



AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE CONFERENCE

Masterclasses with John Patrick

Founded in 1989, The Australian Landscape Conference is dedicated to the promotion of outstanding landscape and garden design. In furtherance of its aims, Masterclasses have been introduced modelled on the courses used by Rosemary Alexander, at The English Gardening School, The Chelsea Physic Garden, London.

Following the Conference, John Patrick will provide a two day Masterclass for delegates at the University of Melbourne's Burnley Campus (500 Yarra Blvd, Richmond). The course is applicable to a wide range of applicants but assumes some experience in garden making.

The Course: The aim of this intensive course is to provide participants with an overview of the landscape design process, professional practice, water conservation and associated plant choices while assisting them to prepare a draft plan for a given garden.

The course will be moulded to meet the expectations of participants. All participants will receive specialist feedback and at the end of each day, the group will discuss and analyse the work. On completion of the course, a certificate of attendance and competency will be awarded.

John Patrick arrived in Australia from England in 1980 to develop Melbourne's renowned Burnley College landscape design course. After lecturing at Burnley for eight years, John established his own landscape architectural practice which continues to thrive. John is a charismatic and respected lecturer who draws on a wealth of experience from a lifetime of interest in gardens, travel, architecture, art and history. He appears regularly on ABC television's *Gardening Australia*, was instrumental in developing Australia's *Open Garden Scheme* and is the founder of Melbourne's *Garden DesignFest* charity open garden events. He has written several books including co-authoring the new and successful *Contemporary Australian Garden Design* (ABC Books).

Monday 14th September

9.30am Introduction. Brief background of John Patrick and discussions of project types and work sourcing. Students background - who, where from, what participants want to get from the course.

10.00am-11.15am Illustrated lecture – Principles of Garden Design – from client brief through surveying, site surroundings, analysis and appraisal, spatial elements, themes (rectangular, circular, diagonal), mass and void, to choosing hard landscaping materials for horizontal and vertical surfaces including water.

11.15am–11.45am Refreshment break

11.45am-1.00pm Working up a concept plan using a grid. Each participant will be given a site plan and will be asked to experiment with using the grid as a design tool - demonstration and exercise to complete in class in pencil on tracing paper overlays.

1.00pm–2.00pm Lunch break

2.00pm-3.30pm Mass and void, choosing horizontal and vertical materials. Steps, water and other hard landscape features. Drafting and setting out a garden layout plan.

3.30pm-4.00pm Student presentation of work and examples of work from the office of John Patrick Pty Ltd. Setting of homework.

Tuesday 15th September

9.30am–10.00am Review of previous evening's homework.

10.00am-11.15am Illustrated lecture - Looking at planting: soil, aspect, natural conditions, structure planting, form and texture, matt and shiny foliage, colour combinations and other elements of planting design including water conservation (Water Sensitive Urban Design), environmental appropriateness, native and exotic planting styles.

11.15am–11.45am Refreshment break

11.45am–1.00pm Demonstration of working up a planting plan. Class room exercise - planting a structure and foliage border. Labelling and plant schedules.

1.00pm–2.00pm Lunch break

2.00pm-3.30pm Class room exercise – planning a theme or colour border.

Participants to choose different themes or colour ways. Drafting and setting out a planting plan.

3.30pm-4.00pm Student presentation of work and examples of work from the office of John Patrick Pty Ltd. Question and answer session.

Course finishes.

John Patrick.

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