

# PMI WA-Chapter Newsletter

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## Special Points of Interest

- 13-Feb first WA meeting for 2008
- Governance and Reporting focus
- All Chapter Fees across Australia to be the same and set at US\$50 for 2008
- PMI WA-Chapter achievements for 2007

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## 2008 will see increased WA Board activity

Dear Members, Friends and Associates:

Your PMI WA-Chapter Board wish you the very best for the 2008 year and we look forward to catching up with you all at our first meeting for 2008 to be held on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at the Celtic Club, Ord St, West Perth as we continue to support our aim of "building professionalism in project management."

2008 will see more governance and reporting requirements from PMI Global to which your WA-Chapter Board will need to respond. The WA-Chapter will send two representatives to the Asia Pacific Sydney PMI Leadership Institute Meeting in March, held over the weekend just prior to the Global Congress. This meeting is convened by PMI Global in each Region and comprises two days of workshops and presentations on PMI-Chapter management and volunteer leadership.

As a result of growing interaction between all the Australian Chapters through the Australian PMI Council (APC) and growing number of movements of members within Australia, membership fees will be normalised across Australia to \$50 USD as of the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2008. We will be formalising relationships with other like Institutes as a part of our strategy, to strengthen our Chapter base and to seek more avenues for improving member value.

Please join me in congratulating the Chapter's Board members in its achievements for 2007 when you next see them, as this came from much volunteer time and effort from people on the board, past and present and our many committee members.

Steve Meintjes, PMP  
PMI WA Chapter President



Chapter Fees to rise to US\$50

## PMI's Specialty Credentials

Would you like to be among the first to hold a specialty credential that PMI is developing in response to strong market demand?

PMI will conduct a public pilot for the credentials of :

- "Project Scheduling" and

- "Project Risk Management" that will test associated systems and business rules, and will determine the passing score.

Watch for the opportunity to participate in the pilot and to contribute towards the credential development process.



Already, eligibility requirements have been determined by PMI in consultation with subject matter experts in each specialty.

Herman Veltkamp, PMP  
Communications Director

### From the Desk of the Education Director

- PMI WA Strategic Education '08 Goals
- Scholarship
  - Community Outreach
  - Low-fee Seminars
  - Regular Seminars

In December 2007 newsletter, I said I would outline more in relation to the four goals of my strategy for 2008 in the Education Portfolio.

Last month, I shared with you the Scholarship Program. This month, I focus on two more of my strategic goals: the Community Outreach Program and on the Low-fee Seminars.

In the next newsletter, I will discuss Regular Seminars.  
Dr. Eben Sholarin, PMP  
Education Director

The **Community Outreach Program** will reach out to regional organizations, universities, government agencies, and others, to promote project management and professional certification. By collaborating with WA tertiary institutions and WA corporate entities, local educational programs that strengthen local project management skills, and that support certification of project management professionals (PMPs) is possible.

**Low-fee Seminars** are designed to supplement the training program, especially post-PMP/CAPM professional development courses. Typically, these seminars are held as half-day workshops under the umbrella banner called "Projects-in-Action." The seminars are scheduled between 9.00 and 12.30 hours and are conducted by variety of highly qualified instructors and subject matter experts who are professional practitioners of project management and are PMP-certified.



### See you in Sydney 3-5 March !!

**Theme:**  
**"Innovating Project Management to Improve Business Results"**

**Consider approaching your employer now in order to secure budget and funding approval.**

A reminder that the Asia Pacific Global Congress takes place at the **Sydney Hilton from 3-5 March**.

This is an excellent chance to experience these great events without leaving the country. Don't miss out - check out the Sydney Congress website (<http://congresses.pmi.org/AsiaPacific2008/>) and get your booking in early.

**Earlybird registrations close on 15 February.**

Earn up to 14.5 PDUs !!

PMI® global congresses are the premier events of choice for professional development and education, networking, information sharing, and recognition for project management practitioners worldwide.

PMI® global congresses enable professionals in all industries to come together and exchange ideas while earning Professional Development Units (PDUs).

Select from 70 educational presentations organised under 14 Areas of Focus.

Nigel Rarp, PMP  
PMI WA Chapter Secretary

CALL TO MEMBERS  
Share your Project Management questions, advice, or perspectives to benefit the PMI WA-Chapter audience

### Members 'Corner'

PMI WA members are encouraged to contribute to the monthly newsletter.

Pieces for editorial consideration should be complete with a title/caption, a quotable quote (up to 20 words) and/or a diagram or picture.

Pieces should be of a size that fits the newsletter format, which, at present, is:

- 75-words,
- 100-words,
- 150-words,
- 200-words, or
- 225-words.

Please contact the Communications Director to share or discuss your contribution!

Herman Veltkamp, PMP  
Communications Director



### Project Management Asia 2008

Due to the ongoing success of the Annual Project Management Australia Conference, the organisers are expanding their reach into Asia.

The Project Management Asia Conference 2008 will be held at the **Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore** from **13 to 17 October 2008**.

## Quick Hits

### PMI Global Membership

PMI around the world, now has over 250,000 members, in more than 170 countries worldwide.

The number of Project Management Professional (PMP®) credential holders is over 260,000.

This milestone reflects the strength and growth of the organization.

Graham Colborne, PMP  
Membership and Recruitment

### February 13 2008 Meeting

The PMI WA's first meeting for 2008 will focus on the challenge of managing information overload on EPCM projects (Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management projects).

Come here about EPCM projects: what they are; the overall project process; and, examples of managing the information.

Presented by a Specialist in Project Management Systems jointly with an experienced Project Manager of the Mining Industry, this presentation

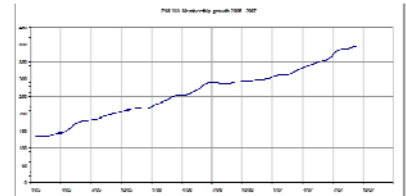
starts with describing EPCM projects, their particular management aspects and their overall project process, then, through an example, shows how information can be managed throughout the project's life cycle.

Jan Bryson, PMP  
Events Director

### PMI WA-Chapter members

PMI Western Australia Chapter recorded 399 members on Dec 31st 2007. Our aim for the 2007 year was 400!

Steve Meintjes, PMP  
PMI WA Chapter President



*PMI WA-Chapter membership  
January 2005 to November 2007*

## PMI Certifications: CAPM, PMP, PgMP

Is 2008 the year you go for your PMP, CAPM, or PgMP credential? If so, there is much to do!

Once PMI Global has received payment of the credential fee, and if you have not been selected for PMI's audit process, PMI will send you an electronic notification to schedule your examination.

Note: If you applied for the PgMP, you will receive this notification once you pass the first evaluation, the panel review.

The notification to schedule your examination confirms that you are eligible to take the examination and you will be directed to PMI's examination administration partner, Prometric, and their website ([www.prometric.com/pmi](http://www.prometric.com/pmi)) where you can select and schedule your examination date and location.

The unique PMI identification code located on your scheduling notification is important as it provides the detailed codes that must be used by you to register for the examination.

Print and save all examination scheduling verifications and correspondence received from PMI's examination administration partner, Prometric, for your records. You need to bring these to the examination and present on arrival at the registration desk.

For more detail information, please click <http://www.wapmi.org.au/certification/pmp.htm>

Harie Pandiono  
Certification Director

### **2008**

*Is this your year to  
earn your PMI  
certification? Choose:*

- PMP
- CAPM, or
- PgMP

## Have your say in these next Editions !!

Here is an opportunity to contribute in 2008!

In the final quarter of 2008, PMI plans to release updated editions of these prominent standards:

- A Guide to the **Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)**, Fourth Edition.

- The Standard for **Program Management**, Second Edition.

- The Standard for **Portfolio Management**, Second Edition.

- Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3®), Second Edition.

Exposure drafts of these standards will be **available for comment from January 2008, and will remain open**

**for 45 days from the date of posting.**

Please check [www.PMI.org](http://www.PMI.org) (Resources page) for details of how and when you can read the drafts.

Your review and input are desired and appreciated!

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The Western Australia Chapter ("Chapter") of the Project Management Institute (PMI®) was established in December 2001 as a not-for-profit Australian organisation. PMI is the largest international professional organisation for the project management profession and is well known for its international defacto standard publication called the "Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge" (PMBOK®).

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

[www.wapmi.org.au](http://www.wapmi.org.au)



**Member contributions welcome.** Errors and omissions to [communications@wapmi.org.au](mailto:communications@wapmi.org.au)  
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Communications Director

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## Project Management Institute

### Earn PDUs: Become a PMI WA Volunteer!



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

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

Through volunteering your time and energy, you will provide the WA membership with valuable outputs while you take advantage of the opportunity to become more involved in the profession of project management.

The Education Portfolio (PMI-WA) is focusing on providing volunteer 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 spread-

sheet 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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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