



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Michael Young

Welcome to the first newsletter for the AIPM ACT Chapter for 2008. This year, we plan to have regular newsletters to keep the growing membership in the ACT informed of what is happening in the world of project management.

The highlight of this coming year will be the AIPM National Conference and National Project Management Achievement Awards which will be held in Canberra in October. The organizing committee is currently locking in key note speakers, sponsors and exhibitors. The Call for Papers has opened, so submit your abstracts!

The ACT Chapter Council is busily planning the ACT PMAA event for 2008. This year we will hold a cocktail party rather than a black-tie sit down dinner.

We will again be holding our regular monthly forums on the last Wednesday of each month at the Canberra Club. If you would like to suggest speakers or topics, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The ACT Chapter Council is currently planning the second Women in Project Management function which will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> following a very successful first meeting last November. Further details are provided later in this newsletter. Also, the Special Interest Group for PMOs is up and running.

At the AIPM Support Office a number of changes are taking place which are intended to improve their overall level of service. Members will hopefully see faster responses to RegPM awards following an internal restructure and a review which is underway on the main software system used, again with the view to improving information flow to our membership.

At the National level, The Board has been working on a number of special initiatives, including development of a Strategic Plan that guide AIPM's future direction.

A group of dedicated volunteers has been working tirelessly on the development and review of the National competency Standards. Feedback sessions have been occurring around the country. See the IPM website for further information.

So, again welcome to another year of project management activities and I look forward to keeping you informed on a regular basis throughout the year as to what is happening in AIPM.

Yours in project management  
Michael Young  
ACT Chapter President

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**Events and Activities**

Ramesh Malik

**February 2008 Monthly Forum**

AIPM Change Management project of the Year 2007

Riskman - Change in a complex Organisation

Presented by Ms Carmel Brennan

The presentation will include an overview of the Riskman Project, major challenges; lessons learnt and will focus on how the team approached the change management component of the project. In particular how change was implemented with all level of staff and along with catering for the different clinical needs in the acute care, community health and mental health sectors. The project was also required to accommodate the needs of the public sector within Calvary Hospital.

**Carmel Brennan**

Carmel is originally from Ireland and has recently celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of arriving in Australia. Professionally, Carmel is a Registered Nurse with over 15 years in the critical care area. Since moving away from the clinical environment Carmel has been working in areas of health that supports clinical staff. These areas include project work in clinical informatics, quality improvement and process change. Some of her major achievements include:

- Project manager for the 'Clinical Incident Management with Riskman' Project in 2006, which had a direct impact on over 3500 staff. This project delivered significant improvements to the management of clinical incidents within ACT Health. The Riskman project received the following awards from the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM).
  - 2007 National AIPM Change Management / Organisational Change Project of the Year.
  - 2007 ACT AIPM Change Management / Organisational Change Project of the Year.
  - 2007 ACT AIPM Community Benefit Project of the Year.
- Researched and developed a Clinical Audit strategy for ACT Health.
- Established a clinical supervision role within a health care call centre for a team of 15 health professionals including registered nurses, psychologists, dieticians, and exercise physiologists and an evaluation demonstrated a 94% acceptance and positive view for this role.
- Lead Nurse within a multi-disciplinary team on a Cardiac Surgical Expedition to the Military Hospital, Cairo with renowned Cardiac Surgeon, Sir Donald Ross in May 1997. My role within this expedition afforded me tremendous insight into the unique challenges in providing medical services within different cultural environments, and a developing world medical service.

**EVENING AGENDA**

5:30 – 6:10pm Drinks &amp; Cocktail Food

6:10 – 6:15pm Chapter Administration

6:15 – 7:00pm Evening Presentation

7:00 – 7:30pm Discussion/Question Time

**FORUM DETAILS**Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 5:30pm sharp to 7:30pm

Venue: Canberra Club, 45 West Row, Civic

Cost: FREE

**RSVP by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**ACT Chapter Administrator – Roger Birch [ACT\\_Chapter@aipm.com.au](mailto:ACT_Chapter@aipm.com.au)

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**March Forum:**

The topic for following forum to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March will be entitled “Project Risk Management - Beyond the Risk Register” and will be given by Brian Depree from Raytheon Australia.

**Topic Overview:** Project Risk Management (PRM) is seen by some as applying the risk process with the aim of generating a Risk Register, then maintaining the Risk Register throughout the life of the project. There is however, much more to PRM which when applied practically provides Project Managers with key management information making the Risk Register a greater management asset. This presentation will briefly cover the risk management process (getting to the Risk Register) and then focus on where to from here - what can we do with the information we collect and how we can use it to benefit and assist Project Manager's in their role.

Brian has held a variety of roles and positions and through these has developed expertise in the fields of project and risk management, aeronautical maintenance, airworthiness, management of workshops, contracts, budgets and project teams, as well as expertise in training and quality assurance.

Brian served in the Royal New Zealand Air Force as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, worked for Ball Solutions Group as a Project and Risk Manager, been a Risk Management Consultant for Risk Decisions and is currently the Enterprise Risk Manager for Raytheon Australia.

Brian has qualifications in Risk Management, Project Management, Training, Quality and Engineering. He is a Master Program Director through AIPM and a Certified Practicing Risk Manager through the Risk Management Institute of Australasia.

**Women in Project Management (WIPM)**

Debbie Mazlin

The inaugural ACT WIPM forum was held in November 07 and was very well received by all attendees. In fact, of all the women members of AIPM in ACT and surrounding NSW centres, 40% attended the function. This was a very encouraging start and an indicator of the interest in WIPM forums.

Guest speaker at the November forum was Annabelle Pegrum. Annabelle is Chief Executive of the National Capital Authority; a position she has held since 1998. Throughout her career, Annabelle has also held senior executive positions with the ACT Government and was the 1998 Telstra ACT Business Woman of the Year. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, received its 2005 ACT President's award, was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Canberra and is an Honoured Friend of the Canberra Institute of Technology.

**WIPM March Forum – 6 March, University House (8.00 – 10.00)**

The March forum will be a breakfast function held at University House (8.00 – 10.00). This forum is also the 'official' launch of WIPM in ACT.

Guest speaker will be Julie Hammer AM, CSC. Julie is the current National President of Engineers Australia; the first female national president in the 89-year history of the organization. Julie is an electronics engineer and retired Air Vice-Marshal with the Royal Australian Air Force where she served for over 28 years in the fields of aircraft maintenance, technical intelligence, electronic warfare, and information and communications technology (ICT) systems. She was the first serving woman to achieve

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One Star rank in 1999 and is the only woman in the history of the Australian Defence Force to have achieved Two Star rank. Julie holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics, a Masters degree in Aerosystems Engineering and a Graduate Diploma in Strategic Studies.

All women in project management and their guests are welcome.

Registration: [act\\_chapter@aipm.com.au](mailto:act_chapter@aipm.com.au)  
RSVP: no later than 29 February 08  
Cost: \$25/head  
Information on WIPM: [debbie.mazlin@bigpond.com.au](mailto:debbie.mazlin@bigpond.com.au)

### **PMO Special Interest Group**

Mike Kennedy

The next meeting of the PMO SIG will be a continuation of the round table discussion on 'Key Performance Indicators for PMOs. Do we need them? If we do, what should we measure? If you have a charter for your PMO you might care to bring it with you.

The venue will be at Microsoft, 6 - 7.30pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Attendance at this SIG qualifies for CPD points. Further information, contact Mike Kennedy at [Mike.KENNEDY@deewr.gov.au](mailto:Mike.KENNEDY@deewr.gov.au)

### **Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA)**

Roger Birch

AIPM is seeking nominations for the 2008 ACT Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) and we invite you to nominate your project for ACT Project of the Year.

Submissions that are shortlisted for an AIPM award are formally recognized by the Project Management Industry, but more importantly the nomination itself (even if not shortlisted) provides acknowledgement and recognition to your project team of a job well done.

There are 8 categories for project submission:

1. Construction/Engineering
2. Defence/Aerospace
3. Product Development
4. Information technology
5. Organisation/Change Management
6. Small Projects
7. Regional Development
8. Not For Profit

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Projects may be submitted for up to three categories, however projects will only be eligible to win one category. The winner of one of these categories (although excepting Not For Profit) will also be announced as ACT Project of the Year.

If you wish to consider nominating your project for one or more of these categories, please respond by emailing your details to the email address below and a representative from the AIPM submissions team will contact you to answer any questions you have and also offer support in preparing your submission.

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**New Members**

New Members – Welcome to you all!

**Associates, Affiliates, Students**

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Ms Kelly Edwards  
Mr Michael Geld  
Mr Brad Gordon  
Mrs Navra Hassan  
Ms Sue Hill  
Mr Matthew Klement  
Mrs Donna McShane  
Mr Rohan Matthews  
Mr Mick Pender  
Mr Andrew Power  
Mr Christopher White

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Mr Adam McCoy  
Mr Terry Patterson  
Mr Stefan Plessnitzer  
Mr Allister Polkinghorne  
Mr Adam Rankin  
Mr Kishan Sonah  
Mr Darren Wright  
Mr Wayne Bradbury  
Mr Roderick Mason

**ACS News**

Thursday 6 March starting at 9.00am to 5.00pm followed by drinks, the Australian Computer Society is holding its 2008 Canberra Branch Annual Conference. The topic will be "Diversity Innovation and Risk – Challenges for the IT Professional"

The venue is the Hotel Realm, National Circuit Barton.

Early Bird registration to 18 February. Cost is: ACS Members \$135; Students: \$36; Non Members: \$200; Groups of Four (4): \$540

Online registration at: [www.acs.org.au/act](http://www.acs.org.au/act)