

Students attend annual ArchiCamp in Hunter Valley

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Twelve UQ Architecture students in their final year of the Bachelor of Architectural Design attended ArchiCamp at Shepherds Ground in the Hunter Valley in October. ArchiCamp, coordinated by Jiri Loew from The University of Newcastle, provides a hands-on learning experience with creative-focused activities for developing architects. UQ Architecture students joined more than 60 other students from six states for a program of design workshops, tours, talks, discussions and entertainment.



Students relished the opportunity to learn about the local area, which was recently affected by floods, discover new green technologies, and visit a sustainable forestry sawmill and workshop. They learned from award-winning and successful architects that seek solutions from sustainable methods and materials.

ArchiCamp explores real community projects within the Hunter Valley to help students gain valuable project management skills through hands-on experience. Throughout ArchiCamp, students worked on six design briefs before having the opportunity to present their findings and negotiate solutions with actual project clients.

During ArchiCamp, architect and builder Drew Heath presented interesting insights into his work and the architectural detailing process. Architects Kerry and Lindsay Clare also spent a few days at the property, giving presentations and joining the students for nightly campfire dinners. Students also found Klara Marosszeky's hempcrete workshop highly educational.

Inspired by ArchiCamp and its idyllic setting, UQ Architecture students returned to class eager to implement their new knowledge and skills and gain further insights into sustainable practices along with client and project management.

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