

Updating, informing, and connecting  
PMINZ Central Branch members



**PMINZ Central Branch**

# March Newsletter

Hi there

This newsletter is to let you know what's happening in Central Branch. It is the first of many new ways to keep you updated, informed, entertained, and connected with the other project managers in this region. We'd love your feedback and contributions to keep this relevant and interesting for you - our readers. Contact [central.comms@pmi.org.nz](mailto:central.comms@pmi.org.nz).

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**[March Meetings](#)**

We are thrilled that Grant Avery will present at the Central Branch March meeting on Monday 21 March 2016, at Spark, Willis Street, Wellington

I see he has just published a book [\*Project Management, Denial, and the Death Zone - lessons from Everest and Antarctica\*](#), and it's had some impressive reviews. We'll send an invitation next week outlining what Grant's presentation will be on, but in the meantime, keep the date free.

<http://www.jrosspub.com/business/project-program-management/project-management-denial-and-the-death-zone.html>

If you are in the Manawatu-Whanganui region, your meeting is on Tuesday 15 March 2016. Don't miss Nathanael Sterling, from Beca's Risk Management Technical Interest Group, present on *Safety in Design - a Project Management Perspective*. See the [sub-branch website](#) for more information, as well as details of the next few months' topics. [http://www.pmi.org.nz/pmi/?q=manawatu\\_whanganui\\_branch\\_calendar](http://www.pmi.org.nz/pmi/?q=manawatu_whanganui_branch_calendar)

Monthly meetings provide many opportunities. A drink and some nibbles after work, a chat with friends and like-minded professionals, and a stimulating programme of professional learning and development opportunities - can we count on seeing you there?

James Dobson's (new PMINZ Chair) spoke to the members at the February branch meeting. See what he talked about [here](#). <http://pminzcentralbranch.weebly.com/james-presentation.html>

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*Kosam Nyamdela*

## **Spotlight on**

Kosam Nyamdela, PMINZ Central Branch Chair

Only one month into his new role, and Kosam has once again proved he is not shy of work hard – and that he is out to to make a difference. He has formed a (mostly) new team who is already busy updating membership mailing lists, planning events, and establishing new (and looking after existing) relationships. The first Central Branch Committee meeting is next week where the team will share their portfolio plans for 2016.

Transparency is important to him and he is keen to improve PMINZ communications so that members know what is happening at the branch and board level. Watch this space!

So, who is this man?

[Read more](#)

<http://pminzcentralbranch.weebly.com/kosam-nyamdela.html>

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## **What kind of agent are you?**

Have you checked out the [2016 Project Management conference website](#) yet? Better still have you prepared your professional development business case, booked your leave, travel, and accommodation to be in Auckland 6-8 September?

They are now calling for abstracts for speakers, presentations, workshops, etc, and nominations for the PMINZ Awards. Get involved!

<http://www.projectmanagementconference.org.nz/>

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## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following project managers, members of the 2015 Certification Preparation Network groups, who sat and passed the PMI certification exams.

### **Project Management Professional (PMP)**

Manawatu-Whanganui sub-branch: Brad Hunt and Gerry O'Neill;  
Central Branch: Joel Alcorn, Stephen Alexander, Derek Benseman, Lara Blackmore, Neelish Budhia, Michael Burrow, Charles Chadwick, Martin Chastney, Nicola Cornforth, Steven Cornish, Fraser Cuff, Jane Duckworth, Shantanu Dutta, Bradley Hunt, Maria Jackson, Rachel King, Georgina Kirk, Chi Wai Leung, Gerard O'Neil, Dean Palmer, Anthony Pattison.

### **Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)**

Manawatu-Whanganui sub-branch: Brenda Balmer and Michael Taylor;

Central Branch: Chelsea Cormack-Wright, Matthew Maule, Michelle Oldham, Tatyana Protsenko, Ashleigh Smith, Michael Taylor, David Theakston, Sean Trotman, Matthew Ye.

If you are thinking about studying towards PMP or CAPM this year, come along to the **information evening on Tuesday 8 March** at 5.15pm at Beca, level 6, 85 Molesworth Street, Wellington to find out more about it – or get in contact with one of these recently certified project managers to hear how the student group helped them. Check out the [Central Branch CPN website](https://cpncentralgroup.wordpress.com/) for more information.

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