

Make the most of the Economic Downturn

Friday 22nd May

We all know local and international economies are in hot water. The impact this is having on Perth businesses is variable. For some, life is a busy (or busier) than ever, but others have seen massive reductions in demand.

You can't control the external environment, but you can control how you react to it.

Organisations can survive and flourish, in these times. No matter whether you have seen demand increase or decrease, the Lean principals of eliminating waste, removing bottlenecks and streamlining your processes are essential in positioning your business to outperform the competition.

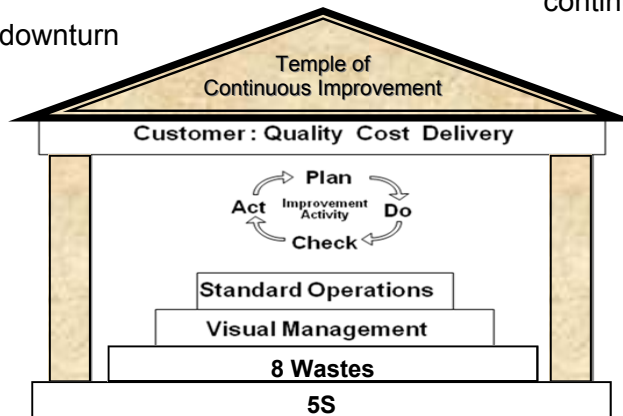
Come along to this breakfast seminar and hear people in the manufacturing sector talk about their journey to achieving these aims. You will pick up valuable insights, make useful contacts and perhaps have the opportunity to help others along their improvement journey.

In this seminar you will learn:

- Lean Principals
- How to reduce costs without shedding staff
- Increase productivity and quality
- Business Intelligence to keep your eye on
- Implementing change in technology
- Visual Management
- What to do in an economic downturn

Who should attend this event:

- Continuous Improvement Managers
- Operations Managers
- Business Owners
- Small, Medium & Large Manufacturers
- Anyone involved in leading or adopting continuous improvement



Michael White,
Lean Operating Systems Advisor



Craig Charlton,
Vice President
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Michael White
Principal Advisor Lean Operating Systems
Newcrest Mining Limited

Prior to working in the mining industry Michael had 25 years experience working for Toyota, the birthplace of Lean. Michael commence working for Toyota as a Cadet Engineer, his career saw him working various Engineering and Production Manager Roles. His final role prior to leaving Toyota was Manager of the Toyota Production System Office.

Michael spent the majority of the last few years working at Rio Tinto Iron Ore where he was the Operation Scheduling Manager, responsible for scheduling the movement of iron ore from the mines to the customers. Michael's Lean experience was utilised to bring together the integrated planning process, which is now going to form the centre piece of Rio Tinto's new Operation Centre.



Craig Charlton
Vice President Australian/New Zealand Operations
Epicor Software Corporation

Craig Charlton is a Chartered Accountant by qualification, but has spent the majority of his professional career involved in the implementation and support of technology solutions across a wide range of industries - including manufacturing.

Craig is the Vice President of Epicor's operations in Australia/New Zealand with direct responsibility for all facets of Epicor operations in the region.



Ben Wardle
Advanced Ship Building Manager
Austal

Ben has been responsible for the engineering system design on various ships, from Australian Customs Vessels to Greg Norman's Motor Yacht. He has also work in the US for two and half years as Program Manager for the General Dynamics Littoral Combat Ship.

Having worked in various fields the majority of Ben's employment history has been in design, mechanical engineering and project management. Five years involved in chemical process and thirteen years shipbuilding.

For the last 8 months, Ben has been employed by Austal as their Advanced Ship Builder and is responsible for: Continuous Improvement, 4 Streams, Design Innovation, Production Innovation, Quality and Information Systems.

Fax your registration to: (03) 9898 0249 or register online at www.ame.org.au

Friday, 22nd May 2009, 8:00 - 11:00am
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