



Coopers Brewery Host South Australian Summer Network Meeting

Twenty one delegates from Boart Longyear, Orlando Wyndham, Hills Industries, aiAutomotive, Bridgestone, Holden, Coca Cola Amatil, Clipsal and Schefenacker Vision Systems spent an enjoyable two hours at Coopers on the afternoon of 28 February 2005.



[Coopers Brewery](#) is Australia's sole remaining privately owned brewery. The business supplies an outstanding range of beers for mainly the South Australian and Australian market, while

their Homebrew product ranks number one in the world, capturing 50% of the world market. Coopers have enjoyed strong growth over the past decade and this has brought profitability and prosperity to the company.

Tom Bullock, Operations Manager, gave a presentation outlining the progress of their TPM³ journey. They are just beginning their fifth cycle having completed Macro & Micro Focused Equipment & Process Improvement (FE&PI) in both the Homebrew Area and the Main Bottling Hall, progressing to Work Area Management & Operator Equipment Management in the Homebrew area. They have installed a new filling station on the Keg Line, which has doubled their capacity and just recently completed New Equipment Management for purchasing a new Filler Rinser & Crowner and Clusterpak for the Main Bottling Hall. The outstanding result in all these cycles occurred in the Bottling Hall where the Macro FE&PI team were able to raise the OEE from 66% to the high 80% and sustain this level. This outcome provided the required capacity to meet customer demands without establishing another shift.

Tom, together with Nick Sterenberg (Development Officer) and Gilbert Bruton (TPM³ Co-ordinator) escorted the delegates on a tour of the plant, which included Cooper's state-of-art Brew House, highlighting Work Area Management improvements on the Home Brew Line and improvement projects on the main Bottling Line.

Returning from the plant tour, delegates were invited to participate in a 30 minute networking session and the chance to ask any further questions to the hosts. This promoted some excellent discussion, mainly focusing on two main issues.

1. How is TPM³ different to any other improvement strategies, and
2. The question of sustainability

The discussion centred on the holistic approach of TPM³, that it is a journey to world-class performance and not a one off program, and that over time, becomes the way the company operates. This led into the three principles of TPM³ (Holistic Measurement, using OEE as the driver, Workplace Ownership and Formal Continuous Improvement). Gilbert, as TPM³ Co-ordinator, discussed his role as developing an in-house capability, to ensure continuity and sustainability.

The formal part of proceedings for the day were concluded with a short presentation by Larry Mazza, (the newly appointed TPM³ Regional Manager for South Australia), on the latest developments of the Organisational Effectiveness Development (OED) pillar. The meeting concluded with some generous sampling of Cooper's fine ales, giving delegates more opportunity to further network informally.

The Centre for TPM (Australasia) would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Coopers Brewery for their hospitality in hosting the TPM³ Network Meeting & Plant Tour. A special thank you should also be given to Tom Bullock, Nick Sterenberg & Gilbert Bruton for their time and effort in making the event a great success.

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