



Your New President

Peter Dechaineux AM, LFAIPM, FIEAust

Greetings fellow Members,

The AIPM Board of Directors has approved my nomination as Interim Chapter President and I am delighted to again be part of the Chapter Council. My tenure will be until the next Chapter elections which are due to get under way in the near future and newly elected officials (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Councillors) will take office as from our next Annual General Meeting in October.



Firstly I would like to thank Michael Young and your Chapter Council for all the excellent work they have been doing. The AIPM relies very heavily on the drive and initiative of passionate volunteers, and the ACT Council is blessed with thirteen

dedicated members who have adopted a policy of continuous improvement to ensure our members have a vibrant and exciting Chapter. We should all be proud that the ACT is the fastest growing Chapter and many of the things we do have been adopted by other Chapters as standard practice.

I would like to share my intentions with you:

First and foremost I would like to see a clearly articulated forward strategy for AIPM with emphasis on key outcomes and a focus on our corporate vision.

Secondly we need to ensure that our Competency Standards, which are our most important product, meet the requirements of industry, our members and our key stakeholders.

Thirdly we need to re-invigorate our thrust towards creating a true profession – a profession that is recognised by the Australian community at large.

I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have. I can be contacted on 02 6281 5917, and my email is dechaineux@netspeed.com.au

Regular forums

The ACT Chapter continues to offer plenty of interesting opportunities for its members. The last two general forums, one being a joint AIPM/PMI forum, have attracted over 90 and 70 attendees respectively and the Women's forum is now a regular event each month as is the PMO Special Interest Group. Details of each of next month's activities are found later in the newsletter.

Promote your project

There is still time to nominate your project for consideration at the 2008 ACT Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) which will be held on 26 August at the Realm Hotel at the footsteps of Parliament House in National Circuit. Winners will then be eligible for national awards which will be presented at the PMAA dinner during the National Conference here in Canberra from 12-15 October. Even if you are not submitting an entry, now is the time to book for this event and take advantage of the early-bird discount which closes on 10 June. Corporate members might consider booking before the end of the financial year - especially if next year's budget looks a bit tight!!

Check out all the details regarding PMAA which are now available on the AIPM web site, but please contact the ACT Chapter office if you have any questions or would like advice regarding your submission.

Setting the Standard

A national Road Show is being planned for the roll out of the new Competency Standards in July. Current planning is for a team from National Office to give a presentation here in Canberra on 2 July. Definitely a date for your diaries.

Yours in project management

Peter Dechaineux
President, ACT Chapter

Upcoming Events and Activities

The following events are scheduled for the coming month. Each of these events earns CPD points for the attendees.

June AIPM Forum – 25 June

Rakesh Malhotra

Presentation Topic:

The HQJOC C4I Project – Managing Project Misalignment & Lessons From an Outsourced Project Office. Presented by Peter Hill

Codarra Advanced Systems was awarded a Highly Commended Award in the 2007 Canberra AIPM Awards for its efforts in managing the Headquarters Joint Operations Command C4I Project. This presentation will briefly overview one element of Codarra's award submission - how Peter and his team overcame one of the primary challenges associated with the project during 2006 and 2007 – that being the schedule misalignment between the primary contract for provision of the building infrastructure and the separate contract for delivery of the C4I systems. Peter will also outline his personal views on some of the lessons he has observed in managing an entirely outsourced project office, including observations related to both the outsourcing agency and the contracting company.

Peter Hill is an experienced senior project manager, with 15 years experience across a range of government departments, primarily in

ICT related projects. He culminated 20 years service in the Australian Army as Project Director of the \$100m PARAKEET tactical communications system in 1994/95. After leaving Defence in 1996, he spent 12 months in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade managing its international secure networks. In 1997 he joined Codarra Advanced Systems, and since that time has delivered major capability projects for the Department of Defence and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. For the last two and a half years he has been the Project Manager of Defence's outsourced HQJOC C4I Project, leading a team of approximately 18 contractors managing the delivery of over 50 complex systems into the new state of the art headquarters at Bungendore.

When: Wed **25 June 2008**

5.30 – 6.10 pm Drinks & Cocktail food

6.10 – 6.15pm Chapter Administration

6.15 – 7.30pm Presentation & Questions

Where: Canberra Club, 45 West Row, Civic

Cost: Free to members

RSVP by Monday 23 June to

ACT_Chapter@aipm.com.au

June WIPM Forum – 3 June

Debbie Mazlin

Advice has already been sent to those on the WIPM mailing list for this function which is already closed for registrations. However, for the benefit of the other AIPM members, the details are as follows:

The guest speaker for June is Rachel Peck. Rachel is currently Principal of peckvonhartel, Architect, Planners, Interior Designers and manager of the Canberra office.

Recently Rachel was an attendee of the Australia 2020 Summit participating in the Productivity Stream.

Rachel's topic will be on lessons learnt from working with project managers.

When: Tuesday, 3 June 8am – 10am.

Where: University House, Acton.

Cost: \$25.00 (hot breakfast)

RSVP by Sunday 1 June to

ACT_Chapter@aipm.com.au

June PMO Special Interest Group

Mike Kennedy

The next PMO SIG topic will be a presentation on 'Agile Systems Development - A challenge for Audit and Governance' by Max Shanahan.

The date will be either the 17 or 19th June 6:00pm at Tanner James. Confirmation of the date will be provided as soon as possible..

RSVP by Monday 16 June to

Mike.KENNEDY@deewr.gov.au

Last Month's Forum reports

For those who were unable to attend the past month's functions, the following are brief reports on what happened.

May AIPM Forum

Presented by David Mathews

With the April forum being a joint AIPM/PMI function held earlier in the month than usual, a report on this appeared in last month's newsletter. A report on the May forum held on 28 May will appear in the June newsletter

May WIPM Forum

Presented by Josephine Cornell

The guest speaker at the May breakfast was Josephine Cornell, a recipient of the 2006 Telstra Business Woman of the Year Award and now HR Business Partner in EDS. Josephine spoke on the challenge that some women face combining career and family and shared some of her own experiences.

Josephine has balanced career and children and the statistics she cited during her presentation regarding working women, certainly touched a chord with the WIPM members present. The May Forum was interactive and WIPM members who attended came away with a new 'bag of

tricks'. Some of the pearls from the morning were:

Today, the average Australian woman is likely to be in paid work for at least 30 years of her adult life. This allows for some break from paid work for rearing children.

More women are working – the rate at which women participate in the labour force



Josephine Cornell

(that is, by working or seeking paid work) has risen from 43.7% of women in 1978 to 55.5% today

More married women are working – in 1954, 17% of married women were in the labour force. In 2002, 59% of married women are in the labour force. Their participation rate is, in fact, marginally higher than the rate for women as a whole.

There are more single parent families in our society – in 86% of the 550,000 one parent families, the parent is female.

Increasing numbers of women with children work – the majority of women with dependent children now work.

Women are more likely than men to work part-time – 56% of women employees work full-time, and 44% work part-time.

Women are more likely to have breaks in the continuity of their employment than men.

Women with children spend periods ranging from a few months to several years out of the paid workforce to care for their children.

This can often disadvantage them in their employment, e.g., they may miss out on training in the use of new technology or systems, or they may have to start again at the bottom of the career ladder in their jobs.

It is this reality that forces women to not take extended time out of the workforce.

Tips to survive

You will always feel guilty. Decide what you can and cannot live with. If you are committed to your career, then be honest about it.

What are your priorities on the home front? Do you need a spotless house? If not, then have a weekly routine and not be afraid to let it slip if you are just too tired.

If you want a spotless house, can you afford a cleaner and someone to do your ironing? What can you delegate? There is no substitute for a helpful older child or partner.

Try to be disciplined with your work. Don't bring your laptop home on weekends. This will allow you to be focused on your family and help you to have some down time.

What is not negotiable? School concerts; working at the school canteen once a term? Then work around this and be honest with your employer that you need time to do these things.

Train your partner. You do not have to do it all.

What is your employer prepared to be negotiable on?

Remember, you are a work in progress. You will approach these issues very differently as your children get older and become less dependant upon you.

Give yourself a break. Superwoman is a character in a cartoon!

April PMO Special Interest Group Workshop

Mike Kennedy

The topic of the May meeting was "Project Futures – Building on the office Project 2007 Foundation" Presented by Brad Purdy Microsoft Solution Specialist Enterprise Project Management.

Attendees were given an overview of future product directions for this popular project management toolset.

Other Chapter Information

Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) - Roger Birch

Another reminder about the 2008 ACT Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA), submissions for which are due to close in June. If you have a project which you feel is worthy of recognition, then please consider nominating it for an award in one of the several categories available. It may even get the ACT Project of the Year award!

Furthermore, start planning now for your attendance at the National PMAA function which will be held in Canberra. **Early bird registrations close on 10 June** so now is a great time to book ahead.

Please refer to the AIPM web site (www.aipm.com.au) for further details on the categories, closing dates for submission and other general information.

Our new President – a brief bio

As seen in the President's opening remarks, we have a new President for the ACT Chapter. For those who don't know Peter, here is a brief bio.

Peter was born in England in 1939, the son of Captain Emile Dechaineux DSC RAN who died of wounds in October 1944 during the battle of Leyte Gulf whilst in command of the cruiser HMAS Australia.

His early education was at Friends School in Hobart and then Wesley College in Melbourne. He joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Cadet Midshipman in 1953, graduating from the Naval College in 1956. Tertiary education consisted of general naval training and academic education at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, England, followed by a three year Engineering Course at the Royal Naval Engineering College in Plymouth. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering in 1962.

Peter's sea going appointments included engineering duties in HMA Ships Tobruk, Melbourne, Vampire, Duchess and Perth. He was serving in HMAS Melbourne in February 1964 when the ship disastrously collided with the destroyer HMAS Voyager.

His shore postings included command of the Royal Australian Naval College at Jervis Bay and senior appointments at Navy Office in Canberra including project director for the design and construction of Navy's inshore minehunter for which he received an Order of Australia. He was later appointed as Director General of Naval Production, responsible for Navy's shipbuilding program. He retired from the navy in 1993 in the rank of Commodore.

His involvement with naval projects during the last fifteen years of his service career fostered a deep interest in the emerging profession of project management. He formed the ACT chapter of the Project Managers' Forum almost 21 years ago on 30 July 1987 at ADFA and encouraged membership of the Forum within Defence and local industry. In 1991, after the Forum became the AIPM, he was elected National President for a period of two years and has subsequently taken an active role in the continuing development of the Institute. He was instrumental in pioneering and co-authoring the National

Competency Standards for project management and chaired the Industry Reference Group which sought industry agreement for the content of the standards.

In 2008 he was appointed a member of the AIPM Council of Fellows.

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Other Events

The ACS meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

June Branch Forum – 3 June “Ain’t no backseat driver!”

Presented by Matthew Hodgson, senior consultant with SMS Management & Technology. Matthew will introduce user-centred design methodology and how it puts users back in the front seat in modern adaptive, iterative design project methodology. Matthew will draw on the experience of a variety of disciplines to demonstrate the effectiveness of tools, such as storyboarding and rapid prototyping, for use by a variety of roles from Business Analysts and Information Architects, to Project Managers. Time: 6pm for refreshments, seminar commences at 6.30pm. Venue: Canberra Southern Cross Club, Corinna Street, Phillip. Members and non members are free. Please register: www.acs.org.au/act

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