



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

The 2009 Insights events calendar is now in full swing—there is an insight event happening every week. This year's calendar now includes a series of Hall of Fame Insights to give people the opportunity to visit the inductees into the 2009 Manufacturing Hall of Fame and 'learn from the best.

The 2009 Innovation Insight calendar is updated weekly as new hosts confirm their availability to host an Insight event. See below for descriptions of Upcoming events.

HANSEI - REFLECTIONS

It's always important to recognise and share success. Already this year, **i2e** has been able to increase both the participation and diversity numbers of people that have participated in an Insights event. On average, more than 24 people have attended the first 5 events of the calendar, and there have been 18 first time participating organisations—welcome all!

i2e congratulates all nine Victorian-based manufacturers that were inducted in to the Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame at last week's awards dinner. In a changing and competitive business environment, these innovative organisations, who locally manufacture products ranging from synthetic sports surfaces and antennae systems, to gearshifts and dish wash tablets, all demonstrate successful and sustainable approaches to developing world class products and achieving world's best levels of manufacturing excellence.

Also congratulations to Sandra George, South East Business networks, who was awarded the AME Jim Watkins Award. **i2e** was proud to again be associated with this year's Manufacturing Hall of Fame and is privileged to include such passionate individuals and award winning organisations within our community of Best Practice

UPCOMING INSIGHTS

i2e has released the Hall of Fame edition brochure which features all of the inductees into the 2009 Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame, who will showcase their 'secrets to awards success' in the second half of the year.

The Innovation Insights calendar in the next month range from Varian, Aisin and MtM to Carrier Air Conditioning, Kraft, & AutoFab. It is always a challenge to identify and secure a cross section of industry types, who demonstrate 'learning to see' outcomes, in a wide range of geographical locations, but the **i2e** calendar over the next 6 weeks, meets all of these criteria.

The most recent brochure also includes details of the launch of the new Insight programs for 2009. *Logistics Insights* will focus on learning to see excellence in the value chain and distribution networks and *Service Insights* will provide opportunities to learn to see excellence in a knowledge based transactional environment. **i2e** is excited to include ANZ, NAB, Woolworths and GS1 for the first time in the 2009 *Insights* calendar.

Announcing Sustainability Insights ...

i2e has also recently formed a partnership with Sustainability Victoria to present a series of Sustainability Insights. These visits will showcase organisations that have combined manufacturing excellence with environmentally sustainable business processes and practices. More information to follow in future newsletters

There are more than 30 Insight events detailed in the **i2e calendar between now and the end of the year, with more still to be listed**

The **i2e** web-site is constantly being updated as new hosts are confirmed - more information will be included in the next newsletter about the opportunity to participate in the inaugural *Logistics Insights* and *Service Insights* program, or go to www.i2e.org.au now to see our calendar and register for an event.

EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

i2e has supported and been represented at most excellence events held in Victoria in the past 3 years and recently featured in the Lean Enterprise Summit and Confectionary Manufacturers Association's conference programs.

A range of other upcoming conferences and events by other organisations in our community of Best Practice are listed on our website. Check for links and regular updates.

BOOK REVIEW

This month we feature '**Green Manufacturing**' by the Association for Manufacturing Excellence.

No manufacturer can afford to ignore pressing environmental issues of today. To do so puts both their profit line and their legacy at risk. As part of the Enterprise Excellence Series, this book brings together articles and case studies covering environmental, and energy issues that were previously published in the Association of Manufacturing Excellence's Target Magazine. It covers both areas of moral responsibility, as well as legal and economic considerations

FINAL THOUGHTS

Successful program delivery and outcomes, follows an intensive phase of planning and promotion. As **i2e** now focuses on the delivery of the 2009 calendar of Insights events, we encourage you to check out the range of visits coming up, and ask you to share this newsletter with your colleagues, customers and suppliers

We look forward to seeing you at an **i2e** event in 2009

Good luck in your pursuit of excellence

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