

Downer on right track for win



DOWNER has won HMA's Excellence in Manufacturing Process Award for its Waratah Train Project.

The judges said this was "an incredible result from a critical, urgent adoption of LEAN and associated systemic improvement".

"To achieve what has been accomplished with a doubling of the workforce, as opposed to the usual reduction in people and with the demonstrable involvement of employees, should be a beacon for survival of large scale manufacturing by Downer," the judges said.

The judges added that the outcome, to date, had been "solving problems with data" and "exceeding company and individual expectations".

The judges said Downer employees demonstrated genuine pride in their work and the ability to embrace innovative ideas. The opportunity exists, they said, for this business to consider other large-scale, integrated, multi-disciplined, long-run manufacturing projects.

WINNERS: The Downer team took out the HMA Manufacturing Process Award.