



PMINZ update – March



Psoda supports student project manager

Psoda is a cloud PPM vendor based in the coolest little capital in the world. Their founder Bruce Aylward, is an ex-rocket scientist who thought there had to be a better way to manage portfolios, programmes and projects so built the software to do it.

Psoda sponsored the 2017 PMI Project of the Year award and was one of our inaugural student sponsors for the conference. Psoda asked Courtney Fraser, the student they sponsored to attend the Project Management Conference and Project Management Awards to talk about what she got out of attending last year's event.



Unsure of my path in life and what industry I wanted to work in, I began working full time for a flourishing local business and became immersed in business life. I eagerly watched the Project Managers who made our business's ideas come to life and I became inspired. My interest in project management led me to a Bachelor of Applied Management at Ara Institute of Canterbury, majoring in Project Management. My passion to become a Project Manager was solidified when I was given the opportunity to attend the 2017 Project Management Conference in Christchurch as a sponsored student. I was sponsored by Rhona and Bruce at Psoda who introduced me to people at the conference, and provided support and guidance while I was there. Overall, the conference was amazing and I was completely blown away by all the interesting and passionate people that I met as well as the engaging presentations. I was also lucky enough to be sponsored to attend the Project Management Awards, which was a truly inspiring and magical evening! I was completely swept away. Before the conference, I was interested in a career as a project manager and after the conference, I was certain it was my path. I would highly recommend any aspiring student to attend the Project Management Conference as the experience was invaluable and unforgettable.

Courtney Fraser, Student Ara Institute of Canterbury

Perhaps, that after reading about Psoda's support and Courtney's account of what a conference student sponsorship has given her, you'll be inspired to sponsor a student if you're a business or apply for a sponsorship if you're a student. Contact Psoda on 04 499 1704, take a look at their [website](#) to find out more about their products and services, or email [Laura](#) to find out about sponsoring a student.

**Save the date for this year's
Project Management Conference**

SkyCity Auckland, 19 – 21 September 2018



Member's recommendation

How many of you run evaluation sessions and write lessons learned reports that never get read?

[Here's a visual tool to help you get the team focused on learning, reviewing and improving](#) – on one page.

I attended Lynne' Cazaly's 'Leader as Facilitator' and 'Visual Sense Making' workshops in 2016, and I frequently use her visual tools and practical tips in my work. [Check out her website.](#)

Tania

What tools do you use that you think others might find useful? Contribute to next month's member recommendation section. Send your contribution to hello@pmi.nz

Speaking Opportunity – ITx

We are calling for speakers for the project management stream of the ITx Conference in Wellington on 12 July 2018. ITx is a collaboration of thirteen technology conferences and bodies focussing on innovation, technology and education.



Speakers are sought on a range of topics related to IT project management.

[Find out more about ITx.](#)

[Get in touch with Vishnu](#) if you would like more information about the project management speaking opportunities.

Looking for a new job?

Octa Associates Limited (Wellington office) requires additional project managers to join their established and busy team. They are looking for people with more than four years' relevant industry experience in New Zealand in the delivery of construction and/or building projects through design or delivery phases

[Find out more on the PMINZ website Find a Job page.](#)

Haere ra Suzanne

It is with regret that we farewell Suzanne Benjamins as sub-branch coordinator for Auckland. After almost four and half years, Suzanne leaves us to take a well-deserved break to spend time with her family. Having started with us as the members' events coordinator, she moved into the key role managing the sub-branch last January. This critical role saw her managing the sub-branch and all activities, adept at networking and with her effervescent personality, she leaves huge shoes to fill.

I'd like to personally thank Suzanne, and extend the PMINZ's appreciation for all your efforts and commitment during your time with us.

We are now seeking an exceptional leader for our Auckland sub-branch to provide leadership and direction, coordinate the activities in the Auckland region, and lead the great team of volunteers in the city.

[Read about the role and how to apply.](#)

Ashleigh, Northern Branch Chair

Will Artificial Intelligence (AI) take over the tasks that you do?

While technically possible, it seems that other skills such as motivating and leading a group will still be needed to be done by human project managers. Read this article to find out more [How to Survive AI and Automation.](#)

If you are interested in AI, [watch the video](#) recorded at the 19 March Christchurch members' professional development and networking event. The presenter shared lessons learned from AI-enabled chatbot development project.

As a PMINZ member, you can attend any sub-branch events across the country. The events provide an opportunity for you to connect with other members and supporters in the region, learn new skills and gain new knowledge.

[Select a region from the drop-down menu on the Branches tab](#), then click on the Events tab on the right hand navigation column to take a look at what is happening.

The screenshot shows the PMINZ New Zealand Chapter website. The header includes the PMINZ logo, navigation links (HOME, LOGIN HELP, LOGIN), and a search bar. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with links: Join Us, About us, Branches, Career development, and PMINZ Conference. The main content area features an event listing for 'Project Leonardo – Pahiatua Development ... One team, one site, one culture' on 13/02/2018 at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at Wintec City Campus. The event description mentions Paul McGinn and Michelle Jenkins sharing the Leonardo Project story. A blue box indicates 'Free for PMINZ members Requires login'. To the right is a 'Waikato Branch Menu' with links: Home, News, Events (highlighted with a red arrow), and Contact Us. Below the menu are buttons for 'Join PMINZ', 'Renew your membership', and 'Volunteer'. At the bottom of the event listing are 'Save to' and 'Details' buttons.

Do you lead a remote team?

My research looks at remote teams. Leading remote teams creates different challenges for managers and for their teams. My research aims to help teams understand why and to help make remote working easier. I'm looking for teams who are interested in participating. Participating teams will need to have at least one member who works remotely.

In exchange for sharing your time and your expertise, I will be happy to share the findings of my research and current thinking on best practices for successful remote teams. If you and your team are interested in participating or finding out more about my research please contact me at rebecca.downes@vuw.ac.nz.

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