



## President's Report

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Greetings fellow Members,

Welcome to the first newsletter for the AIPM ACT Chapter for 2009 and a Happy New Year to those who I have not yet seen! I'm sure it will be a good one both for AIPM and its members.

Last year was challenging in many ways for AIPM. We saw a number of people move on but having now attended several board meetings since I took over the reigns as President, I am now confident that things are moving in the right direction. The new General Manager is now well established and we have just seen the appointment of Chris Mansfield to fill the role of Certification and Assessment manager.



Locally, the chapter is very strong with an excellent group of volunteers who make up the Council. We have already had two planning meetings for this year's Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA)

which will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> August at The Realm. Following the success of last year's function, we will be using a similar format this year. I am greatly encouraged that we have had four additional members, who are not on the Council, volunteer their services to help in this year's PMAA.

We are again planning to have at least three functions per month for our members: the general forum which, as al-

ways, will be held on the last Wednesday of each month; the WIPM breakfasts which will this year be standardised on the first Thursday in the month; plus the PMO SIG will also meet monthly. The first general forum will be covering the topic of the new assessment standards and the differences from the old standards. This should be of considerable interest to many of our members who will be facing renewal of their certification this year and so should not be missed.

The first WIPM function for the year will be a combined meeting with several other women's groups and will celebrate International Women's Day. So, that will also be a function not to be missed for the increasing number of women members within AIPM. The PMO SIG gets underway again this month and that provides valuable information to those involved in that area.

The ACT Chapter has a track record of innovation. The WIPM initiative came from Canberra and last year we also saw the introduction of a Not For Profit Award at the local PMAA. This year, I'm pleased to say that that tradition is continuing with a mentoring program which is being planned within WIPM, more details of which can be found in the rest of the newsletter.

Yours in project management

Peter Dechaineux

President, ACT Chapter

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

As mentioned in the President's Report, members wishing to mark their diary for the year can pencil in a general forum on the last Wednesday of each month at the Canberra Club commencing at 5.30pm starting this month. Also, WIPM will be meeting each month again this year. The year starts off with a special function for International Women's Day and then will meet for breakfast on the first Thursday of each month at 7am from

April onwards. Details of each month's function will be provided in the newsletter and reminder emails will be sent out a few days before each meeting.

In addition, the PMO SIG plans to meet each month. Details will also be provided in the newsletter and a reminder will also be sent to those on the SIG mailing list.

### February Forum – 25 February Presented by Debbie Mazlin

#### New Certification Process Presented by Debbie Mazlin

The first of this year's general forums will be a presentation by Debbie Mazlin on the new certification standards, a topic which will affect many members throughout the coming year and so one which should create a lot of interest.

**When:** Wed 25 Feb 09  
5.30-6.10 Drinks & Nibbles  
6.10-6.20 Chapter Admin  
6.20– 7.30 Presentation & questions

**Where:** Canberra Club  
45, West Row, Civic

**Cost:** Free to members

**RSVP** by Tues 24 Feb 09 to  
Act\_Chapter@aipm.com.au

In addition to being an assessor and having taken many people through both the old and the new certification process, Debbie is part of the team working to ensure adequate levels of quality control are applied to the new certification process.

The main focus of the presentation will be to compare the previous RegPM and current competencies. As was indicated at the original launch of the standards in the latter part of last year, a lot of the

changes, especially at the more senior levels, are in the so-called 'soft' skills—but skills that are increasingly recognised as being harder to obtain and those that delineate the abilities of people at that level.

This is an information session for all.



Debbie Mazlin

## **March WIPM Forum— 3 March 2009 Special International Women’s Day function**

To kick off 2009 – WIPM, together with a number of ‘sister’ organisations supporting professional women, have organised a celebratory luncheon for International Women’s Day.

At the luncheon, there will be a speaker panel consisting of:

### **Margaret Rossiter**

2007 ACT IWD Award – Women in Engineering and 2004 ANU Vice Chancellors Award for Excellence in Teaching

### **Melinda Dobson**

National President of Australian Institute of Architects

### **Virginia Haussenger**

Journalist and author of ‘Wonder Woman: The myth of having it all’.

Where: Waldorf Hotel (2 Akuna Street (cnr London Cct and Akuna St) Canberra City

When: 3 March 2009

Time: 12 until 2.00pm

Cost: \$80

RSVP: now

Booking details: [debbie.mazlin@bigpond.com.au](mailto:debbie.mazlin@bigpond.com.au)

## **PMO SIG—Thursday 19 February**

The first PMO SIG meeting for 2009 will be at 6:00pm on 19 Feb.

Title: The DMO Project Maturity Model - history, construct and uses.

Brief: The project management coaches from the DMO PMO will Present the DMO project maturity score model, why it was developed, how it is constructed and used.

The format for this forum will be a brief presentation by the DMO PM coaches followed by an open discussion on project maturity modelling, aimed at knowledge sharing and an exchange of ideas and experiences on the subject.

Venue: Oakton

45 Wentworth Avenue

Kingston ACT

Time: 6pm

Date: Thurs 19 Feb

rsvp: [mike.kennedy@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:mike.kennedy@fahcsia.gov.au) by Wed 18 Feb



Mike Kennedy

## Other WIPM news

A belated Happy New Year. Thank you to all who responded to our survey and over the holiday season the WIPM Management Team has designed and are ready to implement a couple of new initiatives based on your responses.

### Mentoring Program

We are establishing a mentoring program and those WIPM members who are happy to participate either as a mentor or mentee are invited to contact Debbie Mazlin – [debbie.mazlin@bigpond.com.au](mailto:debbie.mazlin@bigpond.com.au) or 0408 268 467.

### CPD Workshops

As you are aware, all project managers need to gain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points. Attendance at WIPM Breakfast Forums attracts some CPD points and throughout 2009 Workshops have

been scheduled for additional CPD points. Workshops will be over an extended lunch period and dates will be provided to WIPM members once confirmation of venue and facilitators finalised.

### 2009 Breakfast Meetings

From our survey (and again thank you to all who responded), the breakfasts will continue but with the new time of 7.00am – 9.00am. The venue will be University House again, but this year, we have been allocated a different room for the year – first floor with a window!

The tentative dates for our breakfast meetings this year are:

April 2; May 7; Jun 5; Jul 3; Aug 6; Sep 3; Oct 1; and Nov 5

Debbie Mazlin



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### Expressions of interest *sought*

An exciting new business opportunity exists today in the ACT in the rapidly growing Australian renewable energy sector - a sector that is well positioned to continue its strong growth as Australia adapts to a new low-carbon economy.

Hush Wind Power is a company at the forefront of the Australian renewable energy sector, and is commercialising an advanced, Australian designed and patented small-scale wind turbine. Due to its whisper silent operation, Hush for the first time make small scale wind generation is a possibility for Australian families and businesses.

The interest in Hush technology across the Australian community is enormous. To meet client demand we are rapidly expanding our operations across urban, regional and rural areas – and providing exciting Agent partnering opportunities for the right people to assist us meet these challenges.

### As a successful Hush Agent, you will:

- display sound business acumen, strong customer focus, and excellent organisational and project management skills
- be responsible for project managing Hush turbine installations on behalf of our clients.
- manage an installation area exclusively, and in addition to receiving installation management fees, be able to boost revenue by seeking and securing sales across the Hush product range within your area.
- stand to benefit from strong demand for Hush wind turbines, due to their eligibility under the ACT's Gross Feed-In-Tariff scheme.
- be making a real contribution to the threat of carbon emissions by delivering a world-class renewable technology solution to the Australian market.

The investment we are asking for an Agency is surprisingly small by comparison to similar business opportunities.

With interest high, and the number of available Agencies limited, now is the time to register your interest by contacting Hush Wind Power. We look forward to hearing from you.



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## OTHER CHAPTER INFORMATION

### Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) 2009

The 2009 Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) season is now open. Although it is only February, companies, government departments and individuals are all encouraged to start thinking about potential submissions as all applicants must submit an online Expression of Interest (EOI), available from the AIPM website at [www.aipm.com.au/html/2009-PMAA-eoi.cfm](http://www.aipm.com.au/html/2009-PMAA-eoi.cfm). The deadline for EOI is Friday 1 May 2009.

The 2009 PMAA has a new category for project entrants, Sustainable Projects. The Sustainable Projects category is for those projects that demonstrated excellence in delivering sustainable outcomes from the social, financial and environmental (triple bottom line) viewpoints and/or projects that have embedded sustainability principles and practices in to their project execution processes and organisational culture.

Changes have also been made to the Construction / Engineering category. This category has now been divided into two categories, category 1 for projects with a budget less than \$100,000,000 and category 1A with a budget in excess of \$100,000,000.

The remaining seven organizational categories are:

- . Defence/Aerospace;
- . Product Development;
- . Information Technology;
- . Organisation / Change Management;
- . Small Projects;
- . Regional Development; and
- . Community Service and/or Development

It should be remembered that the ACT Chapter also has two additional categories: ACT Community Benefit Award and the Not For Profit award.

There are also three individual award categories. These are for:

- . Program/Project Director (equivalent to AIPM Level 3 CPPD);
- . Project Manager (equivalent to AIPM Level 2 CPPM); and
- . Project Team Member (equivalent to AIPM Level 1 CPPP)

Submission Guidelines can now be downloaded from <http://www.aipm.com.au/html/2009-pmaa-submission-guidelines.cfm>.

For those government departments and organizations wishing to sponsor the ACT PMAA09, general sponsorship guidelines are available through the AIPM web site ([www.aipm.com.au](http://www.aipm.com.au)), but a more detailed sponsorship booklet is being prepared by the ACT Chapter and this should be available very soon.

As part of the March General Forum, it is anticipated that a brief presentation will be given on how to make a submission for PMAA, so anyone who is interested should consider coming to that forum. More details will be provided in next month's newsletter.

This year's ACT PMAA will again be held at the Realm on 26th August and will replace the general forum for that month.

Contact [ACT\\_chapter@aipm.com.au](mailto:ACT_chapter@aipm.com.au) for any assistance or clarification on any PMAA issues.

## New Members

The following people have become members during the past month—welcome one and all

### Member

Ms Regina-Lee Andracchio  
 Mr Anthony Best  
 Mrs Jodine Bishop  
 Mr Hans Bohlscheid  
 Mr Colin Calderwood  
 Mr Grant Cameron  
 SQNLD Matthew Colbert  
 Mr Michael Cooke  
 Mr Stuart Crome  
 Mr David Freudigmann  
 Ms Coelho Ivone  
 Mr Dmitrios Livas

Mr Stephen Morgan  
 Mr Ross Mundy  
 Mr Robert Neale  
 Mr Warren Nelson  
 Mrs Lisa Norman  
 Mr Richard Pattinson  
 Mr Robottom Paul  
 Mr Alvaro Rosales  
 Mr Randall Wright

### Student

Mr Rory Griffiin-Warwicke

### Associate

Mr Laurence Blackall  
 Mrs Megan Bunfield  
 Mr Rajive Jayawardena  
 Mr Leigh Mc Ewan  
 Mr Grant Nay  
 Mr Giridhar Santhanam

### Affiliate

Ms Viyada Kindavong  
 Mr Nicholas Taylor

## New CPPD, CPPM and CPPP

The following members have also been awarded CPPD/MPD, CPPM/RegPM or CPPP status – so congratulations to each of those below

### CPPD

Mr Brendan Bilston  
 Mr Mark Blake  
 Mr Driscoll Chittock  
 Mr Michael Cooke  
 Mr Ken Corke  
 Mr Christopher Huet  
 Mr Jeremy Lindeyer  
 Mrs Kathie Mackay  
 Mr Nicolas Mondou  
 Mrs Mahbuba Rahman  
 Mr Paul Robottom  
 Mr Michael Snare  
 Mr Cameron Tannock  
 Mr Guy Wilmington

### CPPM

Mr Warwick Abrams  
 Mr Bernard Bailey  
 Mrs Jodine Bishop  
 Mr Matthew Bowman  
 Mr Khurram Butt  
 Mrs Sharon Cashman  
 Mr Chris Collins  
 Mr John Forster  
 Mr Robert Geraghty  
 Mr Lachlan Hayes  
 Mr Chris Hodge  
 Mr Matthew Ludlow  
 Mr Michael McCartney  
 Mr Robert Neale  
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 Mr Vladimir Steljic  
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## ACS News

Australian Computer Society Canberra Branch Annual Conference

### Shift Tomorrow's World

Thursday 19 March 9.00am to 5.00pm

Plenary Sessions with a wide variety of breakout sessions plus Pre-Conference Workshop on Wednesday 18 March 9.00am to 4.30pm

Targeting aspiring ICT professionals

National Convention Centre Constitution Ave Canberra

Registrations are now open for both events and register on

[www.acs.org.au/act/2009conference](http://www.acs.org.au/act/2009conference)