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PMINZ Central Branch Newsletter December 2017

Kia ora <<First Name>>

Another year is almost at an end. Some of us are beginning to wind down and some revving up to complete the work before Christmas. Regardless, we are all looking forward to the Christmas break. This is a time for family and friends. It is also time to recharge our batteries in readiness for the challenges we are going to face next year.

The world has become a global village with the rapid development of technology which has helped bridge the physical distance by providing various virtual channels of communication. This has led to the creation and development of global teams. With that in mind, developments during this year which have seen the rise of a new genre of politicians and the fall of consummate dictators are going to directly or indirectly give rise to myriad of projects which shall call on our individual and collective expertise. On the other hand, project managers from other countries are also going to vie for projects in New Zealand. This may sound like a scary proposition but it is already actually happening. The million-dollar question we should ask our individual selves during this recharging break is, “Am I ready to take on the world next year?” The PMINZ Board is determined to follow through with their objective of “making better project managers”. If there

is a particular area or competency that you wish us to address, just email me and we shall take it from there.

Thank you for your support, attendance, feedback, and suggestions over the year. We hope that we can continue to operate a really vibrant branch next year, too, so look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in 2018.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and holiday break,
from Kosam

and the Central Branch Champions:

Roger, Tania, Jane, Steve, Gill, Sharmini, Ian, and Jess in Wellington

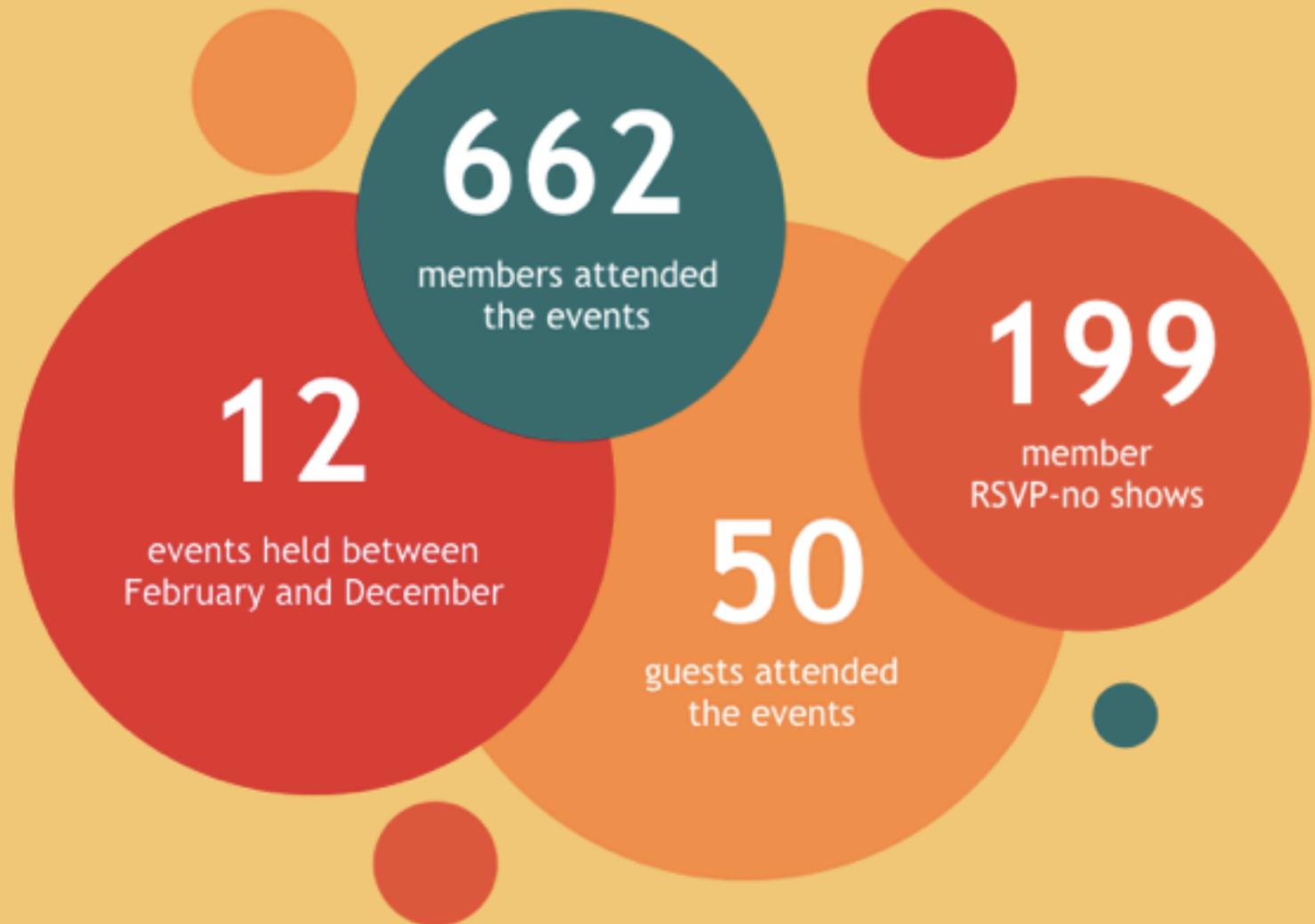
Tracy, Vicki, Aldo, and Michael in Manawatu-Whanganui

Greg in Hawkes Bay, and Peter in Taranaki.

Wellington highlights



We introduced two new social events - the New Members function (in February) and a movie night (in July).



2018 presentation topics included emotional intelligence, procurement, self-selecting project teams, project management frameworks, team engagement, agile approaches, Transmission Gully, professional networking, project benefits, and effective conversations.



2018 presenters and topics

Take a look at what topics and presenters have been confirmed for Wellington on the [Events page of the website](#).

Is there a topic or theme that you would us to schedule for 2018?

Have you heard a great speaker recently that you think others would enjoy?

Do you have a project or some research that you'd like to present to your branch members?

Contact your region's Speaker Coordinator: [Jess](#) in Wellington, [Johan](#) in Palmerston North, or

the sub-chairs in Hawkes Bay ([Greg](#)) and Taranaki ([Peter](#)).

What do you wish for 2018 for Central Branch?

The Central Champions (aka volunteers) are meeting in February to agree on the 2018 Central Branch Plan (focus areas, events, and new initiatives). If you have any ideas or requests for your region (Wellington, Manawatu-Whanganui, Taranaki, or Hawkes Bay), [please email Kosam](#) before the end of January 2018.

Become a PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) in 2018

The PMI-ACP is PMI's fastest growing certification. Organisations that are highly agile and responsive to market dynamics complete more of their projects successfully than their slower-moving counterparts (75 percent versus 56 percent) as shown in [PMI's 2015 Pulse of the Profession report](#).

Read more about the certification, the prerequisites required to sit the exam, and what the three hour exam covers on the [PMI website](#).

Wellington is hoping to run facilitated training sessions, starting in February 2018, to help members prepare for the PMI-ACP exam.

[To register your interest, email Peter Fraser](#), in the PMINZ Professional Development team.

Wanted: Communications Guru

Are you interested in being the 2018 Project Management Conference Communications Lead? Check out the [Volunteer Vacancies](#) page on the website to find what is required and how to apply.



Thanks [The Grand](#) for providing free venue and AV facilities for our Central Branch member meetings.



Thanks [BECA](#) for your generous support and for providing the CPN meeting venue.



Thanks [Spark](#) for providing the venue for the Central Branch Committee meetings.

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