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Special Point/s of Interest

- The next Perth offering to sit the PMP or CAPM Exams is 30 August 2008.

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When is the next Perth PMP/ CAPM Exam?

The next PMP and CAPM examinations to be held in Perth will be on August 30, 2008.

In preparation, instructional classes will be held each Monday and Thursday starting on July 7 and finishing up on August 25. Classes begin at 5:00pm and end approximately at 9:00pm.

What do I get?

This intensive course, which is 35 hours overall, is designed to prepare you for the PMP/ CAPM exam in a fun and effective manner.

In addition to unique games and activities, there are exercises and techniques designed specifically to increase both learning and knowledge retention, giving students not only the knowledge they need to confidence to pass the exam, but also to become a better project manager.

You also earn 35 PDU hours.

For those who are seeking the CAPM, this is more than just getting PDUs for new comer in project management able to comply PMI requirement.

A unique aspect of this program is in assisting with the PMP/CAPM credential application and payment so that the candidates will have deep understanding how to apply PMP/CAPM credential, to make an effective application, to efficiently calculate the required hours, and to better understand the audit process.

How can I registered and how much the price ?

Click for [registration](#). The fee for this course excluding books **\$1,350**. This course is offered in both PMI members and non members. For more detail please click [PMP/CAPM Preparation Program](#)

Harie Pandiono,
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PMI's "Coral Island" <fictitious> Chapter

No-one works in a vacuum!

In fact, you would explode if you tried. And it's the same with organisations, institutes and societies; except they tend to *implode*.

I enjoy presenting on motivation and team building and the like, and one of the core themes is that the output of a properly formed and nurtured team far exceeds the sum of the outputs of the individual members.

Where is all this leading?
To an island!

Life is wonderful on our little island, with little evidence of anyone exploding or imploding.

In fact, our numbers are increasing steadily. We could just relax on the beach and dream of what it would be like to have a real IMPACT on WA and beyond, and to have a real voice in the media and government. Dream, dream, dream...

OR we could start building bridges to other islands, team up with them, and multiply our capacity, impact and voice.

One of those islands is ACS WA (the Australian Computer Society, WA-Chapter) who has shown an equal interest in leveraging synergies with PMI WA, so we can expect so see benefits emerge from that and from links with other associations at a later date.

Jim Owens, PMP,
Vice-President,
PMI WA-Chapter

Giving Back to your Mates ...

CALL TO MEMBERS

Share your Project Management experience, advice, and perspectives to benefit fellow PMI WA-Chapter members.

What is Mentoring?

What is the eMentoring Program?

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Mentoring is the act of helping someone to learn. Mentors are facilitators and catalysts in a process of discovery and insight in personal and career environments. In a learning partnership, the mentor's role is "guide on the side" rather than "sage on the stage."

The eMentoring Program!

The eMentoring Program is offered by the Women in Project Management (WiPM) Specific Interest Group (SIG). The Program Mission is **"To use a collaborative community to promote individual growth and foster relationships among project managers."**

The WiPM eMentoring Program (eMP) facilitates a virtual mentoring relationship, using both e-mail and telephone contact as its primary communication tools.

eMentoring is a convenient and efficient medium that allows individuals to transcend the constraints of time and geography.

eMentoring focuses on individual growth and development through partnership between individuals with common interests, skills, and professional objectives.

A benefit of eMentoring in a virtual environment is that the medium facilitates thoughtful and deliberate communication between the participants.

Another benefit to participate in the WiPM eMentoring Program is that it increases member involvement and visibility within the PM Community and it enhances leadership skills.

What Can a Mentoring Program do for You?

Mentoring focuses on individual growth and development through partnership.

The best kind of mentor is someone who is not part of your current network and who can provide objective feedback.

Mentors provide guidance to help those with less experience learn how to build skills, set objectives and define a career path, serve as a sounding board to help work through challenges, and share a different perspective.

Participants gain by sharing experiences and "giving back" to their profession.

The eMP leadership team is committed to providing mentors and mentees with resourceful support services to facilitate the process throughout the relationship lifecycle.

ADMINISTRATION - Mentor and mentee applications will be evaluated and individuals will be matched based on common areas of interest, personal objectives, geography, etc.

COACHING - Each mentoring pair is assigned an eMP Coach, whose role is to assess progress towards their stated objectives, and assist with any challenges they may face.

TOOLS - Electronic Discussion Group (EDG). A Yahoo!® Group has been established to facilitate communications between the eMP Team and matched mentors and mentees.

When and How Long?

Program: starts and completes within a calendar year, January – December.

Mentoring Sessions: March – November.

Relationship duration: 8-9 month duration (8 month minimum; one session per calendar year).

Contact (2 hrs each), once (minimum) or twice a month (recommended).

Each mentee selects 3 objectives they wish to achieve during the program, and together with their Mentor they work towards this goal.

Each participant is required to complete a monthly Mentoring Log.

Can I earn PDUs as a Mentor or Mentee?

Yes! As a PMP® mentor, you can earn up to 20 PDUs per CCR cycle (reported as Category 5).

As a PMP® mentee, you can earn up to 15 PDUs per CCR cycle (reported as Category 2 – Self-directed Learning).

How many are involved?

Each session will be limited to no more than twenty (20) mentors and mentees; (10 mentor/mentee pairs) and one coach per 1-3 pairs. The current session for 2008 has:

- Coaches = 7
- Coach/Mentors = 2
- Mentors = 21
- Mentees = 38

Next month:

- How do I get involved?

Michelle Matthews
PMI Member

Scholarships available at PMI WA-Chapter for Students and CAPM/PMP candidates

The WA-Chapter provides scholarships to outstanding students studying Project Management as a major component of their course. Candidates will preferably be full-time students enrolled in third, fourth, or fifth year of the program (graduating in one or two years), in any university located in Western Australia.

Scholarship is also available to practicing Project Managers aspiring to acquire CAPM or PMP certification. Candidates must be an active member of PMIWA Chapter and must be

recommended by at least one Board member of the PMI WA-Chapter.

How to Apply

To apply for a scholarship award, download the appropriate forms located at <http://www.wapmi.org.au/education/index.php#scholarship>, and email the form, and a copy of your resume, to: The Education Director at education@wapmi.com.au

Applications close Tuesday 30 September, 2008.

Interviews with short-listed candidates will be conducted during October 2008 and the award made in November, 2008.

Good Luck!

Dr Eben 'Kunle Sholarin, PMP
Director of Education,
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Scholarships !

Information on Investigating a Proposal for an Australian PMI Chapter

My name is Todd Hutchison and I chair the Australian PMI Council (APC). This Council comprises all the Australia PMI Chapter Presidents and offers a collaborative forum for National discussions.

Your Chapter Board members have been active in discussing the best way of building PMI in Australia to further support the membership so that the networking opportunities and the services to our membership can grow, and that PMI continues to be recognised as the global leader in supporting the project management profession.

As evidenced by the Asia Pacific PMI Conference having been held in Sydney Australia earlier this year, PMI has international expertise that our members can access and enjoy.

Today, PMI have over 11,000 members in the Asia Pacific region, and over 5,000 members in Australia, as part of the 260,000 members globally.

There are many opportunities for PMI to further grow to offer a greater value to Australian members. The APC are currently actively explor-

ing a strategy to **potentially move toward a single Australian PMI organisation** based on the PMI Chapter with Branches model (this model would propose an Australian Chapter with geographic Branches and possibly sub-Branched).

This will allow better engagement with Commonwealth and State Governments and Corporate Australia.

This effectively means moving toward a single Australian Chapter supported by State Branches (similar to the models adopted by the majority of other professional associations in Australia).

This will allow for a more coordinated and collaborative approach to delivering member-based services Australia-wide, including an annual National Conference, a single national website (to facilitate new services like webinars etc) to improve the National PMI Professional Awards programme, allow you as a member to move between States without having to change your Chapter membership, and enable us to start providing national road shows and other key events.

Whilst the current Chapters will become Branches, your State will still be lead by its own leadership team supported by a National Board. The benefits enjoyed by your current Chapter membership will continue, however these benefits will be increased through the new nationally coordinated initiatives.

The International Headquarters of PMI are in full support of a National Chapter. They do offer more information on the Chapter-Branch model at <http://www.pmi.org/GetInvolved/Pages/Community-Development.aspx>

This is an exciting time for PMI and the opportunity to better serve its membership and to support the profession. We plan to keep you well informed on the investigation and viability phase of creating a National Chapter.

In the interim, please direct any questions to your local Chapter President, including any interests to be part of the voluntary project team that are examining the possibilities of a National Chapter.

Todd Hutchison, PMP
Australian PMI Council, Chair

What would it mean if we were a single Australian PMI organisation?

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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

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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.

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