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Upcoming Events



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PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER

Monthly Event - October



Human Centered Leadership

COACH to GROW in the flow of work

Keynote Speaker - Gabby Harin
CEO & Founder of Higher Curve



Speed Talk
My Unexpected Adventure Into Robotics
- Adrian Keecha



Virtual Event (Zoom)
Date: 27 Oct 2020 - Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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Event Details:
melbourne.pmi.org.au/event-directory/upcoming-events/



Exciting Speed Quiz
PRIZES FOR WINNERS!

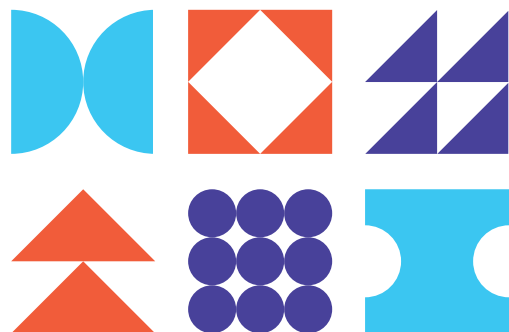


PMI Australia and NZ
conference
19-22 Oct 2020
projectmanagementconference.co



Members: FREE, Non-members: \$25
PDU: 1 (Leadership)
Inquiry: execofficer@melbourne.pmi.org.au





PMDoS 2020

In the first two weeks of October, our team of volunteers ran the Project Management Day of Service (PMDoS) as a virtual event, split across four Zoom sessions. We spent a lot of time figuring out the best way to successfully deliver this event online, and while there were some challenges along the way, we were able to achieve great things for our charities!

This year, we supported Cultural Infusion, The Leprosy Mission, Story is Connection, We are Vivid and Women's Federation for World Peace in setting up and delivering a total of 7 initiatives. These included:

- Website redevelopment
- Analysing and improving communication systems
- Fundraising solutions
- Human Resource management.

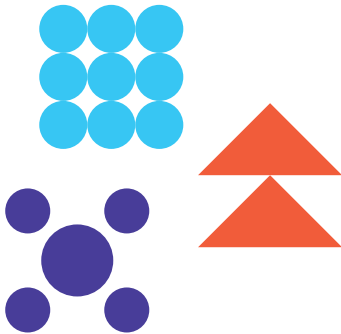
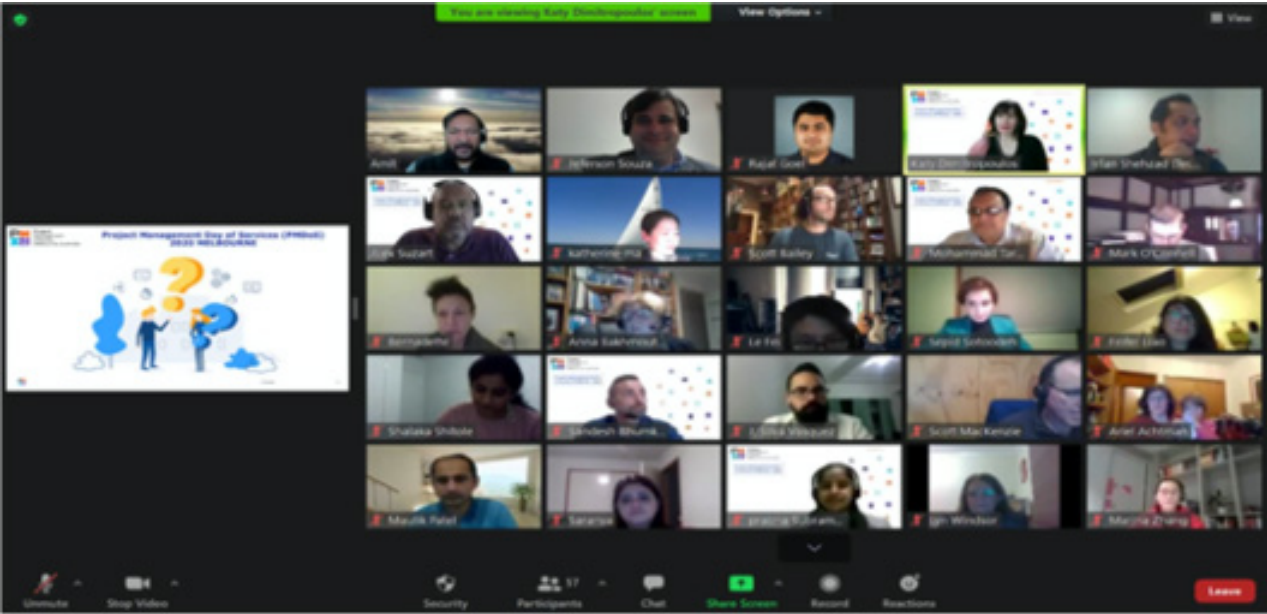


Many of these initiatives were focused on setting up the organisation for success while managing the impacts of COVID on the charities and their communities. We've received great feedback from everyone involved, and we look forward to seeing these projects become a reality!

We are grateful for our wonderful sponsors, MetaPM and PMO SOLUTIONS, for their contributions supporting the success of this event.



This year 21 volunteers and 33 consultants have been actively involved in supporting PMDoS. Their enthusiasm and generosity committing their time have been key to the success of this endeavour.



Past Events

PMI Melbourne Chapter August Event

If you were one of the participants that attended PMI Melbourne's August Event, you will recall it was graced by Megumi who presented her talk about being "Quietly Powerful".

This was one of our most well received talks, and throughout Megumi's presentation the chat box lit up with comments and questions! We are happy to share the video clip at this Facebook link: [Quietly Powerful PMI Melbourne](#)

Megumi's talk really resonated with so many of us, and myself too. Her book "Quietly Powerful" was awarded the Australian Career Book Award for 2020.

If you are interested, you can visit Megumi's Quietly Powerful website:
<http://www.quietlypowerful.com.au/>

We also introduced a new speaking format called "Speed Talks" where our own PMI Melbourne members and special guest were invited to talk about something they wanted to share – in 8 minutes and in 4 slides!

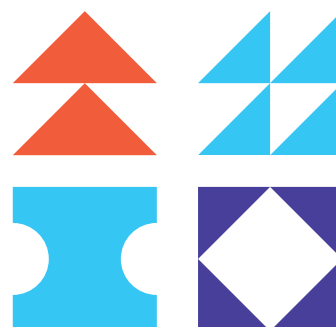
Now, the August event was also Bilal's first time being the Event Lead. In his day job, Bilal is a highly accomplished Solution Architect who manages delivery for Telstra, but he volunteered to help run events because he was interested to do something out of his comfort zone and wow did he learn a lot!

With Bilal's permission, we share some of his experiences in the next article ... enjoy!

Keen Chan

Events Director, PMI Melbourne Chapter

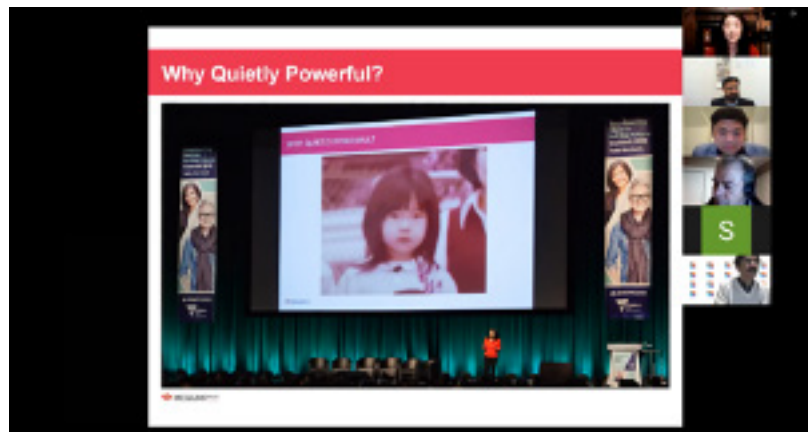
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My learnings from organising the August Event

The PMI Melbourne Chapter August event was a burst of knowledge for its participants. It was a combination of the Quiet but Powerful presentation by Megumi Miki. It was followed by three special Speed Talks and ended with a brain refreshing Speed Quiz.

This event was particularly interesting because “Quietly Powerful” was a perspective, which has not been heard ever by a majority of the attendees. Personally, it opened a new door in my mind, gave me a brand-new outlook about leaders, and inspired me to think differently.



In our 1st Speed Talk: Terry O'Reilly's topic was “How to ace a video interview”. He gave some meaningful insights and practical tips to the audience and shared the differences between interviewing in the physical vs virtual worlds. If you are interested to hear what Terry had to share listen in: [How to ace a video interview](#)



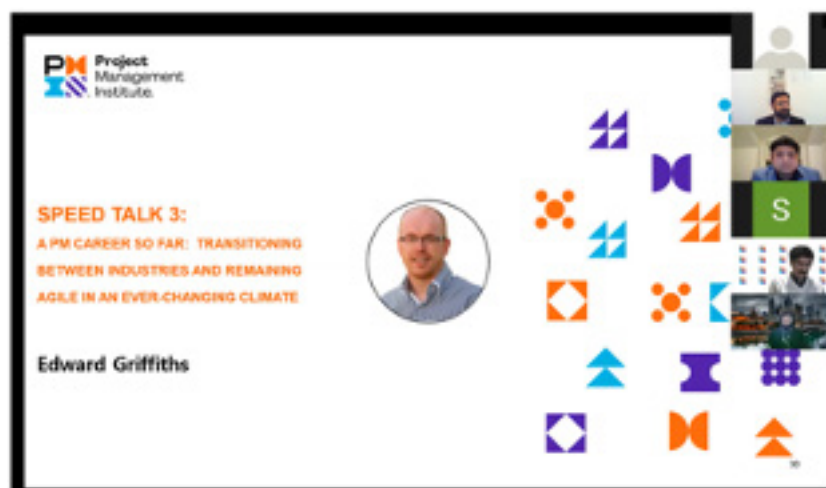
In our 2nd Speed Talk: A lot of Project Managers have either developed Agile skills already or they are in the transition phase; in either case there is some confusion on role contention. Speaker Gerard Wedding shared his intensive research and enlightened the audience by showing the overlapping skillsets between Project Managers and Scrum Masters. He also set up a path for Project Managers to transition into Scrum Master roles.

Both Project Managers and Scrum Masters enjoyed his talk: [Role Contention Between Project Manager and Scrum Master](#)



In our 3rd Speed Talk: The only constant thing in today's world is change but sometimes it is hard to leave our comfort zone to welcome the change. Edward Griffiths shared his success story, in which he walked us through his roles in multiple industries. He explained how he stayed versatile throughout his career, the challenges he faced and the outcomes he drove despite strict deadlines.

The most fascinating part of Edward's presentation was his twelve-week program to deliver emergency ventilators to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, he laid out a framework for accepting change and being agile in your career. Listen in as [Edward shared his personal experiences](#).



On a personal note: This was the first time I was leading a PMI event; I was surprised by how much co-ordination and teamwork was required to deliver a two-hour virtual event! It all started by connecting with the right people to deliver some extraordinary presentations. There were several pre-event sessions and, a dry run to enable smooth execution.

I felt very privileged to have access to so many interesting people and experiences as an event volunteer. I never expected that it would be such an enriching experience. As we shaped the event, I found that I had the chance to interact with famous speakers at a personal level directly! Being curious, I used this as a chance to speak to them, ask them questions and absorb meaningful insights.

My own analysis is that these speakers are good on stage, but they are even better in person. It is their routine activities that enable them to become superstars. I also learned, that sometimes it is those small things that matter the most.

Working with Keen, Sajid and the rest of the PMI Events team was motivating as all of us were volunteers. I discovered that when something becomes your passion, quality becomes inevitable.

I found that being an event volunteer was a very enriching experience and would encourage everyone interested to do the same as well!



PMI Melbourne August Events Lead – Bilal

Membership Matters

Dear Members,

Welcome to the October update on Membership Matters. It has certainly been a different year for all of us. One thing that has not changed is that the PMI Melbourne Chapter continues to be the heart of your PMI membership. We stay committed to connecting you and other project management professionals both locally, nationally and internationally via our online events, webinars, study groups, emails and social media. We hope you are leveraging your membership to achieve great strides in your career and in your industry; share solutions and ideas while enjoying professional development and various volunteering opportunities.

Once again, we welcome new members to our Chapter, recognise those who have reached significant milestones of continued membership, profile Membership Team volunteers, and share an interview with our Executive Officer – Emma Landeira Vega.

I look forward to seeing you soon online and hopefully in person when we move to COVID-normal. In the meantime, please let me know your ideas on ways to engage with our membership.

Good things happen when you get involved with PMI — start participating today!

Best regards,

Katy Dimitropoulos
Membership Director, PMI Melbourne Chapter

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Welcome to Our New Members



A big warm welcome to the **thirty-three new members** who joined our PMI Melbourne Chapter between **14 September and 10 October 2020**.

We look forward to their involvement in our Project Management Community, as well as seeing them all at the upcoming Chapter events.

Abishek Nayani
Ah Hyun – Esther Kim
Akshay Shenoy
Alisa Mezhov
Andrew Cowan
Cesare Arturi
David Elliott
Diana Hope
Diana Arden
Fahim Panchal
Haris Basharat

Harskumar Zala
Johnny Nar
Kirsten Moir
Kshitij Ugrankar
Liam Harkin
Lilla Kovacs
Linda Nikitin
Max Violani
Melanie Gook
Memory Nia
Mirko Kosaros

Neha Shah
Olivia Zuccala
Qianhui Yao
Rodney Lyons
Snehal andhi
Tanushree Tawde
Tapiwa Makuvise
Vijay Samuel Jeyasingh
Vivek Kallath
Wai Yin Ho
Xin Lu

Our commitment to providing our members with a variety of opportunities that will help build skill set, network with peers, and get involved in the wider project management community has never been greater. With many upcoming meetings and events that support these efforts, we hope many of you will join us very soon

The next online **New Member “Meet and Greet”** session will take place on **Tuesday 10th November**. Please click below to register your attendance:

[**Register here for November "Meet and Greet" Session**](#)

Congratulations

Certificates of Recognition for continued Membership to the PMI Melbourne Chapter have been awarded to the following members who reached 5-, 10- and 15-Year Milestones. Thank you for your loyalty, support, and involvement.

5 Years

Ganesh Karthik Jonnalagadda, David Nickels, Reed Powney, David Ross

10 Years

Michael Baker

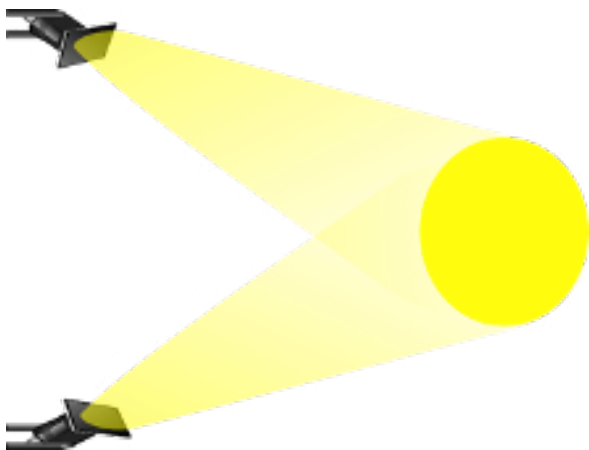
15 Years

Sebastiano Bellofiore, Pau Chang, Ross Goodings



MEET THE TEAM

Interview with Rainer Shataly: Membership Team Volunteer



1. Tell us about your professional background.

I am an early Project Management Professional just starting out my new career path. I followed my first interest in biological science but chose to change to Information Technology, another passion of mine, for a new challenge. Technology also makes for easier table conversations with less people turning green from nausea.

2. How did you arrive at the project management profession?

My first true exposure to Project Management was at University. I loved that Project Management encourages both creativity and out of the box thinking as I worked with local and international students to build a virtual entertainment resort in Minecraft using SCRUM methodology. I saw Project Management as the best way to manage failure and reach success in both my new career path and with people.

3. What has been your biggest learning so far in your personal development journey?

Why do we fall? So we can learn to pick ourselves up. A little faith, determination, open and positive thinking, and continuous learning can make all the difference on the road to success in both one's career and life.

4. When did you become involved with PMI – globally / locally, and in what capacity?

I became involved with PMI right out of University. I was looking for the best way forward in uncharted waters (always how the best stories start). I had attended a few events, when I came across the Mentoring Program offered by PMI and I want to thank my mentor Ramesh Kulandiavel for all his support and wisdom. Thanks to his advice, I found success on my path and gained the confidence to give back to community through volunteering.

5. What inspires you about volunteering at PMI?

In a word, Opportunity. Volunteering gives me the opportunity to develop myself through experiences that I may not normally find in my day job as it also provides me with the opportunity to create opportunities for others.

6. What do you find most valuable about being a PMI Melbourne Chapter Member?

The opportunity to network with other professionals whom I would not normally have the opportunity to meet as well as giving back to the community, learning and developing myself both personally and professionally are what I find most valuable about being a PMI Melbourne Chapter Member.

7. What do you like to do in your leisure time?

When I am not studying and learning new skills, I like to go on adventures. Travelling the world is a passion of mine however COVID makes that a little difficult right now. Though I sit in my library, I still travel to the far corners of new worlds.

I also practice martial arts and take walks through my local park but look forward to traveling further through the wonderful outback and strange lands the world has to offer.

I would like to see Reykjavík, Lisbon, Porto and Linköping to name a few places when travel becomes available again.



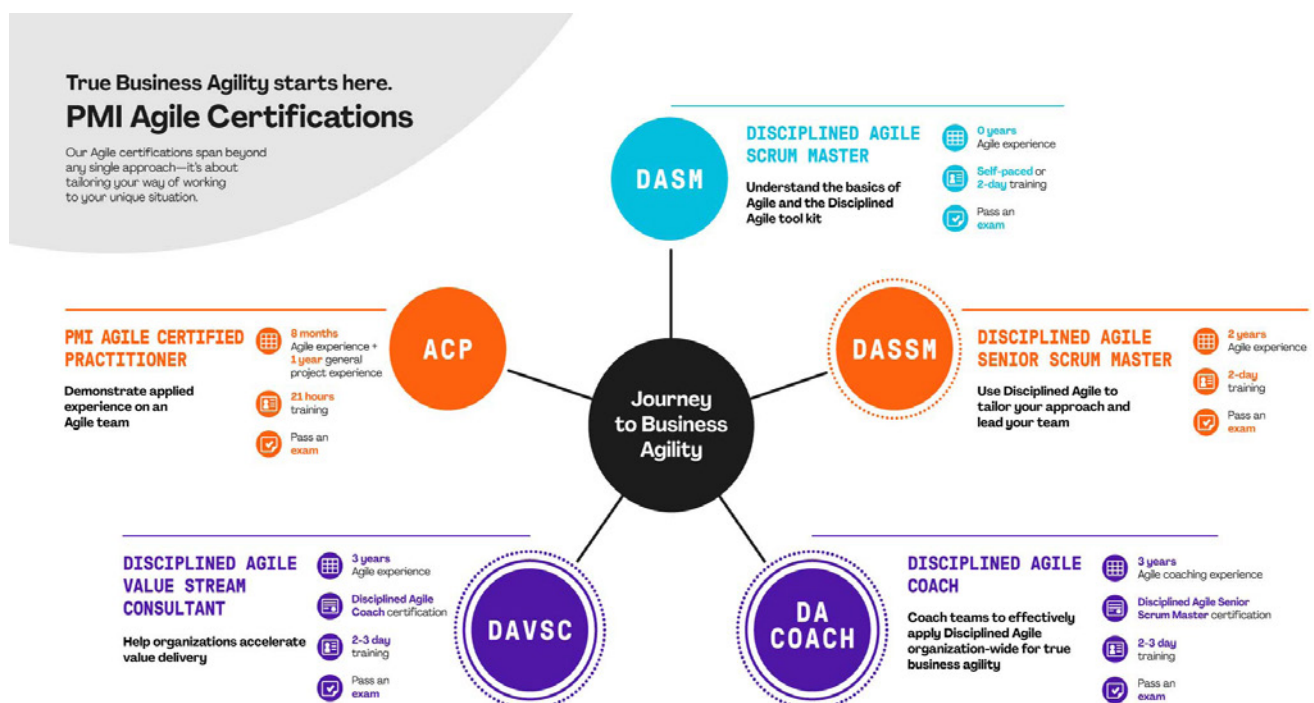
Professional Development Update

Dear PMI Melbourne member,

September and October have been an exciting period for the Professional Development portfolio: PMI launched the Agile Certification Journey and PMI Melbourne launched Professional Development Series, as well as signed a partnership with Novavi Limited.

PMI Launched "New Agile Certification Journey"

PMI has launched five certifications on agile with Disciplined Agile (DA) taking the centre stage. This is an exciting time for those who are interested in being certified in agile. This launch marks a milestone for agile at PMI.



"Disciplined Agile's Coming to Town" Webinar

PMI Melbourne has successfully launched an inaugural seminar of the Professional Development Series on 22 September. This virtual webinar attracted more than 80 participants from all over Australia. Four speakers did a fantastic job in introducing DA to our members and discussing the benefits that it has to offer. Vice President Sajid Latif kicked off the series. PD Director TJ Le hosted the event.

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Melbourne, Australia

Disciplined Agile



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Session #1: Disciplined Agile Coming to Town



Disciplined Agile
Scott W. Ambler and M. Forester

Topic: What is Disciplined Agile

Learning objectives:

- What disciplined agile is
- Where DA fits in PMI's range of certifications
- How DA can support organizational strategies





Hosted by : Tiendung (TJ) Le – Professional Development Director
Presenters: PMC DA Champion Peter Moutsatsos, and NOAVI's team (Aldo Rall, Horia Slușanschi, Gareth Holebrook)



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Virtual Event (Zoom)
Date and Time: | 22 September 2020 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm |

Registration: FREE | **PDU:** 1 (Technical)
Inquiry: development@melbourne.pmi.org.au

First "Disciplined Agile Lean Scrum Master" Training Course in Australia

PMI Melbourne succeeded in securing a partnership with Novavi Limited and the first training course on Disciplined Agile Lean Scrum Master is being planned for October-November. This is the first course of its type in Australia. It provides an opportunity for Australia to have more DA certified professionals who are highly sought after in the job market.

While PMI Melbourne is leading this effort, we welcome all professionals and especially invite members of all PMI Australia chapters to join and enjoy the same benefits as our members.

In the meantime, don't forget to download (and read) your member free copy of ["Choose your WOW"](#).



The poster features a background of a hand reaching out towards a network of nodes and lines, symbolizing agile project management. At the top, logos for Project Management Institute Melbourne, Australia and Project Management Institute Adelaide, South Australia are displayed. The main title 'Disciplined Agile' is prominently shown, followed by 'Disciplined Agile Lean Scrum Master (DALSM) Training'. Key details include the dates for three modules, the time (9am-1pm AEDT), the virtual venue via Zoom and Miro, and 21 PDUs. A table lists fees for Early Bird and Regular registration for members and the public. Logos for Novavi (Authorized Training Partner) and a starburst indicating 'Early Bird ends on 13 Oct' are also present.

Project Management Institute, Melbourne, Australia **Project Management Institute, Adelaide, South Australia**

Disciplined Agile
Disciplined Agile Lean Scrum Master (DALSM) Training

Dates

- Module 1: 31 Oct & 1 Nov 2020
- Module 2: 7 & 8 Nov 2020
- Module 3: 14 & 15 Nov 2020

Time (AEDT)
9am - 1pm each day (including regular short breaks)

Venue
Virtual video via ZOOM and collaboration on MIRO

PDUs
21 PDUs (14 Technical + 7 Leadership)

Fees (AUD)

Registration Type	PMI Australia member	PMI Member	Public
Early Bird	\$1350	\$1450	\$1550
Regular	\$1450	\$1550	\$1650

Enquiry
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development@melbourne.pmi.org.au
Mobile: +61-421 968 474

Early Bird ends on 13 Oct

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Certification Achievers

From 12 August to 12 October, the following members have successfully passed PMI credential exams and achieved certification status, including the first one certified as a DALSM. Please join me in congratulating our newly certified members and wishing them even more success in their careers.



Jennifer Chen
Sagar Farook
Mykky Luong
Kirsten Moir
Maulikkumar Patel

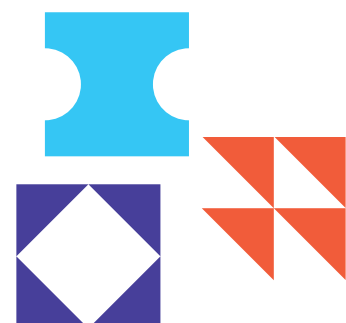
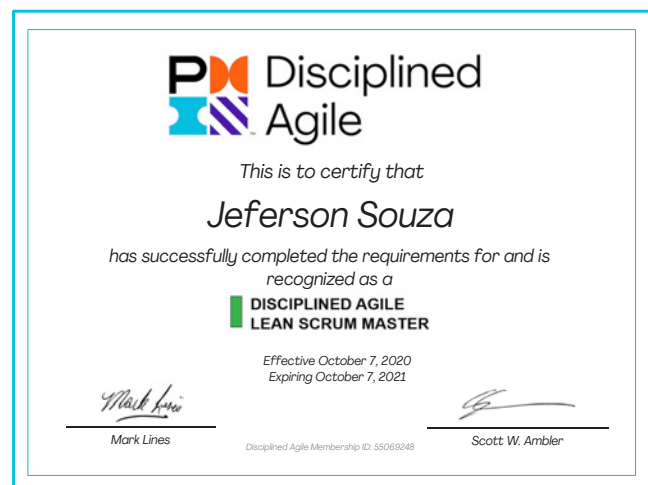


Abdurrahman Ahmed
Aiman Elissa Ashaari
Laura Becker
Naresh Bhalla
Shane Brock
Nicholas Healy
Wai Yin Ho
Neil Hodgson
Annabelle Hudson
Vivek Kallath

Sicong Liu
Sonia Liu
John Maroudas
Michael Mete
Alison Nicolin
Hadrian Phillip
Shrikant Puranik
Nelson Tauro
Harshkumar Zala
Jackie Zhang

One of the first PMI Melbourne members certified as a Disciplined Agile Lean Scrum Master is our very own Volunteering Director Jeferson Souza.

This is a perfect example of leading by example!



Exam Preparation Courses

Continuing on the success of the recently run PMI credential training courses, one of our training partners, MetaPM Learning is now offering the last training course of the year using Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT).

CAPM Exam Preparation Courses are planned for:

- 7 – 9 December

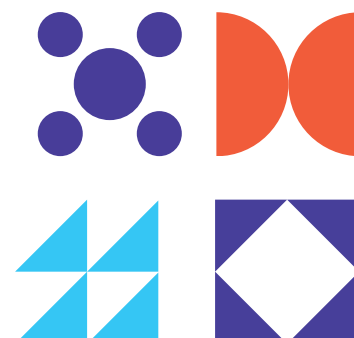
Please contact MetaPM at 1800 800 436 or enquiries@metapm.com.au for more info. Registration can be made on the [website](#).

PMP Study Group

The PMP Study Group has been running every week led by one of our dedicated volunteers, Mr. Vidyesh Alve. As members regularly join and “graduate” from the group (once they’ve nailed their PMP exam), there will be vacancies every now and then; and if there is a lot of interest, we can try to form a new group. So, if you are interested in joining the group, don’t hesitate to contact me for more details.

CAPM Study Group

We are in the process of forming a CAPM Study Group following the success of the PMP one. If you are interested in joining as a member, please let me know. If you are also able and willing to be the volunteer to facilitate this group, I’d love to hear from you so that we can chat about collaboration opportunities.



Thanks to Our Volunteers

On behalf of our members, I'd like to express our thanks and gratitude to our volunteers who contribute to the Professional Development portfolio activities. Special thanks goes to:

- Vidyesh Alve: PMP Study Group Facilitator
- Peter Moutsatsos: Disciplined Agile Champion
- Irfan Shehzad: Disciplined Agile Champion

How to Get Involved?

The PD portfolio is planning and managing a number of exciting initiatives for our members. Please register your interest at VRMS for the most up to date information on new volunteering opportunities in our portfolio. Alternatively, please reach out to me to discuss.

Got an Idea?

Please reach out to me via email, phone or social media if you have any ideas for anything that you think can benefit our members' professional development, including ideas for our Professional Development Series seminars. I'd love to hear from you.

Best regards,

Tiendung (TJ) Le, Ph.D.

Professional Development Director

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Q & A with the PMI Melbourne Chapter Volunteering Director, Jeferson Souza

1. Can you give us a bit of information about you?

I'm Brazilian, married and father of 3 boys. I've graduated with honours as a Telecommunications engineer 25 years ago and since then I've been adding value to the market in different sectors such as Consulting, Network Delivery & System Integration, playing the roles of Project Manager, Business Development, and Solution Sales Manager for top tier organisations in several projects spread across international locations and with multiple vendors.

Currently working as Senior Consultant at CGI (Conseillers en gestion et informatique – Australia), I have been delivering a broad range of services and solutions, including systems integration, application management, infrastructure services, IP-based solutions and comprehensive outsourcing services, leading and managing cross-functional teams to efficient delivery of business outcomes.

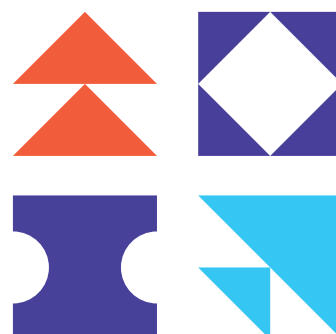
2. Please tell us a bit about your involvement with the PMI Melbourne Chapter (PMC) over the years?

I have been a PMI member since 2008 when I started volunteering at the Sao Paulo Chapter to support the membership program, as well as to launch the new mentoring program back then. Following my landing in Australia back in 2016, I immediately joined the PMI Melbourne Chapter, where I have so far been supporting the mentoring program development as a Mentor. In 2018, I volunteered at PMI Australia Conference

and the Project Management Day of Service (PMDoS) as well. As a volunteering advocate in 2019, I became the PMI Melbourne Chapter's Volunteering Director and the Sponsor of PMDoS. Since then I've been leading and driving the successful delivery of these initiatives and programs for the Chapter.

3. What motivated you to get certified?

I am passionate about Project Management, and to align my expertise with the market best practices I acquired my PMP, PRINCE2, and SCRUM certifications. However, when I first looked into the PMI Disciplined Agile (DA), I figured out that this tool kit is a hybrid that builds upon the solid foundation of other methods and process frameworks, that also adopts practices and strategies from existing sources, providing advice for when and how to apply them together. In a way, sources such as Scrum, Kanban, PMBOK® Guide and others provide the process bricks, while DA is the mortar to fit the bricks together effectively.



4. What are your first impressions after successfully completing the Discipline Agile certification?

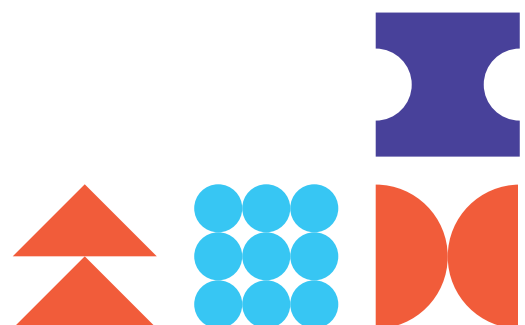
My first impression was that I have made the best choice, and as one of the takeaways from DA Principles – Choice is Good. I was instantly hypnotized by the Disciplined Agile's principles approach: Be Awesome, Be Pragmatic, Delighted Customers, etc. It was like an instant refresh on my way of approaching projects. Disciplined Agile surfaces the multitude of practices/strategies available in the marketplace, it makes the trade-offs of them explicit that we can choose the practices that are most likely going to work for us in the situation that we face.

Lastly, DA enables us with the opportunity of choosing a way of working (WoW) that best fits our project, and then evolves that WoW via a guided continuous improvement (GCI) as the situation evolves.

5. What would you say to a new project management enthusiast thinking about becoming certified in DALSM (Disciplined Agile Lean Scrum Master)?

For sure it is worth starting with a methodology which is very specific such as PMI-ACP, SAFe, Scrum, etc. as one of the great advantages of agile and lean is the wealth of practices, techniques, and strategies available to you. However, this is also one of its greatest challenges because without something like the DA tool kit it's difficult to know what to choose and how to fit everything together.

In many ways Disciplined Agile (DA) does the “heavy process lifting” for you as it shows how all of these great ideas fit together. You can take the right direction independently of what methodology you are applying, while it also gives you the right tools to evolve your team, enabling you to get on with delighting your customers.



Interview with our Executive Officer – Emma Landeira Vega

This month Katy Dimitropoulos (Membership Director) was fortunate in interviewing our wonderful PMI Melbourne's Executive Officer, Emma Landeira Vega who is a fabulous support to all PMI Melbourne Chapter members and the Board of Directors.



Tell us about yourself and how you arrived at the Project Management Profession.

I am a Telecommunications Engineer. I was born in Spain and lived there until 2016, when an opportunity came up to settle in Australia with my family. It seemed quite adventurous to go to the other part of the world, but so far it has been one of the best decisions in our lives.

I developed most of my professional career in Vodafone Spain in the IT Department and and this is where Project Management became part of my professional life.

What is your role with PMI Melbourne and what are your responsibilities?

I took the role of Executive Officer in PMI Melbourne at the end of 2019.

I help the Board of Directors carry out their duties. More specifically, I distribute communications to Chapter members, prepare documentation for Events, keep a register of Chapter Members, prepare Chapter Certificates, and help with the Financial tasks.

When should Chapter Members reach out to you?

Chapter Members can reach out to me whenever they need clarifications or would like to suggest improvements related to the PMI Melbourne Chapter. I will address their concerns and support requests, and when required, will redirect them to the respective Directors for further assistance.

What are your contact details?

Members can contact me via my email address: execofficer@melbourne.pmi.org.au, or if it is urgent they can call my mobile 0423 805 365.

When did you become involved with PMI – globally / locally, and in what capacity?

I became involved with PMI when I got my PMP certification in 2015 and locally with the Melbourne Chapter in June 2017, when I started volunteering as part of the Events Team, thanks to Lyn Windsor (Immediate Past President), who recruited me to setup for the Chapter events and prepare all the necessary documentation.

I have managed the registration desk of every event since then, until we moved to virtual events this year. I would say that I have probably met most of the members who have attended any of our Monthly Chapter Events since then.

What do you find most valuable about being a PMI Melbourne Chapter Member?

I think the best thing about our Chapter is the possibility of networking. Our Monthly events are a wonderful opportunity to get in touch with other members, and the diversity of sectors the members bring to the Chapter make it a fantastic place to broaden your contacts.

I would also mention our Mentoring Program, which is a unique opportunity for our members to get a Mentor who can help them about workplace systems, organisational culture, and today's rapid rate of change.

What do you like to do in your leisure time?

I have always enjoyed baking and cooking for my family and friends. Since coming to Australia, I also developed a passion for baking bread, mostly sourdough. I think that Project Management can perfectly be applied to baking sourdough bread, in a more relaxed and small-scale way, of course.

I love travelling too (COVID permitting), to get to know a bit more about this enormous and diverse country.



Volunteer of the Month



Guinevere Gilbert

1. Tell us about your professional background.

Well, my first love is construction. I was a construction manager of residential property in the UK, while I also have a building qualification. When I came to Australia in 1995, I started a Master's degree which is what that led to lecturing and I've been at RMIT University ever since. However, I have transitioned from the construction management degree to the project management degree. And now I'm a completely one-eyed project management lecturer. I think our degree is such a good springboard for a PM career, and the team that deliver it are some of the most passionate educators in Australia.

2. How did you land in the project management profession?

I was one of those accidental project managers. You know the theory that people either get their specialist degree and then realise that they are managing projects and do a project qualification, or they do a project qualification and then perhaps specialise afterwards. Well, I was one of the first group! I had never heard of project management before. But when the project management degree started at RMIT, I

realised that it really resonated with the roles that I had filled on site and so I just slipped into it very easily. I have since then been able to diversify my experience to include property and humanitarian projects as well.

3. What has been your biggest learning so far in your personal development journey?

Probably the most important thing I've learnt is that you are only as good a project manager as the people you work with and surround yourself with. For example, in my most recent project, it was a completely different project domain for me, and I relied heavily on the experts that supported me through it. So, having people around you who share your goal and your vision and can support you to achieve a successful completion is probably the biggest thing that I've learnt.

That's a good thing to learn, especially for budding project managers.

Well, it's a very important one and it perhaps took me a long time to learn that as a construction manager.

I thought I knew everything and yet, as a project manager on a property project, I realized I knew nothing. So, you're constantly learning from those people who are experts in their field.

4. When did you become involved with the PMI at a both global and local level and in what capacity?

Well, initially Prof. Derek Walker took me to some monthly events – back in about 2007/08. Then when Lindsay Whitehead was President of the Melbourne Chapter, he and RMIT developed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Chapter and the School of Property, Construction and Project Management which included RMIT staff being members. The School continues to support its staff to be members of the Chapter; I know we have had and continue to have staff on the chapter board. In 2014 I invited Vikki Kapoor to participate in a one-day project management experience for high school students called Project Management for Life (PM4L) which is an initiative aiming to provide early education and awareness to young students about project management – and the PM4L program was born!

5. What inspires you about volunteering at the PMI?

Another learning opportunity. The ability to influence project managers of the future. There is not enough information about project management out there for children and teenagers to have any idea that the profession even exists. So, it has been amazing to be able to work with a group of like-minded people who are keen to go out and tell these teenagers about the many possibilities of work as a project manager. Those volunteers also have fun and we get to socialise together as well. It has become a really important part of my life; it has added value to my life and enhanced both

my personal and professional life, as well as my ability to do my job.

6. What do you find the most valuable about being a PMI Melbourne Chapter member?

Well, the networking events, when they're face to face, are of such good value. I was thinking recently that just because I've been a member for quite a while, I've been going to monthly events for quite a long time, I've built a network of people that I often don't see outside the monthly events. However, when I see them at an event it's just like picking up a conversation from yesterday.

It's good to be able to touch base with people from all walks of project management, to be able to continue that conversation with them month after month and build a relationship.

These people have broadened my perception of what project management is; you know, it comes in so many forms. Listening to everybody else's experiences has really informed my own understanding of what our profession is.

7. When you're not project managing, what do you like to do in your spare time?

Well, I've just built our forever house, so at the moment there is plenty of landscaping and gardening to be done. I also enjoy walking the dogs and knitting. I'd like to travel more; I have family in the UK so that's an annual trip. I also have two teenage children, two dogs and two cats – it's a full household.



8. Anything else you want to add on from your experience?

I don't think of PM4L as volunteering. I'm engaging with a group of people to achieve a goal we're all passionate about; that is inherently satisfying. I've also seen people, who would previously never have stood up in a classroom and presented, discover skills they didn't know they had. There's no "I" in the Project Management for Life team, we work together.

If I reflect upon what my grandparents did to help their community, without any recognition for it, I realise volunteering has changed. These days some people do a random act of kindness and then expect to be lauded for it. But, as with paid work, if you enjoy what you're doing then the focus of volunteering isn't just on giving time, it's on the project itself and the benefits that are achieved.



Guinevere is a source of inspiration for all PMI members.

Thanks for your time, for sharing your story with us and congratulations on being the Volunteer of the Month on behalf of PMI Melbourne Chapter!



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Creating a language for The Project Economy

Our visual identity helps us define and lead The Project Economy. It begins with a design language. This is the language of The Project Economy and the qualities required to be a part of it: collaboration, determination, teamwork, outcomes, growth, vision and community. We represent each of these qualities with a unique symbol. These symbols will be embedded in our communications over time, reinforcing their meaning.



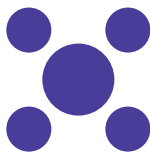
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We can't do it alone. Whether it's partnering with a colleague, client, company or non-profit organisation, each of us brings something unique to the table. And we are made stronger when we work together.



DETERMINATION

Sometimes projects go according to plan. Most of the time, not. Perseverance is needed to complete any project and successfully deliver outcomes that make a difference in the world.



TEAMWORK

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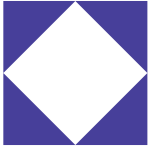
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The people that are part of our world make it what it is today. Our community is one of our most valuable assets. We celebrate it and keep it going by welcoming all who wish to join us to make the world a better place.



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