

B&D Clontarf continue on their improvement journey to Operational Excellence!

B&D Doors & Openers in Clontarf Queensland have commenced Cycle 5 of their on-going continuous improvement journey to Operational Excellence. Partnering with CTPM back in March 2013 the Clontarf site has produced many successful improvement teams which have been a great benefit for the company. One team even competed at CTPM's Annual Forum for the coveted Aussie Cup Team Competition recognising the great achievement of that team and site.

In this latest cycle of improvement activity, five teams have been formed which reflect the current needs of the business both in terms of people development and support for production activities.

There are three Cross-functional Teams working in and around the Sectional Door Process Area. The first team are the Bradbury Bandits a Mirco Focused Equipment & Process Improvement Team led by the Sectional Door Team Leader Craig Lewthwaite. Their mandate is to identify all the current equipment and process losses and waste after the upgrade to the Bradbury Press and change in production manifest.

Figure 1: The Bradbury Bandits Team



Back Row L to R: Nathan Hansen, Amelia Frohloff, Alan Paynter and Al Zenoni. **Front Row L to R:** Steve Ngapo, Mick Cridland, Craig Lewthwaite and Andrew Jenkins.

The second team are a New Area Management Team, the Powder "Puffs" led by Production Coordinator Mat Hill. The team is looking at how best to organise the factory to accommodate any layout changes required to meet the change in manufacturing requirements associated with the introduction of the new "Icon" range of doors.

Figure 2: The Powder "Puffs" Team



L to R: Jason Walker, Cameron Blain, Peter Newbold, Mark Stepanovsky, Glen Busby, Tersia Perrior, Mat Hill and Jenny Cole.

The third Cross-functional Team are a New Process Management Team led by Bradbury Press Operator Sean Brunsmann. This team is looking at opportunities to improve the manufacture of the new Nullarbor doors, uncharacteristically, the team sees this as a difficult mandate and this is reflected in their team name "Mission Impossible".

Figure 3: The "Mission Impossible" Team



Back Row L to R: Kevin Gilbert, Steve Marosszeky, Darlene Moore, Sally Wallace, Kevin McKay and Roy Joseph. **Front Row L to R:** Sean Brunsmann and Jenine Rainbow

The remaining two teams for the improvement cycle are Area Based Teams. Both teams are commencing Work Area Management with the mandate of clearing up their work area and ensuring 'a place for everything and everything in its place', while introducing Visual Controls to communicate work area standards for the combined line.

The day shift team are the Serious Ones under the leadership of Brian Stapleton and the afternoon shift team are the Night Rollers - The Quaternary with Matthew Stark as Team Leader.

Figure 4: The Serious Ones Team



L to R: Murray Taylor, Jamie Lamb, Brian Stapleton, Dennis Maxwell, Shane Sommerfield, Shane Stacey and David Johnson

Figure 5: The Night Rollers – The Quaternary Team



L to R: Chad Wallace, Simon Skelton, Fou Musu, Matthew Stark, Matty Amiga and Vitz Taliaoa

We wish all five teams' good luck with their mandates, and we look forward to learning about all the great improvement ideas and successful results at the Mid-way and Final Presentations.

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