



The 2008 Problem Solving Series

*Presented by the Geelong Quality Council and
supported by the Geelong Manufacturing Council.*

The Six Sigma Way

Thursday 11th September 2008

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm (Registration and refreshments from 5:00pm)

TOPIC

- Ensuring that a product consistently meets the customer's specifications is of vital importance to any organization. There are a range of systems that are in use for achieving this consistency. Six Sigma is one which is well regarded and widely used. It improves key processes using a "tool box" of quality and management tools. Six Sigma focuses on an organized process of continuous improvement.
- Come and learn what Six Sigma is all about and how it can improve your organisation's performance.

PRESENTATIONS

- Six Sigma practitioners from Basell and from Huyck.Wangner will share their experiences in the use of the methodology.
- Swen Nagel, Basell, has a broad experience. He has worked in engineering on European new Plant Polyolefin's Projects, as License Marketing Manager in the Middle East and in Strategic Procurement in Europe before he came to Australia to work as a Six Sigma Black Belt.
- Swen will present a general introduction to the Six Sigma system and its limitations along with a case study illustrating its use at Basell.
- Suda Nathan, Lean Program Manager, Huyck.Wangner Australia Pty Limited, will share how Huyck.Wangner, Australia's leading manufacturer of Paper Machine Clothing used specifically in the Paper Industry, utilised tools from both Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing to drive the Continuous Improvement program. He will share a case study to highlight that it is possible to implement the principle by keeping the program simple and by involving the people from the factory floor.
- The seminar will also provide a panel discussion session where participants can ask questions and share their experiences on the subject.

REGISTRATION

- Venue: Dromoland House, 258 Pakington St, West Geelong (formerly Berkley Lodge)
- Cost: \$20 (inc GST) includes afternoon tea and copy of presented materials.
- **RSVP by Monday 8th September 2008**
- Register on line: WWW.GQC.ORG.AU/ForumRego.htm or mail attached registration.
- Further details available from Flavio Giurco on (03) 5245 1249 or mob: 0439 319 249.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Geelong Quality Council

Purpose

The Geelong Quality Council Inc. (GQC) is a not for profit organisation which aims to advance a quality culture which will enable Geelong and Region to be universally competitive so individuals and organisations in the Community prosper.

It will carry this out by providing opportunities for:

- (a) Enterprises to adopt quality management principles.
- (b) Enterprises to become involved in quality activities.
- (c) Networking, sharing knowledge and experiences.
- (d) Student education in quality principles and tools.

Seminars

Seminars are conducted periodically and are open to the public. The typical format includes a formal session in which a speaker presents a case study or explains a topic and shares their experiences with participants. This is followed by an informal question and answer session and some light refreshments that provides participants with the opportunity to network with others who are interested in the topic. Details are available on our web site www.gqc.org.au

Committee

Our committee meets on the second Friday of the month from 8am-9am at the offices of the Geelong Manufacturing Council to plan the activities of the Geelong Quality Council. We welcome new members to our committee.

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Geelong Manufacturing Council

Background

The Geelong Manufacturing Council was established by the Australian Industry Group and Geelong Development Board to assist and promote Geelong's manufacturing industry.

The Council is made up of leaders from manufacturing, education and key infrastructure providers and is funded by industry. The Council lobbies on behalf of industry and undertakes a number of strategic programs to assist regional industry and provides a forum to discuss and respond to manufacturing issues.

A major focus has been sustainability including reducing waste, improving productivity, promoting best practice and improving industrial synergies across the regions' industry.

Our Vision

To position Geelong as an internationally competitive manufacturing centre in the 21 st century.

We will achieve this through facilitation and support for manufacturing by:

- Developing and sharing sustainable best practice
- Encouraging the growth of technologically advanced manufacturing
- promoting a favourable operating environment for manufacturing in Geelong

Our Mission

To have a positive impact on the sustainability of our local manufacturing industry, ensuring that companies and investors are confident in the future of manufacturing in the region. That in turn will build a vibrant, successful and prosperous community.

Key themes & Directions

1. Positioning, Networking and Lobbying for manufacturing
2. Encouraging operational Excellence
3. Building Industrial Synergies
4. Developing Skills
5. Growing Advanced Technology

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