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## 2017 DANA NZ Forest — Wood Products Conference & Field Trip



Rotorua based DANA (NZ) Ltd is again holding a field trip and conference series in Rotorua in 2017.

This includes a 1- day field trip on Monday 21 August, a welcome reception and speaker that evening, followed by a 1- day conference on Tuesday 22 August, all of which will provide excellent opportunities for networking.

A “full on” field trip on Monday includes visits to:

- The green and dry mills of the largest sawmilling complex in the Southern Hemisphere
- Green mills of two niche “add value” pruned log sawmills
- The world’s largest dairy factory, with a massive brand new drier and a huge cheese factory – as well as seeing innovative new “add value” dairy products. *Is this what the forest processing sector has to emulate to become more internationally competitive?*
- John Deere’s Waratah global felling head manufacturing facility
- The Putaruru Timber Museum

On Monday evening we have a Welcome Networking Reception, where Kiwiblog Editor **David Farrar** will set the scene for the next day’s conference, by giving his views on the New Zealand political scene and with possible election outcomes.

We hold a 1- day conference on Tuesday 22 August covering a variety of forest industry and political topics. The looming election will feature at the conference with:

- A political party forestry spokesperson panel. Already five of the six parties have confirmed their attendance, including by two Ministers (**Hon. Louise Upston** and **Hon. Te Ururoa Flavell**)
- A presentation by the Minister of Economic Development, and Transport, **Hon. Simon Bridges**

- Another a senior Cabinet Minister has been invited

Before the “political afternoon” a number of high profile speakers will present. Speakers already confirmed include:

- **Marty Verry**, Chairman of Red Stag Timber presenting on Red Stag's experience in the New Zealand sector and on building and commissioning the largest sawmill in the Southern Hemisphere.
- **Dr. Christopher Auchin** with his topic: The 21st Century Forest Industry Workforce: Highly "Tech Savvy - Educated -Trained" only need apply.
- **Gary Caulfield**, CEO of Xlam, with a presentation on Xlam's New Zealand, and Australian world scale Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) mill – to be commissioned later in 2017.
- **Dr. Andres Katz**, Global Chief Economist for US TIMO RMS, presenting on NZ Wood log market trends and opportunities for NZ Forest owners - with a special Review of Chinese Wood Market Opportunities.
- **A Speaker from Prefab New Zealand** (to be confirmed)

On the field trip we will stop by the Hancock Timber Resources Group (HTRG) Tokoroa office where **Bill McCallum**, Managing Director, Australasia and President of Hancock Forest Management (HFM) will address the field trip delegates on Hancock's international and Oceania timberland funds management business– which totals NZ\$ 17 billion world-wide.

Full details of programme, speakers and online registration, venue and accommodation can be found on the [website](#), or for further information regarding this conference or queries please email Julie Bell, Conference Organiser [admin@dana.co.nz](mailto:admin@dana.co.nz)