

GM in the Ice-House!

David Gets the Big Freeze



I have been attending an owner/manager program run by the ICEHOUSE in Auckland since February this year. Each month for 3 days I get together with 23 other owner/managers from around New Zealand and we undertake a wide range of activities, up-skilling, learning and sharing to assist in taking our businesses forward.

Each of us has our own outcome from the program. Mine is to provide a growth/development plan for CTI for the coming 5 years to ensure business success that will benefit all of the stakeholders, including customers and staff. I expect this plan to be completed, with the assistance of management, staff, customers and suppliers in July/August.

The program has helped us to further define a number of aspects of our business while I have been working through all the business disciplines, and has highlighted areas that we are doing really well in and need to continue to strengthen and also, equally importantly, other areas where we need to provide a lot more focus and energy to underpin our development plans. As we move forward I'm sure that you will be sharing in the benefits the program will bring to CTI and our partners.

Elumatec Mitre Saw

With an increase in demand, CTI have invested in an Elumatec MGS 72/30 Mitre Saw for the CNC Machining Department.

This German designed saw provides a self-lubricated precision cutting system, resulting in a superior cut product with less burring, in turn resulting in reduced finishing time.

A stable, grinded continuous support table with an adjustable left or right pivoting range of 0° - 45° allow precision cuts to be made in the minimum of machine time.



Celebrating Success!

CTI Conforms to AS/NZS ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System

CTI was last audited by Verification New Zealand Limited October 2010. Following response to the Auditor, CTI passed the annual quality audit for another year.

The scope covers certification for manufacture and supply of metal and electrical products: incorporating sheet metal fabrication, high pressure die casting, CNC turning and milling, assembly and product finishing from our 2 Christchurch sites.

The auditor was most impressed with the positive changes to our factory layout since his last visit a year ago i.e. Lean initiatives such as 5S, more effective workflow, implementation of visual management boards, and general tidiness of the shop floor.

Ray Celebrates 60 years!

Ray Voss, with 30 years service, is one of CTI's longest serving members of staff, celebrated turning 60 in February. Ray has seen many changes at CTI from ownership to staff personalities and company ethos. The current company is "getting things right" and Ray says he has no plans to retire anytime soon as he has a long way to go to beat the company record for retirement age, which stands at 78 years.

25 Years in Furnace!

Long-serving furnace-man Jimmy Bassett celebrated 25 years in the diecasting department of CTI. A career change back in 1986 meant Jimmy swapped the exposed fields of a Banks Peninsula farm for the warmth of the Bromley aluminium diecasting plant, and has never looked back.

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Lean Update



Our latest project in making our factory safer and more visual, is the implementation of highly visible markings on the walls for fire extinguishers/hoses, first aid kits and spill kits.

The aim has been to make them visible to all staff, even from behind a machine, as we all know that in an emergency you can forget where things are, and emergency equipment must be able to be easily located in a hurry.

Thanks to our Purchasing Officer Michelle for being involved in the project and putting the time and effort in to get these done!

Values Revisited

Following feedback from customer surveys and staff consultation, CTI have updated their Values to be a true reflection of the company ethos.

Over the coming months, this newsletter will explore the meaning of these values and how they impact on our clients and staff.

CTI Values

- ◆ Speak to be heard, listen and hear.
- ◆ Saving fingers by staying on your toes.
- ◆ Acknowledgement does matter.
- ◆ Enjoy the challenge.
- ◆ Know your stuff.
- ◆ Fun factory.
- ◆ Know the bigger picture.

Staff Profile

— John Hughes (Sales & Marketing)



your refrigerator right now?

Nothing good

When was the last film you went to see and what was it?

The Fighter

Why are manhole covers round?

So you can roll them down hills

What is your favourite song?

Angel—Sarah McLachlan
Scorpio Girl—Supergroove
No Limits—2 Unlimited
Angels—Robbie Williams

What CTI product is in your home?

Meter box and Line Taps

If you were an animal what kind of animal would it be?

Rhinoceros

What is your favourite colour?

Blue & Gold

What would I find in

Getting Dirty with the CTI Social Club!



The first post-February Social Club stress-busting activity was a family afternoon dirt kart racing out at McLeans Island.

If you could be (more of) a superhero, what super-powers would you have?

Regeneration (like Wolverine)

What is your greatest non-work achievement?

Finishing the Mt Isobel Challenge!!