



PMINZ Central Branch August Newsletter

Greetings

Thanks very much to those of you for attending Central Branch organised events. The high participation rates are an unqualified endorsement and act as a thank you present to the Central Branch committee who have been working hard to introduce new initiatives and processes – to make your PMIMZ membership of value to you. For those of you who can not make it to the monthly members' meetings we are working on ways to connect with you better, too, and I hope to share news of our progress on this, soon.

In order to enhance your PMINZ experience, I am inviting you all to participate in the upcoming Central Branch member survey. The survey results shall be made public once they have been collated. Every response shall be an input into our strategic planning (2017–2020) with the easier and more pertinent suggestions being implemented first, and the rest gradually introduced. And we'll be encouraging you to step forward to lead or take part in the implementation, too.

See you all at the next Branch meeting.

Kosam (Central Branch Chair)



Certification Preparation Network (CPN) study groups do make a difference

Congratulations to the Manawatu-Whanganui members who passed the July 2016 CAPM (11 members) and the PMP exams (1 member), and to these Wellington study group members: Hannah Lee (CAPM), Jacques du Toit, Stephen Pigou, Grace Chiang, Ruth Duncan (all PMP).

"It is awesome to finally be able to put those three letters- 'PMP' next to my name!

It appears to me that the exam's style and content changes significantly and so you'd need all the help you can get to pass. I'd encourage anyone who is considering taking the PMP or CAPM exam to attend the CPN study group. I found the course to be of great help.

Thank you to the Central Branch volunteers who organise and deliver the course. Also thank you to BECA for the use of their great meeting and training facilities in Molesworth Street."

Jacques du Toit, Senior Project Manager, Fujitsu

The CPN study groups are locally run, by PMP certified project managers. The sessions are structured around the knowledge around of [PMBOK Guide and Standards](#) and offer support to supplement your self-study and tips for preparation. They provide the opportunity to ask questions, network and share experiences. [Read more about the CPN study groups](#)

Come to an information evening at Beca at 5.20pm Tuesday 16 August to find out more on the Wellington study groups. The 13-week study sessions begin the following week on 23 August between 5:20pm – 6:45pm, in the Training Room, Level 6 Beca (opposite New World), 85 Molesworth Street, Thorndon, Wellington.

The Manawatu-Whanganui sub-branch runs sessions in Feilding and Palmerston North, and already have about 20 registrations for semester 2.

[Contact Michael for more details.](#)

Topics for 2017 members' meetings

We are starting to put together the schedule of speakers and topics for 2017. Who should we get to present at next year's meetings? Have you been on a good course lately? Who is an inspirational and informative speaker that you have heard recently?

We are keen to select topics that you want to hear more about. We have a pretty good idea of the types of presenters and topics you have enjoyed this year, based on the voting stones at the monthly meetings, but [please contact Sharmini](#) if you have a good idea.

Do you have a love of learning and a passion to help others grow and develop their professional knowledge and skills?

We are looking for someone to lead and develop the professional development portfolio. [Check out the job description](#) and if you have the skills and experience to lead this portfolio, please [complete the application form](#) on the Vacancies page of the Central Branch website. If you have any questions about the role, [contact Prue](#).

Don't miss the August members' meetings

Want to contribute to the smooth running of our branch, without leading a portfolio? We would love some members to help out at the monthly meetings to greet members as they arrive, and help out with the signing in system. It's a great way of meeting people. [Prue](#) is setting up a roster and would love to hear from you.

Help us to maintain an up-to-date member database

Have you changed jobs lately?

Are your email details up to date?

Membership information is downloaded

Central Branch – 15 August

As a project leader, it is highly likely that you have to give presentations. In this practical and informative workshop, Tony Burns, from Effective Speaking, will make you aware of some common communication mistakes that can sabotage your credibility and may limit how much clients believe, trust and engage with you. [Read more about the session](#).

Monthly meetings are open to all but there is a fee for non-PMINZ chapter members for the Wellington meetings. Bring a colleague to this

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We recommend that all PMINZ members sign up to the Project Management Institute New Zealand Official Group LinkedIn site. This social media tool will be used more and more, instead emails, to alert members to upcoming deals from supporters and sponsors, job vacancies and news. Only PMINZ members are able to be members of that LinkedIn Group, and with half of you already part of the group, it's a growing community.

Quiz Night

Come along to **The Grand** on Thursday 18 August and help us chase first, second or third placing in the Pub Quiz.

It's fun and it's a chance to give back to our supporters, The Grand, for their generous support in providing the venue, staff and AV equipment for our

month's meeting. For \$20 cash they'll get a drink and food, and a fantastic hour of professional development. What a bargain!

Members who register before Friday 11 August and attend the August meeting will go into the draw to win a prize. Last month's winner was Puvana Natanasabapathy, who won a double ticket to the Lighthouse Cinema.

Manawatu-Whanganui Sub-branch – 16 August

Lize van Wyk (Beca Wellington) is facilitating a Coaching and Mentoring interactive session.

[RSVP to this session](#)

We are in the process of loading the presentation slides from the Central Branch members' meetings to the website. In the meantime, you can [read about the 2016 presentations](#), and find out what aspect of the PMI Talent Triangle they aligned to, to assist you with registering your PDUs.

If you attended last month's Central Branch members' meeting, [here's a link to the video](#) that, unfortunately, wouldn't play during Adrian Sparrow's presentation.

Wellington meetings.

[Details are on the Social Events page of our website.](#)

[The PM Conference programme has been announced.](#)

Have you registered yet?



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Hello and Goodbyes

Welcome to Peter, who is joining the Central Branch Committee as Marketing Coordinator. Ed, who has been in the role since February, is stepping down at the end of this month. And we farewell Johan Olivier, who resigned from his role as PD portfolio coordinator.

Thanks for your contributions, Ed and Johan.

Central Branch is proud to support Life Flight. We have a collection box at each Central Branch meeting, so please pop a donation in.



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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 and PC and MSLinc for broadcasting to the sub-regions.



Thanks [Spark](#) for providing the venue for the Central 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 [Sun, Sponsorship
Coordinator](#).

This newsletter was developed by PMNIZ Central Branch for its members. We'd love your feedback and contributions to keep this relevant and interesting our readers.

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