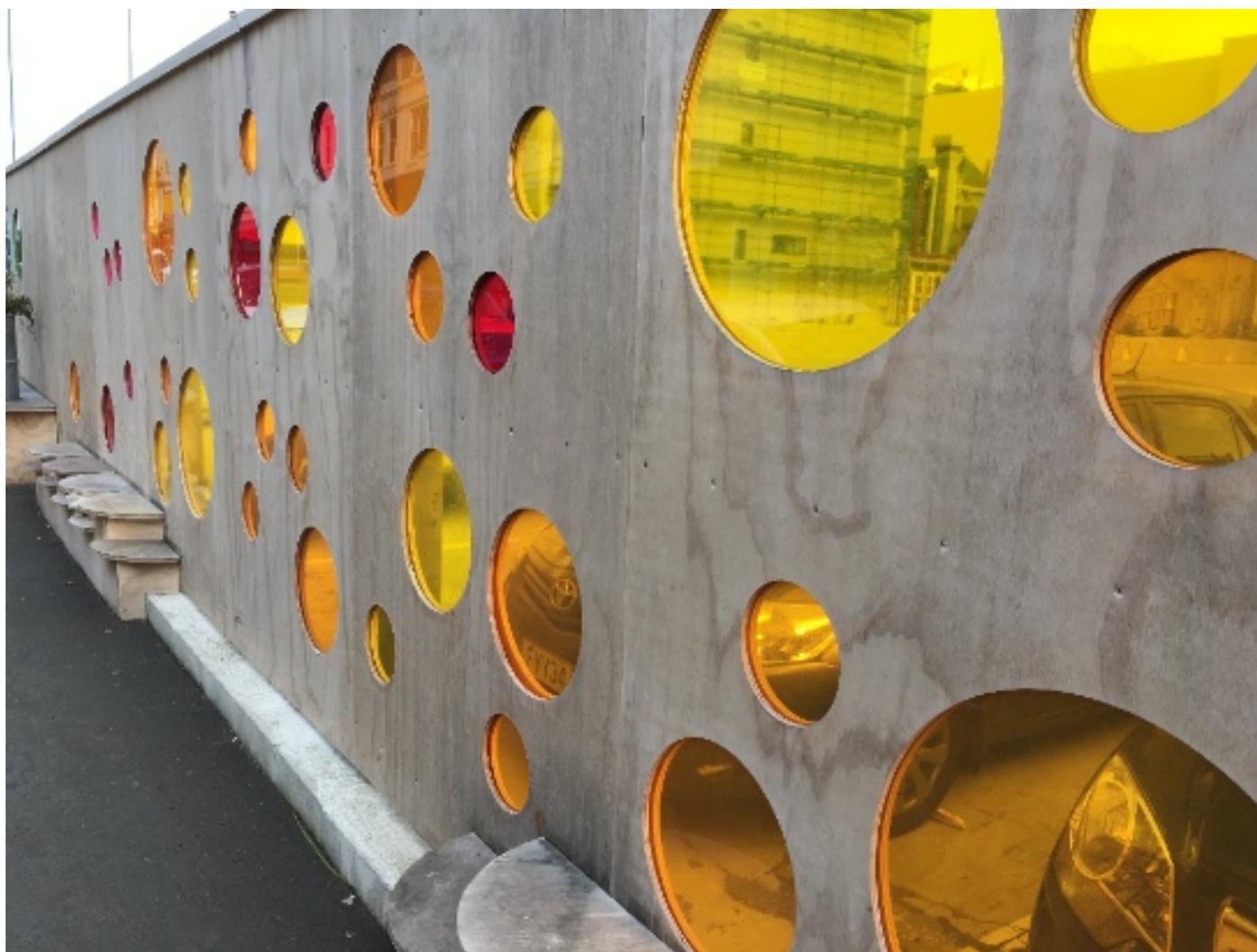


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PMINZ Central Branch members

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PMINZ Central Branch Newsletter July 2018

Kia ora <<First Name>>

Many of our members tell us that they belong to PMINZ for the networking opportunities. This month's newsletter announces a number of ways that we can help you to network, for example, joining a certification study group, attending a sub-branch professional development and networking event, having breakfast or a meal together, or taking part in an organised networking activity. Sounds good? Read on.

A word from Kosam

Tena koe

Each year, PMINZ runs the New Zealand Project Management Conference. This is the pinnacle of our networking and recharging activities for the year at a national level. The conferences have been well organised year after year. This year's conference is in Auckland in September.

Wellington last hosted a conference in 2015 and will host again in 2019. A lot of work is required to ensure a successful delivery. The board realises this and appoints a conference-experienced director to be the sponsor. The event creates an opportunity for all of us to participate in such a noble cause which will benefit and stimulate the wider project management community nationally. There is no substitute for the feeling of fulfilment when your peers acknowledge the work done. Volunteers play a key role in all this work. The only qualification required is your inherent 3PM skills. The convenor leads the other volunteers who make up the conference organising committee. The convenor will have a lot of support from previous successful convenors like the legendary Jerry Ball and the great two-time convenor, Brian Belworthy. Besides this, the convenor will also be given an opportunity to learn from team running this year's conference, as well as next year's Australian Project Management Conference. To top it all off, the convenor will also have access to advice and support from a professional conference organising company, who will be part of the entire process.

If you have what it takes or think you do or just want to know more about the conference convenor role, may you please get in touch with me so that we can discuss. If you wish to participate in any other role on the organising committee, just let me know. Let us show that Wellington is as good and capable as the rest of the country. I have cleared my inbox in anticipation of the influx of expressions of interest which I will acknowledge personally.

Have a great month!

[Kosam – Board Director and Central Branch Chair](#)

Is programme management just projects on steroids?

Monday 16 July in Wellington 5.15–
7pm

Are programmes just bigger, ramped
up projects or is there a fundamental



difference?

Paul Sutton will share his own experience in working as a project and programme manager and in helping clients come to terms with the most appropriate approaches. He will discuss the different types of programmes and how both guidance and experience can help. Rabbit holes to avoid will also be discussed along with how to remain focused with an eye on the big picture. He will also look at the question of “Based upon where I am now, where shall I start?”.

Certified members can claim one professional development unit (PDU) against these aspects of the Talent Triangle: 40% Technical Project Management, 40% Strategic and Business Management, and 20% Leadership.

Along with being a Project Management Professional, Paul is a registered trainer in PRINCE2, PRINCE2 Agile, MSP (Managing Successful Programmes), Management of Portfolios (MoP), Better Business Cases (BBC), Managing Benefits, and Change Management. While this sounds like a lot of theory, Paul has applied most of these techniques personally and in his consultancy practice. With this across the board experience Paul is able to provide practical guidance on the best approach to take and how to practically apply it.

Door open at 5.15pm. Drinks, nibbles and networking, and this presentation will start at 6pm.

[Register your place](#)

Social networking

We want to support those who are new to PMI, or new to Wellington, to meet other members. We'll be facilitating a networking activity at 5.40 at the members' event in July, just before Paul's presentation starts at 6pm. This fun and non-threatening activity will help you meet and connect with others.

[Check out these benefits of networking](#)

Better business cases

Tuesday 17 July in Palmerston North
5.30–7pm

In this presentation we will discuss the rationale for using business cases, and provide an overview of the Better Business Case approach with a case study.

You will get tips on how to approach and manage a business case, and get an understanding of the five key components of a business case.

Certified members can claim one professional development unit (PDU) against the Strategic and Business Management aspects of the Talent Triangle.



Johan Swanepoel is a PMP® certified project manager with experience in delivering technology, product development, compliance, business process improvement and organisational change projects. In his role at Massey University he provides advice, support and training on business case development in the University.

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Challenges of product development within competing resource environment

7–8am, Tuesday 3 July, at the Ahuriri Village Kitchen, 6/15 Hardinge Road, Napier

John Bebarfald will lead a discussion about the challenges of product development within competing resource environment.

Brave the cold and dark morning. Come along, get a hot coffee, and join the conversation.

Woohoo!

Congratulations to the following Levin and Feilding Certification Preparation

Network (CPN aka study groups) participants who successfully passed their PMI certification exams last month:

Project Management Professional (PMP)®:

Karen Upston

Mike Hosegood

Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)®

Brittney Evans

Mel Rush

Karinne Furniss

Mathew Bayliss

Kawal Singh

Ravi Teja Ayyagari

Michael Hawker is the CPN Coordinator for the Manawatu-Whanganui region and he continues to have an incredibly high percentage of participant pass rates. Join him for the next seventeen-week CPN semester starting in August. The weekly study groups in Feilding and Levin go through to the 8 December exams.

[Read about the study groups in Feilding and Levin.](#)

Have you attended the Wellington Certification Preparation Network (CPN) study group programme in the past few years?

Our online survey is now open for past participants of the Wellington Certification Preparation Network programme (aka CPN study groups). The purpose of this inquiry project is to look into the effectiveness of the Wellington study group programme, and develop a feasibility report for future programmes. If you attended a session, a few sessions, or a whole semester between 2015–2018, [please contact Csaba for the link to the survey.](#)



The Grand

Wellington members are fortunate to have such a great venue for their monthly professional development and networking events. The Grand, in the centre of the city, is on the main bus routes and has lots of carparking options close by. They provide the Wellington sub-branch free venue and AV hire and support, they organise the signage on the night, and store our large banners and materials for us, and they provide staff to serve on the bar. We can offer hot finger food and happy hour bar prices to our members. All this frees up the committee members to meet new members and guests and enjoy the evening themselves without all the preparation and clean up afterwards.

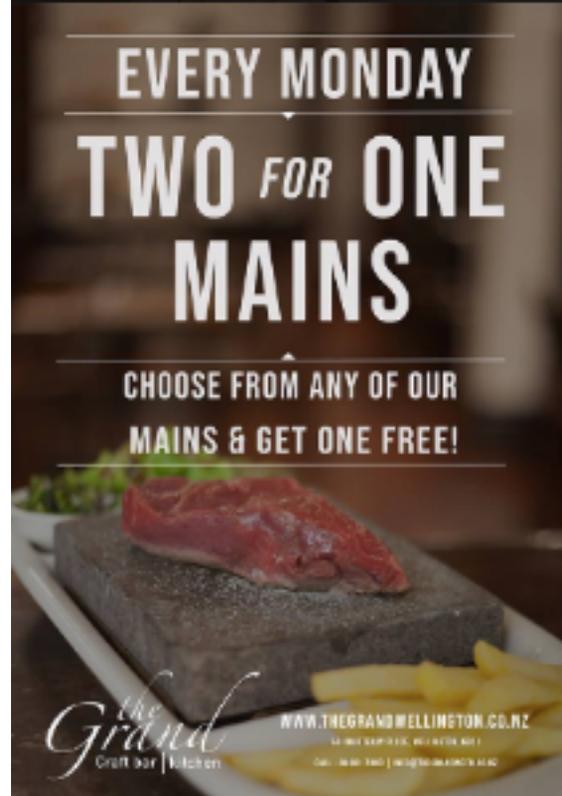
Big thanks to Sarah and her team, for making us feel so welcome each month.

Join us for dinner

Who else couldn't help but notice the delicious smell of cooked steak wafting up from the kitchen during last month's event? To celebrate the end of the financial year with fellow members, why don't you stay on for dinner next month, after Paul Sutton's presentation.

The Grand has a Monday night, two-for-one main meals and stone grill (protein served on piping hot volcanic rock for you to cook to your liking).

We can't make bookings unfortunately. But the Grand tells us that their peak times are between 6.30pm–7.30pm, so we suggest you stay upstairs after the presentation, and have another drink, talk to members or to the presenter, then pop downstairs for a meal at 7.30pm.



New member welcome and orientation webinars

New to PMI? Learn more about PMI and the value of your membership. Attend an interactive welcome webinar.

The webinar will cover

- Fundamentals of PMI and the value of membership
- How to access important benefits
- Live Q&A

There are two options to participate

17 July 2018 at 12 noon EDT, [Register here](#)

19 July 2018 at 12 noon EDT, [Register here](#)

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Thanks [The Grand](#) for providing free venue and AV facilities for the Wellington member events.



Thanks [WSP Opus](#) for providing the venue for the Wellington sub-branch committee meetings.

We are grateful for their support and encourage you to support, and use their services, where you can. If your business would like to find out about sponsorship opportunities, [contact Kosam, Central Branch Chair](#)

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