

President's Report

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Greetings fellow members,

Welcome to the first newsletter for the AIPM Chapter for 2010. I have just returned from a very pleasant holiday and so for those whom I have not yet seen, may I wish you a somewhat belated Happy New Year!

After a couple of months break, we are now starting to get back into full swing with the planning for a very full year of activities in 2010. In the next week or so, we will be putting a draft program onto the AIPM web site so that members can see all the activities being planned and whereas much of the detail regarding speakers is still to be finalised, it will enable members to start putting dates into their diaries.



Now that the global economic crisis is hopefully behind us, we are looking forward to a good year in 2010. Whereas February may seem very early to start talking about the Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) which are not held until August, this is the time when organisations and individuals should consider the possibility of making submissions as well as potential sponsors thinking about getting involved to maximise their exposure. Planning for PMAA10 has already commenced and we already have the first sponsors signed up plus the first Expression of Interest regarding a submission. So, things are well underway and we hope that this year the submissions will be as successful – if not more so – than 2009 when the ACT achieved the outstanding result of taking out five of the thirteen National awards.

Although AIPM has been providing significant services for its members for many years, we are not an island and are always looking to work with other groups. Last year saw the exciting acceptance of our application to join IPMA and the respective standards groups within both organisations are now working together to develop a process that will allow the AIPM to certify candidates against the IPMA competence baseline.

Last year, we held a very successful joint forum with the ACS and this year we are planning another joint forum in June with two, and possibly three other organisations – but more on that as developments take place!

Also, the WIPM team has arranged for the first two forums of this year to be in conjunction with other women's groups. The first of these is already sold out which is very encouraging, and the second will be in March on International Women's Day. Following the highly successful inaugural Careers Day opened by the Governor General, planning has also started for another similar function in September of this year with the intent being to make this an annual function.

The PMO SIG has already planned the first three functions of the year, and a new Performance Management and Measurement SIG will be starting shortly.

So, with all this activity taking place, I'm certain that each member will find something of value in the different forums that will be offered throughout this year.

Yours in project management

Peter Dechaineux

President, ACT Chapter



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

February Forum — Wednesday 24 February “The AMIS Program and its contribution to excellence in Project Management” Presented by Guy Wilmington

The Australian Maritime Identification System (AMIS) Capability Development Program and its contribution to excellence in project management.

For the first general forum in 2010, the ACT Chapter of AIPM is delighted to have as guest speaker Guy Wilmington who will talk on the multi-award winning AMIS Program.

The talk will be in three basic sections:

1. An overview of the AMIS Program
2. Contributions to excellence in project management covering:
 - Schedule Management;
 - Scope Management;
 - Risk Management; and
 - Issue Management
3. Onwards and upwards—the next steps for the AMIS Program.

Guy Wilmington is an experienced program manager versed in both PRINCE2 and PMBOK methodologies. Guy has extensive experience managing IT and non-IT projects and programs in the public and private sectors. Guy's excellence has been recognised by AIPM through the awarding of the ACT Project Director of the Year Award for 2009.

Guy's current role involves the management of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's Australian Maritime Identifications System (AMIS) Capability Development Program.

This program has received a Commendation in the 2008 Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Sector Administration, the 2009 Australian Information Industry Association eGovernment Award and the AIPM National IT Project of the Year (2009). AMIS also received 'green' reports in each of its four DoFD Gateway Reviews.



Guy Wilmington receiving the PMAA 09 National Award in Adelaide for the IT Project of the Year

When: Wed 24 February 10

Where: Canberra Club,
45 West Row, Civic,
5.30-6.10 Drinks & Nibbles
6.10-6.20 Chapter Admin
6.20– 7.15 Presentation & questions

Cost: Free to members

RSVP by Tues 23 February 10 to
Act_Chapter@aipm.com.au



WIPM March Forum—Thursday 4th March International Women's Day Luncheon featuring Lori Gould and Kath Elliott speaking on the topic of Water

International Women's Day Joint WIPM / WIE National Press Club Luncheon

WIPM together with WiE, are celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) with a lunch at the National Press Club on 4 March 2010.

The theme for the lunch this year is in keeping with the United Nations theme 2010 the Year of Biodiversity, and one of the major biodiversity themes which is close to Canberra's heart is WATER.



Lori Gould

The year we have two highly respected and talented speakers.

Lori is the Telstra Business Women of the Year 2009, ACT finalist Community and

Government and currently works with Greening Australia. Lori is currently managing the Boorowa River Recovery Project which boasts an achievement of \$1million co-invested from government, industry and community groups in partnership with local landholders.

Kath is the Executive Manager, Manidis Roberts. Manidis Roberts is a leading Australian consulting firm that helps clients address the challenges of urban growth providing services that integrate communications, creative, project development, sustainability and environmental disciplines. Kath is currently working on the ACT Water Security Program.



Kath Elliott

When: 4 March 09
Time: 12.00 – 2.00pm
Where: The National Press Club
Cost: \$60 per person
Booking and Payment: 24 Feb 10
 Act_chapter@aipm.com.au
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PMO SIG Thursday 18 February "P3M3 Discussion—share your understanding, experiences, plans"

The Gershon Review recommended that a common methodology for assessing agency capability with respect to portfolio, programme and project management maturity be implemented based on self-assessment and periodic independent audit.

The recommendation also indicated that agency executives will be required to propose a target level of capability based on their agency's and the Government's strategic priorities, and for this to be independently validated, particularly before undertaking major ICT projects that are either internally funded or receiving new policy proposal (NPP) funding.

Agencies will also be required to develop a capability improvement plan and to commit to and agree actions to address any capability gaps.

The Secretaries IT Governance Board (SIGB) has selected the use of P3M3 as the APS standard. P3M3

is an 'off the shelf' capability assessment methodology developed by the UK Office of Government Commerce.

Agencies are required to submit quarterly reports to Department of Finance and De-regulation about the status of their capability improvement plans and have a capability improvement plan developed by December 2010.

Please come along and be prepared to share your plans and experiences.

When: 18 February 10

Time: 6.00pm

Where: Tanner James. Level 4, 11
London Circuit

Cost: Free

RSVP: 16 February 10

PMO SIG Tuesday 16 March "Lessons to be Learned from Fast-Tracking a PMO" Presented by David Williams, CDDP

The March PMO SIG will be led by David Williams who will identify the problem and the strategic drivers faced by a Commonwealth Agency in introducing a PMO.

His presentation will outline the options available and the solution selected, the strategy implemented and what happened in reality as well as some of the inter-relationships.

More information will be provided in next month's newsletter. Also, details will soon be posted on the AIPM web site.

When: 16 March 10

Time: 6.00pm

Where: Oakton, 45 Wentworth Ave,
Kingston

RSVP: 12 March 10

Act_chapter@aipm.comau

PMO SIG Thursday 22 April—12.30pm "A Fulsome implementation of Risk Management in a large scale project"

This will be a **lunchtime session** held at Customs and will be a walk-through of the implementation of risk management in a large project. Further details will be provided in next month's newsletter

and will also soon be posted on the AIPM web site.



Performance Management—Measurement SIG

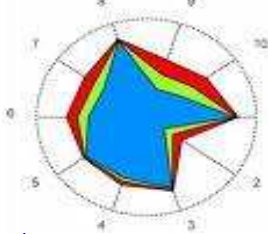
Thursday 18 March

“Reporting Project Performance Data from Multiple Systems using wlnsight” by Tina Weeder

Performance Management – Measurement (PMM-SIG)

In response to membership demand, a new Special Interest Group has been stood-up.

The Performance Management and Measurement Special Interest Group (PMM-SIG) is focused on people engaged in the quantitative areas of project management. Key disciplines include (but are not limited to): Scheduling, Estimating, Earned Value Management Supplier Performance Measurement, Human Resource Management, Risk Management, Performance Based Logistics and the Project Management methodologies that integrate them. The SIG meets to share experiences and learn from others in the pursuit of good project performance management.



The Aims of the SIG are to:

- Raise the profile of project performance management and measurement;
- Encourage practitioners to enter the field of project performance management and measurement;
- Support and encourage existing project performance management and measurement specialists;
- Increase understanding between Customers and Suppliers on project performance measurement issues; and
- Engage with local industry and government (federal and ACT).

Our Priorities for 2010:

- Establish and grow the Project Performance Management and Measurement network with the existing Performance Measurement community; and
- Promote the SIG as an effective network through which Project Managers and Project Controls specialists engage;

Forums and AIPM web-based Discussion Forums

Throughout 2010, Guest Speaker Forums will be held every two months and hosted by participating indus-

try / government organisations and held in their respective premises. Bi-monthly Guest Speaker topics will then become the ‘Topic’ of an on-line Discussion Forum accessed through the AIPM website.

All Welcome

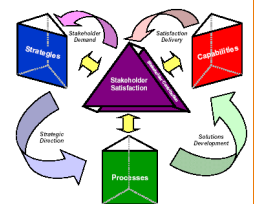
The SIG is open to anyone whose work or study is linked to achieving effective project planning and performance outcomes. This includes Project Managers, Business Managers, Project Controllers, Project Schedulers, and specialists in Estimating and Budgeting, Resource Planning, Risk Management and Performance Based Logistics.

First Meeting—Thursday, 18 March

Tina Weeder will present on “Reporting Project Performance Data from Multiple Systems Using wlnsight.”

Tina is the Alliance Earned Value Manager for the Air Warfare Destroyer Project.

The Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Alliance is made up of the Commonwealth, ASC Shipbuilding and Raytheon Australia. Each of these Alliance partners has their own Earned Value Management Systems which they use to manage and report their components of the Project.



Wlnsight is used by the AWD Alliance to combine these multiple sources of EV data as a single program. This presentation explores the complexities of combining very different EV systems and some of the practical issues that had to be overcome for a successful solution. It showcases the flexible data views that Wlnsight produces for management at various levels of the organisation.

When: 18 March 10

Time: 5.30—7.30pm

Where: Raytheon, Level 1,
4 Brindabella Circuit,
Canberra Airport

Cost: Free

RSVP: 15 March 10

Raytheon
Australia



OTHER CHAPTER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

PMAA 2010

As noted in the President's Report, although the PMAA function at the end of August seems a long time away, now is the time for companies and individuals to start thinking about making submissions for this year's awards.

The formal submissions brochure should be produced by the National Office very shortly, but no significant changes are expected to the project submissions, although there may be some changes to the individual awards. As soon as this information is available, it will be publicised.

As with previous years, your Council will make available people to help make submissions if this is required. However, perhaps the best tip is for those making submissions to realise that the judges can only make an assessment on the information they are

given in the submissions. So, whereas a project may be the best for the last decade, if no proof of that claim is made as part of the submission, the judges cannot give it the recognition it may deserve!

So, if companies and/or individuals are thinking of making submissions, start gathering the proof to substantiate any claims. Then once the guidelines are published, a more formal structure to the submission can take place.

The awards are taking on a greater and greater significance and so it is also a great opportunity for organisations to sponsor the night. Different packages are available and if anyone is interested, they can either contact the President, Peter Dechaineux, the PMAA Project Manager, Boyd McCarron, or the ACT Chapter Coordinator, Roger Birch for more details.

New Members

The following people have become members during the past month—welcome one and all

Members

Mr Wayne Brehaut
MAJ Colin Gunn
Mr Vikram Varma
Dr Paul Albrecht
Mr Stuart McGoogan
Mr Jaesen Jones
Mr Graeme Collin
Mr Carl Jenkins
Mr Aart Rebel
Mrs Imelda Medina-Go
Mr Eldad Ohayon

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Mrs Robin Priddin
Mr Nick Dhall
Ms Majda Hordern
Mr Christopher McLaughlan
Ms Suzette Cohen

Affiliate Members

Miss Sophie Lloyd

Student Members

Mr Kenneth Draney
Ms Jane Hardy
Mrs Prathima Kollipara



New CPPD and CPPM

The following members have also been awarded CPPD, CPPM or CPPP status – so congratulations to each of those below

CPPD

Mr Andy Gough
Mr Martin Collins
Mr Kevin Heyne
Mr Ian Pye
Mr Arvind Tyagi
Mr Martin Weir

CPPM

Mr Howard Viccars
Mrs Kavitha Lakshmanan
Mrs Tammy Scougall
Mr Allan Cameron
SQNLD Matthew Colbert
Mr Tim Gaffney
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CPPP

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