



Understanding Poplars and Willows

Programme

Day One 21 February

Copthorne Solway Park

10:00 – 10:30 Registration and morning tea

Session One – The researcher, the LMA, and the farmer

10:30 – 11:30 The Researcher – historical perspective and the NZ breeding programme

11:30 – 12:10 The LMA – the regional scene

12:10 – 12:30 The Farmer – the land, the LMA, and the tree

12:30 – 1:30 **LUNCH**

Session Two – Nursery Practice

1:30 – 1:50 Travel to Akura Nursery

1:50 – 2:00 Akura Site Induction

2:00 – 3:10 Nursery Practice

3:10 – 3:30 Travel to Copthorne Solway Park

3:30 – 4:00 **AFTERNOON TEA**

Session Three – How trials inform us

4:00 – 5:00 How national and local trials inform us

Day Two 22 February

Copthorne Solway Park & Weraiti and Bideford

8:30 – 9:20 Farm plan and works programme design. Introduction to the desktop exercise in planning the planting

9:20 Board bus for field trip

9:30 – 9:50 Travel to Weraiti

10:00 – 10:30 Weraiti Trial Site – Tree ID exercise and morning tea

10:30 – 12:10 The Weraiti trial and collaborative research



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12:20 – 1:00 Travel to Bideford

1:00 – 1:45 **LUNCH**

1:45 – 3:15 Planted site – Choosing varieties and sites, growth characteristics, erosion forms, auditing, tree management, a lesson in form pruning and pole planting

3:15 – 4:15 Bare site – Planning the planting, discussion of results, and questions

4:15 – 5:00 Travel to Copthorne Solway Park

Day Three 23 February

Copthorne Solway Park

8:00 – 10:00 Promotion and extension

10:00 – 10:30 **MORNING TEA**

10:30 – 10:50 Course summary

10:50 – 11:45 Q&A Panel

11:45 – 12:00 Course evaluation