



CRAIG SCHMIDT

GLF 2007

Craig is part of the Executive leadership team, GM Holden Vehicle Operations accountable for the Body Assembly manufacturing at Elizabeth, SA including the establishment of people, equipment and technology resources to locally build the Holden Cruze in 2011.

Commencing as an apprentice fitter and turner in 1978, Craig has moved through many roles in his 33 yrs from operations Mgt in SA. and Vic., to national and global OH&S/workers compensation, dealing with complex cultural social systems. During this time, Craig was involved in the evolution of benchmark manufacturing systems/plant with emphasis on the investment of people for Australia and global manufacturing sustainability.

This may sound like a long time in one organisation but to Craig, the passion, enthusiasm, fun, variety and people in his work has always presented new challenges to overcome in this changing global environment we live today but explains the reason behind many years at GM Holden.

Based in SA and Vic during his career, Craig was a leading member of the General Motors global OH&S team during the 1990's developing/influencing best practice policy/operating systems for the greater GM global community. These are still in place today and upheld as benchmark processes aspired to by large organisations.

During the past 10 yrs in a fast paced environment, Craig has been part of the senior leadership team to establish/oversee the development of people/processes for new manufacturing facilities/shift structures in engine and vehicle production. After commencing his career in SA and embarking on a 3 year assignment at Holden Engine operations in Vic, Craig returned to his home state in the vehicle operations, General Assembly, as the Area Manager responsible for over 1500 employees operating 3 shifts, producing 780 vehicles per day for domestic and export markets.

Craig is an established leader in many fields with the balance of experience, enthusiasm and passion. He prides himself as a genuine contributor and has very strong convictions and belief in the natural talents of people to achieve all the realms of "possibility".

As a 2007 graduate, the GLF experience has assisted Craig to find some purpose/influential pursuits in this great state of SA and recent highlights include -

10th Anniversary organising committee 2009 and creating the Northern Schools career planning program "Follow your Dreams", currently working with the department of education to expand during 2010/11

GLF selection panel for 2009/10/11 groups

Committee member African Leadership Program to Australia 2009/10/11

Northern Region partnership portfolio group committee member 2009/10/11

Volunteer to the Ethiopian youth community 2010

GLF Network Executive Representative

Elected Network Representative - Leaders Institute Board