Lean Enterprise Australia invites you to be part of the team at the Lean Thinking and Practice Summit

The Lean Thinking and Practice Summit brings together leaders and practitioners from manufacturing, service and healthcare organisations from across Australia and New Zealand to learn more about Lean Thinking and Practice and its application to improvement and management.

In 2014, Lean Enterprise Australia will host the Lean Thinking and Practice Summit at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground from the 5th till the 8th of May. In so many ways, this summit promises to be the best ever with three international keynote speakers including acclaimed lean thought leader, John Shook, author and CEO of Lean Enterprise Institute. Our international case study from MAS Holdings is truly an inspiring story. In 2014, the summit will team up with the Australasian Lean Healthcare Network to incorporate a healthcare stream kicking off with a one day symposium on Monday 5th of May.

The two day event will feature a mixture of plenary and learning sessions. Our case studies will have something for all the players, including manufacturing, service and healthcare sectors. The summit program is designed to create networking and interactive experiences for delegates to get involved and provide opportunities for participants to talk one to one with our international guest speakers. Delegates can participate in the event through presentation or storyboard poster. Abstracts are now open and can be submitted via the website at www.lean.org.au.

Pre and post summit workshops and site visits will also provide focussed learning opportunities for delegates.

Keynote Speakers

John Shook, Lean Enterprise Institute (LEI) Chairman and CEO, was the first westerner to work at Toyota in Japan and was a key leader in the famous NUMMI experiment in the USA. Following eleven years at Toyota, John has been dedicated to helping lean thinkers across the world understand Toyota better and the secrets of their success. John says “The real secrets to lean success aren’t to be found in successful implementation of tools and techniques, systems, or even principles. It really gets into basic thinking, the thinking each individual brings to each task, each team to each challenge, and the organization to the achievement of its aims.” John is the author of the iconic texts ‘Learning to See’ and ‘Managing to Learn’.

Deshamanya Mahesh Amalean, Chairman of MAS Holdings (Pvt) Ltd. Mahesh is known for his visionary leadership, exemplary business ethics and humility and is one of the most respected business leaders in his country of Sri Lanka. Mahesh initiated his first venture in the apparel manufacturing industry in 1986 with his two brothers Ajay and Sharad and today, MAS Holdings is a one billion USD business with a presence in the international arena, transforming the lives of more than 60,000 associates globally. One of the key ingredients of MAS’ success has been the relationships Mahesh and his team have built with both the customers and with manufacturing partners. MAS Holdings maintains strategic partnerships with some of the leading apparel brands in the world; these include Victoria’s Secret. In manufacturing, MAS has a reputation for building alliances with companies that excel in their field of expertise and Mahesh's forward thinking and innovative nature has helped MAS to constantly reinvent and evolve itself to meet the changing needs of the industry.

Alice Lee, Vice President of Business Transformation, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, USA, is responsible for leading the improvement effort at this a major teaching institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. Alice provides a laser focus on shifting the mindset of senior leaders, staff and physicians to value a keener sense of order around processes and systems, where everyone solves problems at their appropriate level to create a balance of big and little change. Her previous roles at BIDMC include Vice President of Department of Pathology and Vice President of Clinical Information Systems. Prior to joining BIDMC, Alice was a management consultant in the Healthcare practice at Ernst & Young, LLP, where she led multiple large-scale projects for Integrated Delivery Networks.

David Parkin, Former AFL Coach, lecturer, academic and author. David's great experience as both an educator and VFL/AFL professional football player, coach and administrator, has given him an understanding of the issues involved in dealing with motivation, leadership and teamwork. David has been able to transfer his sporting and academic experiences into both business/motivation speaking and authorship. He has consulted with hundreds of organizations and co-authored numerous books dealing with issues surrounding coaching, self-motivation, effective leadership and teams.

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Five Reasons You Should Attend?

1. To be part of the annual premier event for lean thinkers in Australasia. Delegate’s comments from last year’s event included:
   - “The amazing knowledge and skills of all the presenters was truly inspirational”
   - “So many great people doing great work - an excellent summit with great content and speakers”

2. To be inspired by local, national and international case studies that demonstrate it is possible to win the lean game - for all the players

3. To learn from John Shook, the most inspirational lean thinker we can offer on a program

4. To network with likeminded colleagues from a range of organisations

5. Because, in its 10th year, the summit promises to be the best ever, you can’t afford not to attend!

Key Dates:

Call for Abstracts Opens 20 December 2013
Earliest Registration Opens 20 January 2014
Call for Abstracts Closes 17 February 2014
Earliest Registration Closes 31 March 2014

NEXT KEY DATE:
Call for Abstracts Opens 20 December 2013