

PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

MAKING PROJECT MANAGEMENT INDISPENSABLE FOR BUSINESS RESULTS

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

9 Feb 2011 @ 6pm
City West Function Centre
45 Plaistowe Mews
West Perth, WA 6005 [[map](#)]

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News

Dear Chapter Members & Friends,

It's the first newsletter for 2011, and there's no shortage of news to convey!

New President

Firstly, due to his increasing business commitments Nigel Rarp has tendered his resignation from the position of President, PMI WA Chapter effective as at 31 January 2011. Nigel has been a stalwart of the Chapter, and has served 5+ years in various capacities, including serving as WA Chapter representative on the team for the Project Manager of the Year Awards program, then as Board Secretary, and more recently as President.

On behalf of the Board and membership, I sincerely thank Nigel for his service and dedication to the PMI WA Chapter and also PMI globally. I would also like to extend my personal thanks to Nigel for his selfless leadership, which has made my time with the WA Chapter a rich and valuable experience. His active presence on the Board will be missed to a great extent, but he has kindly offered to be available for advice and consultation as the immediate past president.

What does this mean for the Chapter? In accordance with the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws, as Vice President, I will assume the President's role for the remainder of the current term. The Vice President's role will be filled as a casual vacancy, again in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws. Until this is enacted, to cover any governance or constitutional issues that may arise, the Secretary will also assume the role as acting Vice-President.

This transition has been planned and executed by the Board in a manner such that there will be minimal disruption to the operations of the Chapter. The annual Strategic Alignment Planning Process (SAPR) reporting to PMI global has been completed, with the Chapter Charter renewal will be completed shortly.

If you have any questions concerning how this affects you as a member or friend of the Chapter, I urge you to seek out and discuss these myself or of any of the Board members.

500th Member Milestone

In other news, in late 2010 we welcomed our 500th Chapter member! From the early beginnings of the chapter in 2001 when total membership was less than 30, the chapter has grown significantly and is now well positioned to continue serving you and the project management profession in WA. A strategic planning session was held late in 2010, and the Board now looks forward to overseeing continuing and new initiatives that are planned over the coming months.

What's Next

Lastly, I hope to see many of you at the upcoming February chapter meeting on Wednesday 9th February at the City West Function Centre; and also at the February Leadership Series Breakfast. As part of this continuing series, on Monday 28th February, we will have WA's Chief Scientist, Professor Lyn Beazley presenting insights on how she has successfully led her team to world leading science discoveries. This promises to be a fascinating talk, so if you know any colleagues or acquaintances who has an interest in leadership, then why not consider inviting them along?

Alden Lee PMP
PMI WA Chapter President

Upcoming Survey

The PMI WA will soon be inviting all members to complete the 2011 Annual Member Survey. This is an important tool in measuring member satisfaction with the Chapter and PMI generally. The results will become part of the Board's strategic planning process and ultimately help the Chapter to better serve its members. In recognition of your time and effort to complete the survey, the Board has secured a prize for one lucky respondent

Leadership Series

Professor Lyn Beazley, Chief Scientist of Western Australia will discuss the challenges that are presented when leading an organisation and individuals at the cutting edge of science.

It is on Monday, 28 Feb 2011

Please go [here](#) for details and registration.

Remember you can also support this event as a Table Sponsor (\$250) or a Major Sponsor (\$750).

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WA Major Projects Conference 2011

Following the success of last year's conference the eagerly awaited **WA Major Projects Conference 2011** is due to be held on 22 & 23 March at the Perth Convention Centre. The conference is the leader in construction & infrastructure in the state with an anticipated attendance of more than 250 delegates. It is a 2 day event which will focus on the significant investments being made by the government into current major projects as well as projects for future development. The conference will cover Housing, Health, Buildings, Roads, Rail, Ports, Public Transport, Power, Water, Land & Property overall state development.

The first 50 Project Management Institute members to register will receive a 5% discount. Please quote promotional code **PMIWA2211** when booking.

For further information please visit www.waconference.com.au or call Jennifer Huynh on 03 9545 0360.



Case Study - Bankwest

Professional project management skills were critical in Bankwest getting its Capped Rate Home Loan, a loan which caps interest rates at a particular rate for a specified period, to market in late 2009. The company invested in project managers certified by The Project Management Institute (PMI) to introduce the Capped Rate Home Loan, which was the first loan of its type on the market, at that time.

Responding to market conditions meant the product had to be delivered within 12 months which, for a complex project encompassing multiple stakeholders and many moving parts, was a challenge. It was, says Natasha Babich, Program Director, Change Management, Bankwest, critical for the team to have good project management skills.

"Good project managers actively engage stakeholders," Babich says. "And engagement is more than just emails - it's talking and listening to people face-to-face and actually finding out what the issues are, instead of just assuming. That's where a qualified project manager really shines because those who are PMP®-certified (Project Management Professional) are disciplined about following things through to ensure the best possible outcome."

You can find the full article [here](#).

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