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“Quality” Café

Networking Discussion Groups

Thursday 19th February 2015, 5:15 pm – 6:30 pm

East Geelong Golf Club, Eastern Park

Kick off your networking year by joining great conversations with like-minded practitioners of all levels and experience.

“Café” is an energetic, structured yet relaxed way to explore topics of interest to each group member.

Topics are chosen by the groups and discussed in an agreed time frame. Each member can nominate topics they want to discuss – these could be areas they have not even formed their own opinion on or thoughts they want to test with others. It is all open and the group decides the topics.



Participants can just sit and listen if they prefer. Café is an approach gaining popularity around the world. You can even use it in your own workshops.

Come along and see what it’s about – we know you will enjoy it!

The Agenda

- 5:15 Registration and complimentary drink
- 5:30 Welcome
- Explanation of Café
- Discussion rounds 1 and 2
- 6:15 Feedback
- 6:30 Close of formal session.
- Networking
- 7:00 Close



Registration

RSVP by Monday 16th February 2015

Places are limited and registration is essential. We may need to restrict the number of participants to 2 from each organisation if demand exceeds the number of places available.

Please book on line: <http://www.trybooking.com/GWWE>

Cost: **FREE to GMC / ENG members. Non-members \$ 30**

Further details from: Geelong Manufacturing Council (P: 5222 8000) or Flavio Giurco (M: 0439 319 249)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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 provides advocacy on behalf of industry and undertakes a number of strategic programs to assist regional industry delivering a forum to discuss and respond to manufacturing issues.

Current Programs include: Engineering Network Geelong (ENG), Industry Innovation Program (IIP) GMC Excellence Network Program, Leadership for Manufacturing Excellence, Green Light Sustainability Program, Enterprise Connect Business Review Program.

Our Vision

To position Geelong as an internationally competitive manufacturing centre in the 21st 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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Geelong Quality Council

Vision

We aim to contribute to the development of a prosperous Geelong community as a not for profit resource that supports individuals and organisations to achieve operational excellence.

Purpose

To assist Geelong region organisations achieve *operational excellence* by facilitating information sharing on management systems/sustaining, lean/waste reduction philosophies, 6 sigma /systematic problem solving principles and emerging quality approaches. We do this by:

- Arranging regular, low cost, site visits, seminars and workshops focusing on sharing methods and tools that assist in achieving operational excellence.
- Creating a collaborative learning environment where experienced people from a diversity of organisations can share their knowledge and network with others for the benefit of the community.
- Offering experiences for students to learn about operational excellence.

Values

GQC encourages a respectful open environment where diverse views are welcomed in a manner that accords with ethical business practices.

Committee

Our committee meets on the second Thursday of the month from 8am-9am at the offices of the Geelong Manufacturing Council, 82 Brougham Street at corner of Yarra Street, Geelong, to plan the activities of the Geelong Quality Council. Meeting dates are on our web site. We welcome new members to our committee.

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