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JULY 2014

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NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

09 July 2014 @ 6:00pm

City West Receptions, 45 Plaistowe
Mews, West Perth, WA 6005

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July Professional
Development Workshop

With Dr Keith O'Shea

PMI Australia Conference
2014

What's On
July 2014

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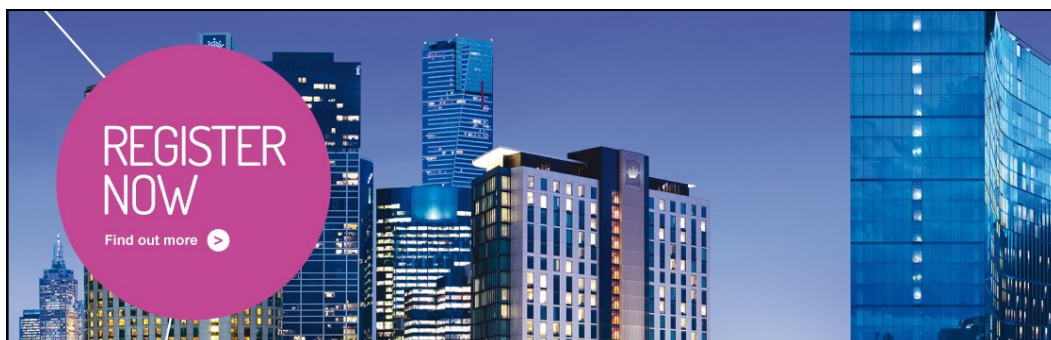
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Will Earn You PDU's

PMI Australia Conference 2014



Join us at the 2014 PMI Australia Conference at Crown Melbourne 8—10 September 2014 where keynote speakers will include:



Professor Rodney J Turner MA, MSc, DPhil (Oxon), BE (Auck), CEng, FIMechE, FAPM, MInstD

Professor of Project Management at Kingston Business School and at SKEMA Business

School, in Lille France where he is Scientific Director for the PhD in Project and Programme Mgt. He is Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology Sydney.

Rodney was educated at Auckland University where he did a Bachelor of Engineering and Oxford University where he received an MSc in Industrial Mathematics and a DPhil in Engineering Science.

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- Sponsor's website
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- Distribute promotional materials at the event
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- Provide a five minute presentation at the beginning of the event
- relevant to members (content subject to PMI approval)
- Four free entries for event
- One Emerald sponsor per event

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- Distribute promotional materials at the event
- Two free entries for event

July Chapter Meeting

For our July Chapter Meeting Professor Lyn Beazley AO FTSE will speak on the topic of **Innovative Western Australia**.

Professor Beazley says, "Science and innovation can take many forms and as Chief Scientist of Western Australia I have had the privilege of seeing many examples across the length and breadth of our great State. They span our major

income earners from the resources sector, to agriculture, education, IT, the environment, energy, health and more. I will describe ten examples from amongst these sectors and seek to tease out the common threads that have led to their success".

Remember—you also earn PDU's for attending so don't delay in booking your place for this Chapter event. [\[Book Now\]](#)



July Professional Development Workshop



Keith O'Shea

The July PMI workshop will be presented by Dr. Keith O'Shea of QTC Consulting Pty Ltd, and will examine the critical concept of project quality.

This workshop will describe the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to manage quality in projects. Managing quality effectively in a project involves determining quality

requirements, implementing quality control and assurance processes, and using review and evaluation to make quality improvements in current and future projects. [\[Book Now\]](#)

Details:

Cost: \$202 for PMI WA Chapter Members / \$321 Non-Members

26 June 2014 9.00am to 2.30pm

PMI Australia Conference 2014 (continued)

Rodney is the author or editor of eighteen books, including *The Handbook of Project-based Management*, the best selling book published by McGraw-Hill, and the *Gower Handbook of Project Management*. He is

editor of *The International Journal of Project Management*. His research areas cover project management in small to medium-enterprises, the management of complex projects, the governance of

project management, including ethics and trust, project leadership and Human Resource Management in the project-oriented firm.

Also speaking, Hon Jeff Kennett and Margie Warrell and others.

What's on in July?

09 July 2014

Project Management
Toastmasters
(CityWest)

09 July 2014

WA PMI Chapter
Meeting [\[Book Now\]](#)

16 July 2014

WA PMI Professional
Development
Workshop [\[Book Now\]](#)

23 July 2014

Project Management
Toastmasters
(Woodside Plaza)

PMP Lessons From Someone Who Has Recently Passed

Is studying for and obtaining your Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] Certification one of your personal or career goals? Are you wondering about things such as where is a good place to start, what materials might be the most helpful in studying, or how many practice tests are just right or too many? Are you interested in the experiences and insights of those who have been there, were once also wondering many of the same things, and who have recently passed the PMP[®] Exam?

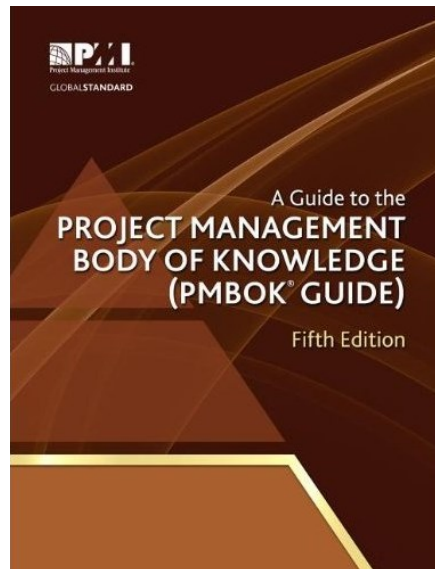
If any of these questions sound familiar to you then there is a forum you need to explore on [The PM PrepCast](#) website. Every post is from those who have recently obtained their Project Management Professional Certification and are willing to provide tips and information concerning their study methods and experiences taking the PMP Exam. These individuals most likely were where you are today, full of questions and concerns, and looking for a place with information and answers.

Let's take a look at one example from this forum. It was written by [Scott Coonrod, PMP](#), not too long after he obtained his PMP certification. In his PM PrepCast Forum post he discusses how he studied for and prepared for both the PMP Exam and the exam day itself along with his experiences at the test site.

Lessons learned and other tips related to preparing for the PMP Exam:

- Find others who are also studying to obtain their PMP Certification and review key items

in the *PMBOK[®] Guide* together. Studying with others is a great support system during the exam preparation process.



- Go through The PM PrepCast lessons and take notes on the material being presented. Even if you do not go back and refer to the notes at a later date they will serve as a good method for retaining the material. Taking notes can help you 'learn' the material, not just 'memorize' it.
- Take the quizzes after each PM PrepCast Lesson. If you feel as if you missed too many answers, you can always go back and listen to the presentation again or review the notes you had taken.
- Answer many, many, many practice questions. The study guide mentioned below comes with a CD with two 200 question sample exams and an option to obtain a third sample exam.
- Download free PMP Exam question apps. The great thing about these apps is that many have 25-50 questions each that you can answer whenever you have a free moment.

As you are nearing your PMP Exam date create a data dump sheet with key formulas, definitions, and other items you want to make sure you remember for exam day. Practice recreating it; because that is what you are going to need to do on your exam day.

Lessons learned and other tips related to PMP Exam study materials:

- Read the most current version of The *PMBOK[®] Guide* together with others who are also looking to pass the PMP Exam if possible. Additional suggested study material includes "*Project Management Professional Study Guide (Fourth Edition)*" by Joseph Phillips. This study guide provides you an interactive quiz that indicates not only 'if' you answered correctly or incorrectly, but also 'why' the answer was correct or incorrect, as you answer each question. These quizzes were a great introduction to how questions may be framed on the actual PMP Exam. Some questions may be worded in ways that may seem misleading. For example, some questions may provide much more information than what is needed to answer a question, and some other questions may require you to choose the MOST correct answer from a list that may have what seems like several correct answers.



PMP Lessons—Continued

Lessons learned and other tips related to taking the PMP Exam:

- Know where your exam site is. If you live far away from the exam site and can't drive by, make sure you have reliable directions and know if there is construction on the route to the Prometric Test Center. Allow for plenty of time to get to the site without causing yourself unnecessary additional stress.
- Remember to have your two forms of identification because you will need to prove who you are in order to take the exam.
- Do not bring too much stuff with you. You will have to lock everything up because you can't take anything into the exam room with you.
- If you are nervous about taking a computer based exam, don't worry because there is an optional 15 minute tutorial at the beginning of the exam that does not count

toward your PMP Exam time. If you are comfortable taking a computer based exam, use this time to recreate your data dump.

- If you start to feel nervous or overwhelmed, take a few deep breaths, tell yourself "you've got this", and keep going. Answer all of the questions you know and mark those you don't for follow up. Some questions/answers later in the exam may help you answer those you had marked.

These are just a few examples of the PMP Exam related lessons learned and other tips offered by someone who has recently been in your shoes and has shared his experiences. You can access these lessons learned and other tips and many more in The PM PrepCast Forum at <http://www.pm-prepcast.com/ll>.

About the authors: Cornelius Fichtner, PMP, CSM is a noted PMP Exam Prep expert. He has helped over 26,000 students prepare for the [PMP Exam](#) with The Project Management PrepCast and offers what is possibly the best [PMP Exam Simulator](#) on the market.

Scott Coonrod, PMP recently obtained his PMP certification (April 2014) and has 17 years of experience in the electric motors industry; mostly leading or championing projects. He currently is developing and leading the Project Management Office (PMO) for the manufacturing operations of a multi-billion dollar global manufacturer of motors, generators, switch gear, and mechanical gearing aimed at converting power into motion to help the world run more efficiently.

Exploring the Value of Project Management Certification

Project Management certification continues at an increasing rate around the world. Certification is a very important component of professional practice and is a vital component of professional association strategy.

Ten years ago we conducted a study designed to understand the value of project management certification processes to individuals making the decision to seek certified project manager status. This information provided important insights into the value

placed on certification by the individual's that choose to take this step.

Today we are conducting a follow up survey which will provide important insight into how perceptions and attitudes towards certification have changed over the last decade. Comparing the responses over a decade apart will make a unique contribution to our understanding of the development of project management over this period.

We would really appreciate it if you would participate in this study. We anticipate that it will take between 15 and 45 minutes to complete [\[Take the Survey\]](#)

Best regards,

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