

About CHH

Carter Holt Harvey (CHH) is Australasia's leading forest products company.

The company was formed over 100 years ago and presently employs approximately 2,600 people in Australia.

The Myrtleford facility commenced sawmilling and pulping operations in 1975 as Australian Forest Industries. Plywood manufacture began in 1981.

CHH purchased the facility in 1995. Since CHH's occupancy, the site has operated as a Sawmill, Ply Mill, Treatment Plant and Pulp Mill. The Pulp Mill was decommissioned in 1999.

The proposed plywood development will add to this proud history at Myrtleford.

Illustrated below is a before and after development view from Pinnagers Lane (note: there will be minimal visual changes)



Myrtleford

Logs supplied to the Mill will be sourced from sustainable managed forests under chain of custody certification



We'd like to hear your comments about our planned Plywood Mill

Correspondence can be sent directly to the Mill at:

**CHH Woodproducts Australia Pty Ltd
Myrtleford- Yackandandah Road**

MYRTLEFORD VIC 3737



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Plywood Mill Upgrade



Australia's first 'world class' Plywood Mill utilising 'state of the art' manufacturing equipment.

Scheduled Construction: May 2010
Scheduled Commissioning: May 2011

The Plywood Mill development will provide a secure future for the Myrtleford site.

Dear neighbour, we are pleased to announce a new and exciting Plywood Mill investment for Myrtleford that demonstrates Carter Holt Harvey's commitment to the future of the Australian Woodproducts industry and the domestic employment that it supports in regional Australia.

Why is it needed?

The existing sawmill is over 25 years old and is inefficient by today's standards. A development is essential for the long term security of operations.

What happens to employment in the region?

One of the benefits of the new mill is the retraining and up-skilling of employees to operate and maintain a high-tech plywood facility as well as the benefits to the region during the construction phase and well into the future. This includes securing jobs in harvesting, haulage and off-site services that the Mill helps support.

What happens to the existing operations?

It is our intention to continue to operate both the sawmill and the current plymill during the construction phase and to manage a smooth transition to the new facility without any supply interruptions to our customers. The current products that are manufactured at the sawmill will cease production at Myrtleford after the completion of the new Plywood Mill.

Many of the existing facilities will be retained for the plywood production including: the boilers; some kilns; the de-barker; the logyard, offices, car parks and the Drymill and Ply-mill buildings.

There will be no physical changes to site access and egress routes with truck entry via Pinnagers Lane.

Are Approvals Necessary?

We are in the process of obtaining approvals for the upgrade which will progress over February 2010.

Approvals include: Alpine Shire Council Planning Permit; and also an EPA Works Approval.

Details of the EPA submission will be made available by the EPA during February.

Over the coming months CHH will consult with employees and the local community on project details and the benefits to the region.

Will it meet high environmental standards?

CHH personnel have toured Europe and Canada to select the most efficient plant in its class. The plant design means:

- better energy efficiency and less greenhouse gases;
- reduced water demands;
- improved air quality
- less visible smoke and blue haze in the valley.

What traffic will be generated?

Traffic numbers in the area will reduce as production levels are some 20-30% lower than the sawmill capacity.



Contact us:

If you like to know more or wish to relay any comments about the proposed upgrade we'd like to hear from you.

Please contact me (see below details)

or

Speak with one of our team members in person at the Community Briefing Session scheduled for Friday 15th and Saturday 16th January 2010 in town.

For further information please visit www.chhwoodproducts.com.au

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