



PMINZ Central Branch Newsletter November

On the eve of Halloween, I am thinking about how I need to stock up on treats for the little witches, zombies, ghosts, and monsters that may knock on my door tomorrow night. I am also thinking about how fun it is and how good it feels to celebrate special events and accomplishments.

So, that is the theme of this month's newsletter.

We're celebrating:

- Sarndra, a finalist in the 2016 Quest Apartment Hotels Volunteer of the Year;
- Project Managers everywhere – with special events to celebrate International Project Management Day;
- attracting new subscribers, and attendees at our branch meetings;
- Tania receiving the inaugural PMINZ Presidents Award.

Whatever the occasion, enjoy celebrating the special events in your life.



International Project Management Day celebrations

What's your speciality? 80's music? Film and TV? Sport? Nature? History? There will be something for everyone at Wellington's Quiz night.

Come along and have some fun at the last PMINZ Central Branch meeting for the year. Bring your work colleagues along to make up a team – or what about inviting a rival company to enter a team, too, and hold a workplace challenge.

[Download the flyer.](#)

There will be prizes, food and drinks. Non-PMINZ members are very welcome.

Register a team of five now, or register yourself and we'll help you join a team on the night.

This event is just one or many are happening all around the country to celebrate International Project Management Day.

Ian, a member from Christchurch, has added an 'International Project Management Day is 3 November' email footer.

Inland Revenue Wellington's IPM Day theme is "Organisational Agility in delivering Change". They have a great line up of speakers talking on this topic for their staff, followed by refreshments. A representative from the Central Branch committee has

Volunteer spotlight

Last month we featured an interview with Brian, the winner of the Quest Hotel Apartments Volunteer of the Year.

This month we focus on another Central Branch member, who was one of the five finalists for that award. [Read about Sarndra's volunteering experience](#) – and check out the likeness of her caricature!

Sub-branch members' meetings

PMINZ Taranaki's last meeting of the year is on Wednesday 16 November. It will be a social event to round the year off. Keep an eye on the Taranaki PMINZI branch LinkedIn page and sub-branch emails for the event details.

The final **Manawatu-Whanganui** meeting is an open-microphone night on Tuesday 15 November. Share your story with others, and listen to others' experiences. Sounds like fun!

Manawatu-Whanganui Member survey

been invited to present too, on the value and benefits of belonging to PMINZ.

What are you or your workplace doing to celebrate this this week?

Strategic planning day

On Saturday 29 October seven portfolio coordinators from Central Branch joined the national operations and commercial managers, branch and sub branch chairs, portfolio leads, and coordinators from Northern and South Island Branches in Christchurch for a strategic planning workshop. It was, according to Roger Goodman, the PD coordinator from Northern Branch, who has been a PMINZ volunteer for over 20 years, the first time that nationwide branch volunteers had ever got together for an event like this. The purpose of the day was to plan the national focus and activities to meet the Board's strategic goals. These will be shared with you all in the next few weeks.

Thanks to those of you (17%) who have completed the survey so far.

The survey closes Friday 4 November, so if you have not completed the three short questions, please do so now. Use the link to the survey that was sent to you in the email on 24 October.

Record numbers

We heard that Wellington was attracting the greatest numbers of any other branch meetings in New Zealand.

Over 80 people attended David Mole's presentation in October on creating happier, more motivated workplaces. [Read about David's presentation and see his slides on our website.](#)

Check out the 2017 line up of presenters for the [Wellington meetings](#) and [for Manawatu-Whanganui](#).

Connecting, informing, and promoting the value of PMINZ

In March this year we introduced the monthly newsletter and new-look, one-click RSVP branch meeting invitations. Since then 117 new people have subscribed to receive Central Branch



Tania Cotter, the national Communications Portfolio Lead and Central Branch Communications Coordinator, and James Dobson, PMINZ President.



As no nominations for Central Branch Treasurer were received within the nomination period, there will be no

communications – extending our reach to around 670 people.

Thanks for keeping up to date with Branch news and supporting Branch events. This year's Central Branch committee's aim was to ensure that the members of the Central Branch were connected with other members, informed on matters relating to project management, and were getting value from their PMINZ membership. We hope that we have achieved that, in some way, for you.

How do you use project management in your every day life?

We thought this looked like fun, too. Share your story in a video or by sending a picture of how your PM skills help you at home and you could win an Apple Watch Sport! [Enter now](#). Entries close 15 November 2016.

Perhaps you have an example of your holiday planning spreadsheets or a photo of your family's Kanban job roster, you could share?

[Watch this video to find out more.](#)



election.

We will be making an appointment, therefore, rather than having an elected position. We'll announce who the new Treasurer is shortly on the [PMINZ Official LinkedIn Group](#), once the position is confirmed.

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

Membership information is downloaded and merged with our current mailing list at the beginning of each month, so it is important to [keep your details current on your myPMI dashboard](#)

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- How do you build a team culture across continents, without ever meeting face-to-face?
- What is the secret to motivating teams across the Boomer, Millennial, and Gen X divides?
- How do you keep propelling your career forward?

As there are no Branch meetings in December, you may wish to attend an exclusive (and free) PMI member-only event, and earn 6 PDUs, instead

[Talent Management: Building Yourself and Your Team for Today and Beyond](#) is part of the virtual event, PMI Talent Management Conference 2016, on 6 December 2016.



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 Kosam, Central Branch Chair](#).

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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