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Enterprise Connect helps Maltec Engineering get to the next level.

Background

Maltec Engineering, a machining and fabrication business, located in a purpose built facility in Burnie, employs 27 staff. It supplies large equipment manufacturers and the mining sector. The recent global economic downturn effect on the mining sector has had some flow on effects for the business.

Increasing productivity by learning to do more with current assets and resources, is the path Maltec Engineering has chosen. The idea came after Lindsay Malley, Director, Maltec Engineering decided to seek external advice and apply for an Enterprise Connect Business Review.

Enterprise Connect Business Adviser, Adam Morton, conducted the review. Adam used a PROBE benchmarking exercise to determine aspirations and capabilities of the business, and issues about the development of new products for the mining sector were referred to the Enterprise Connect Resource Technology Innovation Centre.

Outcome

“Adam made the review an easy process and made sure we discussed issues and possibilities throughout the process,” Mr Malley said, and he added, “the key recommendations from the Business Review basically added up to simplifying, standardising and documenting our procedures. The review showed us we were running fairly efficiently, but would benefit from implementing lean manufacturing principles.”



Enterprise Connect Business Adviser, Adam Morton (left) with Lindsay Malley, Managing Director, Maltec Engineering

The recommendations from the review included using Maltec Engineering’s computer system to link job information and job costing software, and to develop job tracking and information, sharing documents that everyone can access. The review also made Mr Malley aware of our Tailored Advisory Service, which provides up to \$20 000 in matched funding, to implement changes suggested in the Business Review. “The recommendations included using external support through the Tailored Advisory Service and so far, we have accessed it to identify a training system,” Mr Malley said. “To start with, a work group was set up to identify areas where our employees needed to develop their skills, including their lean manufacturing skills.”

Mr Malley believes these skills will help to increase productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiencies when Maltec’s manufacturing and fabrication demand increases.

“Over the last five years we have expanded our operations quite a lot and now, after the review findings, we are in a phase of consolidating and strengthening our processes.” - Lindsay Malley, Director, Maltec Engineering

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