



Let the Battle Commence!



Once again we are approaching that time of year where the best improvement teams meet head to head to try and win the **Aussie Cup Team Competition**. Will 2015 see an Aussie team winning the cup or will the cup travel back across the Tasman for yet another year? Who will have their name indelible etched onto the champions trophy?

The competition held at CTPM's Annual Forum provides an ideal opportunity for companies to showcase their expertise and dedication to on-going continuous improvement through their personnel / people. Sites covered by CTPM Company Membership are eligible to enter the competition and compete rigorously against other sites to be crowned the Aussie Cup Champions for that year.

The competition has been an essential part of each Forum since 1998, with entry in the competition recognising the:

- Involvement of teams in improving their company's performance;
- Involvement of people in working to improve performance; and
- Progress the company has made in involving people in improvement activity.

Figure 1: The winning New Zealand Sugar team from the 2014 Aussie Cup Competition



Open to both Area Based Teams and Cross-functional Teams, the competition's goal is to demonstrate each team's ability to follow a structured process to deliver superior results for their companies. The teams are judged by a group of improvement practitioners who are carefully

selected for their knowledge and experience in gaining great results for their own teams.

Each year we find there are more and more challenges to enjoy. Will it be the year of an Area Based Team or will it be a Cross-functional Team victory? Will we see another great interstate battle between teams from the same company or will it just be the "usual" fierce rivalry between the Kiwi's and the Aussies?

Figure 2: The winning B&D Doors & Openers team from the 2013 Aussie Cup Competition



The competition provides companies with the opportunity to benchmark their own improvement processes against those of others. Many sites find that participation by their personnel in the Competition is followed by increased enthusiasm and acceleration in on site improvement activities.

This year **CTPM's 19th Annual Forum** is to be held on the **20 August at the Novotel Northbeach Wollongong**. Benefits of attending the forum include witnessing the titanic struggle between the teams, gaining an insight into great ideas that have been proven successful elsewhere, and networking with improvement practitioners who will be at different stages in their continuous improvement journey. We hope to see a team from your site taking up the challenge!

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