

## The Profession

# Time for a Northern Territory Chapter?

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Over the past year, many enquiries were received from professionals working in project management in Darwin and the Northern Territory regarding the possibility of forming a representative group of the AIPM in Darwin.

In order to develop project management techniques and criteria on a national basis, the AIPM is keen to support the formation of professional groups focussed on project management. One of our objectives is to foster the development of such groups as Chapters, but, like any such task, a good champion or project manager is needed.

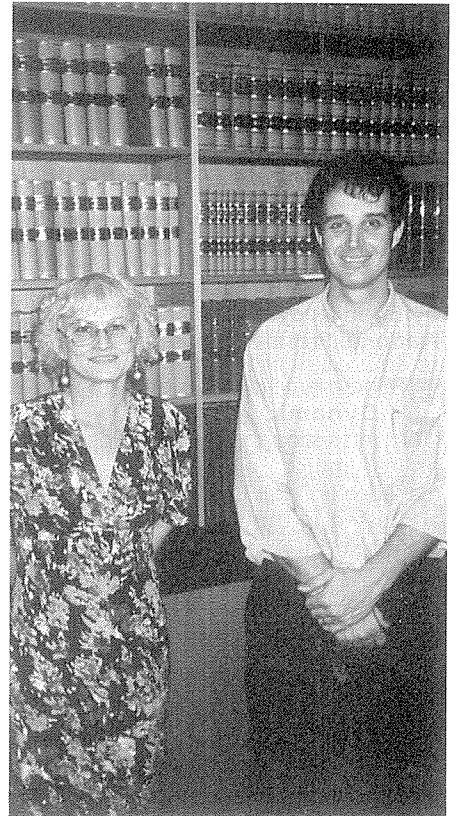
We have been fortunate that two champions have raised their hands for such a task: Stefania Fikus (Gutteridge Haskins & Davey Pty Ltd) and Cris Cureton (Philip & Mitáros).

As a result of the efforts of Stefania and Cris, a successful seminar was held

on 13 July in Darwin, where I, as National President of AIPM, reported on the latest activities of AIPM regarding the development of competency standards, the current membership and administrative structure of the AIPM and the perceived future of the Institute.

Also discussed was the need and desire to establish a Northern Territory Chapter. The seminar was attended by some 20 interested people, and the proposal to establish a Chapter was warmly received. The current proposal is to encourage Territorians to join the AIPM so that a local Division can be established under the guidance and support of the South Australian Chapter, with a view to the Northern Territory becoming a fully-fledged Chapter as soon as possible.

On behalf of AIPM, I would like to thank Stefania, Cris and the South Australian Chapter for their hard work and support, and assure all those



From left Stefania Fikus, Cris Cureton.

interested of the AIPM's support and the benefits of establishing a Northern Territory Chapter. ■

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