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Message on behalf of Chapter President

Dear Members

In our previous newsletter we thanked and farewelled Stuart Hughson on his departure from the National Board and his role as National Treasurer. Now we wish to congratulate Stuart on his being made a national fellow of AIPM due to his outstanding service to the Institute and his contribution to furthering the profession of project management. Well done Stu!

September saw us hold a very successful lunchtime event presented by John Smyrk, Sigma Management Science, who is well known in the field of project management. Particularly so in Tasmania where he has been a mentor and adviser for many years. John challenged many of us in his presentation on Infeasible Projects.

On 5 November we celebrated International Project Management Day with an evening event featuring Fae Robinson, a very popular keynote speaker from the 2009 National Conference. This provided you, our members, with the opportunity to hear Fae present on Project Futures, Managing for Tomorrow.

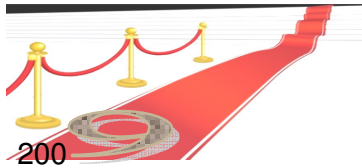
If you would like copies of either of these presentations please contact Kerry Hilliard – Tas Chapter Coordinator.

In late November, your state Chapter Council will hold a special meeting to develop an action plan to support the national strategic and business plan. We will also develop the events calendar for 2010. The Chapter Council is very active and meets regularly on a monthly basis.

Our final event for the year will be our Christmas gathering on 10 December. This is not to be missed and will feature two special guests, Mr Ian Baxter, General Manager AIPM and Santa! I look forward to seeing you there.

As this is the final report for 2009 may I take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and relaxing festive season. A particular thank you to our Chapter Councillors and Chapter Co-ordinator for all of their hard work during the year and thank you to you, our members, for your support during the year.

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Project Management Achievement Awards

As you are aware, the Tasmanian category winners and Project of the Year were announced at our PMAA gala event on 28 August 2009 at the Tattersall's Park Function Centre. Our state winners went on to compete at the national level, with the national winners announced in Adelaide in October 2009.

Despite the great submissions from Tasmania, we missed out on gaining recognition for project management excellence and innovation at the national level. The National Project of the Year was the Qantas A380 Program (Qantas Airways Limited).

Congratulations again to all of our local winners and to all organisations who prepared a submission for the 2009 awards.

However, now is a good time to start thinking about PMAA 2010!! The 2009 submission guidelines are available on the AIPM web site – www.aipm.com.au. While there may be minor changes to the guidelines for 2010, don't wait as the closing date for submissions will be the first week in June 2010.

Early next year there will be an information session to assist potential proponents to fully understand the PMAA process and what the judges are looking for in a winning submission. As PMAA Coordinator, Maria Skillern will be making available to potential proponents an opportunity for their draft submissions to be reviewed by others (previous winners / chapter councillors) to increase the likelihood of submissions meeting the judging criteria.

Preparing a submission for a project (or a discrete part of a project/program) is an excellent way to review and document the success of your project and project team. So why not get started now?

If you have any questions regarding PMAA, please call Maria on 6233 3481.

Christmas Function

All members (and non-members) are invited to attend our yearly Christmas function which is being held on 10 December 2009 at the Vue Room, Customs House Hotel commencing at 5.00pm with Christmas drinks and nibbles provided. Also gracing us with his presence this year is Santa! So if you haven't already marked this in your calendar please RSVP to Kerry Hilliard at:

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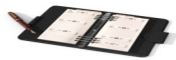
National Conference Feedback:

This year's AIPM National Conference was held in Adelaide. There were some keen wine connoisseurs from Tasmania who headed over a day or two before the start of the conference to conduct a comparison study of Tasmanian and Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blancs (results pending), while other dedicated Chapter councillors ran pre-conference workshops. The Conference's theme, "Modernisation in Project Management - Flexibility, Risk, Integration, Sustainability" provided a rich learning opportunity for those who attended. Keynote speakers ranged from a NASA engineer preparing for human settlement in space, to an Australian Army brigadier who highlighted the challenges of preparing an Army combat unit for deployment. Tasmania's own Fae Robinson also featured as a keynote speaker, challenging the audience to consider where the projects of the future may take us. Warm congratulations go to our very strong contingent of Tasmanian presenters who demonstrated the depth of project management experience that we bring to these conferences - Kathy Kuryl (who also presented on behalf of Maria Dalla-Fontana, who sadly wasn't able to make it to the conference), Maria Skillern, Sharyn White and Bronwyn Cross. The National PMAA night was a great event, superbly managed by another Tasmanian connection Leishman Associates, with the Qantas A380 program taking the Project of the Year award.

Next year's National Conference will be held in Darwin, so please consider setting aside 10-13 October 2010 in your calendars. The opportunity to learn from the experiences of other project practitioners is an invaluable addition to anyone's personal development, and the weather should be sensational!

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Hands up who is not enjoying themselves!



Upcoming Events for 2010

The local Events Committee has commenced planning the program of lunchtime seminars and events for next year. We have had a range of interesting speakers this year and next year will be no exception. If you have a suggestion for a topic or a speaker, or any suggested improvements to our events please contact Maria Skillern (Events Coordinator) on 6233 3481.

Welcome to New Members:

Tui Reihana	Department of Defence
Michael Baric	Cdec (Communications & Electrical Design Engineering Consultants)
Hayden Foley	Hydro Tas
Paul Muller	University of Tasmania

A word from the Tas Chapter Coordinator:

Hi to all

As we draw to a close to 2009 and my first year as Chapter Coordinator I have to say how much I have enjoyed all aspects of the job. It has been terrific getting to know our hardworking Councillors and meeting many of our members and hope to meet more of you throughout 2010.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter our Christmas party is looming closer and we all look forward to catching up with you there.

The new registration process seems to be running quite well now. To help you better understand the new process a brief explanation will be distributed with the next newsletter. If you are experiencing difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Once again, anything you would like to bring to the attention of other members via our newsletter will be gratefully received.

Regards
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