

THE TASMAN DIFFERENCE

Our sustainable promise



TASMAN.
LEATHERS OF
NEW ZEALAND.

Tasman Tanning started as a small family business back in 1953, on the banks of New Zealand's Whanganui river. From our humble beginnings, our reputation grew - a reputation for meticulous attention to detail, production with integrity and above all, fine quality leather. It's this reputation that's allowed us to grow our operation into the unique business that it is today: we are Australasia's only end-to-end leather processor. We've developed trusted relationships with clients all over the globe, and we've become an integral part of our community. At Tasman, we believe we thrive when our community thrives.

Fashion changes, trends come and go - but through 65 years of experience we know that growth is always earned by reputation. We've seen the world become a more connected and conscious place, where people look to brands they can trust. We honour this responsibility enthusiastically, and we are committed to a sustainable future. As always, we aspire to make the best quality leather, and ensure we take care of our community and our beautiful country. Our respect for both product and the place that provides it drives new innovation, new actions and new measures to look after it.

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We believe New Zealand is the perfect environment to make leather.

Pristine air, abundant fresh water, rolling green pastures and the benefit of a seasonal climate all combine to create the ideal conditions Tasman need to make premium leather for a discerning global market. As New Zealanders, we're proud of our land's unique and stunning natural beauty. We create exceptional products that reflect the purity of our surroundings and the passion of our people.

Our methods are underpinned by a core value: that genuine, quality leather is about respect for the whole process, including the source from which it comes to us and the impact it has on the environment around us.

We're committed to practices that preserve the untouched beauty of our country. Clean air, pure water, lush green nature - when you feel Tasman leather, we want you to be able to feel New Zealand.

The Tasman philosophy.

We've developed a philosophy centred around making conscious decisions to improve at every opportunity we can.

By integrating our philosophy into our methods, we ensure that the positive effects of the decisions we make are evident - every step of the way.

We believe in a holistic system, where the sustainability needs of both our clients and our community are intrinsic to our processes.

Among our clients are world-leading brands across myriad market segments: automotive, fashion, aviation, footwear and interior upholstery. We strive to create products that not only meet the demand for quality, but also represent the relationship of trust we share with our customers.

We believe in working honestly, openly and ethically alongside the people, businesses and brands we supply. We work with integrity to echo their reputation and values, all the way to the start of our process.

Our customers demand quality because of their reputation. We provide them with transparency because it is our responsibility.

OUR ELEMENTS

We believe that a commitment to sustainability starts by making the best choices before we even begin. To make the best quality leather, we make ethical decisions about where we source our material from.



THE NEW ZEALAND WAY



ANIMAL WELFARE



CONTINUING THE JOURNEY



TRACING OUR STEPS



The New Zealand way

New Zealand has a global reputation for the quality of our land, and the quality of our farming practices. As a proud Kiwi company, we enthusiastically partner with leaders of the industry to advocate for the highest standards and continuous improvement in husbandry and farming. Our suppliers are members of the New Zealand Farm Assurance Programme, an industry collaboration to create a single standard of excellence around integrity, traceability, bio-security, sustainability and animal welfare on New Zealand's farms.



Animal welfare

Livestock in New Zealand roam year-round the famously lush and green pastures of our beautiful countryside with access if needed to conserved forages like hay and silage. They are protected by national standards to ensure they are treated with care and respect. Livestock are raised to be able to wander and graze freely - they live as they would naturally, ensuring that animals have had the best standards of welfare and lifestyle.



Continuing the journey

Making leather is one of the oldest recycling-based crafts on earth. We source our hides as a by-product and treat them with the greatest respect, ensuring that we are helping to minimize waste.

We honour the relationship between farmers, animals and processors by transforming hides into beautiful products with superior longevity.



Tracing our steps

It's important for us to know where our leather begins and to be able to communicate this our customers. NZ's small size gives us a unique advantage that other countries can't compete with. Currently we have traceability to the point of processing, but we are setting our sights further. Soon we will be able to provide our clients with traceability right back to the farm.

OUR PROCESS

As we transform our raw materials into world-class products, we handle them with the utmost respect. We aim to tread as lightly on the earth as we can - every step of the way.



Tasman true

Where others have created a commodity process, Tasman Tanning stands uniquely as an end-to-end processor. This means our hides come to us raw and we start from there, as opposed to sourcing our wet-blue from third party suppliers. Because we have control of the entire practice, we can dictate our standard completely, and maintain an intimate relationship with the quality of our product



Handling with care

As a Reach Compliant company, we ensure that harmful and hazardous banned substances are not used within our processes or the product thereafter. We use techniques to segregate and recover the chrome we use in our tanning processes so it can be reused again and again, saving it from ending up in waterways and the ocean. We use water-based products in our process so that we don't emit the volatile compounds associated with solvents.



Harnessing nature

Within our tannery, 83% of the energy we use comes from renewable sources that harness the raw elements of New Zealand's landscape, such as hydro and wind. We believe in the doing the little things: whether it's switching to energy efficient lighting on our factory floor, or changing our machinery from hydraulic to direct-drive motors - it all adds up to reducing our footprint.



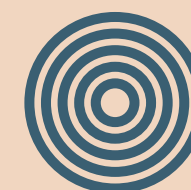
Sending it on

In the way that leather begins as a by-product, we aim to continue the cycle of recycling and repurposing. On average, 60-70% of the by-product we create is reused in other industries – a massive reduction in the waste we send to landfill.



Respecting the river

Our tannery sits on the banks of the Whanganui river, so we are reminded every day of the majesty of nature and the importance of treating water with reverence. Our continuous target is to reduce our water use, so we work across our business to find innovative ways of reducing our usage even further. Additionally, we are embarking on the process of repatriating native plants around our worksite to restore the natural riverside environment as best we can.



Aiming for excellence

We are proud of our standards, and regularly work with Leather Working Group to audit our methods so we can continue improving. Our goal is always the same: to achieve and maintain the highest quality processes we can, and excel to the highest level of accreditation.

OUR PEOPLE

Without our people, we would not be able to create the quality product we are renowned for. As our people have enabled us to grow, we aim to empower our staff and community to thrive.



WHANAU FIRST



FUTURE FOCUSED



LOCAL HEROS



PROUD PARTNERS



Whanau first

Whānau is the te reo Māori word for family. We are proud employers of a diverse range of New Zealanders. We measure ourselves by our relationships with staff across every instance of the tanning process. We provide our staff with support and respect – and we strive to create a safe, healthy working environment. Looking after our people is second nature to us.





Future focused

Among our valuable staff, we have a team dedicated to finding and seizing opportunities for us to become more resilient and sustainable. With their help, we are constantly striving to keep ahead of the latest advancements to provide the best quality product we can for our clients while constantly reducing our impact on the land we love.



Local heroes

As a longstanding and significant employer in Whanganui, we recognise we also have a role to play in creating more opportunities for our region. At the tannery, we provide training and development opportunities for staff. Outside of work, we support our staff and their families by sponsoring sports teams, fundraisers and activities that help build a stronger community.





Proud partners

We choose to partner and align goals with those in the supply chain who share our values. Because we have high standards for ourselves, we have clear expectations for those we choose to work with – that they will help us uphold and amplify environmental and social improvement. For our customers, for us and for the future.

