

Wood processing



**Eastland
Wood Council**
Te Kaunihera Pororākau o Te Tairāwhiti

Forestry for life

Kia ora koutou

Forestry is one of the major economic drivers for this district. In this issue of Forestry For Life, we look at local wood processing in Tairāwhiti and we

acknowledge the vital role of transporting logs from harvested radiata pine forests to the port for export markets and for local wood processing.

Philip Hope, CEO
Eastland Wood Council

Proud to be here

Juken New Zealand Ltd (JNL) is a New Zealand-based company with a growing global reach. JNL has been heavily involved with the New Zealand forestry and wood processing industries for the past 25 years — manufacturing advanced and innovative wood products from selectively planted, managed and harvested radiata pine for local and export markets.

Regionally, JNL employs 280 locals directly and indirectly via contractors. When considering all of the support services this number swells to well over 300.

JNL's forests are a mix of long-term lease and licence and also freehold land use. The company takes pride in the way it manages and takes care of its forests, from land preparation, seed selection, planting, disease and pest control to pruning, thinning and harvesting. It's a deliberate, methodical and continuous process to ensure the product requirements are met in a sustainable way.

JNL is one of the last forestry companies to maintain a high level of pruning up to 8.5m high to produce clear wood for the Gisborne factory.

The Gisborne factory, locally known as the JNL mill, produces solid wood. Quarter sawn clears, these are the highest quality of any grade of solid wood. JNL's quarter sawn clears are made from pruned saw logs that are precision sawn and kiln dried, then dressed on all four sides. The result is a

dimensionally stable, clear, straight vertical grain wood product, free of knots and with high visual and aesthetic appeal.

JNL's solid wood can travel a long way offshore. Builders of a Spirit yacht have used timber decking made from JNL quarter sawn prune in conjunction with lignia as a replacement for traditional teak.

The Gisborne factory also produces structural laminated veneer lumber or SLVL. This is made from rotary peeled wood veneers and is used in the New Zealand and overseas markets for structural applications where strength, stiffness and reliable dimensions are required. It is suited to a wide range of commercial and residential applications.

Outside Gisborne, the JNL company produces a wide variety of wood and panel products. A lot of these are seen at local building sites. The use of J frame engineered timber is highly recommended by JNL brand ambassador Peter Wolfkamp from the reality series "The Block NZ".

J frame is a general purpose SLVL gauged framing timber. It is a straight, reliable and durable product. JNL's Triboard and Strand board products are now a regular feature within New Zealand homes and come with impressive detail and finish to the completed home.

JNL and NZ4U2U (a Christchurch-based family business), are using three JNL



JNL's J frame timber being used in New Zealand construction.



Dylan Foster, general manager, Juken New Zealand Ltd



JNL's quarter sawn clears in association with Lignia, used for yacht decking.

products to build portable tiny homes for rent and purchase. These come in single or two-bedroom configurations and make a fantastic static caravan with just that bit more room for long-term living.

NZ4U2U are using Strandfloor® for the floors, J-Frame for the framing and Triboard as the internal linings. The tiny home concept is catching on in New Zealand, and with land and housing costs on the increase, these affordable options

become more attractive. When space is at a premium and quality matters, JNL Premium Wood Solutions are at the forefront.

JNL Gisborne Mill opened in 1994 and is getting close to celebrating 30 years in the Tairāwhiti region. JNL is proud to be part of the fabric of this great community and is looking forward to being part of this region for many more years to come.

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First-hand look at Mangatu Forest harvest

Earlier this month Mayor Rehette Stoltz and district councillor Meredith Akuhata-Brown were guests of Ernslaw One. They were accompanied by Bill Wheeler (regional manager, Ernslaw One) and colleagues Jill Macaulay and Darren Mann to see first-hand the harvest of radiata pine at Mangatu Forest.

Their first stop was at a vantage point where Errol Tuhi of Pacific Haulage Limited (PHL) was waiting

with his new Kenworth. Errol gave the Mayor and councillor a drive in his new unit so they could experience rural public roads from the viewpoint of the driver. This was clearly a highlight for our special guests.

The rural road network is of critical importance to our industry, our people and all communities in Tairāwhiti and Errol emphasised the importance of making country roads safe for trucks.



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