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14 Jul 2010 @ 6pm
City West Function Centre
45 Plaistowe Mews
West Perth, WA 6005 [[map](#)]

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Special General Meeting - 14 Jul 2010 @ 5:30pm

The Special General Meeting will be held for Members to **consider and approve proposed changes to the Chapter's By-laws and ratify the Constitution changes made in Aug 2009.**

These changes are necessary in order to update the Chapter's governance documents in line with current PMI standards and WA government legal requirements.

The Special General Meeting will be held **immediately before the Chapter's 14 July 2010** meeting. The Special General Meeting will commence **5.30pm** at the City West function Centre.

Board Changes - Marketing Director

Ian Jones has accepted the position of Marketing Director for the remainder of the portfolio's current cycle (i.e. 31 Oct 2011).

Ian Jones has more than twenty-five years of experience in strategic management, business development, project management and organization development. He has expertise in supply chain planning, decision support systems, consultancy services, production and inventory management. He has worked for numerous Pacific region companies in engineering, construction, software, chemicals, energy, forest products, and management consulting.

Ian works for ePM, a global consultancy focused on performance through organisational

design. ePM's design practice is based on work from Stanford University and ePM has consulted to NASA, Chevron, ExxonMobile, ConocoPhillips, Shell, Procter & Gamble, Dow Chemical, Bechtel, Hatch, BAE Systems amongst other clients.

He earned a BSc in Civil Engineering from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, a GDE in Computer Software at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, and an MBA from the Warwick Business School, University of Warwick, UK.

Ian is a PMP, PRINCE2 Practitioner, and an APICS Certified Production and Inventory Manager. He was a PMI Project Manager of the Year (Australia) finalist in 2007.

Project Management ... is Not

Sometimes you get a clearer definitions by defining what it is not. From my experience, I have found that Project Management is not:

1. An activity where you create your plan and watch it play out perfectly until the Project Complete milestone. The best laid plans...and Man plans and God laughs all fit here. Sometimes when thing seem the most straightforward, there is an expected turn to events. To be honest, that's why I love project management.

2. Just PMBOK Tools & Techniques: Following PMBOK's Tools & Techniques without looking carefully at what suits your project and the environment can get you into trouble too. The PMBOK is a collection of best practices that can help you deliver your project, not a rule book.

3. Loading up projects and people with meaningless process that hinders the work. Not every process needs to be used on every project. Some process is good, so that we can get out of our own way. Too much process can seem like make work that prevents people

from getting the work done.

4. Being in control: Unless by control you mean being inside quality control limits. The best project managers that I've known lead, cajole, cheerlead and sometimes direct, but they are never dictators. They work in concert with their teams. Besides, any time you think you are in control, the Universe will very clearly let you know with a twist in the project that you are not.

5. Just schedule tracking: Tracking the schedule is absolutely necessary to successfully delivering the project, but it's just a part of being successful. The schedule is just an indicator of everything else that should be happening: Communication, Risk management, Stakeholder management, etc.

Joelle Godfrey PMP
[http://www.projectsart.co.uk/5-things-
project-management-is-not.html](http://www.projectsart.co.uk/5-things-project-management-is-not.html)



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Toastmasters

At the June Chapter meeting, we were all impressed (chapter member ratings spoke for themselves) with the animated Toastmasters team, lead by Mike Helm (WA District Governor of District 73) and his presenters Ross Wilkinson, Maree Pickens, Bill Hewitt and Jeanette Farrar. We were also delighted to see one of our Chapter members, Brad Triston (who joined Toastmasters 3 years ago after Toastmasters last presentation), deliver an effective 5 minute presentation. Brad's delivery was a brilliant testimonial to the solid foundations Toastmasters provide for effective communication and public speaking. Of course, our Events Director was also challenged to sum up how he engaged Toastmasters to do this Chapter event in a 90 second time frame, 30

second time frame and then a 10 second time frame ... impromptu of course. We also had one of our members miming a bushwalk acting happy, sad, angry, etc. It was entertaining. Toastmasters activities are fun, animated, targeted and most importantly teach you effective communication skills, leadership skills and presentation skills.

At the June chapter event, Mike Helm, also offered the opportunity to set up a "PMI WA Toastmasters" every month in the hour prior to our monthly chapter event. 10 PMI WA chapter members put in an expression of interest. The PMI WA board support the initiative and to get this underway, we're extending the invite to those that attended and didn't register

their interest and to those that are interested, but didn't make the June chapter event.

Register your interest with **Jo Saunders** on email address admin@wapmi.org.au. Provided we get the level of interest, we would also explore options to roll out Toastmasters 6 week Speechcraft training course to the PMI WA chapter members.

PMP Exam - Computer Based Testing in Perth

Perth now has a Prometric Test Centre for Computer-Based Testing (CBT) of PMI exams such as PMP and CAPM.

Exams are currently available Mondays weekly upon registering through <http://www.pmi.org>. The 3-seat Test Centre is located in the Canning Vale markets precinct (Google Map: <http://bit.ly/chvRfX>).

CBT offers many benefits such as the convenience to reschedule up to 48 hours prior, e.g. the Friday before should work or life priorities change, and will also indicate whether you pass or not at the end with details visible online soon after. Previously,

only paper-based exams (PBT) were available with long waiting times leading to some candidates travelling to the east coast for CBT held almost daily but at higher travel costs.

With local CBTs now a more attractive, convenient and sustainable option, we look forward to welcoming more PMP and CAPM-certified members to the community and WA chapter.

PIA - Jul 2010

Do you want to

1. Gain an appreciation of how to match project managers to projects?
2. Know how to identify competency gaps and some methods to fill them? and
3. Learn to use competency matrices as a tool for matching project managers to projects and identifying gaps?

Sign up for the next PIA session on **Matching Competencies** by **Peter Horth**
21 Jul 2010 @ City West Receptions

Go here for more info: <http://www.wapmi.org.au/education/crs6.php>

ISACA - Annual Conference

ISACA Perth is NOW accepting Early Bird Registrations for the 2010 Annual Conference. Register before 16th July 2010 for a chance to win a 8GB Iron Key The theme of the conference this year is entitled "Change for Growth".

The theme reflects the challenging economic and social climate the world is presently climbing out of and that information technology enabled entities need to change, adapt and reinvent themselves in a new world to deliver real business value and lead reform. The program the ISACA Board is presently putting together is aiming to mirror this. The ISACA Annual Conference is proudly being presented in partnership with Curtin University for 2010.

PMI and ISACA members pay \$385. Non members pay \$465.

Follow this link (<http://isaca-perth.org.au/>) to register online.

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