

HEALTHY COUNTRY PLANNING + THE CONSERVATION STANDARDS

Healthy Country Planning Course

Five immersive days of learning, applying and sharing practical approaches to planning and adaptive management.

18–22 January 2027
Five days · four nights

Spring Bay Mill
Lutruwita / Tasmania

\$3,800 + GST
per person

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Learn the framework. Explore it in action. Apply it to your own work.

About the course

Five days of learning by doing. A planning tool that keeps guiding action.

- A powerful planning and management framework
- Adapted from the Conservation Standards with First Nations communities
- Adaptive management of natural and cultural values of land and sea
- Relevant for local and global applications
- Used by First Nations communities, government and non-government organisations and private landholders
- Globally recognised and supported framework



- Small working groups
- Expert facilitators
- Real content based around a local case study
- Practical exercises to apply the theory each day
- Field trip to Wukaluwikiwayna / Maria Island
- Collaborate and stay connected with peers from around Australia

Who should attend

- Land and sea management and operations teams
- Conservation and community planning bodies
- Area-based project managers
- Community, cultural and natural resource managers
- Policy makers and funding providers



What you'll leave with

- **Healthy Country Planning / Conservation Standards:** a foundational knowledge of a globally-recognised planning framework.
- **Local, participatory and scalable:** a framework and mindset to honour and bridge local and participatory with global and scalable adaptive management.
- **Closing the adaptive management loop:** practical ways to connect planning, doing and reviewing, for practitioners, their partners and funders.
- **Bi-cultural applications:** understand processes and outputs that can honour both traditional and modern audiences and governance needs.
- **Partnering and stakeholder engagement:** using plans to support funding and partnership arrangements.
- **Community:** learn from and stay connected with peers through supported communities of practice.
- **University recognition:** receive credit towards the University of Tasmania's Graduate Certificate in Protected Area Planning and Master of Protected Area Conservation.



Partners in delivery



Our Common Place — your facilitators

Our Common Place is an intercultural not-for-profit that walks alongside communities, governments and organisations to strengthen the shared foundations around custodianship of Country, culture and livelihoods across generations. The course will be co-facilitated with a local First Nations facilitator.



Spring Bay Mill — your hosts

Spring Bay Mill provides the setting for five days of learning, conversation and connection, with accommodation and meals together on site.



CCNet — your community of practice

The Conservation Coaches Network Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand connects practitioners using adaptive management and the Conservation Standards, supporting learning beyond the course.



University of Tasmania

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Why learn with Our Common Place?

Our Common Place has spent more than two decades adapting Healthy Country Planning alongside First Nations communities and partners across Australia. We don't just teach the framework—we share what we've learned about applying it in complex intercultural settings, where relationships, community priorities and long-term collaboration matter as much as the technical process.

Guide schedule

Five days from orientation to shared learning

DAY 1 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM	DAY: Travel from Hobart. Welcome, team setup. Intro to Healthy Country Planning. Overview of case study. EVENING: Pre-planning, Scope & Vision, Values
DAY 2 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	MORNING: Reflection. Value Health (Viability). Threats & prioritisation of threats. AFTERNOON: Situation Analyses. Goals and Objectives. EVENING: Miradi demonstration
DAY 3 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM	DAY: Field trip to Wukaluwikiwayna / Maria Island - explore our case study on Country (understand vision, targets, threats). Continue workshops on the island: Review/reflection. Action development and prioritisation. Implementation discussion. EVENING: Developing roadmaps
DAY 4 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM	MORNING: Review/reflection. Monitoring plans. Action and work plans. Analyse, review and adapt. AFTERNOON: Communicate and share - putting it all together. Resources and support. EVENING: Teams prepare their presentations
DAY 5 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM	MORNING: Teams presents their case study plans. Feedback and discussion. Course wrap up. AFTERNOON: Travel back to Hobart. 2pm drop-off at airport, 2:30pm arrival in Hobart.

Theory → practice → reflection → adaptation.

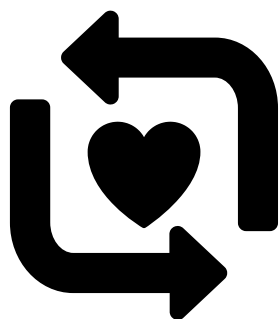


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Join us at Spring Bay Mill

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Includes four nights' accommodation, full catering, course materials, the Maria Island field trip, and return transport between Hobart and Spring Bay Mill.



Real relationships

If you work alongside a First Nations community or organisation, consider supporting a community member to attend. Learning together strengthens relationships, shared understanding and future collaboration.

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