

With the recent announcement that Chinese wood panel company Fenglin is to invest \$180 million in a huge new world scale Particle Board mill at Kawerau, **DANA 2017 NZ Forest - Wood Products Field Trip & Conference** organiser Dennis Neilson is pleased to have recently confirmed a presentation on this topic by His Worship the Mayor Malcolm Campbell, Kawerau District Council.

This announcement is the culmination of several years of the Council and its advisers working to revitalise Kawerau, after some decades of the decline in the town's fortunes after several major changes to the wood industry sectors established in Kawerau from the mid-1950s.

This confirmation completes the line-up which also includes:

- Four Cabinet Ministers, and four other of MPs presenting on forestry, economic development, roading and trade issues facing New Zealand leading into, and beyond the September General Election.
- The New Zealand forestry sector in 2000 2017 -- and possibly in 2030?: Observations by the CEO of New Zealand's largest forest management company (and who manages probably the most productive sawlog plantation forest on the planet).
- The "Red Stag" Experience: from a moribund sawmill in 2003 to massive new developments just completed and continuing.
- The XLam experience: from a small local Cross laminated Timber (CLT) in 2012, to a Trans-Tasman giant building one the world largest CLT plants in 2017
- Carbon Trading and the NZ ETS: What will give? What will post-Trump and Post-Paris changes mean to the NZ forestry sector; and to NZ in general?
- The State and future of New Zealand log markets; with special reference to China.

More details of the pre-conference field trip, networking function with guest speaker coming soon

Full details of programme, speakers and online registration, venue and accommodation can

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be found on the <u>website</u>, or for further information regarding this field trip and conference or any other queries please email Julie Bell, Conference Organiser <u>admin@dana.co.nz</u>

You can register now on the website. Discounted registration applies for members of NZIF.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For all details see here



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