



TPM³ and an Aussie Icon

You may have seen the recently released “Inventive Australia” postage stamps from Australia Post in which the Roll-A-Door™ is featured as one of a number of iconic Australian inventions along with the Victa Lawnmower, the Hills Hoist, Speedos and the Esky.

In contrast to the trend of other iconic Aussie brands which have moved (or are moving) operations overseas, **B&D Doors & Openers**, the manufacturer of the Roll-A-Door™ and the Panelift™ door has a clear vision for their operations here in Australia.

With a clear focus on maintaining their position in the market, and despite the impact of the current economic conditions, the B&D Doors & Openers plant at Revesby is being used as the pilot plant for the introduction of TPM and Lean (TPM³) with the assistance of CTPM Australasia.

In a move which is clearly aimed at challenging current paradigms within the business, knowing that thinking “what has been successful in the past must be successful in the future” is no guarantee of success, the shift towards Lean Manufacturing has taken a further step at the Revesby plant.

Recognising that developing the people within your operation is one of the keys to success in the journey to Operations Excellence, B&D has also introduced, as part of the TPM and Lean program, training in Certificate III and IV in Competitive Manufacturing.

With CTPM able to deliver the training of Certificate III and IV whilst simultaneously working with teams on improvement activities, it allows employees to be formally recognised with a National Qualification as they contribute to the company’s strategically driven improvement initiatives.

A key focus of the strategy being initially deployed by the Leadership Team at B&D Doors & Openers is the improvement and further development of the Problem Solving Skills of employees.

The first unit in the Competitive Manufacturing certificate being completed is: **“Undertake Root Cause Analysis”**.

In Certificate III this unit covers the knowledge and skills needed to undertake root cause analysis (RCA) by any person. This will often be done by people working in a team. In Certificate IV this unit also covers the competencies needed by team leaders to contribute to an advanced maintenance strategy using RCA coupled with diagrams and charts.

For further information about Lean & TPM (TPM³) or Certificate III & IV in Competitive Manufacturing please contact Vince Agostino – CTPM Senior Navigator NSW, who is Sydney based on 0419 876 488, CTPM Australasia Head Office on 02 4226 6184 or visit www.ctpm.org.au

