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A Message from the President



Hi All,

I hope everyone is safe and enjoying the in-person activities as we come out of the COVID restrictions. Due to the “new normal”, based on the members’ feedback, the Chapter has moved to hybrid events for our monthly Chapter events organised every last Tuesday of the month (from February to November). You will now have the option to network in person with complimentary food and drinks, or have the flexibility to join us online.

In the Professional Development space, under the leadership of Dr Tiendung Le (TJ), the Chapter has signed 3 additional training partners which will provide more training opportunities for members. I welcome the new partners and thank them for offering amazing deals for members. The new training partners are:

- MillPond
- vCare Project Management
- Project Management Centre of Excellence (PMCOE)

The Melbourne Chapter Board attended the Region10 meeting in September. The session was held in person after a gap of 2 years. This session was held over two days, and it gave a chance to meet Board Leaders from other Chapters and learn from their success. PMI has reinstated the global LIM (Leadership Institute Meeting) and the Melbourne Chapter will be represented at both the Asia Pacific LIM and global LIM.

October has been a busy month for the Chapter, and you will find details about our various initiatives in this Newsletter. In November, the Chapter will be organising the Year End celebrations event on 29 November. Spaces are limited, so book in as soon as possible!

I want to thank all the Board Directors and Chapter Volunteers for their valuable time and support without which we will not be able to manage the Chapter activities.

Thank you and best regards,

Sajid Latif
President



The Editorial Team

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER THE - EDITORIAL TEAM



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Project Management Day of Service (PMDOS)

BY HEERA ARVIND, VOLUNTEERING DIRECTOR

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

PMDoS events are run across Australia and worldwide. 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. Year 2020 and 2021 PMDoS events were hosted virtually due to the pandemic and extended lockdowns in Melbourne, however, good news is that we will be hosting 2022 PMDoS Event back in-person.

This year event will be held at RMIT University on Saturday, 12th November 2022.

Thank you to **MetaPM** for sponsoring this event year on year, much appreciate your support to join 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.

PMI Project Management Institute. Melbourne, Australia

PMDoS 2022

Changing the world, one project at a time

Welcome to Not-for-profit Organizations participating this year

Able AUSTRALIA fitted for work

cultural infusion Building Harmony & Wellbeing

Friends of the Children Foundation

AUSTRALIAN NURSES MEMORIAL CENTRE

Thank you MetaPM and RMIT University for your generous support

12th Nov 2022, RMIT University
www.melbourne.pmi.org.au/pmdos

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Events

BY JEFERSON SOUZA, EVENTS DIRECTOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER EVENT 25 OCTOBER 2022 - FROM 5PM

As a project or program manager, you are used to leading a team and putting a team together quickly. Leading a team of people and getting them to gel and work well together from the beginning is the aspiration to deliver success, and it is difficult to get right.

Maree Burgess is a trainer, coach, facilitator, author, and speaker whose practicality supports leaders and teams to create cultures that people want to be part of and perform at their best for, to greatly improve overall performance. She will:

- Explain the difference between being a transactional and a transformational manager
- Outline the three Critical Outcomes organisations are looking for in terms of successful project delivery
- Describe the Three Levers to achieve these outcomes and the Nine Accelerators underpinning them
- Provide practical tools for three of these Accelerators that you can apply to your role immediately!

The poster is for a PMI Melbourne Chapter event. At the top left is the PMI logo and text: 'Project Management Institute, Melbourne, Australia'. To the right are several colorful icons. The main title is 'PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER Monthly Event - Oct (Hybrid)'. Below that is a photo of Maree Burgess, a woman with blonde hair wearing a blue patterned top. To her right, the text reads: 'LEADING A TEAM THE 9 ACCELERATORS FOR A PROJECT MANAGER'S SUCCESS'. Below the photo, it says 'Keynote speaker: Maree Burgess Leadership Coach, Level Up Trainer and Facilitator at MareeBurgess.com'. A dashed box contains event details: 'Networking Session from 5:00 PM', 'On-line Session opens from 5:30 PM', and 'Event 6:00PM - 7:45 PM'. Below that, it lists the 'Venue (in-person)' as 'NAB, The Arena, 700 Bourke St Docklands'. At the bottom left is a 'Speed Quiz' badge with 'Prizes for the winners'. At the bottom center is a date and time box: '| 25 Oct 2022 (Tue) | 6:00 - 7:45 PM |'. At the bottom left is the 'nab' logo. At the bottom center, it says 'Members: FREE, Non-members: \$25, PDU: 1 (Leadership) Inquiry: execofficer@melbourne.pmi.org.au'. At the bottom right is the 'RMIT UNIVERSITY' logo.



YEAR END CELEBRATION
29 NOVEMBER 2022 - FROM 5PM

*Save
the
Date*

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER

*Year End
Celebration*



Enjoy the perfect night with
networking, entertainment, recognition
and much more

| 29 Nov 2022 (Tue) | 5:00 - 9:00 PM |
RACV Club, 501 Bourke St Melbourne



PAST EVENTS

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER SEPTEMBER EVENT

Methodology and framework are a very important component of project management; however, projects / programs are delivered by teamwork and a project / program manager's success is heavily dependent on their team's ability. [The art of project management](#) lies in how a project leader effectively uses methodology to get their team to deliver the project outcomes successfully.

Ruchi Motial-Suri, Founder and Principal Consultant at [Success Culture](#) and who has over 25 years' corporate leadership experience with blue chip organisations in [Asia, Australia & UK](#) specialising in turning around projects from Red to Green. She has led PMI Melbourne community in a hands-on interactive session, sharing her lessons learnt from rescuing projects successfully and sharing valuable Insights on how to use Emotional Intelligence to leverage methodology and manage our team and stakeholders, resulting in predictable results every time.

According to statistics, to summarise Ruchi's presentation, only 39% of project failures occur due to lack of planning. So, what about the other 61%? This failure is attributed to what is collective called "Soft skills". Let's recap the 3 strategies Ruchi shared with us:

1. Don't be a slave to methodology. Methodology is just a tool to help you deliver business outcomes – focus on the outcomes required, not on the tool.
2. Change is inevitable. It's all about how you manage this change and the messaging.
3. Lastly, and most importantly- It's all about the people. People collaborate to deliver a common outcome. Your success as the Project Leader lies in how you influence them to deliver as a single team.



Ruchi Motial-Suri
Founder and Principal Consultant
Success Culture

"Last week, I had an amazing time presenting to a room full of Project people on a topic close to my heart – delivering projects successfully. The event was organised by the Project Management Institute, Melbourne Chapter. The hybrid event had over 100 participants with approximately 60 people online and the remaining in-person.

An event this size needs some really good PM skills to run smoothly. It is all in the planning and preparation. The team was impressive in their prep including a dry run beforehand to ensure a smooth run." – Ruchi



PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER AUGUST EVENT

The PMI Melbourne Chapter recently concluded its monthly event at the NAB Hub Events turned out to be an Most of the world's largest organisations are attempting an **enterprise Agility transformation** but not all are succeeding. One recent study shows that 75% of all Agile transformations fail. This makes us wonder if the Agile values and principles from the 20-year-old Agile Manifesto is still conducive to today's new ways of working.

We were thankful to spotlighted **Dipesh Pala** has coached over 3000 Agile practitioners and has been instrumental in rolling out Agile at scale in many organisations across multiple countries. Drawing upon more than a decade of **Agile transformation** experiences in multiple organisations across nine countries, Dipesh shared real-life case studies and insights to provide clear guidelines, organised around seven key areas that have been useful for leaders and organisations wanting to unleash the full potential of their Agile teams.

A keen advocate of simplicity, Dipesh offers simple, practical yet powerful ways to address the challenges Agile leaders and teams face today. Dipesh continuously pushes leaders and organisations beyond the principles and practices to take a step further into their Agile journey!



Dipesh Pala
Agile Capability
Leader - Asia
Pacific
IBM



“Hybrid events are difficult to pull off in the best of times but this one was beautifully hosted by the PMI Melbourne Chapter. The event was set up in such a way that all participants could share their stories, some good jokes, and learn a thing or two about #agileleadership in the modern era. The ongoing support provided by the PMI volunteers in the lead up, during, and post the event made everything look so easy. I am sure that everyone that joined online and onsite had as much fun as I did in presenting the session. Well done to the team of volunteers at the PMI Melbourne Chapter for making this magic happen – and thank you for having me!” - Dipesh



PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER JULY EVENT

The PMI Melbourne Chapter recently concluded its monthly event at the NAB Hub Events turned out to be an amazing one. A first of its kind Hybrid event where in we had a highly energetic speaker **Saby Waraich** talk to us live all the way from the US along with participants both onsite and online. Saby has shared his journey of delivering a Large-Scale Public-Sector Technology Project, meantime took us in on his life stories with a fun way to look at life as well as live life.

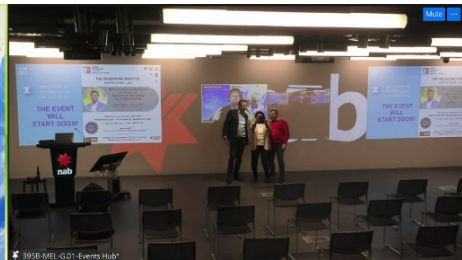


“As a speaker, I had a great experience working with the team. I always felt supported and appreciated. This was my first hybrid presentation across different continents and I’m looking forward to doing many more. Thanks, PMI Melbourne volunteer team for making this experience a memorable one!” - Saby



Saby Waraich
CIO | Keynote Speaker | Angel Investor | Leadership Coach

The PMI Melbourne Chapter would like to thank you Saby for all of your time, knowledge sharing, and contribution to making this PMI Melbourne Chapter event a great and memorable session. A big thank you to all our member, guests and volunteers who made this event highly engaging and insightful session.



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 had contributed immensely to this great success.



THANK YOU
The events dream team!



Ivor Halford



Naveen Mandava



Heera Arvind



Diego Reyes



Vasvi Kapadia



Maria Tracena



Adrian Chng



Maryam Alhouti



Bilal Ahmad



Ha Nguyen

You truly represent the volunteerism in PMI Melbourne Chapter!



Professional Development

BY DR. TIENDUNG LE, DASSM, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

CERTIFICATION ACHIEVERS

Please join us in congratulating our newly certified members in August, September and October and wishing them even more success in their careers.



Carly Sanicki
Emma Shaw



Sanket Dandekar
Sagar Mohamed Farook
Pinar Genc
Jiangzhao Ma
Samiha Naz Mazumder
Samita Neupane

Ifeanyi Okoye
Andrew Robinson
Boopathy Subramani
Vivianne Tadros
Ramin Tavahen
Karen White



Satishkumar Agrawal



Khaled Alhamss
Simeon Amor
Diana Arden
Fenty Cesal
Aaron Clifft
Benjamin Hemming

Padhmanaban Mallichetty
Swarnima Modak
Pete Omotosho
Luke Shuster
Michael Swiatkiwsky



Pete Omotosho



PMP STUDY GROUP

After a few months' break, we are pleased to announce that our PMP Study Group has restarted from the second half of October. Huge thanks to Vidyesh Alve for your time and dedication!

Time: every Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00PM

Venue: virtual on Zoom

How to register:

Contact **Tiendung (TJ) Le** at development@melbourne.pmi.org.au
or **Vidyesh Alve** at vidyeshalve@outlook.com

PARTNERSHIPS PMI CREDENTIALS TRAINING COURSES

PMI Melbourne Chapter has had a strong, long-term partnership with PMI's Authorised Training Partner (ATP) MetaPM.

The Chapter has also recently signed partnership agreements with three additional training partners - Millpond, vCare Project Management and Project Management Centre of Excellence (PMCOE).



The following PMI credential exam preparation courses are planned by **MetaPM Learning** for the rest of 2022:

PMP:

- 7 – 11 November
- 5 – 9 December

CAPM:

- 5 – 7 December

PMI Melbourne members enjoy discounted fees when taking these courses. See our website for more detail.

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.

Registration can be made at:

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





Millpond is offering the following training courses in November:

- Disciplined Agile Senior Scrum Master (DASSM) starting 14 November
- Governance And The Management Of Portfolios And Programmes starting 15 November

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

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.

Registration can be made on at:

<https://millpond.co.nz/>



vCare is offering the following training courses in the rest of 2022:

PMI-ACP:

- 22 – 24 November

PfPM:

- Starting 22 November
- Starting 25 November
- Starting 16 December
- Starting 17 December

DASM:

- 7 – 8 December

DASSM:

- 16 – 17 November

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

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

Registration can be made at:

<https://vcareprojectmanagement.com/>





Project Management Centre of Excellence (PMCOE) is offering the following training courses in the rest of 2022:

DASM:

- 12 – 13 November (in person)
- Starting 1 November (online)

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

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.

Registration can be made at:

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

OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to discuss partnership opportunities with organisations who are interested in working with us to deliver benefits to our members as well as to our partners. Please feel free to contact us at:

development@melbourne.pmi.org.au



Disciplined Agile Special Interest Group for Australasia

BY DR. TIENDUNG LE, CHAIR OF THE DASIG

The Disciplined Agile Special Interest Group (DASIG) has turned one in September 2022. This marks an important milestone of the PMI APAC's efforts in building an agile community for Australia and New Zealand.

The DASIG is led by a committee of three professionals:

- Tiendung (TJ) Le, PhD, DASSM (Chair)
- Peter Moutsatsos, PMP (Industry lead)
- Peter Lam (Member)

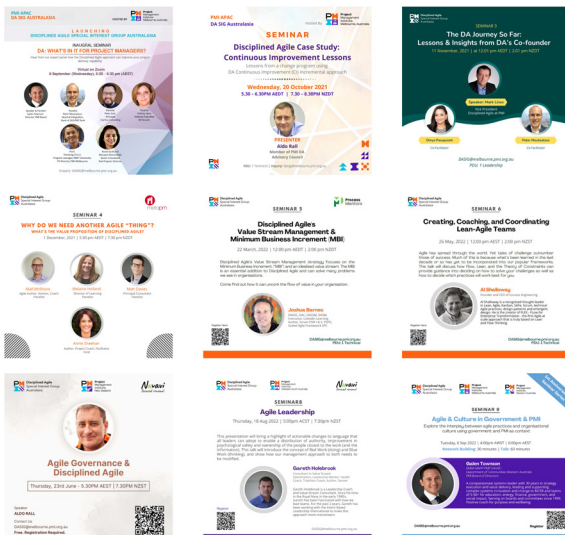
The DASIG's partners from the PMI APAC office are:

- Annie Sheehan, Head of Client Engagement, PMI Australia and New Zealand
- YeYoon Kim, Manager, Chapter Engagement, Asia Pacific
- Xing Ying Lee, Chapter Operations Analyst, Asia Pacific

In the following section, we are going to highlight some of the achievements by the DASIG team and its partners.

The DASIG has organised 21 events (9 seminars and 12 workshops) for the PMI members in Australia and New Zealand and the public. Through this events, the SIG has served almost 1,000 professionals.

NINE SEMINARS ORGANISED



ELEVEN WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

PMI APAC
DA SIG Australasia

Hosted by **PMI Project Management Institute**
Melbourne, Australia

WORKSHOP 1 - FOUNDATION OF DISCIPLINED AGILE

Tuesday, 5 October 2022
11AM - 2PM AEST | 1PM - 4PM NZST
Free for PMI R10 Chapter Members
(Max at 30 people (others waitlisted))

TOPICS
Agile Fundamentals
Current Status of Agile Movement
DA vs. Prescriptive Agile methods
DA Toolkit
PMI DA Certifications

FACILITATOR
Dr. Faiz Rasool, PM Training School

ENQUIRY/REGO
TJ Le: DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au

WORKSHOP 2
INTRODUCTION TO DISCIPLINED AGILE

Virtual on Zoom
Date: 26 Oct 2022
5:30 - 7:30 PM AEST | 5:30 - 7:30 PM NZST

TOPIC:
Brief history of agile
Business and Agile DA
Building and joining DA teams
DA Adoption
DA Certification

FACILITATOR
Alan Kwon
@Kwon, Alan

WORKSHOP 10
INTRODUCTION TO DISCIPLINED AGILE

WEDNESDAY 26 NOV 2022
7:30 - 10:00PM NZST | 1:30 - 4:00PM AEST

OUTCOMES

- DA Fundamentals
- DA Delivery Teams
- DA Life Cycles
- DA Process Models & Layers
- DA Process Goals
- How to Choose Your Way of Working

FACILITATOR
DR FAIZ RASOOL

ORGANIZED BY:
PMI TRAINING SCHOOL

Free for Members of PMI Chapters in ANZ
PMU: 7 Technical
Enquiry: support@pmtrainingschool.com

WORKSHOP 4
INTRODUCTION TO DISCIPLINED AGILE

THURSDAY 7 DEC 2022
5:30 - 7:30PM AEST | 7:30 - 9:30PM NZST

TOPICS:

- Brief history of agile
- Business agile through DA
- Building and guiding DA teams
- DA ecosystem
- DA certification

ORGANIZED BY:
PMI Project Management Institute
Melbourne, Australia

FACILITATOR
ALAN KWON

Free for Members of PMI Chapters in ANZ
PMU: 7 Technical
Enquiry: DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au

WORKSHOP 5
TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2022
5:30 - 7:30PM AEST | 7:30 - 9:30PM NZST

Free for Members of PMI Chapters in ANZ
Enquiry: DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au

ALAN KWON

INTRO TO AGILE

TOPICS:

- Brief History of Agile
- What does Agile have to offer?
- Why Agile, now?
- Agile vs Waterfall
- Examples of Agile in practice
- Agile certification

WORKSHOP 6
TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2022
5:30 - 7:30PM AEST | 7:30 - 9:30PM NZST

Free for Members of PMI Chapters in ANZ
Enquiry: DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au

PETE OMOOTOSHO

INTRO TO DISCIPLINED AGILE

TOPICS:

- What is DA?
- Why DA?
- Overview of DA
- DA Life cycles
- Choosing your WOW

WORKSHOP 7
Lean Practices in DA

Unpack how the Disciplined Agile toolkit views lean practices.

Thursday, 28th April - 5:30 PM AEST

Speaker
PETE OMOOTOSHO

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

WORKSHOP 8
Disciplined Agile in Action

Explore the Disciplined Agile toolkit and learn how it can be applied in practice

Tuesday, 19th July - 5:30 PM AEST | 7:30 PM NZST

Sponsor
Sandeep Ramnani
Director, Agility Academy
DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au
Free for members of PMI chapters in ANZ

WORKSHOP 9
Lean Practices in DA

Unpack how the Disciplined Agile toolkit views lean practices

Thursday, 21st July - 5:30 PM AEST | 7:30 PM NZST

Speaker
PETE OMOOTOSHO

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

WORKSHOP 10
Chartering Amazing Teams

Explore some challenges involved in starting teams well and a range of countermeasures proven to achieve excellent results

Thursday, 4 Aug 2022 | 3:30pm AWST | 7:30pm NZST

Sponsor
Heral Stephens
Kaban Artist & Founder at Novast
DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au
Free for members of PMI chapters in ANZ

WORKSHOP 11
Kanban in Action

Explore what Kanban has to offer and learn how it can switch your Agile team toolkit

Tuesday, 23 Aug 2022 | 5:30pm AWST | 7:30pm NZST

Sponsor
Sandeep Ramnani
Director, Agility Academy
DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au
Free for members of PMI chapters in ANZ

WORKSHOP 12
Introduction to Scrum

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

Thursday, 16 Oct 2022 - 5:30PM AEST | 7:30PM NZST

Sponsor
Alan Kwon
Contact Us
DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au
Free for members of PMI chapters in ANZ



To deliver these events, the DASIG has received support and collaboration from many organisations and individuals. The DASIG leadership team is grateful for the contribution of these organisations and individuals.

PMI ANZ CHAPTERS INVOLVED



PMI ATPS INVOLVED



OUR VOLUNTEERS



Jefferson Souza



Frances Kirby



Maryam Alhouti



Mohammad Tarique

FUTURE EVENTS

Please join us at our coming event, **Workshop 13 - SAFe® in Action** on Thursday, 27 October 2022.

More than 20,000 organizations worldwide across a range of industries use SAFe. And more than one million people around the globe have been trained in SAFe. Learn more about the business outcomes they've seen.

One of the benefits of scaling agile with SAFe is improved time-to-market. By aligning cross-functional teams of agile teams around value, leading enterprises can meet customer needs faster. Leveraging the power of Scaled Agile Framework helps them make quicker decisions, communicate more effectively, streamline operations, and stay focused on the customer.



Topics include:

- What SAFe® is, how it operates, and what advantages it offers compared to other approaches
- The key components of SAFe®: the agile release train, business agility competencies, and PI planning event
- How to apply SAFe® to various scenarios and gain a solid understanding of advanced subjects
- SAFe® learning opportunities and next steps



The poster features a circular portrait of Sandip Rananavare, Director of Agility Academy. At the top, there are three logos: 'PMI Disciplined Agile Special Interest Group Australasia', 'PMI Project Management Institute Western Australia', and 'AGILITY ACADEMY'. The main title is 'WORKSHOP 13 SAFe® in Action'. Below the title, it describes a highly interactive workshop exploring the Scaled Agile Framework® (SAFe®) for implementing agile at scale. The date and time are 'Thursday, 27 Oct 2022 - 3:00PM AWST | 6:00PM AEDT'. The speaker's name and title are listed, along with the contact email 'DASIG@melbourne.pmi.org.au' and a note that the workshop is free for members of PMI chapters in ANZ. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

PMI Disciplined Agile
Special Interest Group
Australasia

PMI Project
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Institute
Western Australia

**AGILITY
ACADEMY**

WORKSHOP 13
SAFe® in Action

Highly interactive workshop exploring the Scaled Agile Framework®
(SAFe®) for implementing agile at scale

Thursday, 27 Oct 2022 - 3:00PM AWST | 6:00PM AEDT

Speaker:
Sandip Rananavare
Director, Agility Academy

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



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 Lead: more information can be found on the **PMI's VRMS site: <https://vrms.pmi.org/>**.
- Australasia DA SIG Seminars Lead: more information can be found on the **PMI's VRMS site: <https://vrms.pmi.org/>**.

CONTACT US

For any enquiries, please contact us at:

dasig@melbourne.pmi.org.au



Membership

BY JOSEPH PINEDA, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Project
Management
Institute.
Melbourne, Australia

PMI MELBOURNE CHAPTER
Welcome to New Members

MEET & GREET SESSION

Virtual Event (Zoom)

Date: 27Oct 2022 (Wed)

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Inquiry: execofficer@melbourne.pmi.org.au



PM4L

BY VIKKI KAPOOR, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AND PM4L CO-FOUNDER

The PM4L team continues to provide youth education post lockdown, starting early this year, with a return to Mount Saint Josephs Girls College at Westona. We delivered a series of 3 workshops each to 6 classes so 18 sessions altogether, during May and June.



(image below)
Students and teachers completing an exercise together



(image left)
Proud moment for Mark Bozovic (Volunteer) whose daughter was in PM4L workshops



2022 saw our first expedition to regional Victoria, conducting workshops at Gisborne Secondary Collage and Lauriston Girls College year 9 campus at Howqua. These provided a unique experience to connect with regional schools, providing new perspectives.

At Lauriston, around 100 students (year 9) board for the entire year, staying at Howqua for 5 week stints before returning home for a week. During their boarding, students not only study, but also get assigned a roster for certain activities on campus such helping with cleaning, cooking, setting up the wood heaters heating in classrooms and planning excursions. Learning project management concepts has really helped them to plan their daily work, projects and other activities. The team did not just deliver the workshops, but also had the opportunity to sit with students and teachers for morning tea and lunch. This opportunity provided a connection and bonding with the staff and students. The team is looking forward to going back again next year.



(image above) At Lauriston Girls college, common assembly area



(image above) Joining lunch with school teachers at the Dining Hall of Lauriston College



Our first regional engagement was at Gisborne college in May, conducting 8 sessions in a day. It was quite challenging; we lost our voices by the end of the day but gained respect for secondary teachers. We only managed to achieve this milestone with the support of a team of PM4L volunteers, Mark, Andrew, Ai Ling, Ridhima, Vik and Guinevere. We were mentioned in the local newspaper the Star Weekly: <https://sunburymacedonranges.starweekly.com.au/news/project-managing-futures/>



(image above) PM4L volunteers at Gisborne Secondary College

Here is the summary for PM4L engagement for this year:

PM4L WORKSHOPS (2022)

| Title | Hours | Start Date | End Date | Primary SDG Goal | Secondary SDG Goal | # Students |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Mount Saint Joseph Girls College | 72 | 10-May | 07-Jun | Goal 4: Quality Education | Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals | 120 |
| Gisborne Secondary College | 36 | 4-May | 4-May | Goal 4: Quality Education | Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals | 150 |
| Lauriston Girls School | 24 | 30-Aug | 06-Sep | Goal 4: Quality Education | Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals | 100 |
| Total Students | | | | | | 370 |

VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED

| | No. of Volunteers | No. of Volunteer Hours |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Mount Saint Joseph Girls College | 9 | 72 |
| Gisborne Secondary College | 6 | 36 |
| Lauriston Girls School | 6 | 24 |

BENEFICIARIES REACHED

| | # Youth (Secondary school) | # Teachers | Total Beneficiaries |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Mount Saint Joseph Girls College | 120 | 4 | 124 |
| Gisborne Secondary College | 150 | 4 | 128 |
| Lauriston Girls School | 100 | 4 | 104 |



Year 2022 has been significant for us, especially coming after the pandemic and lockdowns. The program is growing in frequency and geographic coverage. One challenge has been with volunteering assignments, as PM4L workshops are conducted during the week day business hours. Thank you to RMIT University lecturers, and other volunteers, Board members, and past president who have put their hands up when we needed their support. Secondly, we receive limited sponsorship and conducting workshops in regional areas requires accommodation, travel and other expenses. We are looking for your support taking part as a volunteer, sponsor or as the supporter.

Thanks to our volunteers for their dedication, contribution, and support:

- Guinevere Gilbert (co-founder)
- Amit Merwar, Mark Bozovic
- Zahidah Abdul Samad
- Jeferson Souza
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Leadership Institute Meeting (LIM)

Leadership Institute Meeting an annual meet up for global leaders and Volunteers. The purpose of Leadership Institute Meetings (LIMs) is to develop chapter leaders to be effective leaders of sustainable, successful chapters, and to keep leaders up to date on PMI strategy and initiatives. We at PMI Melbourne chapter are happy to share that 3 of our board members have been selected to speak for LIM at the global conference to be held in Las Vegas, USA.

1. GAINING STRENGTH IN A STORM: BUILDING A RESILIENT CHAPTER: SAJID LATIF AND VIKKI KAPOOR



Presentation Abstract

Covid-19 impacted everyone around the world. It had taken the world into a storm, some have lost the sail, which some have come even stronger. Our chapter has gone strength to strength, not just sailing through the storm but also building a more resilient chapter to adapt to a whole new world. The success story consists of the story from the day one when we cancelled our first event, to the recent Victoria Conference to rebuild and reconnect.

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended nearly every aspect of life, from the personal (how people live and work) to the professional (how companies interact with their customers, how customers choose and purchase products and services, how supply chains deliver them). Chapters around the world have faced challenges with membership retention, professional development, providing networking opportunities, and uncertainties around hosting in-person events. Eventhough life is slightly getting back to normal (subjective), it has brought a whole new challenge, which is rebuilding and reconnecting.



PMI Melbourne chapter has adapted to respond to the crisis it phased, but also continuously finding effective ways to move forward. We have invested in right tools and technology to stay connected and provide business connectivity to our members, and volunteers. Monthly events including AGMs, Mentoring, Outreach, Annual Planning day with Singapore office, New member special events etc were all converted to virtual using Zooms, Teams, Menti, Canva and other collaborative tools exploring features like polling, breakout rooms, and survey forms. Melbourne chapter was the first one to run an AGM successfully in May 2020 within 2 months of the lockdowns, which was shared with other chapters across Australia.

As we are now embarking to new normal, we are focusing on hybrid model to run all our events, providing options to our members to attend face to face or online. This model has resulted in improved member participation and improved satisfaction of value from chapter. This is the reason why PMI Melbourne chapter received the award of member satisfaction for year 2021. With recent PMI Melbourne conference (in-person) is the testament of how chapter is determined to provide values to our members by engaging with the community, ensuring academia and practitioners reconnect and help rebuild relations.

2. HOW TO CREATE A SAFE SPACE, WHERE EVERYONE FEELS VALUED AND WELCOMED: IRFAN SHEHZAD



Presentation Abstract

The theme of Irfan’s presentation is how to create a safe space, where everyone feels valued and welcomed, thereby creating a lasting change that positively impacts the experience of members and volunteers which is essential in chapter sustainability. The presentation will guide the audience in learning how to foster an inclusive culture that focuses on diversity in the board, speakers, vendors, and other aspects of day-to-day chapter operations.

At the conclusion of his session, participants will be able to understand the impact of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) on chapter success and sustainability, articulate the “why”, create a comprehensive DEI plan for chapters, measure and track DEI progress using markers, examine your implicit biases, monitoring the trend and bringing improvements.



Outreach

BY LYN WINDSOR, OUTREACH DIRECTOR

The last few weeks have been particularly busy for the Outreach team as we have focussed on an engagement we had with Melbourne University. With the Lecturer responsible for providing the Project Management course to Masters of Biotechnology students going on leave, we volunteered to step in and deliver 5 of the sessions within this course. This has required significant curation of the course content, as well as the delivery of this on the day, including the hosting of workshops, and provision of support to the students. There were approximately 110 students participating in each session.



It was a great opportunity for us to demonstrate to the students how important project management skills are, no matter what the situation and provide real life examples from the volunteers' personal experience. I am so grateful to the volunteers who supported this initiative:

- Amit Merwar
- Anubhav Srivastava
- David Masters
- Pete Omotosho
- Pinar Genc
- Ratnakar Vallabhaneni
- Vijay Sha



So what's next for the Outreach Portfolio? We are about to commence an initiative that focusses on further engagement of students, the Student Ambassador Program. This program aims to enhance students' employability by offering training in skills often not taught in academia, including knowledge of project management. The initial objectives are to:

- increase the awareness of students across Melbourne universities and colleges of the importance and value of project management skills through establishing informal meet-up groups and providing formal training
- appoint student ambassadors who will evangelise the use of project management as a discipline in their academic assignments and projects

We have also agreed to provide project management mentorship to five Year 8 students at Alamanda College for their participation in the **Aureus Racing - F1 in schools** initiative. They are the current Victorian State Champions, as well as Australian National Finalists in this F1 STEM competition in schools to build the fastest racing car.

Furthermore, we have recently signed an agreement with **Mental Health Foundation Australia**. We have agreed to collaborate with them on their initiatives, providing them with project management support.

If you are interested in being involved with any of these initiatives I would love to hear from you. Alternatively, keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities as we post them on VRMS.



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.



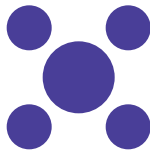
COLLABORATION

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.



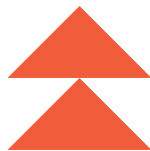
DETERMINATION

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



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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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 1500 members.

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