



# PMI Western Australian Chapter NEWSLETTER

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## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

12 November 2014  
@ 6:00pm

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

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## WA PMI Chapter Innovation Program Award

WA PMI have earned recognition at a global level within PMI thanks to a win in the Chapter Innovation Program.

The Chapter Innovation Program was launched in May 2014 with the aim to encourage chapters to put forward innovative ideas that will deliver increased member value, while ensuring long-term viability, simplicity in implementation, and portability across chapters. The program received idea submissions from all macro-regions and included a high level of engagement from volunteer review teams that ensured each submission received the fair evaluation it deserved. Concluding its evaluation, PMI is pleased to announce that the [PMI Rome Italy Chapter](#) and [PMI Western Australia Chapter's](#) submission of, "PMIx - PMI global event webcast platform" has been selected as winner for the 2014 Chapter Innovation Program.

Inspired by PMI Western Australia Chapter's current program, the "PMIx – PMI global event webcast platform", has been expanded through discussion between PMI Rome Italy Chapter and

PMI Western Australia Chapter to make the program applicable on a global level. This program will enable PMI chapters to share ideas, knowledge, and presentations between chapters globally by webcasting videos from chapter events for other chapters and their members to access. PMIx will bring direct value to members by gaining greater access to global content, ideas, and knowledge through other chapters from around the globe. Chapter members unable to attend events in person can still gain access to events virtually.

Moving forward to the implementation of the idea, PMI will initiate a taskforce team at a global level that consists of representatives from the PMI Rome Italy Chapter and PMI Western Australia Chapter and PMI staff from various functional areas. Results of the implementation will be shared with the PMI community through various PMI communication channels in 2015.

## WA PMI Chapter Board Elections

The election of officers will be held as part of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) This will precede the regular monthly WA Chapter Meeting which commences immediately after the AGM.

Can't get to the AGM? No problem. Even though you may not be able to attend in person, you can still exercise your right to vote.

Proxy voting has been made available online since Wednesday 29 October

2014 and you will have received a separate email of it's availability. Your proxy vote allows you to assign your vote to the Secretary / AGM Chair to cast on the night of the election.

As a financial member, this is your primary opportunity to have a direct say in the management of your Chapter. Submitting a proxy vote also allows you to register an apology for the meeting, which counts towards the quorum for the meeting.

## WA PMI Board Sponsor

The WA PMI Chapter board would like to acknowledge the sponsorship of Fujitsu who are our kind hosts for the monthly board meeting attended by the elected directors.



## November Chapter Meeting

As you all are no doubt aware, the various PMI Chapters around Australia have been working on an initiative to come together under one National Chapter.

Discussions around this are ongoing, as you can imagine such a change is complex and the development of the business case is a huge task being undertaken by a team of dedicated volunteers.

Whilst the special general meeting has been postponed, the chapter here in WA will be dedicating the November Chapter meeting to the topic of, "WA and National Opportunities and Implications World Café Workshop".

A single PMI Australia national chapter with local branches is being proposed in order to improve value for the 5,000 existing Australian

chapters members, over 12,000 PMI members and credential holders, and our organisational and community stakeholders in Australia, current and future.

To do so, members must vote via a >75% special motion and special general meeting to empower our volunteer leaders and boards to plan, manage and govern the initial transition and subsequent strategic transformation.

To help inform this most crucial of strategic decisions for the next 5-10 years, the regular monthly chapter meeting on Wednesday 12 November 2014, immediately following the Annual General Meeting, will instead host a World Café workshop. This is designed to facilitate conversations for members and stakeholders to explore

opportunities and implications from moving to a single PMI Australia national chapter.

Please note this chapter meeting will be a workshop format for all to participate with equal voice by either contributing or listening to discussions in small round table groups. Further information on the World Café process is available on online [here](#).

Remember—you also earn PDU's for attending so don't delay in booking your place for this Chapter event.

11 November at 6.00pm [\[Book Now\]](#)

## WA PMI Chapter Webcasts

Of course, WA PMI have been filming the many excellent presentations that are given at our Chapter meetings for quite some time now. The back catalogue of these is available to chapter members via the [website](#).

This facility is not only excellent if you want to hear the presentation again or missed some point on the night, but also if you are unable to make a chapter it is not only a fantastic way to catch up on what you missed but also to earn that PDU too.

Available on the website right now is the presentation from 8 October when Alan Piper gave us the insiders look at how the Fiona Stanley Hospital Construction triumphed in the face of a highly complex and challenging task.



If you missed it then [catch it now!](#)

## What's on in November?



**12 November 2014**

Project Management  
Toastmasters  
(CityWest)

**12 November 2014**

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

**26 November 2014**

Project Management  
Toastmasters  
(Woodside Plaza)



## The PMP® Examination is 30 years old by Pat Weaver

The PMP® credential is probably the oldest and most widely recognised project management credential in the world.

PMI® was not the first project management association, that honour goes to the European INTERNET (now IPMA), but it did lead the way in developing a project management examination and a supporting body of knowledge.

PMI was founded in October 1969 at the Georgia Institute of Technology as a non-profit organisation focused on the field of project management. By the time of the 1976 PMI Montreal Seminars/Symposium, the idea that 'project management' practices could be documented was being widely discussed along with the concept of project management as a profession.

These discussions continued through to 1981 when the PMI Board of Directors formally approved a project to:

1. Define the distinguishing characteristics of a practicing profession (ethics)
2. The content and structure of the profession's body of knowledge (standards)
3. Recognition of professional attainment (accreditation)

The project team became known as the Ethics Standards and Accreditation (ESA) Management Group.

The results of the ESA project were published as a Special Report in the Project Management Journal, August 1983. The Special Report included:

1. A code of Ethics and a procedure for enforcement
2. A standard knowledge baseline consisting of six major knowledge areas, Scope, Cost, Time, Quality, HR and Communication.
3. Guidelines for accreditation of courses provided by institutions (Universities) and individual

certification.

Based on these foundations, the Western Carolinas University, Masters in Project Management degree was accredited in 1983 and the first PMPs credentials awarded in 1984.

The initial version of the PMP exam was 40 questions in each of the 6 knowledge areas with at least 70% correct in each to pass. The multi-choice exam presented 5 options and included a fair number of combination choices (e.g., "a and b").

On the 25 March 1986, I joined PMI as member # 13,428 to tap into the knowledge PMI were developing through their Journals and standards to help with my work as a project management consultant. 28 years later I'm still an active PMI member.

In 1986/87 the PMI Board approved a second standards related project, to review and enhance the 1984 documents. In addition to expanding and enhancing the six original 'knowledge areas', the Risk and Contract/Procurement knowledge areas were added along with the 'Project Management Framework' which placed project management within the context of the wider environment and general management. This work was published as the 'Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK)' in 1987.

The updated PMP exam was now 40 questions in each of the 8 knowledge areas with at least 70% correct in each to pass. It was 320 multiple choice questions, it took 3 hours and 20 minutes in the morning for the first 160 questions and 3 hours and 20 minutes in the afternoon for the second group of 160. Also in the late 1980s, PMI eliminated the "a and b" options and changed the exam from 5 options to 4.

Between 1991 and 1996, a major review of the PMBOK was initiated resulting in the publication of 'A

Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge', the first edition of the *PMBOK® Guide*. The important 'Integration Knowledge area was added and the document extensively reorganised. The now familiar 'processes were added to standardise the flow of information within a project (with inputs, tools and techniques and outputs described – most outputs becoming inputs to subsequent processes).

The PMP exam was changed again in the latter half of the 1990s. It went from a written test to computer based test, from 320 questions to 200 questions and the passing score went from 70% in each knowledge area to 61% overall. With the new format and ease of access to examination centres via the Thompson Prometric world-wide delivery system the PMP exam took off.

We passed our PMP examinations in 2001 and started developing our PMI courses, initially focussing on the new CAPM Credential, then the PMP credential – we are still developing and adapting our courses to stay aligned with changes in focus of the examination!

The 2000 and 2004 updates to the *PMBOK® Guide* set the pattern of regular 4 yearly updates. The 2004 (Third Edition) was the first time I contributed to the development process which has continued through the 2008 and 2012 updates. The 2012 update included the new knowledge area of Stakeholder Management.

... work on the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition currently (is) in progress for publication in 2016,

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## PMI Event Sponsorship

The Chapter offers opportunities for you to promote your business through sponsorship of the monthly Chapter meeting. Standard sponsorship packages at two levels are available and we can also tailor these to your needs.

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## Expert Judgement—Survey sponsored by PMI



Did you know that expert judgement is the most frequently referenced tool or technique in the Project

Management Book of Knowledge (PMBOK)?

Did you also know that the definition of expert judgement is one of the shortest in the PMBOK?

As part of a research project sponsored by the Project

Management Institute, Massachusetts Maritime Academy are conducting a global survey of expert judgement practices in project management. This study will determine the state of the practice as it pertains to how project managers use expert judgement. It will also result in a set of guidelines for project managers to use expert judgement more effectively—which will become available through PMI in 2015.

To help us better understand the practice of expert judgement in project management; [please take this survey](#).

## LinkedIn for Project Managers and Professionals

When you arrive at the monthly chapter meeting you will no doubt have been welcomed and checked-in by Jo Saunders. What you may not know is the extent of Jo's business activities and that she is the owner and driving force behind Wildfire Social Marketing. Jo tells us that...

With over 6 million Australian professionals currently leverage the communication power of LinkedIn and over 313 million users around the world, now is the time to learn how to get the best return from the largest professional social network. If you are not there, or have an incomplete or dormant profile, you are missing out on opportunities! Not only is it an effective recruitment and research tool, but it is an essential digital identity and personal branding tool, a publishing platform and networking tool for any professional. Whether you are a business owner, or employee, LinkedIn is the tool to showcase your personal brand, tell your story and connect to the right people.

[This presentation](#) will help you understand the value of LinkedIn, through show and tell, enlightenment and some

trade secrets to implement straight away. Jo will cover how to set up your LinkedIn Profile effectively to get more exposure, and how to use it as a networking and personal marketing tool to increase your opportunities and stand out from the crowd.



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