

PMI WA-Chapter Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- 100 new members!
- Special year-end Member's Meeting ... bring a non-member for free !
- PMI Global Congress coming to Sydney in March 2008!
- Moving from strength to strength and more to come in 2008!

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From the Desk of the President

We are near to having added **100** new members in 2007!

As recorded at the recent PMI WA-Chapter's Annual General Meeting, 2007 has been our busiest ever.

I welcome and encourage you all to attend our special year-end function Wed 12th Dec 5:30pm for a 6PM start at the Celtic Club, 48 Ord St., West Perth. It will be different to anything we've done before and we intend to close out the year with a celebration where all will receive a special PMI gift! C U there and please bring a friend/ associate as your very own VIP guest! While we are waiving the usual \$10 fee, you must register yourself and your guest A.S.A.P. for catering and numbers management!

The PMI Global Congress-Asia Pacific is being held at the Hilton in Sydney on March 3rd to 5th 2008 and I encourage you to seek support from your organisations to attend this "Project, Pro-

gram, and Portfolio Management" centric congress. The learnings from these three days will be invaluable to you and your work environment. PMI's entire Board of Directors and CEO will be there for you to network with. Encourage your managers and co-workers to attend with you.

Your Board has been working to maintain standards and improve on WA Chapter services to the Project Management community. We continue to forge new friendships, relationships and partnerships through the PMI WA Chapter and these will bear fruit in time to come.

In closing, as I reflect back on 2007, I am pleased some of our members have found new careers and new contracts through their association with the WA Chapter; my congratulations to them all!

Compliments of the Season!

Steve Meintjes, PMP



From
Strength
to
Strength !

From the Desk of the Vice-President

Two themes for 2008 are the expected increases in membership, and closer ties with other organisations.

The past four years has seen 25% per year growth. This means we are viewed as having an increasing relevance to the profession. And it is encouraging that PMI is becoming the organisation of choice for Project Managers in Western

Australia. Many organisations use project management, although not their primary business focus.

The Australian Computer Society (of which I am a Branch Executive Member) has shown a willingness to forge closer links with us, to the benefit of each of our member bases.

I am confident that 2008 will see continued growth in both number and impact of the Western Australia PMI Chapter.

REMINDER: There is *no* Meeting in January. Enjoy the break and see you all again on Wednesday 13 February 2008,

Jim Owens, PMP

The Scholarship Program will focus on full-time outstanding students having project management as their core unit.

From the Desk of the Education Director

I am very proud of a new initiative that has started: The PMIWA Scholarship Foundation! The slogan for the Scholarship Foundation is: "Catching them young."

The Scholarship Program will focus on full-time outstanding students having project management as their core unit.

The scholarship is intended to encourage students to undertake fields of study which may lead to a career specializing in project, program or portfolio management.

In 2007, six educational/training workshops were planned and all six workshops were delivered with the last one delivered on 15 August.

PCS Australia conducted a half-day workshop entitled "Getting Involved with Primavera" for PMI WA members at a subsidised rate.

I urge you to share any idea/suggestion so that the programs deliver value for you.

For 2008, the PMI WA Education Program will have four areas of focus, these are:

- Scholarship Programs
- Community Programs
- Low-Fee Seminars
- Regular Seminars

In the next newsletter, I will outline more.

Dr. Eben Sholarin, PMP

From the Desk of the Secretary

Did you know that Wednesday, 5 December (the day of our last Board Meeting) was International Volunteer Day?

PMI recognises and thanks our volunteers for working hard to improve the lives of others through the project management profession. Many PMI volunteers and members also devote service to their local communities and beyond, and apply project management experience to

further these efforts.

The International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. Since then, governments, the UN system and community organisations have successfully joined volunteers around the world to celebrate the day on 5 December.

To find out more, please visit the World Volunteer Web, a global resource that supports volunteerism on all continents.

On a more local level, if you would like to become more involved in supporting the WA Chapter's activities, please contact Nigel Rarp at secretary@wapmi.org.au.

"Think global, act local !"

Nigel Rarp, PMP



From the Desk of the Events Director

Bring your Project Management questions and leverage the experience and perspectives that the Panel can offer you !

We are pleased to invite you to the PMI WA Chapter Meeting to be held at 5.30 pm for 6pm Wednesday 12th December upstairs at the Celtic Club, 48 Ord Street West Perth.

Celebrate the 2008 Year, meet the presenters, sponsors and special guests who have been involved with PMI WA Chapter during the year.

There will be an open panel session, with 6 panelists, where you will have an opportunity to ask any project related question of the panel.

The open panel session will be followed by our traditional a networking session.

Everyone who attends will receive a gift from the PMI WA Chapter!

For more details please go to: <http://www.wapmi.org.au/meetings/meetings.htm>

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See you there!

Jan Bryson, PMP

From the Desk of the Membership Director

2007 has seen our membership grow by over 31% from 301 to 396 already (October figures).

There will be an award to the 400th member who we hope will join the chapter before the year is out.

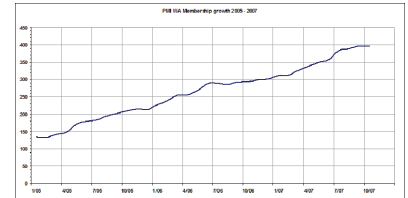
Look out next year for our membership survey; this will be your chance to have your say and to help the Board shape the future year to suit the members' needs.

The PMI WA-Chapter Library is available to all members.

You may borrow books between meetings or by arrangement please contact me if there is anything of interest to you.

The library listing is available on the chapter website at <http://www.wapmi.pmevents.com.au/membership/pmiwalibrarybooksv5.pdf>

Graham Colborne, PMP



PMI WA-Chapter membership
January 2005 to November 2007

From the Desk of the Certification Director

Congratulations to those PMI WA-Chapter members who have earned their PMP.

Do you know that the PMP Certification is granted for a period of only three years?

It is important that during those three years you earn sufficient PDUs.

What's a PDU? A PDU is a Professional Development Units (PDUs).

PDUs are usually achieved through training courses accredited by PMI or by attending Chapter Meetings and numerous other methods as outlined in the Continuing Certification requirements handbook (CCR).

For further CCR online pleas review the web location http://tel.occe.ou.edu/pmi/PMI_Member/PDUlogin.php3

During the three year period, you will need to achieve at least 60 PDUs.

Make it easy on yourself. Register with PMI now and as you gain your PDUs, enter them on-line to show PMI that you have an on-going commitment to the project management profession.

Harie Pandiono

PMP Certification is granted for only three years and during that time, you must have earned an additional 60 PDUs in that 3-year period to be granted a further 3-years PMP.

Asia Pacific Global Congress, 3 to 5, March, 2008



PMI Global Congress
ASIA PACIFIC 2008

Registrations are now open, refer: <http://congresses.pmi.org/AsiaPacific2008/> (Select "Areas of Focus", and then specific subject to see the listed presentations)

Venue

The venue is the Hilton Sydney and this has a capacity limited to 400 attendees.

Prices

- For PMI Members Early Bird for 3 days is \$329 (USD), \$425 after 16 Feb 08 (one day is \$249 & \$345)
- For non PMI Members Early Bird for 3 days is \$425 (USD), \$545 after 16 Feb 08 (one day is \$345 & \$465)

This price level is well below the price for comparable Conferences.

All Congress Sessions will earn PMI PDUs.

There are also a number of additional seminars after the Congress which are well worth considering attending.

The ATO recognise this as a legitimate tax deduction under the category of "Professional Education."

Theme "Innovating Project Management to Improve Business Results"

Consider approaching your employer now in order to secure budget and funding approval. See you there!

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The WA Chapter's vision is *"To be the leader in promoting Project Management best practice, professional development and standards in Western Australia."*

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Member contributions welcome.; errors and omissions to communications@wapmi.org.au
Herman Veltkamp, PMP

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There are many opportunities to help the PMI WA-Chapter, and earn PDUs at the same time!

Earn PDUs: Become a PMI WA Volunteer!

The PMI Western Australia Chapter is seeking members to volunteer their time and energy to help deliver an ambitious program in 2008.

This is a means of providing members the opportunity to become more involved in the profession of project management.

In line with this strategy, the Education Portfolio is focusing on providing members with opportunities to participate in the education/professional development activities. Some examples, all specific to the Education Portfolio are:

- Assist PMI WA-Chapter members report their PDUs. Consider developing a spreadsheet to show the PDUs earned by each member to date.

- Develop a questionnaire to be used to collect members' opinion about PDU claiming procedure.

- Research the new PMBOK (3rd edition) and tell our members what has changed and how this affects the way in which PMI views projects should be done.

- Research OPM3 – its strengths and weaknesses for enhancing project management profession.

- Research the use of the Balanced Score Card for Total Project Management and Performance Evaluation.

- Determine the education and professional development needs of PMI WA members so that a local Registered Education Provider (REP) might provide a free training session (yes,

we said free!) for the members in the coming year and 3 short pre-Chapter Dinner free training sessions on selected topics.

If you are interested in helping with any of the above, please contact the PMI WA Education Director and earn yourself some valuable PDUs.

education@wapmi.org.au

There are other volunteer opportunities available. We would love to have your help. If volunteering at PMI WA is of interest to you, please contact Nigel Rarp at:

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