

Transforming the Precast Factory at Hynds Pipe Systems East Tamaki Site

On Friday 27 Oct 06 I attended three fantastic final presentations for Work Area Management Teams at the Hynds Precast factory. The precast factory has completed three cycles of Work Area Management (WAM) each time with a different focus points. The improvements and presentations keep getting better and better. One comment made was in 2002, as well as being part of the building industry, the precast area looked like a building site and large amount of their production was done outside. Now there is an impressive well-organised factory.

The Area Based Teams presentations were the third cycle of improvement under the Area Leadership Team Structure Hynds East Tamaki Factory have implemented. During this cycle one of focuses was on reducing the non-value adding time and steps the improvement sheets showed the results of these improvements. As the factory has a high manual content lead-time rather than Overall Equipment Effectiveness is used as a driver for improvement. The teams averaged 5 improvement sheets each.



Graeme Gibson presenting the X-Men III Noticeboard



USOS Team and Leadership Team members at the end of the final presentation



"X-men" Special products storage area



Mo'ale Tonga and Chima present the teams visual standards and agreements board.

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