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# The University of Queensland

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# Acknowledgement of **Country**

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.



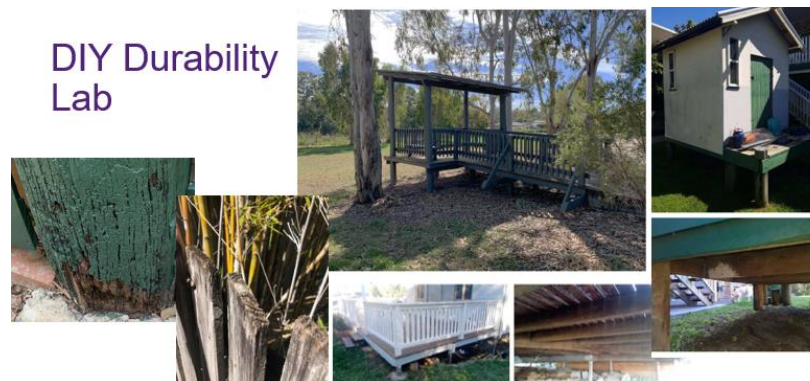
# Timber Related Subjects Taught at UQ

Course	Year	Students
Design of Timber Structures & Architecture Course	4 <sup>th</sup> year Bachelors and Masters	50-90
Fire Engineering Design: Explicit Quantification of Safety	Masters	20
Structural Fire Engineering	Masters	20-40

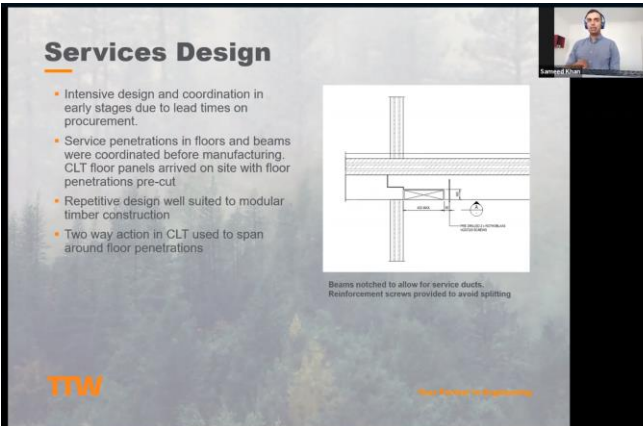
## Group Design Project



## DIY Durability Lab



## Zoom Guest Lectures



**Services Design**

- Intensive design and coordination in early stages due to lead times on procurement.
- Service penetrations in floors and beams were coordinated before manufacturing. CLT floor panels arrived on site with floor penetrations pre-cut.
- Repetitive design well suited to modular timber construction
- Two way action in CLT used to span around floor penetrations

Beams notched to allow for service ducts. Reinforcement screws provided to avoid splitting

TTW

New Project in Queensland



# Australian Timber Design Workshop | CPDs

Integrated Timber Design CPD course -  
fire, durability, hygrothermal performance (2019)  
Timber Hub Showcase – Webinar Series (2021)  
Australian Timber Design Workshop (2022)





# School of Civil Engineering Research Themes



- Monitoring, evaluation and restoration of natural ecosystems
- Addressing natural and man-made hazards
- Development of sustainable modern infrastructure for complex interconnected cities
- Utilising big data to enhance the functionally and design of smart cities



# Broad Research Expertise

## Structural Engineering



Prof Keith Crews  
Dr Paola Leardini



Dr Lisa Ottenhaus  
Kim Baber



A/Prof Joe Gattas  
Dr Dan Luo

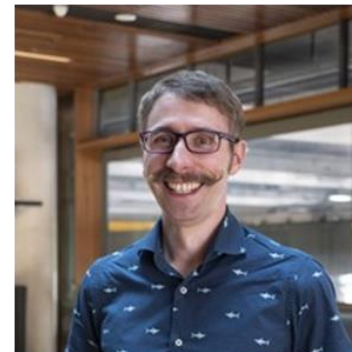


## Architecture & Design

## Fire Safety Engineering



Dr Cristian Maluk  
Dr Luis Yerman



Dr Felix Wiesner  
A/Prof Paul Dargusch



Dr David Lange  
Dr Cristyn Meath



## Materials & Environmental Science

## Sustainability

# Timber Research

- Supporting **Revision of Australian Standards** (AS1649, AS1684, AS1720.1)
- **Timber Fire Safety**, large-scale and open-plan CLT buildings, QFES Live Fire Campus
- **Durable timber structures**, with National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life
- **CLT building performance** in hot-humid climates
- Adaptable timber buildings, reversible connections, **design for circular economy**
- **Digital design and fabrication**, building performance and resource efficiency
- **Artificial intelligence** for manufacture, image recognition and timber grading
- **Carbon offsets** and verified emissions reductions, lifecycle emissions savings
- **Cross-disciplinary collaboration**, Infrastructure CoLab, UQ Sustainable Infrastructure Research Hub, architects, designers, engineers, sustainability managers, contracts managers

# Timber Related R&D with Industry

- 2023-2028 ARC Research Hub (Lead: Crews) \$6.4m cash & \$12m in-kind
- 2022-2027 ARC Linkage (Leardini, Ottenhaus, Crews) \$336k R&D of Adaptable Timber Buildings (Fairweather Homes, Pro Clima Australia)
- 2020-2023 R&D of Reversible Connections | Sherpa Connectors GmbH, PhD Project, Zidi Yan (Supervisor: Ottenhaus)
- 2022 Industry funded R&D projects (Multiplex, 3RT, Pentarch, Public Works NSW, AkzoNobel, DFC Wood products) approx. \$120k (Crews)
- 2021-2023 "Optimisation of Timber Selection in Low-Rise Residential Building Wall Frame Construction", MPhil Project, Jian Jiang, (Supervisor: Gattas)



# UQ Labs & Facilities

## Structures Lab

- Strong floor and reaction wall
- 1MN and 10MN MTS machines
- Wind Tunnel
- Digital fabrication | Robot arm
- Environmental chamber
- Oven for timber drying

## Architecture Co-Lab

- CNC router
- Laser cutters
- Woodworking machinery (saws)
- 1:1 scale prototyping

## Pinjarra Hills Research Facility

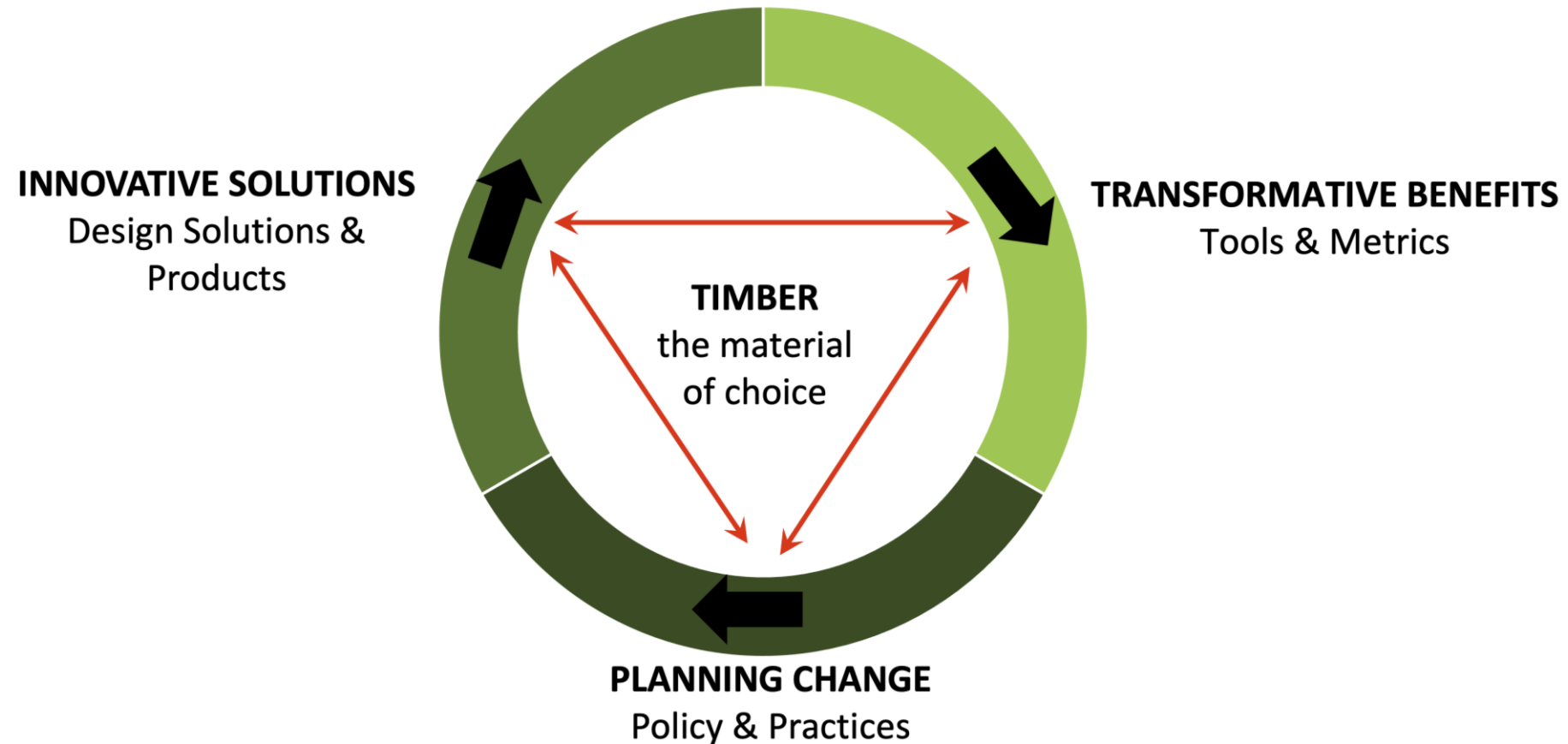
- Full-scale builds

## Fire Lab

- Bomb calorimeter
- Muffle furnace
- Thermo-gravimetric analysis
- Fourier transform infrared spectroscope
- Integrating sphere
- Transient plane source
- Mass loss calorimeter
- iCone calorimeter
- Fire propagation apparatus
- Large scale heat release analyser
- Modular radiant burner array
- Bench-scale H-TRIS
- Large-scale H-TRIS
- Smouldering reactor
- Environmental chamber



# Research Hub to Advance Timber for Australia's Built Environment







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# Thank you

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CTBUH Steel-Timber Hybrid Construction

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