



Making New Zealand

**WE SUPPORT
WE CONNECT
WE SPEAK UP**

The Manufacturers' Network is a group of globally competitive New Zealand manufacturers who want to grow their businesses, and New Zealand's economy, through collaboration, innovation and the exchange of knowledge and ideas.



Advanced Manufacturing Technologies / Industry 4.0

The Manufacturers' Network has an ongoing focus on helping our members be aware of the possibilities and challenges that come with changing technology, specifically, that of Industry 4.0/ and other advanced manufacturing technologies.

We run events which are both peer and expert-led, share knowledge and experience, run study tours and site visits and build our connections with overseas companies and groups that can provide expertise.

Getting real practical advice on how other companies have implemented new technology is often the best way to grasp how your own business can benefit.

- Peer-to-peer learning and sharing of experience
- Site visits to see technology in action
- Study tours overseas
- Expert led events
- Building connections with vendors and overseas companies, experts and institutions

Our overseas study tours have included a trip to Germany to visit the Hanover Fair, and a trip to Melbourne to see a number of companies who have found different ways to incorporate Industry 4.0 technology into their production.

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JOIN THE MANUFACTURERS' NETWORK

Join The Manufacturers' Network and together we will grow New Zealand's vibrant manufacturing sector.

We Support Your Business

- By acting as a focal point of relevant information that we share with you in a targeted manner. Preparing you and your business for future challenges is becoming a major part of this.
- By providing training courses on key topics that will advance your business and support smart operations.
- By helping you expand into new markets.
- By providing free export documentation that allows you to gain the benefits of FTAs.

We Connect You

- To other manufacturer's knowledge, experience and expertise, both in person and electronically through Network Assist.
- To like-minded people through unique peer learning, networking events and factory visits.
- By providing opportunities to meet and engage with officials, politicians and thought leaders/influencers.

We Speak Up On Your Behalf

- We listen to your views and act on issues. Your views inform our work, from raising them directly with politicians and Government officials, to making formal submissions.
- We work with other manufacturing industry organisations to add weight to our advocacy on issues common to all aspects of manufacturing.
- We work pro-actively with media to change the perception of and promote understanding of manufacturing, reflecting its true value, growth and employment opportunities.

What will your business get out of membership?

Access to your industry peers

Attending The Manufacturers Network events allows you to gain a network of industry peers.

Get quality advice and answers to problems

Our Network Assist tool gives members the ability to send out a question or opportunity out to their manufacturing peers to gain real on the ground advice.

Keeping yourself and your staff up-to-date

Our events, forums, training sessions and regular newsletters give your company a place to gain up to date information on issues that directly impact your business.

A committed voice for you with Government and in the media

We work to represent your views and concerns in the media and actively lobby Government on policy critical to manufacturers, painting the exciting picture of modern manufacturing and its valuable contribution to New Zealand's economy.

How will your business benefit?

- Better decision making.
- Create, maintain or grow your competitive advantage.
- Improve your productivity and profitability.
- Obtain fast, industry focused support and advice.
- Input into your industry's future.



“Membership of The Manufacturers' Network allows me to gain and share knowledge with like-minded manufactures and keep up to date with the latest developments in advanced manufacturing thinking. The network provides practical support for my business and is a committed voice for our industry.”

Rick Smith
Operations Manager, Sutton Tools (NZ)
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