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University collaborates with Museum of Old and New Art for Australian Timber Design Workshop

The University of Tasmania's School of Architecture and Design will collaborate with the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) for the 2015 Australian Timber Design Workshop (ATDW). During the ATDW participants will design, fabricate and construct a pavilion for a Tasmanian primary school as part of MONA's 24 Carrot program.

"This workshop continues the University's long tradition in excellence in timber design and in learning by making through an exciting collaboration with MONA," co-organiser Dr Jon Shanks said.

The ATDW provides a hands-on learning opportunity for those interested in the digital design and fabrication process associated with mass customised manufacture of architectural timber structures. The program specifically caters to undergraduate architecture and engineering students and will run from February 2 to 13, 2015.

"Multi-day learning-by-making workshops provide participants with a unique opportunity to work with experienced timber design professionals and make full use of the fantastic workshop facilities available at the University including our new 6-axis KUKA robot," Dr Shanks said.

"The skills participants learn will be useful in architectural, engineering and design practice and are equally relevant to students in these or similar disciplines."

The ATDW has a varied and exciting program. Workshop participants will design, fabricate, construct and install a live project utilising a range of solid timber and engineered wood products.

Workshop co-organiser Architect Peter Booth added that "the beauty of this workshop is that participants will be working on a real problem and have to produce a real building for a real community client."

Learning will be through both practical hands-on tasks and online. Participants will have access to on-line lectures and learning resources prior to the workshop. These will provide a background into the design project brief, timber material characteristics and precedents.

Students from other universities are encouraged to apply through cross-institutional enrolment.

Further information about the ATDW is available at
<http://www.utas.edu.au/architecture-design/atdw-2015>

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