

President's Report

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Greetings fellow members,

Roger Birch, our chapter coordinator and newsletter editor is taking a well-earned break in September and so this newsletter will cover the next two months. During Roger's absence the AIPM office in Canberra will be manned by Ms Caroline Birch.

This will be a very exciting period with two significant functions. Firstly, we have the Project Management Achievement Awards on the 26th August at the Realm. All members should have received an invite to this function which will showcase some of the excellent work being done in the project management profession here in the ACT. Functions such as this



are always expensive to put on, both in terms of the effort of those organisations and individuals taking time out of what are frequently very heavy schedules to make submissions for the event and also the cost of the function itself. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made submissions, since without their effort we would not have an event, and also give very special thanks to all our PMAA sponsors: Gold Sponsor: ACT Procurement Solutions; Bronze Sponsors: Oakton and Cordelta; and also two staunch supporters, Cidara and P2J.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Point Project Management who took out the ACT Project of the Year award in 2008 and who have just recently been announced as the Australian Medium Business of the Year at the Telstra Business Awards. It is great

to see ACT companies excelling in project management and having that achievement recognised nationally.

The other very exciting event coming up is a careers day for women in project management on 21st September which is being organised by Debbie Mazlin and WIPM and which will be opened by the Governor General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank DMO who is helping sponsor this event and who is hosting it in Adams Hall at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

This will be an excellent opportunity for any women in Canberra who are contemplating a career in project management, be that part- or full-time to listen to some inspirational speakers as well as talk to the various providers of services in the ACT. In addition to the Governor General, some other high-profile women will be speaking at the event.

A few days after the careers day event, Dr Bill Young, the AIPM National President, Dave Hudson and AIPM General Manager Ian Baxter will be formally lodging an application for AIPM to become a member of the International Project Management Association (IPMA) in Dublin as well as making a submission to host the IPMA World Congress in Brisbane in 2011. Such a move will help ensure a greater profile for AIPM on the world stage and provides yet another very exciting development for our membership.

Yours in project management

Peter Dechaineux

President, ACT Chapter



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ACT 2009 Project Management Achievement Awards—

All AIPM members should already have received an invite to and details of this year's Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) evening which will be held at the Realm, replacing the normal monthly forum on Wednesday 26th August.

This year, we have received some very good submissions both from corporate bodies as well as individuals.

The guest of honour at the function will be

Ms Ann Steward. Ann was appointed to the role of Australian Government Chief Information Officer in July, 2005. In this role Ann is also General Manager of the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO), a group within the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

A full report on PMAA 09 will appear in the October newsletter.

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the smart alternativeSeptember Forum — Wednesday 30 September
Presented by Elaine Ninham, Centrelink

In September, we will return to the Canberra Club for the general forum which, as usual, is on the last Wednesday of the month.

The guest speaker will be Elaine Ninham from Centrelink. Elaine took out the Project Director of the Year Award at last year's ACT PMAA and also the project she directed, the Refresh Program, also took out both the ACT and National Information Technology Awards. So, there should be plenty to share from such a successful project.

Elaine was originally scheduled to speak at the February forum, but the Victorian bush fires meant that her job went ballistic for a while and so was unable to speak at that time. So, we're delighted to have the opportunity to have her back.

When: Wed 30 September 09**Where:** Canberra Club, West Row, Civic

5.30-6.10 Drinks & Nibbles

6.10-6.20 Chapter Admin

6.20- 7.15 Presentation & questions

Cost: Free to members

This forum will be sponsored by Primavera Australia and we are delighted to welcome Primavera Australia back after a highly successful sponsored forum earlier this year.

**PRIMAVERA**
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September WIPM — Thursday 3 September Presented by Karen Emms

Karen is currently the Project Manager with the Canberra Airport Group as is responsible for the Majura Precinct area of the Airport. She manages several concurrent building projects from concept design, design refinement through to project management during the build and defect liability period.

Karen has been working in the construction industry for a number of years in varying aspects of project management.

When: Thurs 3 September 09

7.00—9.00am

Where: University House

Cost: \$25 (AIPM members),

\$35 (Non-AIPM Members)

RSVP by Wed 2 September 09 to

Act_Chapter@aipm.com.au

October WIPM — Thursday 1 October Presented by Jacquie Tewes—The “Purple Tick”

Jacquie Tewes has a wealth of experience and extensive background in communication and training. She is currently the Canberra Client Manager for Maura Fay Workshops. Prior to this role, Jacquie coached and trained Commonwealth Bank ‘front of house’ staff for service performance, analysed performance trends and developed and implemented strategies to address skills and motivation.



Jacquie Tewes

Jacquie has also just been appointed President by the Chamber of Women in Business (CWB) committee to fill the vacancy left by the retiring President until the AGM later this year.

The CWB is about to launch ‘The Purple Tick’ and Jacquie’s presentation will focus on the project side of this exciting initiative. The objectives of the Purple Tick are to help women to shop with confidence and certainty, by providing them with the knowledge of where to shop – where they will be supported and respected – and businesses are those that have met the criteria to be recommended by women

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WIPM Careers Opportunity Forum—21 September at ADFA.

Function to be opened by Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce, AC, Governor General of Australia



Women in Project Management



Australian Government

Department of Defence

Defence Materiel
Organisation

★ Key Note Speaker
Ms Shireane McKinnie
Head Acquisition and
Sustainment Reform Division
DMO

★ Presentations by
inspirational women
project managers

★ Trade Show

Careers Opportunity Forum



Opened by Her Excellency
Quentin Bryce AC Governor General
of the
Commonwealth of Australia

Where: Adams Hall ADFA
Northcott Road Campbell ACT
When: Monday 21 September 2009
Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm
Cost: Free

Register: ACT_Chapter@aipm.com.au



**Australian Institute of
Project Management**

This inaugural Careers Opportunity Forum will be a great opportunity to investigate various careers opportunities within the project management field. The focus will be on women, but men are not excluded.

It will also be a great opportunity to listen to, and potentially meet one of, if not the highest profile women in Australia today, the Governor General of Australia.

The event is an authorized AIPM event and so will attract 12 CPD points. Registration at the event for AIPM members will be similar to attending any of the general forums, WIPM or the SIGs and will be used to provide proof of attendance at the function should there be any need to validate the CPD claim.



Thought Leaders' Master Class—23 September Presented by Prof Rodney Turner

We are delighted to have the opportunity to host Professor Rodney Turner here in the ACT for an additional function in September.

This is an amazing opportunity for the project management community!! Professor Turner is an expert in the area of managing human resources on projects and he lectures on and teaches project management world wide. Come along and be inspired.

Professor Turner will be talking on the interaction of project manager's leadership style with project type and their combined

impact on the success of the project.

Further details will be sent by email shortly to all members.

However, book the date in your diary now.

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Cost: \$66.00 to members

\$82.50 to non-members

WIPM/WIE—"Life, Career, Celebrations and Losses" - 6 October

Women In Engineering & Women In Project Management Presents:

Life, Career, Celebrations and Losses

A presentation by Journalist and TV presenter Virginia Haussegger about professional women and the challenge to achieve all in today's fast paced world.



Tuesday 6th of October 2009

National Press Club, 16 National Cct, Barton

12:00 PM to 2:00PM

\$45 (inc GST) 2 course lunch and drinks

Business Attire





LAST MONTH'S FORUM REPORTS

July Forum – Wednesday 29 July—Community Network Program . Presented by Derek Stevens and Chris Huet Sponsored by Airservices Australia

Derek Stevens and Chris Huet provided a very different perspective on project management to those who attended the July forum, namely the concept of volunteering one's services to work with Not-For-Profit organisations through the Community Network Program (CNP).

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The PM work will then normally be a combination of project planning & project assurance, with most work undertaken by the 'normal' volunteers in the organisations themselves, run the project for them or help them run it for themselves.

The PM becomes a volunteer to the organisation for the project and work is not completed under the auspices of the AIPM banner.

Previous projects include:

- Outward bound—this established the re-





quirements for a new HQ development in Tharwa, found architects to complete the Master Site Plan and costings pro-bono

- Lifeline ACT—this managed the relocation of the Lifeline Book Fair from the old facility to a new, purpose built facility; and
- Arthritis ACT—this involved assistance with the scoping and procuring of a membership database.

The current projects include:

- The development of an Intranet for Marymead; and
- Reviewing the enterprise IT arrangements & ideal operating/service model for Volunteering ACT.

In terms of Lessons Learned, the main things emerging so far have been:

- Expectation Management—making sure the goals and outcomes are clear from the start; setting realistic tasks and timeframes; setting up the project for success from the start; and finding something that is of interest to the PM as well.
- Soft skills have primacy—you're not dealing an Air Warfare Destroyer or even a bunch of engineers. It is necessary to be prepared to change and take a different approach to one's day job
- Don't put too much pressure on yourself—almost anything is better than nothing. The project was going nowhere before, so don't kill yourself—or them!

There are a number of benefits to the CNP:

For the individual PM:

- Builds skills & experience
- Enhance CV
- Develop a wider network in the ACT
- Earn CPD points
- Do something good for yourself
- Do something good for the community
- Develop a parallel PM 'career' in parallel to ones professional PM career

For the community organisation:

- Provides access to PM resources they don't normally have
- Improves the execution of their projects
- Reduces the risk
- Improves confidence to take on more projects and so do more for the community
- Learn lessons that can be applied throughout the rest of their organisation

For AIPM:

- Provides a service to members to enable them to enhance their skills
- Promotes PM as a profession
- Enhances the reputation of the Institute



Derek Stevens

The vision for the future includes:

- Having a formal CNP framework and structure established as part of ACT Chapter
- CNP to become BAU for AIPM activities
- Develop a culture of volunteering in AIPM; and
- Develop a model that can be exported to other chapters

For further details on CNP, contact Derek Stevens on: 0413 74 246 or PO Box 6267, O'Connor, ACT 2602.

Alternatively, email the ACT Chapter (ACT_chapter@aipm.com.au) and any queries can be forwarded.



July WIPM Workshop—Judy Lundy & Rachel Wright “Managing Organisational Change”

Judy Lundy and Rachel Wright delivered the second of the joint WIPM/WIE workshops for 2009 on the topic of “Managing Organisational Change” at Engineering House (thanks go to Engineers Australia for this).

The workshop considered a range of factors that can impact upon the success of change management initiatives and also explored, in workshop format, a model for managing change.

The model that was examined was the “Stepping Stones to Change” model which had 8 steps, or stepping stones:

1. Think it through first
2. Create a common vision that defines the change exactly
3. Communicate, communicate, communicate...

4. Address people’s concerns
5. Develop a clear action plan
6. Hold a ceremony
7. Create a climate of certainty
8. Follow up

The group was then split into 8 teams and each considered specific actions and considerations for a hypothetical change scenario and finally all reported back for group discussion on their findings.



Judy Lundy

OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

ACS/AIPM Golf Day—23 October

As part of that new cooperation between the ACS and AIPM, a joint ACS/AIPM Golf Day is being organised.

We are planning an Ambrose Golf event to be held from 7:30 at Capital Golf course, Narabundah.

Although registrations have not opened yet, you may wish to ‘save the date’ and start forming teams of four.

The cost including a BBQ lunch is expected to be \$30.

Mike Kennedy is looking for volunteers who

may be able to assist with managing various aspects of the event.

Please contact him if you can help.

Mike Kennedy

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Arthritis ACT Ball Fundraiser—Thursday 15 October

Mention was made on page 7 of the newsletter of some work being done by ACT AIPM members for Arthritis ACT as part of the CNP.

As an extension of that work being done, the ACT Chapter of AIPM is happy to promote a Fundraising Ball being run by Arthritis ACT. The details are provided as per the content of an email as below from the Chief Executive Officer of Arthritis ACT, Mr Tony Holland:

"I would like to take this opportunity to bring your attention to a very exciting event coming up on our calendar. A hard working group of supporters have been planning over the past few months to bring into being the first of an annual fundraising event for our organization and I would love you to be able to attend this night of fun, fellowship and fundraising. We are now taking bookings for our Have a Ball Fundraiser and I wanted to ensure I provided the information to our key supporters to ensure you would not be disappointed as numbers are limited.

We would be very pleased to reserve a table of 10 for your group, otherwise we are of course happy to take individual bookings. We will also offering a partial tax deduction of around \$35-40 on each ticket sold, making the evening both affordable for our supporters and most worthwhile for us by your generous donation.

The event will be unlike anything you will have seen for some time, in that, rather than wearing tails and evening gowns we would like to invite you to dress in your most appealing sporting attire. The evening will of course include a sumptuous meal, drinks and entertainment and also some practical demonstrations of exercise, physical activities to ensure you will enjoy having a ball for many years to come. Please try and come if you are able and make this a most memorable first event, with a promise of many more in the future. The essential information is detailed below, although please feel free to contact me at any time to obtain any additional information that you need.

The event - Arthritis ACT - Have A Ball Fundraiser

Dress - The most formal and appealing sporting attire you can rummage from your closet

Date - Thursday October 15 - 7pm to 11pm

Venue - Boathouse By the Lake, Barton

Entertainment - Disco to your favorite tunes, auction, novelty activities, exercise activities and demonstrations

Tickets - \$115 per person, tables of 10 available, please be quick to secure a whole table booking. Price includes food, drinks package and entertainment.

Bookings - Please call Arthritis ACT Office 6288 4244 or email havea-ball@arthritisact.org.au

Your earliest possible booking would be most appreciated to assist with the coordination of the event.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Tony Holland
Chief Executive Officer
Arthritis Foundation of the ACT, Incorporating Osteoporosis ACT
02 6288 4244
0417 575537

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end of email





New Members

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

Members

Mr Phillip Andrews
Mr Fernando Basto
Mrs Michelle Berman
Mr David Boncheff
CMDR Raymond Cairney
Mr Allan Cameron
Mr Justin Coates
Dr Socorro Cue
Mr Bradley Flux
Mr Anthony Honeyman
Mr Steve Jefford
Mr Neil Macpherson
FLTLT Benjamin McKinley
Mr Kamran Niazi
Mr Benjamin Spurrett
Mr John-Paul Torrez
Mr Bernard Williams

Associate

Mr Donald Evans
Mrs Lindy Gray

Affiliate
Ms Jessica Lamb
Mr Iain Slater
Mr Michael Stedman
Ms Mary Walsh

Student

Ms Deniz Duncan
Mr Gordon Johntone
Mr John Kiernan
Mr Nicholas Kotrotsos

New CPPD and CPPM

The following members have also been awarded CPPD or CPPM status – so congratulations to each of those below

CPPD

Mr Greg Dutney
Ms Sonya Floyer
MAJ Tanya Goddard
Ms Cheryl Goodall
Mr Jason Miezio
Mr Iain Nolan
Mr David Roulston
Ms Julie Summerfield
Ms Kate Taylor
Mr Michael Young

CPPM

Mr Duncan McIntyre
Mrs Minia Wong-Lee



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