. I am currently working part-time in my field whilst I complete the remainder of my Masters part-time. In the first year of my Masters I undertook a year long internship project. I used my expertise in urban forestry and my networks from previous employment with the university during my undergrad to formulate a project that fulfilled both my own and the University's needs. As such my presentation will use my internship project as a case study to demonstrate the following:

- Importance of the campus landscape to the student experience
- Advantages of engaging Students in university grounds management and planning and how other universities can replicate this
- Advantages of liaising with Academics on projects