

## “Waste Not... Want Not!”

On April 9 a CTPM Learning Group Meeting (LGM) focusing on ‘Waste’ was conducted for NSW Members and guests. The first NSW Learning Group Activity for 2008, the topic of *“The 7 + 1 types of Waste (Muda) in a Lean manufacturing Environment”* was covered.

Andrew Corish - CTPM Managing Navigator NSW, led the LGM which was hosted by Boral Bricks NSW. The Badgerys Creek Plant of this Boral business division is currently undergoing continuous improvement activities as a CTPM client site.

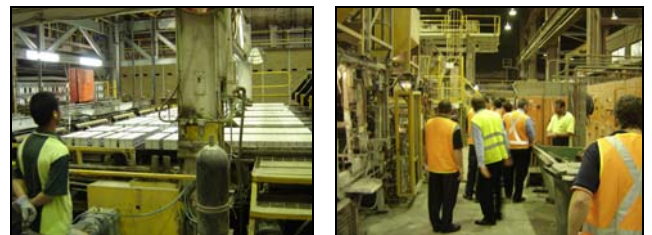


Some 15 members and guests participated in the meeting which involved an overview of the theory of the *7+1 Levels of Waste*, followed by a comprehensive plant tour of the Boral Bricks site including a hands-on activity to highlight the typical levels of waste in an organisation.



Plant Manager, Mr Michael Gow, kindly acted as a host to take the group through the State of the Art brick manufacturing plant, churning out some 60 million bricks per year.

The group clearly enjoyed the LGM and much debate ensued when the participants broke into teams to work through an activity to identify the different levels of waste in a hypothetical truck assembly plant scenario with an OEE of 85%. Several of the team remarked how much opportunity for waste reduction could be found even in a high performing business.



Our LGM's are held quarterly for CTPM Members and guests, as a way of fostering networking relationships between organisations on the Lean & TPM journey.

Each quarter we cover a specific topic on Lean & TPM and show how it is used in the practical application. Our next LGM is scheduled for mid June with date and venue TBA.

A final word should go to our Learning Group Meeting host, Boral Bricks Plant Manager Michael Gow:

*“We are in the very early stages of implementing Lean at Boral Bricks NSW. The Learning Group Meeting gave us an opportunity to better understand a fundamental concept of Lean, and then apply it to a case study to consolidate the learning. The other advantage of the meeting was the chance to create a network with other manufacturers embarking on the Lean Journey. A valuable exercise.”*

On behalf of CTPM Australasia's members and guests we would like to thank Boral Bricks NSW for providing the use of their facilities and an informative Plant Tour. A special thank you also goes to Mr Michael Gow for organising and hosting the meeting.



For more information about our Learning Group Meetings or TPM<sup>3</sup> – Australasian Lean, please contact Andrew Corish, CTPM Managing Navigator NSW, on 0419 876 363 or CTPM Head Office on 02 4226 6184.