



PMINZ Central Branch July Newsletter

We are now half-way through 2016 and hopefully on the more relaxed side of the end of financial year rush. I thought it would be a timely to provide you with a progress report on the Central Branch committee and outline our upcoming plans.

This committee has been in operation for five months, now. With most of the volunteers new to the committee, my focus for the year was to allow us all to find our feet, while ensuring we provided value to our members.

In February the committee drafted 12month plans for their respective portfolios. The emphasis was on keeping it realistic using SMART objectives. Each month, the committee meets to review and track progress against these plans. [The plans for this year are available for you to see on our website.](#)

Hopefully you have all noticed the changes to **communications**. We introduced the monthly newsletter, developed a Central Branch website, and revamped look for the meeting invitations and other communications.

Tidying up and making improvements in the **membership** database now allows us to capture pertinent membership statistics. We have also introduced the ability for members to update their own details directly into the PMINZ database, and forward the communications to colleagues using the links in newsletters and meeting invitations. New members receive welcome emails and reminders are sent to those whose membership is up for renewal.

Meetings are now held in a larger, more convivial environment with excellent

AV facilities, and the opportunity to vary the seating arrangements. Your RSVP email is automatically populated with your details and PMI number, the signing in system and recording attendance for PDU verification processes have been refined, and a monthly prize was introduced as an incentive for RSVPing and attending.

We have aligned the **speaker** lineup at the meetings to the PMI talent triangle.

A range of practical style workshops and presentations is scheduled for the year, with a greater emphasis on variety of topics and the quality of the presenters.

A member (and interested communities) survey and consultation is due out soon. This should guide our **marketing** direction and strategic planning for the coming year and beyond.

The first of the **professional development** CAPM and PMP study group semesters have just finished, and the second semester will start next month. ILM training is being provided in Wellington as a national initiative.

Sponsorship, relationships and **young PM portfolios** are all raring to go and have been identifying mutually beneficial potential partnerships.

The Manawatu/Whanganui sub branch continues to prosper with thriving monthly activity and increasing membership. The focus of the branch committee is now shifting to help the Hawkes Bay and Taranaki Sub Branches establish substantive leadership.

Your active participation in the impending survey will have a direct influence in our strategic plan, which we will be working on at the end of this year. This is your chance to help create a better community for project professionals of all persuasions.

My challenge to you all this month is to attend this month's member meeting. Introduce yourself to a committee member and talk to them about the progress and improvements you have noticed. They are all volunteers who sacrifice their out-of-work time to promulgate PMI's leadership niche in all aspects and levels of project management.

Kosam (Central Branch Chair)

Welcome Prue and Sue



**Why the 2016
PMI NZ elections
should matter to you**

The Central Branch Chair, Central Branch Treasurer, and Central Branch Secretary positions are three of the six roles in this year's New Zealand PMI elections.

Think about what kind of association you want to belong to. Are you that person who can make things happen? Perhaps you know someone who does/can? Don't delay, nominate now. Nominations close at 6pm on Monday 18 July. [Read more on the NZ PMI website.](#)

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Central Branch Committee. Prue Poata will lead the Volunteer portfolio. Sue Reid-Tait has stepped into the interim Branch Secretary role until the PMINZ election results are over and announced.

We are still looking for a Marketing guru to lead the Marketing portfolio from the end of next month, and someone to engage with, and enhance our relationships with young project managers. [Read the job descriptions and find out how to apply.](#)

Great July meeting topics

Central Branch – 18 July

[It couldn't happen here: fraud, theft, and dishonest behaviour in New Zealand projects – how do you know your colleagues, clients and vendors are honest?](#) presented by Adrian Sparrow.

Members who register before Friday 15 July and attend the July meeting will go into the draw to win a prize. Last month's winner was Brian Belworthy, who won a pre-paid \$40 Mojo Coffee card.

Manawatu-Whanganui Sub-branch – 19 July

Health & Safety interactive session presented by Tim Barry (Beca's Health & Safety Consultant). RSVP to this meeting by emailing mw.meetings@pmi.org.nz

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Have you checked out our own Central Branch website yet?

The New Zealand PMI website is old and becoming tricky to update and maintain.

It is due for a redevelopment, but until it is, we have developed an interim website so that you can find up to date information and read about happenings in the Central Branch region.

There is also information on the benefits of being a PMINZ member and upcoming professional development events.

It is updated weekly, so take a look today.

pmicentralbranch.co.nz

Quiz Night

The Central Branch Quiz team "Plan-it X" is on a mission to beat their 5th place (out of 17 teams) score from last month.

Join in, meet some new people, and have some fun. [Details are on the Social Events page of our website.](#)

The Grand are very generous supporters of Central Branch.

Participating in the quiz is a good way to give something back to our

This deal is too good to be true!

The early bird rate for the [PM Conference](#) offers a \$300 discount on the full price registration. That's a great bargain! It closes next Tuesday 12 July, so get in quickly.



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

Have you changed jobs lately? Are your email details up to date? Update your details below, or forward this email to a friend so that they can sign up for our communications, too.

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Congratulations to all those who sat the CAPM and PMP exams recently.

If you are in the Feilding and Palmerston North region, and thinking of sitting the exam at the

supporters.

End of year social event

We are still after some ideas for how we might celebrate International Project Management Day, combined with an end of the year social event, in November.

Please contact [Steve Henderson](#) ([Central Branch IPM Day and Meetings Coordinator](#)) if you have a great idea.

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas for this newsletter or for our Branch meetings, [please let us know](#). The Committee members' email addresses are on the website.

Life Flight

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

end of the year, semester 2 of the Certification Preparation Network (CPN) starts next month.

CPN Feilding

Meets each Tuesday between 5.20pm to 7pm from 23 August 2016 to 29 November 2016 at Manawatu District Council Offices, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

CPN Palmerston North

Meets each Thursday 5.20pm to 7 pm from 25 August 2016 to 1 December 2016 in the Rata Room, Whararata, Massey University, Palmerston North.



ITX is happening next week – are you going?

It's not too late to register

[Check out their website](#)



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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