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## 2017 DANA NZ Forest — Wood Products Conference



DANA has been involved with organising almost 50 conferences over the last 20 years; including almost 10 in New Zealand. But in all that time Conference convenor, DANA Director Dennis Neilson has not been able to advertise any conference as being truly “inspirational”.

However, for the **2017 DANA NZ Forest - Wood Products Conference** we can confidently say this will be dominated by “inspirational” presentations.

To cite just some, in this mailout:

- **Trade Minister Todd McLay**, will speak on several major new trade initiatives on his plate – which may transform future trade patterns from and to NZ. These include a major Review of the NZ- China 10- year old, Free Trade Agreement, a revised “TPP-11” FTA (which the Minister has been leading), and a “Pacific Alliance” FTA Agreement with 4 Latin American Countries: Mexico, Peru, Chile and Colombia. These four countries boast more than 221 million people and a combined GDP of US\$3.85 trillion - equivalent to the world’s sixth largest economy. The Minister could not help but to provide an inspirational address, with a possible “open skies” future for NZ trade ahead.
- **Transport and Economic Development Minister Simon Bridges**, has been allocated \$9.2 billion of funds from the Finance Minister just to build roads in NZ over the next 4 years (+\$2 billion for rail). This is a huge and unprecedented sum of money to “play” with. In addition with the next Americas Cup, space rocketry, and global billionaires galore wanting to invest in NZ, his dual roles of Economic Development and Transport must be the best job in NZ. Expect an “inspirational” presentation from the Minister.
- **Red Stag (RS) Chairman Marty Verry** can be proud of his achievement of spending \$140 million on new sawmilling investment over the last decade – more than all other sawmills in NZ combined. And RS is about to embark on another major round of “post- new sawmill” spending of \$50 million on even more new equipment to increase capacity and add value product production. But Marty wants to talk mainly on: **Wood will be the Norm in NZ Mid-Rise Buildings by 2030 – Here’s The Pathway** – a more “inspirational” address, and one that will guide future sawmilling trends.

- **Robert Green the new CEO of Timberlands**, the manager of the giant 180,000 hectare, with a harvest of 4 million m<sup>3</sup> per year Kaingaroa Forest, will talk on ***Observations and Opportunities in NZ Forestry; 2000, today, and in 2030***. Seasoned international campaigner, Robert, who has held senior industry positions in NZ, USA and Australia, is already rumoured to have views on the future of Kaingaroa which may lead to a divergence from the “traditional” industry pathway.
- **Kawerau Mayor Malcolm Campbell** will discuss **The Road to the \$180 million Fenslin [Particle Board] Investment at Kawerau** - which would be the largest single investment in the NZ forest Industry for many decades. How “inspirational” is that?

More details on the other 5 presentation sessions to follow in the next mailout.

**STOP PRESS:** DANA can now confirm that it will have not one, but two nationally recognised political commentators speaking at its reception on August 21st

**6.00pm - 7.30pm Reception: 2017 NZ General Election Outcome Possibilities Presentation: An Auckland and a Wellington Prediction:** David Farrar, Editor, Kiwiblog and Director of Curia Market Research, and Matthew Hooton, Political Commentator and Director of Exceltium

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 any other queries please email Julie Bell, Conference Organiser [admin@dana.co.nz](mailto:admin@dana.co.nz)

You can register now on the [website](#). Discounted registration applies for members of NZIF.

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