

The New Zealand Manufacturers and Exporters Association (NZMEA)

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The NZMEA was formed through the merger of the Canterbury Manufacturers' Association (CMA) and the New Zealand Engineers Federation (NZEF) in 2007. The CMA was founded in 1879 and the NZEF in 1945.

The Association is focused on manufacturing and export issues. From our early history those who volunteered to provide governance for the Association sought to encourage and support manufacturing and exporting in New Zealand. Careful management throughout has built a respected, sound and well-resourced organisation.

A vibrant and growing manufacturing sector that will form the foundation of first world living standards for all New Zealanders is our goal. Against the backdrop of globalisation, success in manufacturing and exporting gets ever more challenging. Every day brings the need to do things better than they were done yesterday.

Council and CEO Forum

An experienced and senior governance structure has long been a feature of the Association. The NZMEA council is drawn from the Chief Executive or General Manager level of many manufacturing and exporting enterprises. The Council and CEO Forum authorises policy and approves all major decisions of the Association.

The Council delegates operational authority to an Executive Board drawn from the Council itself. The members of the Council and CEO Forum offer powerful insights and vast experience to the benefit of the Association and the rest of the membership. Currently the Council and CEO Forum membership is:

President

Gordon Sutherland, Chief Executive, A W Fraser Ltd

Senior Vice President

Allen Voss, General Manager, Davin Industries Ltd

Vice President

Frank Owen, Managing Director, Tait Electronics

Immediate Past President

John Errington, Managing Director, Blue Marble Polymers

Council and Executive Members

Malcolm Corbett, Managing Director, Axis Management (NZMEA Life Member)

Peter Herbert, Managing Director, Specialised Components - Auckland

John Holm, Managing Director, HazChem Solutions Asia/Pacific Limited

Dr Robin Mann, Life Member

Cameron Moore, Director, Torrens Enterprises Ltd (NZMEA Life Member)

Brian Willoughby, Managing Director, Contex Engineers Ltd

Scott Yates, Managing Director, CeeGee Industries - Auckland

“governance drawn from manufacturers and exporters is the key feature of the Association”

“Officers of the Association hold the post for two years, bringing stability balanced with a force for change”

Council Members

Mark Barnes, Invited Member
Nigel Burson, Chief Executive, MCP Products Ltd
Graeme Dreaver, Classique Furniture Ltd, Furniture Trade Group Representative
Trevor Edwards, Managing Director, Multi-Machinery (Superheat)
Mark Field, General Manager, Elastomer Products, Plastics Trade Group Representative
Ted Mace, Managing Director, Mace Engineering Ltd (NZMEA Life Member)
William Moeller, Manager Operations, Christchurch Engine Centre
Gary Monk, Plant Manager, Gelita NZ Ltd
Simon Myers, Operations & Finance Manager, Aucom Electronics
Mike Murphy, General Manager, Elldex Packaging
Selwyn Pellett, Managing Director, Imarda Pty Ltd - Auckland
Bruce Russell, General Manager, The Dakin Group of Companies
Rick Smith, Chief Executive, Patience & Nicholson Ltd
Guy Stewart, Chief Executive, Skope Industries Ltd
Robert Stewart, Chairman, Skope Industries Ltd (NZMEA Life Member)
Peter Suckling, Managing Director, Wyma Engineering Ltd
Tom Thomson, Managing Director, Elastomer Products Ltd
David Walker, General Manager, Kovacs Design Furniture Ltd
Grant Wallace, Managing Director, Electropar Ltd – Auckland
Steve Wilson, Managing Director, Talbot Plastics Ltd
Mike Whitty, General Manager, South Island, Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Ltd
Keith Whiteley, Managing Director, CWF Hamilton Limited

“Council and CEO Forum members bring significant experience and exposure to matters of the day”

Staff

John L Walley, CEO

John has a wide experience with international manufacturing and distribution companies in the marine, electronics and software sectors.

He is a Chartered Engineer, Fellow of the Institute of Professional Engineers of New Zealand, the New Zealand Institute of Management, the Institute of Quality Assurance UK, and a Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers UK.

Currently John is a Director of Hamer Group Ltd, Imarda Ltd and Powerhouse Ventures and Chair of Proactive Software Ltd. He is a past director of Stabi Craft Marine Ltd, Industrial Research Ltd, Innovation Finance (a subsidiary of Industrial Research Ltd), and past Chair of Canterprise and Nano Cluster Devices Ltd.

“we look for high performance staff with an empathy for our members”

Tonia Bullen, Accountant

Tonia does the accounting for the NZMEA, the Mancan Foundation and Manufacturing Growth Solutions. She reports to F&I each month, preparing three sets of accounts for audit and going through the audit process. Tonia also does financial reporting for trade groups and manages the Mancan investment funds.

Andrea Crannitch, Conference & Catering Manager

Andrea has extensive knowledge and experience of catering and conference centre management. This has been gained from more than 35 years in the hospitality industry, where she has organised events for 2 to 2000 participants. Andrea holds a current Bar Managers Licence. She has great attention to detail that ensures every event is a success. Visit the [Mancan House website](#).

Tom Crannitch, Chef

Tom is the Chef for the Conference Centre. He also liaises with Andrea and ensures room set-up and equipment are to clients specifications.

Trudy Diggs, Administration Officer

Trudy's role as Administration Officer covers many areas of the Association, including PA to John Walley, looking after member subscriptions, invoicing and queries and is the point of contact for MEAssists. Trudy is also the co-ordinator for the Engineers Industry Group and secretariat for the Canterbury Furniture Manufacturers' Trade Group.

Maggie Hong, Economist

Maggie recently completed her Masters degree in Economics, from the University of Canterbury. With a wide interest in industrial economics and knowledge of government policy, she is able to provide sound judgement, intuition and reliable statistical figures when assessing options, analysis and comment on public documents. Maggie can also provide analysis and research for members' queries as they arise, and support other membership activity in the Association.

“we have a great team working hard for our members”

Peter Hume, Media Liaison Officer

Peter's role as Media Liaison Officer covers internal and external communication at the NZMEA. He writes the Association's Press Releases, and is the point of contact for any members looking for publicity. Peter holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours in Political Science from the University of Canterbury, giving him polished writing skills and an excellent knowledge of government relations.

Karla Clapham, Programme Administrator

Karla is responsible for liaising with the membership through regular quarterly phone calls, we want to know the issues you face so the Association can work in your best interests. Karla is also the administrator for all the events run by the Association; forums, seminars, longer programmes and workshops, she is also the editor of the member newsletter.

David Norris, Executive Officer – Christchurch

David brings over 15 years experience working in manufacturing industries in New Zealand and Europe. He is responsible for relationships with new and existing members of the association as well as managing the training and events programme. David is keen to help promote development of the manufacturing and exporting sectors in New Zealand.

John Rigby, Executive Officer – Auckland

Prior to emigrating to NZ in 1975 John was an Export Sales Manager for a major European packaging company, specialising in Middle Eastern markets. During his career in New Zealand John has held various manufacturing, operations and general management positions with most of the large Australasian FMCG companies. He has also had extensive experience in exporting and trading in the Pacific Islands. He is an accredited mentor for Business New Zealand and has a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Studies from University of Auckland.