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A Message from the President



Greetings, PMI Melbourne Chapter Members!

It is with great pride and pleasure that I start my term as President of the PMI Melbourne Chapter. My commitment to you, our members, is to give you my best this year as I strive to continue the tradition of exemplary leadership that the chapter has enjoyed so far. My sincere thanks to the leaders who came before me for their efforts in skillfully navigating the chapter through the recent challenging times.

Since 1969, PMI has been the world leading for-purpose organisation for millions of project professionals across the globe. PMI provides professional development, lifelong learning and career advancement through a range of edtech products, certifications, research, publications, events and advocacy. To successfully execute the goals of an organisation, we must be able to understand and connect our work with those goals. When we can do this, we feel more empowered and purposeful about the work we are doing and its impact on both the organization and the world.

It was this way we started our journey this year running our planning session in March with a practical exercise to build a bridge, where Board Members have decided the bridges we will build this year will be towards an intense outreach industry, and also towards Australia and New Zealand Chapters, mostly the newborn Tasmania Chapter. In a very practical approach, a committee from Melbourne Chapter represented all of you at the Tasmania Chapter launch hosted at the Government House Tasmania, in the presence of Her Excellency, the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania and Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers AO.

Tasmania also hosted the inaugural conference, and it was a great opportunity to hear both global and local insights and trends in the project management industry from leading professionals and thought leaders. As leaders, engagement starts with involving our members in redefining corporate culture, as well as building a culture of empathy, with plenty of opportunities for connections. And when the entire organisation is engaged, organisations are viewed as stronger, more appealing, and overall, more successful – both for the business and for our community.

As a chapter and community, we have grown from strength to strength. Our members, volunteers, and partners worked together successfully as a team, supporting each other as parts of this community.

I hope PMI Melbourne Chapter can be part of your support network, and I invite you to become an active member of the PMI Melbourne Chapter team by joining us at our monthly events, or other professional networking events to connect – we have plenty of sessions planned for this year!

Finally, if you are looking for an opportunity to build and practise new skills, promote your “brand” or just earn a few PDU’s, please consider volunteering with the chapter. I guarantee will be a rewarding experience. So, start networking and volunteering, and together, let’s make a difference!!

Thank you and best regards,
Jeferson Souza
President



Events

BY JEFERSON SOUZA, PAST EVENTS DIRECTOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER EVENT

30 MAY 2023 - FROM 5.30PM

Project Management Institute, Melbourne, Australia

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER
Monthly Event - May (Online)

AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP
AND ITS ROLE IN MANAGING CONFLICT

30 May 2023 (Tue) | 5:30 - 7:45 PM |
Virtual Networking Session : from 5:30 PM

Mike Roberts
Director and Practice Lead
millpond

Zoom meeting
Meeting ID: 848 0062 0877

RMIT UNIVERSITY

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

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Speed Quiz
Will you be one of the lucky winners?

Authentic Leadership - and its role in managing conflict

Conflict management is an essential skill for project leaders - we need to identify, understand, and resolve conflict in a constructive manner, every day. With project performance being fundamentally driven by team performance, we need to be prepared to manage disagreement, varying opinions, and confusion in order to be successful.

In this session, Mike Roberts will explore the sources of conflict, personalities, strategies, and the importance of active listening, empathy, and effective communication in resolving conflict. Gauge your personality and that of your key stakeholders, create relationships that form a foundation to navigate uncertainty, challenge, and trying times, and inspire others to focus on the end game and deliver results.

Come along to hear what Mike has to share (insights and real-world examples) and walk away with some simple advice to take your approach to project and conflict management to the next level.



PAST EVENTS

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER FEBRUARY EVENT

All of us are thrilled to create a [team environment](#) where your team innovate, collaborate and take initiative, aren't we? The good news is, we can create a proactive team who instinctively take initiative, collaborate and innovate! This happens when we empower our team to speak up without judgment and support them with the tools to contribute effectively.

In the [PMI Melbourne Chapter](#) first event of this year, an interactive session with **Karine O'Donnell** - Project Team Coach & Trainer - kindly shared her strategies for influencing your team to take initiative and deliver results.

From a practical experience, your members have taken away insights about what they can do to help their team to achieve the project vision, meantime they learnt:

1. How their own perception and confidence is influencing your leadership
2. What impact they can have on your team's performance
3. How to build a team who takes ownership
4. Strategies for influencing initiative in their team



Karine O'Donnell
Project Delivery Trainer, Speaker & Coach
Founder - Projecting With People

Projects are Karine's passion. With more than 18 years' experience as a project delivery specialist, she has been in every seat on a project team from Business Analyst, Tester and Scheduler, to leading national and international project teams as a Program Manager, Project Lead and Head of Delivery.

Today through her business [Projecting with People](#), Karine uses her project certifications and diverse on the ground experience to bridge the disconnect between project methodology and what it actually means to be in the trenches. Her approach upskills project teams to support their project managers and stakeholders by feeling confident to speak up, addressing risks and delivering powerful projects.

"Our project teams are our greatest asset to delivering successful projects yet when they are demotivated and have taken a back seat, they can become our project's greatest risk! Glad to share my personal experiences on overcoming common challenges facing project teams and give you my secrets to influencing your team to thrive!"



PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER MARCH EVENT

The reason projects fail is typically not due to poor technology or project management, but due to people related challenges including poor technology adoption, under-utilisation of data or failure to transition to associated new ways of working. Success is achieved when people on the frontline change how they do their work – this is critical to realising efficiencies and delivering value from any new project. Supervisors have the greatest influence on how frontline work gets done, not the CEO, department heads and definitely not project managers. While training, communications and specialist change management engagements are important, it is supervisors who hold the keys to reinforcing the day-to-day actions of employees. Without collective leadership or supervisors across all levels of an organisation prioritising the use of new technology and ensuring new ways of working are being consistently implemented, change won't be sustained.

Collective Leadership Activation is an innovative new approach to activating supervisors, often referred to as the frozen middle, to champion project related change. **Matt Dragun** – Change Leader, Innovator & Disruptor – who is a change leader with 15 years' senior management experience in overseeing transformational projects across the globe, having supported major transformation programs within the construction, property, oil & gas and resources sectors, has presented an insightful session where our members could learn how their projects can benefit from this method to accelerate the adoption of new technologies and ways of working and maximise benefit realisation.



Matt Dragun
Change Leader, Innovator & Disruptor
Founder and Managing Director at Matae

Matae, is a world first change leadership platform that helps organisations roll-out new technologies and ways of working faster together through better change leadership. This platform simplifies and brings change into the flow of leaders' everyday work by integrating seamlessly with Microsoft Teams. Matt is a current participant in the EY Foundry APAC Start-up Incubator Program and his disruptor change leadership software Matae has a unique approach to how organisations can embed change as BAU to take advantage of global trends.

Matt has worked with major companies such as Chevron, Rio Tinto, the ABN Group and Peet Limited and has a detailed understanding of the drivers on both sides of the P&L and Balance Sheet. Matt currently consults to top-tier organisations across WA & Southeast Asia, using [global best-practice in behavioural science](#) to deliver effective and sustainable business outcomes.



PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER JULY EVENT

April was a remarkable event, where **PMI Melbourne Chapter** hosted our 2023 Annual General Meeting. During the meeting, our members and community discussed the highlights and achievements over the past year, and the Board Members shared the next steps and future developments planned for the year ahead.

Before the discussions take place, we gathered together to spotlight a special event: Frameworks for Creative, Collaborative and Compelling Project Design with **Dr Ariel Achtman**, Senior Project Manager - Strategy and Impact at Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute, and newly elected Board Director of the PMI Melbourne Chapter.



Dr Ariel Achtman
Senior Project Manager - Strategy and Impact
Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute

Newly elected Board Director of the **PMI Melbourne Chapter**, Ariel brings the analytical approach of a former scientist and the people-centred focus of a Groupwork-trained facilitator to business transformation and collaboration design projects.

Ariel has a PhD in biology, a PMP and a certificate in advanced group facilitation. Just down-sizing her role as Senior Project Manager – Strategy and Impact at the Olivia Newton-John Research Institute, Ariel is available for **consulting on strategy, team and organisational culture, and designing for impact.**

The COVID-19 pandemic was an opportunity for Ariel to bring her creative design approaches to the virtual space such as running a 5-day study-a-thon with 240 participants from 20 countries to find real-world evidence for management of prostate cancer.

A vertical event flyer for the PMI Melbourne Chapter. At the top left is the PMI logo and text: 'Project Management Institute Melbourne, Australia'. Below that is 'Monthly Event (April) and AGM'. A blue box says 'Featuring AGM and Keynote presentation'. The 'AGM' logo is in large, colorful letters, with 'Annual General Meeting' underneath. Below that is '02 May 2023 (Tue)'. A QR code is shown. On the right side, there is a circular portrait of Dr Ariel Achtman, with her name and the title 'Frameworks for Creative, Collaborative and Compelling Project Design'. At the bottom, it says 'ONLINE EVENT' and 'Online Networking #POD: 5:30 PM Event: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM'. At the very bottom, there is the RMIT University logo, contact information: 'Members: FREE, Non-members: \$25; PDU: 1 (Leadership) Inquiry: ceecoff@pmi.org.au', and the nab logo.



OUR TEAM EXPERIENCES

Volunteering with the PMI Melbourne Chapter: A Rewarding and Fulfilling Experience

“I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such a great cause and to see the positive impact our work has on the community. It has been incredibly rewarding to see our events come to life and to witness the engagement and enthusiasm of our members.

Volunteering with PMI Melbourne has not only allowed me to give back to the project management community but also helped me to grow personally and professionally.”



Martin Sanchez
Program Coordinator and Learning
Facilitator Torrens University Australia

As a member of the events management team with the [PMI Melbourne Chapter](#), I have had the privilege of volunteering alongside a dedicated group of professionals passionate about advancing the field of project management. Over the past months, I have gained [valuable experience](#) planning and coordinating events, managing logistics and marketing, and contributing to various projects and initiatives.

One of the things that have stood out to me is the level of support and guidance the board provides. From the moment I joined the events team, I felt welcomed and encouraged to get involved and make a [positive impact](#) within the organisation. The board members were always available to answer my questions and provide feedback, which helped me to gain valuable skills and insights that I can apply to my professional career.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend volunteering with [PMI Melbourne Chapter](#) to anyone interested in advancing the field of project management and positively impacting the community. Whether you are a seasoned professional or just starting out in your career, there are countless opportunities to contribute and make a positive impact within the organisation. Thank you to the board and the entire team for their support, guidance, and dedication to advancing the project management profession.



OUR DREAM TEAM IN ACTION

No one is better than all of us together... and when the going gets tough, it helps when you have an amazing team that you can count on. I know they have been putting in a lot of extra time, above and beyond the call of duty, and this has truly helped to ensure that we delivered great successful events last year. All of you are doing a great job contributing your talents and skills to the team, and each one of you has contributed in a major way to this great success.



THANK YOU The Events Dream Team!



Adrian Chng



Martin Sanchez



Shabnam Saffarpour



Kevin Yang



Bilal Ahmad



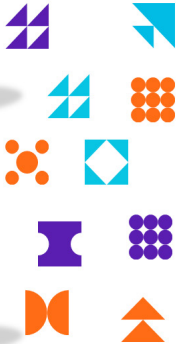
Juan Bui



Sathish Balachandran



Naveen Mandava



You truly represent the volunteerism in PMI Melbourne Chapter!



Professional Development

BY DR ARIEL ACHTMAN, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

CERTIFICATION ACHIEVERS

Please join us in congratulating our members who have achieved certifications since the October newsletter and wish them even more success in their careers.



Sohail Ahmed
Chris Appleton
Antonina Arlotta
Rodolfo Del Carpio Melgar
Mia Gore
Joanna Han
Belinda Hau
Kate Lambert
Sammy Liang

Shane O'Sullivan
Karthikeyan Parvendan
Carlos Alejandro Pomareda Prado
Shanice Pureariki-Schoenmakers
Mario Raschke
Richard Schmidli
Christine Vogt



Satishkumar Agrawal
Shaker Alharthi
Mahbub Amin
Soumyadip Bhattacharya
Bernice Boo
Xuan Hoa Bui
Jack Burgess
Nicholas Buttigieg
Steve Carrington
Glenn Clark
Darrell Dick
Xinxu Dou
Silas Garratt
Robert Hovorka
Antony Hsu
Stewart Johnstone
Tree Keo

Stephanus Kruger
Aggyey Mishra
Deborah Moutsias
Aditya Natarajan
Lungile Ncube
Charissa Ong
Sai Krishna Rachakonda
Kenneth Richards
Shabnam Saffarpour
Anjana Satheesh
Selena Schimko
Carolyn Simonds
Chee Tan
Jacinta Walker
Steven Welchman
Jiatian Xu
Akshay Yelne



Satishkumar
Agrawal



David Guerineau



Samuel Ives





Shaker Alharthi



Alexander Eddie
Andrew Herbert
Ryan Miranda
Dexter Motta-Marques
Ibrar Munsif
Aditya Virkar
Jacinta Walker



Sandip Rananavare



Amina Bektic
Andrew Di Luciano
Frances Kirby
David Lennox
Reddy Mandala

Chayaporn Ngampravatdee
James O'Donovan
Emma Shaw
Jennifer Walker

MICROCREDENTIAL ACHIEVERS

We would also like to recognise our members who have successfully engaged with PMI's new micro-credential program.

CONSTRUCTION



Mohamed Bunyameen



Benjamin Breen
Mohamed Bunyameen

ORGANISATIONAL TRANSFORMATION



Noha Shaban
Angela Haddow
Warren Booth



David Gordon



Angela Haddow
Kate Clifford
David Gord



PARTNERSHIPS PMI CREDENTIALS TRAINING COURSES

One of the benefits of PMI Melbourne Chapter membership is discounted access to courses provided by our Authorised Training Partners: PMI Melbourne has been enjoying a strong, long-term partnership with [MetaPM](#) and has recently signed partnership agreements with [Millpond](#), [vCare Project Management](#) and [PMCOE \(Project Management Centre of Excellence\)](#).



<https://www.metapm.com.au/>

MetaPM is an Authorised Training Partner by assessment of PMI. Please contact MetaPM at **1800 800 436** or enquiries@metapm.com.au for more information.

PMI Melbourne members enjoy discounted fees on the CAPM and PMP courses.

Contact MetaPM at **1800 800 436** or enquiries@metapm.com.au

Upcoming PMP Exam Preparation Training:

June 19th–July 23rd (Virtual or in Melbourne)



<https://millpond.co.nz>

Millpond is an Authorised Training Partner by assessment of PMI. Please contact Millpond at **+64 (03) 366 4383** or info@millpond.co.nz for more information.

PMI Melbourne members enjoy a 10% discount when taking these courses.

Upcoming Training (all virtual):

Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP)[®] Exam Preparation
August 3rd–5th

Disciplined Agile Scrum Master (DASM) Certification
June 2nd – June 23rd

Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master (DASSM) Certification
July 21st – August 11th

Project Management Fundamentals
September 12th–15th





<https://vcareprojectmanagement.com>

vCare is an Authorised Training Partner by assessment of PMI. Please contact vCare at **1800 822 731** or **info@vcareprojectmanagement.com** for more information.

PMI Melbourne members enjoy a 20% discount when taking courses over \$1000.

Upcoming Training:

PfMP Certification Online Group Mentoring Training
6 group sessions and one personal exam strategy session

PfMP Certification Online Group Mentoring Training
6 group sessions and one personal exam strategy session

PgMP Boot camp, Sydney, Australia
January 12th-14th, 2024



<https://www.pm-coe.com.au/>

PMCOE is an Authorised Training Partner by assessment of PMI. Please contact PMCOE at **03 9005 7788** or **info@pm-coe.com** for more information.

PMI Melbourne members enjoy a 20% discount when taking these courses:

<https://www.pm-coe.com.au/pmi-member-enrolment/>

Upcoming Training:

Advanced Project Management June 3rd-4th (hybrid)
DASM June 10th-11th (in person only)

MORE BACKGROUND ON CERTIFICATIONS

Here is some information from our Authorised Training Partners to help with decisions about PMI certifications.

Information on changes to the CAPM exam in 2023:

<https://millpond.co.nz/blog/capm-exam-changes-2023/>

Background on the new PMI-CP (PMI – Construction Professional in Built Environments Projects) certificate:

<https://millpond.co.nz/blog/pmi-cp-construction-professional-in-built-environment-projects/>



Information on the PgMP and PfMP certifications for program and portfolio management:

Webinar series for questions around PgMP/PfMP (organised by the PMI QLD chapter:

<https://bit.ly/3Z7kzM1>

Project Management Career – At Project, Program & Portfolio Level:

<https://youtu.be/1GvzpPbwzLw>

Benefits of PgMP for Professionals:

<https://youtu.be/fV9stZBkkY4>

What are the top 10 tips to become a pro program manager?

<https://youtu.be/FW8KRO1Lh2A>

MENTORING

The mentoring program is currently being sponsored by the Professional Development Director. Traditionally, we run our annual speed dating event in February. This year marked the third iteration of the successful virtual format, resulting in matching 13 mentors and 17 mentees.

More information about the program can be found here:

<https://www.melbourne.pmi.org.au/mentoring>

This year, we will be holding two more events for current and past mentors and mentees:

13th July: virtual mid-year check-in with professional development and peer networking

17th November: in person celebration of the mentoring year

We would love to expand the pool of mentors so that more chapter members can benefit from this highly successful program. Here are just a few reasons to mentor regardless of your seniority.

Could you:

- Help someone new to the country understand the Australian work environment?
- Support somebody studying for a certification by sharing your own experiences?
- Give a project management student or fresh graduate insights into the post-study world?
- Share experiences and challenges of being a woman in project management?
- Pay forward the benefits you have experienced as a mentee by acting as a sounding board and accountability partner?

Please reach out to mentoring@melbourne.pmi.org.au if you are interested.



PMP STUDY GROUP

Vidyesh Alve, our highly knowledgeable and supportive Study Group Facilitator, passed earlier this year. Our thoughts are with his family in these difficult times and we are grateful for his contributions to the Melbourne Chapter.

We are currently seeking a volunteer to share the PMP Study Group Manager position. If you are thinking of starting to study for the PMP in the near future, reach out to the Director Professional Development (development@melbourne.pmi.org.au) if you would like to be updated on the Study's Group's status.



GOT AN IDEA ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

I'd love to hear from you if you have any suggestions for partnership opportunities or activities anything that could benefit our members' professional development.

Best regards,
Ariel Achtman, PhD, PMP
Professional Development Director

Email: development@melbourne.pmi.org.au

Phone: **0450 224131**

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-ariel-achtman-17882111/>



Disciplined Agile Special Interest Group (DASIG) for Australasia

BY DR TIENDUNG (TJ) LE, PAST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The chapter has been collaborating with the DASIG to provide learning opportunities for members. Two workshops have been organised so far this year: Introduction to Agile and Introduction to Scrum.



Disciplined Agile Special Interest Group Australasia



WORKSHOP 14

Introduction to Agile

Brief history of Agile. Why Agile. Agile vs Waterfall. The Agile mindset and value-driven delivery. Examples. Agile certification...

Thursday, 30 Mar 2023 - 7:30PM NZDT | 5:30PM AEDT

Speaker:
Alan Kwon PMP
Co-founder, PMCOE

DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au
Free for members of PMI chapters in ANZ



Disciplined Agile Special Interest Group Australasia



WORKSHOP 15

Introduction to Scrum

Highly engaging workshop providing foundational knowledge and hands on activities for anyone who wishes to build a solid Agile career

Thursday, 4 May 2023 - 5:30PM AEST | 7:30PM NZST

Speaker:
Alan Kwon
Co-founder, PM COE

DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au
Free for members of PMI chapters in ANZ



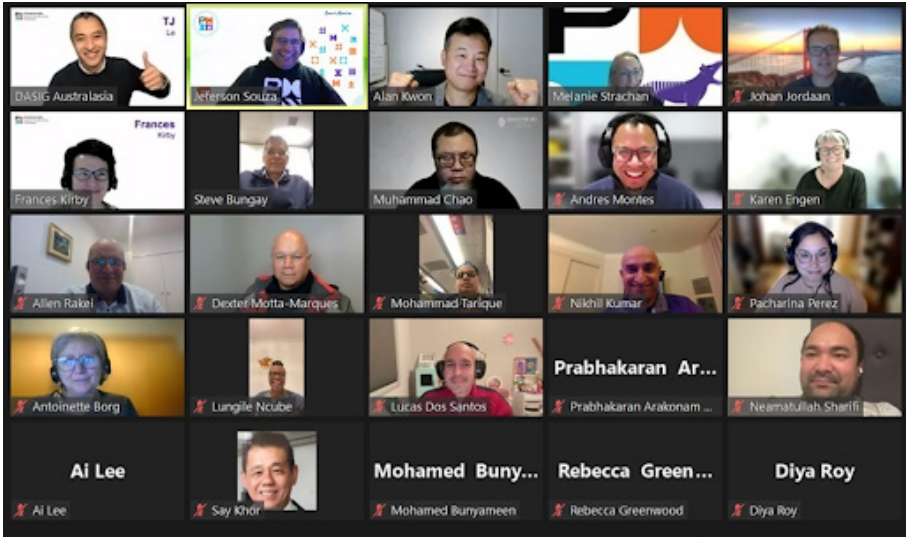
OUR TEAM

The **DASIG** is run by a team of following capable and passionate volunteers:

Jeferson Souza
Frances Kirby
Maryam Alhouti
Mohammad Tarique
Shobhit Mathur

We are also onboarding **Natalie Ilott**; we can't wait for her to join us officially.





FUTURE EVENTS

The **DASIG** is planning multiple workshops and seminars for the rest of the year. Topics of the seminars will be decided as they come. However, we are planning to run multiple sessions of the following workshops, which collectively will equip our members with a good foundation of Agile and Lean:

- W1 – Introduction to Agile
- W2 – Introduction to Scrum
- W3 – Introduction to Lean & Kanban
- W4 – Introduction to Disciplined Agile
- W5 – Agile Estimation and Planning
- W6 – Introduction to Lean Startup
- W7 – Introduction to SAFe®
- W8 – Agile Coaching

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We are actively looking for volunteers to help us grow the **DASIG** and serve our members better. The opportunities include:

- Australasia DA SIG Workshops Coordinators: more information can be found here: <https://volunteer.pmi.org/>
- Australasia DA SIG Seminars Coordinators: more information can be found here: <https://volunteer.pmi.org/>

CONTACT US

For any enquiries, please contact us at dasig@melbourne.pmi.org.au



Volunteering

BY HEERA ARVIND, VOLUNTEERING DIRECTOR

VOLUNTEERING WITH THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE MELBOURNE CHAPTER: A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

Volunteering with the Project Management Institute (PMI) Melbourne Chapter is an excellent way to give back to the community and develop your skills in project management. The PMI Melbourne Chapter is a professional organization that provides a range of educational and networking opportunities for project management professionals.

As a volunteer with the Melbourne Chapter, you can contribute to the success of the organization while gaining [valuable experience](#) and enhancing your professional development. The Chapter offers a variety of volunteer roles, such as event planning, marketing, and membership management, serving on a committee, participating in community service projects like [Outreach, Project Management 4 Life \(PM4L\), Project Management Day of Service \(PMDoS\)](#) which cater to different skill sets and levels of experience.

Volunteering with the Melbourne Chapter is a [fantastic way to network](#) with like-minded professionals and expand your professional circle. You will have the opportunity to connect with other project management professionals in the Melbourne area and learn from their experiences.

By volunteering with the Melbourne Chapter, you can also earn [Professional Development Units \(PDUs\)](#) towards maintaining your PMI certification. You can earn up to 25 PDUs for each cycle of your Continuing Certification Requirements by volunteering with the Chapter.

Volunteering with the Melbourne Chapter is a rewarding experience that provides you with a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment. You will be part of a community of individuals who share your passion for project management and who are committed to making a positive impact in the community.



I would like to share with you all an interview by one of our volunteer Daniel Simpson, with one of our time-honoured volunteer, Mr. Ivor Halford, who has been a volunteer with the Melbourne Chapter for the last 25 years and has dedicated his time and energy towards making a positive impact on the community. Ivor's unwavering commitment to giving back to the community and supporting the project management profession has been truly remarkable.

Here you go.....



Ivor Halford

Daniel Simpson: You have been an active volunteer with us for 25 years, Ivor, what a milestone - take us back to life as a project manager in 1998 and what made you decide to get involved with the PMI in the first place?

Ivor Halford: That's a good question, so back in 1998 I was working or I just moved from ICI/ Orica to Coles Myer. I had been a project manager at ICI for half a dozen years or so. I was in the network team doing, you know, delivery, installs, the whole lot. So I moved out of that team into project management and then then moved again into Coles and I've sort of mainly been involved in the infrastructure side of things in IT.

I just felt like I wouldn't mind getting some level of formal recognition for being a project manager, also just to improve my knowledge of project management; I also wanted to meet up with like-minded people in the project management game. So I moved to Coles Myer and basically at that point I joined the (PMI Melbourne) chapter. It actually coincided with me having a manager who was very supportive of us getting recognition as project managers. So we asked, would he help us get certified? And so a number of us undertook some training while we were at work. Training was from Kevin Burke, who's another long-time member of PMI and a former director who's been an education provider for PMI as well. Terrific bloke, Kevin. And he would come in once a week and give a group of us some training and then and then a few months later I got my PMP certification. That was around about 1999 and soon after I went to one of the first PMI Chapter meetings and that was at Dorcas St, South Melbourne, that's where the first event that I went to, and at the time they were asking for volunteers.

So I just put my hand up and joined the events team and 25 years later I was still on the events team. I've also been involved in the Chapter Board Election Committee a couple of times. It's been probably another couple of things along the way, but predominantly it's been as a member of the events team, always a really good bunch of people. I would get asked 'won't you come and join the board?' But I just wanted something that would get me there to the chapter events, but something I could also walk away from because I was already heavily involved in my sporting clubs and on committees and whatever



else. And I just didn't really want to get too committed from being on the board, but I was happy to be involved with the events team so that's what sort of kept me motivated, because that was my starting point.

Daniel Simpson: And so by maintaining that level of involvement, you would be able to maintain the motivation to keep contributing and volunteering?

Ivor Halford: Correct. So yes, as you say the motivation has really been maintained. It gets me there. I feel I'm contributing something back. You get wonderful insights at all the events.

So, to be truthful, it's probably been more intense the last probably few years, since Covid has come along where the Events team has got more involved with critiquing the presentations, assisting with the setup and so it has taken a bit more involvement but at the same time there's been a number of people moving through and assisting on the events team. And you do also pick up some new skills and ideas and ways of running events as well. So that's also been a handy learning.

Daniel Simpson: It's always good to have another string in the bow, isn't it?

Ivor Halford: Yes, it is.

Daniel Simpson: And those hybrid events over the last couple of years looked particularly complex to set up.

Ivor Halford: That's right.

Daniel Simpson: I remember turning up to a few of those pretty early...

Ivor Halford: Yeah, I know that's right. Especially when we're in the first few, I mean big hats off to the Events team. We'd always run onsite events. We'd never run online events. Then when COVID came we switched from on-site to online and so that was a big move just to do that and to keep the momentum of the monthly events going. So that in itself was a big move.

And then we when we switched back to having a one or two in person events. Then we switched to hybrid events.

And yeah, that was initially quite a challenge as well. Big hats off to Keen who set up the first of the online events and then also huge hats off to Jefferson who kicked off the hybrid events and that's what's been maintained since with the Events team. I'm not sure if you're aware, but I've stepped down from the events team.

Earlier this year because I thought, no, it's time to have a bit of a break. But yeah, I mean the motivation is pretty well the same motivation I had 25 years ago, to be truthful.



Daniel Simpson: And that's to give something back, while also be able to maintain some work/life balance?

Ivor Halford: Yes and the volunteering is just what gets me there (to the Chapter events). It forced me to get involved.

I needed a bit of a break and I'm so busy at work but it just shows you when before even if I was busy, I still had to get involved and so and it just forced me to get there and you pick up something every time (at the Chapter events).

I've seen some wonderful people presenting, subject matter experts and leaders in the industry. The beauty about the hybrid events too, we've had some overseas people present as well.

Daniel Simpson: Yes, I wanted to ask, did you have an all-time favourite event or speaker?

Ivor Halford: Oh, that's a really tricky one. I mean, to be truthful, I always enjoy the end of year events.

I think one event we had a comedian in, trying to think who it was, but he was imitating being a professor of project management at senior government level and that was quite amusing.

That was a few years ago, but, it's really difficult to sort of nail down one event over the others because I've seen so many. I won't be doing the events justice by trying to pick one over the other.

Yeah, I think I think it was good when we had our first end of year event as an online event, when we had the magician, did you go, did you?

Daniel Simpson: Yes.

Ivor Halford: Yes, I thought that was good. Thought the magician did a fantastic job because he set a fantastic example of someone pivoting in the circumstances where his whole business model had been turned upside down.

And so he changed it from running onsite to running online events. That event was another classic example of people being innovative. And not just being a fantastic magician, but just the way to be able to pivot and run the show online as opposed to being in-person.

Daniel Simpson: So when you're not project managing or volunteering with the, what do you like to do in your spare time?

Ivor Halford: Historically I've, I've played a lot of cricket and soccer and I still take an interest in them. I'm a mad AFL, Richmond Tigers man, so I've been pretty lucky to watch them when a few premierships in fact, I've personally seen Richmond win four in person and in my life they've won a few more.



I also enjoy horse racing, so I've been involved with racing a few horses, thoroughbreds and standardbreds. So I enjoy going down the races as well, when I can find the time. I also love golf. I must admit that the thing I like about playing golf, is that it is four or five hours where you are out there and with your mates or other people and while you do get a bit frustrated at times, you still just totally chill out from day to day worries and thoughts and distractions and whatever.

And of course, the 19th hole, that's always fun as well.

So they're probably my main passions. I'm married to my wife Karen and we have a daughter, Charlotte who is 16. In fact Karen and I funnily enough, have been married nearly 25 years. Our 25th anniversary is coming up, so I got married about the same time I joined Coles Myer and the PMI. So they all coincide, I've been at Coles now 25 years, have been married for 25 years and a member of PMI for 25 years.

Dear Ivor, on behalf of PMI Melbourne Chapter, I wish to express our deepest thanks for your remarkable 25 years of volunteering with us and we consider it a privilege to have collaborated with you and we eagerly anticipate many more years of fruitful collaboration and shared success.

HEAR FROM A FEW OF OUR VOLUNTEERS:



Achal Barla

I have volunteered with the PMI Melbourne Chapter over the past two years, with covid break in between. I had the opportunity to project manage PMDoS and learn important project management (PM) skills with the support and guidance of seasoned PMs. This experience gave me the chance to grow my skills and improve my confidence as a project manager.

Furthermore, being part of a community of professionals in the same field has been a valuable experience. I enjoy connecting with other project management professionals and building a network of like-minded individuals. Through these connections, I have been able to learn about various industries and expand my knowledge base. I value this experience very highly and would rate it a 10/10.

Overall, I feel fortunate to be part of a group of other project professionals who are passionate about their work and committed to making a positive impact in their respective fields.





Sonia Mateus

I have been a volunteer with the PMI Melbourne Chapter for approximately one year and it has been an excellent experience. I am particularly proud of the work that our team does for the community, such as the Project Management Day of Service (PMDoS) and Project Management for All (PM4L) initiatives. These programs provide opportunities to engage with the community and have been incredibly rewarding and fulfilling experiences. It is heartening to see the positive impact that our work has on NFP/charities in our community, and to know that they appreciate the efforts of our team of PM consultants and volunteers.

In addition to the community impact, my volunteering experience has also been a great opportunity to connect with other project management professionals. I have enjoyed learning from my peers and being able to give back to the community. Overall, I am extremely satisfied with my volunteering experience with the PMI Melbourne Chapter and would definitely recommend it to anyone who is interested in doing some meaningful volunteering work.



Daniel Simpson

I have been volunteering with the PMI Melbourne Chapter for almost three years now, specifically helping to organise our flagship volunteering event, the Project Management Day of Service (PMDoS). Prior to that, I was a Lead Consultant at the previous two PMDoS events dating back to 2019.

The thing that I am most proud of from my time volunteering with PMI Melbourne Chapter is the success of last year's PMDoS event. Despite all the challenges that we faced in the lead-up to the event, our team pulled together and it was a huge success on the day. I would like to extend my thanks to our team members, Achal, Heera, Sonia, Daman, Amol, and Greeba, for their hard work and dedication.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the community and the project management profession, and it has been an excellent way to challenge myself, meet new teammates, and develop as a person. I have found PMDoS to be especially rewarding, as I get to see the knowledge and insight that our Chapter members are able to share with our Not For Profit partners within a single event.



Overall, I am very satisfied with my volunteering experience with PMI Melbourne Chapter, and I would highly recommend it to anyone who is looking to give back to the community and accelerate their professional development while working with a team of like-minded professionals.



Vanathy Shasitharan

I joined PMI Melbourne Chapter during lockdown in 2021 and started volunteering from November 2021 onwards. My first volunteering activity was to be part of the team for the Board nomination committee for 2022. I enjoy meeting people from different industries and varying experiences and find learning to be the best outcome of these volunteering activities. My proudest moment so far has been committing my time to the task I undertook and successfully delivering it on time without compromise to quality. The overall experience has been very positive for me, I enjoyed stepping outside my comfort zone to learn and contribute.

I am very satisfied with my volunteering experience and wish I had more time to get involved more. I would definitely recommend volunteering with PMI Melbourne Chapter to others.

Volunteering with the Project Management Institute Melbourne Chapter is a valuable experience that provides you with an opportunity to give back to the community, develop your skills in project management, network with like-minded professionals, and earn PDUs towards maintaining your PMI certification.

Consider volunteering with the Melbourne Chapter today and be part of a community that is making a positive impact in the project management profession.

Keep an eye out on <https://volunteer.pmi.org/> for upcoming opportunities.

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Project Management Day of Service (PMDOS) 2023

BY HEERA ARVIND, VOLUNTEERING DIRECTOR

ONE DAY, ONE MISSION - TO HELP NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS

Project Management Day of Service (PMDoS) events provide non-for-profit organisations with pro bono (free, professional) project management services to help them address their most difficult challenges.

PMDoS events are run across Australia and worldwide to foster social impact and professional development. Since the first PMDoS event in Melbourne in 2018, our consultants have partnered with charities and not-for-profit organizations to make their ideas a reality, while also enhancing their project management skills and network.

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our 2023 PMDoS Event In-person at RMIT University (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology) on **Friday, 20th October 2023.**

We would like to thank our sponsors and partners for their continuous support and generosity.

Gratitude to [MetaPM](#) for sponsoring the PMDoS event year on year, we greatly appreciate your support in joining us in this noble cause.

Thank you to our venue sponsor [RMIT University](#) for providing us the venue to host this event in person.

Lastly, thank you to all PMDoS team for their dedication and great efforts.

We hope you can join us for this amazing opportunity to make a difference and learn from each other. If you are interested in participating as a consultant or a non-for-profit organization, please visit our website or contact us at pmdos@melbourne.pmi.org.au. We look forward to seeing you at the PMDoS event this year!

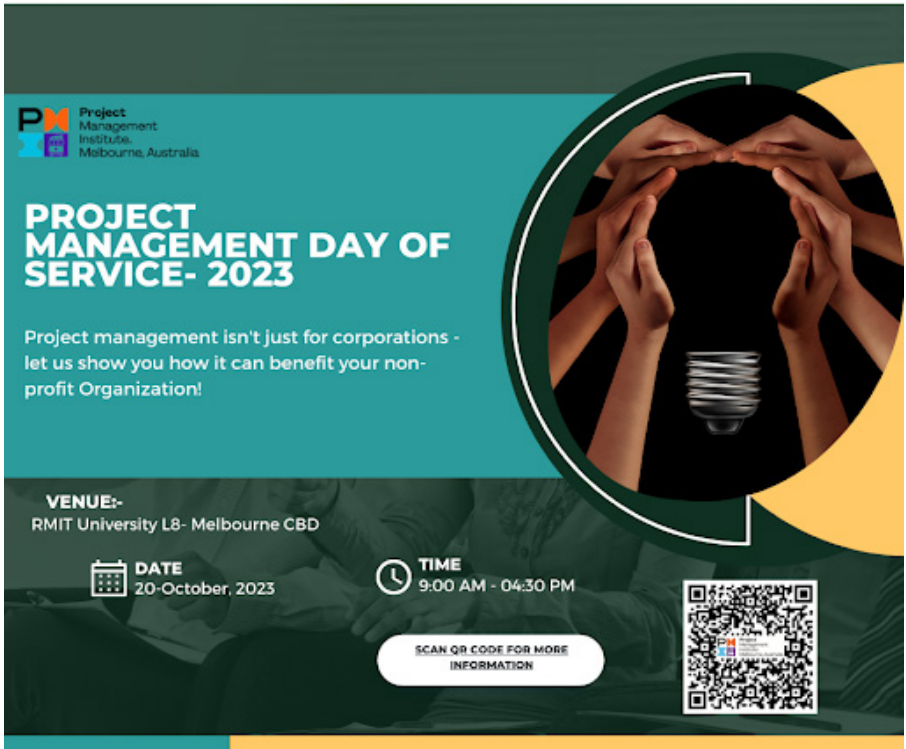


PMDoS contributes to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 17 - “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.”

Also, more details can be found on PMDoS Website:

<https://www.melbourne.pmi.org.au/project-management-day-of-service/>

Video for PMDoS 2022: <https://youtu.be/GSWVezWbQ2Q>

A promotional poster for Project Management Day of Service 2023. The top left features the PMI logo and text: "Project Management Institute, Melbourne, Australia". The main title is "PROJECT MANAGEMENT DAY OF SERVICE- 2023". Below it, a tagline reads: "Project management isn't just for corporations - let us show you how it can benefit your non-profit Organization!". The right side of the poster is dominated by a circular graphic showing several hands of different skin tones cupping a glowing lightbulb. The bottom section contains event details: "VENUE:- RMIT University L8- Melbourne CBD", "DATE 20-October, 2023", and "TIME 9:00 AM - 04:30 PM". A button says "SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION" next to a QR code. The background is a dark green with a faint image of people.

Keep an eye out on <https://volunteer.pmi.org/> for upcoming opportunities for PMDoS.

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Membership

BY JOSEPH PINEDA, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

MEET THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Membership Director, **Joseph Pineda** caught up with a few of the Membership team members - **Mario Raschke, Carlos Alejandro Pomareda Prado, Tapiwa Makuvise and Rodolfo Del Carpio** to know more about their journey so far as PMI Melbourne Chapter volunteers.



Mario Raschke

A small introduction of yourself and what you do:

My name is Mario, I am 29 years old and from Germany. Coming over to Australia with engineering experience, I also studied a Diploma in Project Management here in Melbourne. Currently working in the Health Industry, I hope to get my way into the Renewable Energy industry as a Project Manager soon.

When and why did you join PMI and PMI Melbourne Chapter? Why did you volunteer?

I joined the PMI in June 2022 and started volunteering directly. That is the main reason for joining the PMI Melbourne Chapter. As an international student, I wanted to network with professionals from the industry. It can be a big challenge to get work experience as a fresh

graduate and the volunteering opportunities at PMI are an excellent way to hit 2 Flies with one clap: Networking and gaining experience.

Can you share some of the good/nice/fun memories and lessons you acquired from your volunteering so far?

A very honest opinion: I thought the volunteering would be a lot harder work. That was a reason why I struggled to actually sign up for volunteering work. Unpaid hours of work were not really what I was thinking about to do at my current situation. I signed up anyway and don't regret a single minute. The welcoming and openminded people at the PMI Melbourne Chapter became my friends immediately. Even I am sometimes a more introvert person, I felt very comfortable in the new environment, and it was easy to get to know new people, every week. I recently made another big step in my career and passed the CAPM exam.

When I mentioned it to other Chapter Members, they all tried to support and help me wherever they could. Other great memories are amazing engaging speaker, a pub visit for a meeting with the team or a BBQ on a Sunday for fun.

If you were to acquire a super power, what would it be and why?

The skill to talk to animals, sounds like an interesting superpower. I love animals and would like to know how bad they are thinking about humans.





**Carlos
Alejandro
Pomareda Prado**

A small introduction of yourself and what you do:

My name is Carlos Pomareda Prado; I am 28 years old, and I am an environmental engineer, I was working in the mining area on environmental projects, I was working as junior project management, and I came to Australia to study for my master's in project management and eventually work in the projects area environmental.

When and why did you join PMI and PMI Melbourne Chapter?

I had been studying the PMI guide and its standards for a long time, and I joined to be able to increase my knowledge of professionals and broaden my professional and personal vision.

Why did you volunteer?

I decided to volunteer because it is an excellent opportunity to develop myself in Australia and gain experience.

Can you share some of the good/nice/fun memories and lessons you acquired from your volunteering so far?

All the meetings are very pleasant, especially the monthly exhibitions, because you share with many people. In addition, the catering they serve is quite good and enjoyable.

If you were to acquire a super power, what would it be and why?

I would love to be immortal to be able to know all the history and all knowledge of the human race.



Tapiwa Makuvisе

A small introduction of yourself and what you do:

My name is Tapiwa and I'm a PMP certified Project Manager currently working as a Project Manager at Beca, one of Asia Pacific's largest independent advisory, design and engineering consultancies. The majority of my projects are in the water sector but I have exposure to power and asset management projects.

When and why did you join PMI and PMI Melbourne Chapter?

I joined PMI in 2019 to get a discount on my PMP certification exam ! I was trying to secure employment in a technical field opting for the PM pathway having moved from overseas and encountered difficulty in getting my experience recognised. My thought was, attaining the PMP would open doors and it did in due course. I joined the Melbourne Chapter in 2020 to network and gain insights into the PM market in Melbourne and learn career skills from my peers. I even partnered up with an awesome mentor along the way.

Why did you volunteer?

Volunteering for me was a great way to enhance my networking efforts, an opportunity to learn more about the chapter and its benefits, give back and earn recertification PDUs as well.



Can you share some of the good/nice/fun memories and lessons you acquired from your volunteering so far?

My best memory was hearing some of the students at the rising leaders student event describing their challenges in securing PM/technical roles in Melbourne which resonated with me, realising that the work i'm doing as a volunteer may help someone with a similar background to land that first job which felt great. Main lesson so far has been, be agile, pivot. Events don't always go as planned, just as in boxing, if you take a hit, don't lose your balance!

If you were to acquire a super power, what would it be and why?

Superspeed definitely, get more done in a day. 24 hours just seems inadequate at times. I want to do more, see more, experience more, be more!



**Rodolfo
Del Carpio**

A small introduction of yourself and what you do:

I am an Industrial Engineer, with experience in project planning, I am currently studying a Master of Business Information Systems in Melbourne and I am a current member of the PMI Melbourne Chapter which allowed me to get CAPM certified in 2022.

When and why did you join PMI and PMI Melbourne Chapter?

Since July 2022 I have been part of the Melbourne Chapter as part of the

Membership Engagement Team, but I had known PMI for the last two years of my undergraduate degree in 2018, and one of the main reasons I joined the PMI Melbourne Chapter was to expand my professional network on projects in Melbourne.

Why did you volunteer?

I joined as a volunteer to continue my personal development of leadership and other soft skills, as well as create connections in the current chapter and continue learning from experienced professionals in the project field.

Can you share some of the good/nice/fun memories and lessons you acquired from your volunteering so far?

Thanks to volunteering at PMI, I was able to attend the Project Controls Expo held in Melbourne in 2022, an event in which I was able to meet and establish connections with the most prominent professionals and industries in projects in the city, as well as enrich myself with the presentations of people with experience in project controls management.

If you were to acquire a super power, what would it be and why?

Being able to manage time, because time, although we can try to manage it in the best way, is something that is out of our control. Just moving forward and being able to anticipate the future or go back to the past to make the best decisions in the present would be amazing.



Outreach

BY DR TIENDUNG (TJ) LE, OUTREACH DIRECTOR

GREETINGS

After two years serving as the Director for Professional Development, I have started as the Director for Outreach from April, 2023. I will need some time to catch up with the wonderful work of our previous directors. I am also excited to extend our chapter's outreach impacts through collaboration with our partners.

I welcome and invite you to contact me if you have any ideas or feedback to the work that we are doing and can do to serve better.

Looking forward to working with you all,
Tiendung (TJ) Le

PM4L

PM4L continues to be one of our chapter's signature initiatives. It is led by **Vikki Kapoor** and **Dr. Guinevere Gilbert**.

The team delivered the first workshop (with 6 sessions) for students of Mount Saint Joseph Girls College in Altona on 9 May. This is our third year working with the school. We are planning two more workshops (with 12 sessions) on 16 and 23 May. The topics being covered include:

- Project management overview
- Scope/WBS
- Stakeholder engagement
- Risk analysis, monitoring & control
- Lesson learned



The PM4L program is supported by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. They are:

- Vik Kapoor
- Guinevere Gilbert
- Mark Bozovic
- Amit Merwar
- Sonia Mateus
- Ridhima Young
- Shasitharan Vanathy
- Vijay Shah
- Shobhit Mathur
- Nick Reynolds
- Ai Ling Lee
- Jasdeep Singh
- Marcelle Granier

ALAMANDA COLLEGE TEAM WINS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN “F1 IN SCHOOLS”

The Alamanda College team, mentored by our Outreach Team (led by **Vijay Sha** and **Lyn Windsor**), has achieved an outstanding victory as the National Champions in the prestigious “F1 in Schools” program held in Sydney. Building on our success in 2022, we proudly congratulate the team for their commendable performance in 2023 as well.



“F1 in Schools” is an international STEM competition for students aged 11-19, challenging them to design and manufacture a miniature car using CAD/CAM design tools and the official F1 Model Block. It fosters skills in teamwork, project management, innovation, and problem-solving.

Following our previous achievements, the Alamanda College team surpassed all expectations. Their remarkable skills, creativity, and perseverance were evident from the early stages of preparation to the intense competition rounds. Their teamwork set them apart as true champions.



Mentorship from our Outreach Team played a vital role in nurturing the team's talents and honing their skills. Lyn and Vijay's keen interest and commitment were instrumental in this remarkable achievement, continuing our legacy of success.

As National Champions, the Alamanda College team has earned the privilege to represent their nation on the international stage. Invited to the highly anticipated International Competition in Singapore on 8th September, they will showcase their talents against the world's best.

At the Outreach Portfolio, we wholeheartedly support the team as they embark on this next chapter. Participating in "F1 in Schools" equips students with essential project management, teamwork, and problem-solving skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

With our unwavering encouragement, we believe the Alamanda College team will rise to the occasion, bringing further glory to their college, our PMI Outreach, and the nation as a whole. Let us celebrate their achievements and wish them the best of luck in Singapore.

Together, we continue to inspire and empower the next generation of project managers. The Alamanda College team's consecutive success stories in 2022 and now 2023, reinforces the transformative power of project management education and mentorship in shaping tomorrow's leaders.



Our Visual Identity

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.



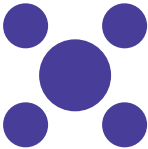
COLLABORATION

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.



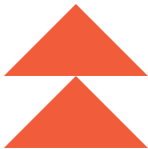
DETERMINATION

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

Projects are delivered by people, but winning projects are delivered by teams. Project delivery relies on team players and people who contribute added value to any project, making the team stronger.



GROWTH

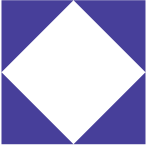
Change and transformation, while at times unfamiliar, spur progress. Whether it's skill development or organizational expansion, growth brings new opportunities into our economy - and contributes to the greater good.





INNOVATION

New ideas. New products. New methods. Constant transformation is what helps us tackle new problems and find fresh solutions. We know that the world isn't one-size-fits-all. We bring new takes on everyday things to constantly move forward and make life better across the world.



OUTCOME

We celebrate not just the process, but the positive impact that projects around the world make on society. We're changing the world - for the better - one project at a time.



COMMUNITY

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.



VISION

This can mean being unconventional. It can mean coming up with new ideas to solve new challenges. It's about perspective, seeing the big picture, and the ability to create solutions for now that are sustainable for generations to come.

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The Melbourne Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI) is part of an international not-for-profit professional organisation dedicated to the advancement of project management excellence through professionalism.

With more than 500,000 members in over 170 countries, PMI is the leading membership association for the project management profession.

PMI is recognised for the advocacy programs conducted with governments, organisations and industries around the world as they recognise and embrace project management to achieve business results.

The PMI Melbourne Chapter has over 1300 members.

More information can be found on our website:

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