



Institution of Engineers Australia Review: CTPM 5 Year Study of the Operations Ratings of Australian Companies

On Thursday 17 April 2008, CTPM Australasia addressed the monthly meeting of the Sydney Mechanical Chapter of Engineers Australia. The presentation was structured around the results of CTPM's five year study into the Operations Capability of Australian Industry.

The study has revealed that Australian Industry has "flatlined" with no discernable change in the Operations Ratings over the five years that the study was conducted. During the presentation a number of reasons for this disturbing situation were explained. This was followed by reference to a number of examples of issues that need to be urgently addressed by management in order to quickly improve the situation.

To illustrate these points, some examples from three CTPM case studies of companies that have moved "ahead of the pack" by embarking on the Lean & TPM (TPM³) Journey in conjunction with CTPM were quoted. The case studies included two leading Australian Food Companies, namely Simplot Australia's Devonport Site located in Tasmania and Sugar Australia's Glebe Site located in NSW.

In both cases, these companies have embarked on a journey to world class performance with strong Lean & TPM leadership capability leading to employees that are fully engaged in the journey. In each case, the Operations Capability Rating has improved significantly.

A New Zealand based timber company, Juken New Zealand Limited, was also used as an example of a company with outstanding improvements in performance also reflected in a dramatic increase in their Operations Rating.



Above: Jim Vickery, Chair, Sydney Mechanical Chapter, Engineers Australia prepares to introduce CTPM at the commencement of the evening meeting.

The presentation was followed by a very interesting range of questions from the audience who were all keen to understand the secrets of success that can be gleaned from the case studies.

A copy of the 5 Year Capability Study of Australian Industry paper can be downloaded from our website (www.ctpm.org.au).



For further information about the five year study paper, Lean & TPM (TPM³), or the CTPM Annual Forum please contact Ross Kennedy, CTPM President & Managing Director on 0418 206 108, CTPM Head Office on 02 4226 6184 or alternatively visit our website www.ctpm.org.au.