

PMI WA-Chapter Newsletter

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Special Point of Interest

- Financial Members of PMI WA-Chapter have been sent 3 VIP Guest Cards to be used to invite three people of their choosing to a PMI WA-Chapter Monthly Member's Meeting for free.

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From the Desk of the President

Dear Members and Friends,

I'm always pleased to let you know our membership is continuing to grow rapidly and our monthly meetings are continuing to have record attendances. We may have to move to a bigger venue soon!!

I encourage ALL members to come to the monthly meetings as you are bound to learn something you didn't know for the mere investment of an hour your time. Each meeting is at least 1 PDU and, if you register online, we track your PDUs for you.

For those members who can't make it to the Perth Chapter meetings because you live/work in remote locations, please note our special events, educational conferences, and other PMI supported conferences in Perth.

All members by now should have received their 3 VIP Guest Cards with a letter explaining what they are for. Please use each of them judiciously to bring a non-member who is likely to benefit the most from PMI and being under our umbrella of support.

As a PMI member you are an integral part of the largest community of Professional Project Managers globally! Be bold, be proud and invite a senior company/customer sponsor as a VIP guest. Feel free to introduce me to any of your guests.

Please mark your calendars, as there is a *Project Management in Resources Sector* Conference coming up at the end of July (further detail below).

Conferences focussed on Project Management in Perth don't come round often so I encourage your attendance.

Yours faithfully,
Steve Meintjes, PMP
President, PMI WA-Chapter



Project Management in the Resources Sector

Over three hundred resource projects, worth almost \$60 billion are planned or underway in Australia. If current trends hold true, then 60% of these will ultimately reschedule their completion date while a similar number will demonstrate capital cost increases.

Some delay is to be expected, some cost increases are unavoidable, but a company that can minimise the risk of this happening will not only be more successful now, but will stand head and shoulders above the competition when projects have narrower profit margins or contracts are harder to secure.

'Project Management in the Resources Sector' will look at the systems that are employed across each stage of development and identify practical solutions to major impediments. Through interactive sessions and informative case studies issues such as staff shortages, equipment availability, scheduling, contracting and approvals will all be considered.

This is 2008's only project management conference dedicated to the resources industry, making it the most practical investment of your time and energy. We look forward to meeting you in Perth at the end of July

When: 28th-30th July 2008

Where: Medina Grand, Perth

Discounts for PMI members

More details are at:

<http://www.tonkincorporation.com/?m=5&id=155&t=8>

Yours faithfully,

Steve Meintjes, PMP
President, PMI WA-Chapter

Projects in A-C-T-I-O-N

Keep Up With Trends! Earn PDUs ... Meet Colleagues...

The first workshop for 2008, facilitated by the networking guru himself, Ron Gibson, was unanimously rated as a huge success by the attendees. So waste no time and register for the next one coming up on May 22nd, 2008. The topic is Project Risk Management and will be facilitated by David Baccarini from Curtin University of Technology.

Professional development is crucial for you, your team, your company ... and your life. Whether you are a team member, a leader, a manager or an executive, you must grow, learn and keep up with trends in order to stay ahead and be competitive, effective and efficient.

As a professional association, PMI WA-Chapter prides itself in being a premier resource for project management training and education in Western Australia. This session will acquaint you with the ways you can develop and nurture your skills through face-to-face classes, conferences and workshops.

The WA-Chapter offers professional development opportunities to suit your specific needs and enhance your career position. The programs include both in-

tense, specific training and general overviews that appeal to practitioners at the beginner, advanced, and executive levels. The workshops are facilitated by highly skilled, well experienced Project Management Professionals or Subject Matter Experts with excellent presentation skills. Whether your development goal is to qualify for a promotion, explore a new interest within the profession, or earn Professional Development Units (PDUs) to maintain your Project Management Professional (PMP®) credential, PIA professional development program can help you meet your goal.

If you want to maintain your edge by keeping up with the trends in the profession and getting an overview of project management issues, consider attending one of our workshops. This is where you can develop both personally and professionally by building relationships and networking.

If what you need is more intense study of a single topic – such as Value Management, Communications & Leadership, Stake-

holder Circle, Earned Value Management or Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3) – ensure you attend our “PMEd 2008” educational workshops.

If you are not a PMI member but still want an interactive learning experience with participants and a PMI certified instructor, PIA workshops might fit well with your learning and education needs.

Once you've learned about the professional development opportunities in our PIA program, peruse the PMI WA-Chapter event calendar and find a course or workshop that fits into your schedule.

For further information, please email [educa-tion@wapmi.org.au](mailto:education@wapmi.org.au)

And good luck on your professional development journey!!!

Dr Eben 'Kunle Sholarin, PMP
Director of Education,
PMI WA-Chapter

Members 'Corner'

I invite everyone to ask questions, provide advice, or perspectives to benefit all of us! Let's use this forum wisely !!

“Ed”, aka
Herman Veltkamp, PMP
Communications Director

Dear Ed
At the recent Congress (held in Sydney) and also on the PMI Global web-site, PMI have announced that the PMBOK Fourth Edition is going to be released later this year along with the revised

OPM3, the revised Standard for Portfolio Management and the revised Standard for Program Management. At a recent WA-Chapter meeting, one of the WA Chapter Board Members announced that the PMBOK 4th Edition will be published in 2009.

Q1. Which is it? 2008? 2009?

Q2. When the new PMBOK is published, how much later does the PMP Exam content (the questions and answers) change to take into account the Fourth Edition changes?

Thank-you for your query!

Here are the answers:

A1. The PMBOK Fourth Edition is expected to be released at the end of calendar 2008.

A2. The examinations will change subsequent, perhaps in late 2010.

“Ed”, aka
Herman Veltkamp, PMP
Communications Director

CALL TO MEMBERS

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

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A U S T R A L I A

The Western Australia 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."*

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Member contributions welcome. Errors and omissions to communications@wapmi.org.au

Herman Veltkamp, PMP
Communications Director

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Project Management Institute

Two-Day Workshop



**Presented by
Bob McGannon
PMP**

Intelligent Disobedience: The Difference between Good Project Managers and GREAT Project Managers

Many of you will remember Bob McGannon's presentation at the March PMI WA-Chapter Meeting where he made us all think about questioning the "rules" and (dread the thought) daring to disobey the norm. He compared us to Seeing-Eye dogs that sometimes have to disobey their masters because they have greater vision and sight.

Following the fantastic response we had from this meeting, the PMI WA-Chapter have partnered with Coffey Projects and Mindavation to bring Bob

back to Perth to present his full two-day course "Intelligent Disobedience" on **June 16 & 17**. This course is fun, challenging, and informative. It will provide you with a different way of looking at the challenges you face as a project manager.

PMI WA Chapter members receive a \$100 discount on the course fees paying only \$950 for the two days. Fees include comprehensive course material and a copy of the best selling book *Fierce Conversations* by Susan Scott.

PMPs will earn 14 PDUs for attending this course.

Follow the link on the **PMI WA Chapter home page** for further details and online registration.

Judging from the interest when Bob presented at the PMI WA-Chapter meeting, we advise that you book early, as places are strictly limited to ensure maximum participation from all attendees.

Alden Lee, PMP
Marketing Director