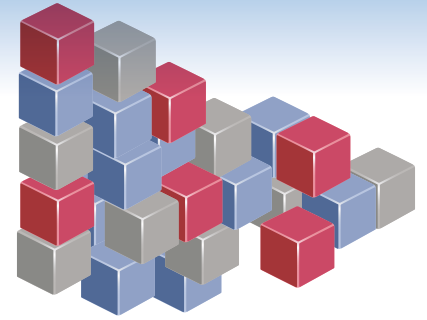


“Learn From The Best”

# Innovation

## INSIGHTS



*“... If a picture is worth a thousand words,  
an Insight is worth a thousand pictures ”*

**This is the theme that has been foremost in our planning for the launch of the 2009 calendar of Insight events. The hosts that have been selected to kick-off this year’s program are some of the best examples of visual workplaces that could be showcased anywhere in the world.**

The 2009 Innovation Insight calendar continues to grow and the website is updated weekly as new hosts confirm their availability to host an Insight event.

One of the difficulties people wrestle with is making the decision of which Insights event is ‘the best one’ to go to.

There are times when visiting an organisation of similar processes, industry sector, and size is the best choice. However, there is also much value in spending time at organisations that have different processes, different approaches - almost totally opposite to your past experience. It is often said that big business needs to think small, and small business needs to act big.

This year **i2e** is planning for even greater diversity in our program to ensure interest and relevance to both novice and advanced process improvers. We sometimes hear “we’ve seen that one” - but there can often be much richer ‘learning to see’ outcomes to be had by revisiting an operation you have previously been to, taking note of what additional aspects of excellence you have seen second time around, and how the approach to excellence has developed and matured

**The Insights program could be one of the best value for money learning opportunities for your business?**

**Learn to see ‘what’ other companies are doing and ‘how’ they are doing it, and seek opportunities for improvement and innovative ideas for your business.**



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## Holden Engine Co. Pty Ltd

Location Port Melbourne

Lean Manufacturing



Holden Engine Operations is one of Australia's largest vehicle component manufacturers.

Four cylinder engines are manufactured for the export market while V6 engines are assembled for use in Australia's biggest selling car, the Holden Commodore.

Lean Manufacturing principles are core to the operations ongoing improvement activities and visual management tools are used extensively.

**Date** 21 April 2009 **Time** 9.30am - 1pm

### Learn About

- Lean Systems
- 5S
- Visual Management
- Flow and balance to takt
- Forklift separation



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## Varian Australia Pty Ltd

Location South Oakleigh

Lean Manufacturing



Varian Australia is part of the Varian Inc. Scientific Instruments division. It is a leading developer and manufacturer of scientific instruments that are used to measure chemical compounds and metals in various substances. They provide customers with system solutions to a broad range of applications, including

- Environmental analysis
- Metallurgy
- Quality control
- Food analysis and processing
- Clinical studies and
- Drug and cosmetic testing

Exporting more than 95% of its products, Varian Australia is committed to manufacturing excellence and product innovation, with 120 of the company's 400 employees being involved in research and development.

**Date** 21 May 2009 **Time** 9am - 1pm

### Learn About

- Changing the manufacturing culture
- Simple practical kanban systems
- Development of production cells
- Lean as a holistic all-embracing philosophy, not a set of tools
- Why it is so hard



VARIAN

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## Aisin Australia

Location Sunshine

Lean Manufacturing  
Green field - Lean enterprise



In 2006 Aisin Australia introduced the New Camry Door frame and Frame moulding production process very successfully as a local manufacturer.

This new operation employing around 100 people is a purpose built manufacturing site featuring a very "Clean & Lean" layout and Flexible manufacturing processes that supplies the door frame and door components to the Toyota plant in Altona.

Aisin Australia is firmly committed to the achievement of our Vision 2010 based on our company philosophy "Quality First" and development of Aisin Australia to becoming a "Strong and Valued Supplier" for our customers.

Aisin Australia has acquired TS16949 and ISO 14000 certification to further develop and achieve the satisfaction and the reliability demanded by our local customers.

**Date** 26 May 2009 **Time** 9am - 1pm

### Learn About

- Lean systems and layout
- The visual factory
- Poke yoke
- Agile Production
- 5S

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