



PMINZ update June 2018

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Progress update from the PMINZ President

It's now been six months since we confirmed our revised Strategic Plan for 2018–2020, so I'd like to provide a progress report to highlight the work done against each of the strategic goals:

Help make better project managers

Professional Development also referred to as "Continuous Improvement" under the new strategic plan is one of the most productive ways in which PMINZ can support project managers.

We are working on a "Get Certified" campaign to easily identify benefits of PMI certifications and options to learn.

We are working on another training option with a registered education provider that will be launched later this year.

Provide value to the project management community

Our local sub-branches provide regular quality events with various topics of interest. Find what's

happening in your area on the Branches tab of the PMINZ website.

We implemented Office365, referred to as the PMINZ "Community Cloud", providing our volunteers a centralised system to operate and collaborate. Migrating to the newest version of SharePoint allows new email addresses *name@pmi.nz* which simplifies and personalises our interaction with members and the project management community.

Advocate for excellence in project management

PMINZ will host the Project Management Conference in Auckland, 19–21 September. Our conference is always well attended and supports PMINZ meeting our strategic goals on many levels, such as the student seminar which we initiated last year in Christchurch with 60 students. This year we are aiming for 200 students. We would like to invite any organisations that wish to sponsor a student to attend the conference to [contact Laura](#).

PMINZ is one of twelve partners supporting the [ITx Conference](#) that will be held in Wellington in July. The IT industry makes up approximately 5% of the NZ workforce with predictions of substantial growth in coming years. PMINZ will participate by running a project management IT-focused stream advocating for excellence in project management.

From an operational perspective, we are well ahead of where we were two years ago. PMI Australia has even sparked an interest in to learn from our operational advancements, and processes.

If you have any questions, do get in touch with me, [James Dobson](#).

[Read more about the strategic plan on the Governance webpage.](#)

[Read about the Steering Groups that are working to deliver the Strategic Plan in the May newsletter.](#)

2018 PMINZ Board of Directors Elections

Nominations have closed. The Election and Nominating committee is currently assessing candidates and working towards announcing election information on 10 July 2018.

[Here's reminder of key dates.](#)

If you have questions about the nominations and elections process, please email the [Elections and Nominating Committee](#).



Auckland, 19–21 September 2018.

Project Management Conference 2018

We have an outstanding line up of keynotes this year – a project leadership expert, a doctor in educational psychology, a coach in neuroleadership, a pharmaceutical scientist, and a storyteller all talking to us about the evolution of project management. [Find out more](#) and get your early bird registration rate to attend the Project Management Conference.

[Take a look at the great accommodation discounts](#) from conference sponsor Quest Apartment Hotels that PMI NZ Chapter members are entitled.

Get certified

There are a few great reasons to get certified and one of them is that project managers with a PMP get paid more. The 2017 PMI salary survey shows NZ project managers with Project Management Professional (PMP)® certification take home a 22% higher salary than those without.

The 10th edition report is based on self-reported salary information from more than 33,000 professionals in project management. [Take a look at the report.](#)

Got the credential? Get the e-badge

A PMI certification—recognised globally—validates that you have the knowledge, skills and experience to contribute to project, strategic and organisational success. And, you worked hard to earn it—so why not show everyone your accomplishment? [Find out how.](#)



CAPM exam update

We've just heard that the Certificate Associate of Project Management (CAPM)® exams are still based on PMBOK v5 until 1 July 2018. If you have prepared for CAPM based on PMBOK v6 and are scheduled to sit the CAPM paper-based test, you have options. [Read about them on the Certification page of the website.](#)

Project Management at ITx 2018

You have less than two weeks left to register for New Zealand's conference of Information Technology.

Come to the Project Management Institute New Zealand stream on Thursday 12 July and hear presentations on 'The human side of digital transformation', 'Agile over two decades', 'The psychology of leadership', 'Principles for continuous improvement', 'Riding the exponential wave of change', and finish the day with the New Zealand Excellence in IT Awards Gala Dinner.

[Book your place now.](#) PMINZ members get a significant discount on one-, two- or three-day registrations.



(Avoid the) Six dangers of managing your projects using spreadsheets

Project managers often start out using Excel to manage projects, but that is only workable up to a point. As a project gets more complicated, spreadsheets are no longer enough. Excel is a robust product, but here are six problems with using Excel to manage projects:

1. It takes a lot of time, thought and planning to set up and maintain Excel spreadsheets. It is also not uncommon to have to completely re-design your spreadsheets regularly.
2. There is no audit trail with spreadsheets. It's very difficult to track what changes have been made and who made them. This makes it next to impossible to find out who made certain changes.
3. It is easy to duplicate data. Excel doesn't automatically check for duplicates, so the same data can easily be entered in multiple places – particularly if you have large and complicated spreadsheets.
4. Only one person can use it at any time. This causes problems at busy times when multiple people need to make time-critical changes.
5. It's easy to overlook mistakes. Since Excel is not designed for large blocks of text, it is difficult to proof-read your work. There's nothing worse than sitting in a meeting and finding an error in your report.
6. Putting Excel data into reports is a nightmare! You can't simply copy and paste formulas. So, to update reports, you need to modify the spreadsheet and then copy and paste the data again - and again.

So, what is the alternative to using spreadsheets to manage your projects? A proper project management tool, of course!

It can be hard to embrace change and move away from how things have always been done. However, the potential rewards of implementing a proper project management solution are huge.

After all, it's about making projects successful!

Tools like Psoda are purpose-built to help your projects succeed. With Psoda you get everything you need to manage your projects in a single tool. You can plan, track and monitor everything to do with your projects in one place.

To see how Psoda can help your projects succeed, [sign up for a free trial](#). Use the promo code **PMI** to extend your trial for an extra 14 days.





Last week (17–23 June) was Volunteer Week – a time to celebrate the 1.2 million Kiwis who volunteer in our communities every year. PMINZ has over 60 volunteers supporting the project management community nationally and locally. The board, management and portfolio leaders would like to acknowledge the efforts of all PMINZ volunteers this year. Thank you!

Great volunteer roles available

2019 Project Management Conference Convenor

We are seeking interest from programme managers or senior project managers with the skills and passion to take the lead for the 2019 conference in Wellington.

The PMINZ Conference Convenor is a prestigious volunteer role, expected to start August 2018 and run through to December 2019.

If you have a passion for the profession, can motivate yourself and others, and you are willing and able to go the extra mile to ensure success, then laura@pmi.nz would love to hear from you.

ICT roles

This year PMINZ completed a much needed digital transformation. This involved introducing Office 365 Business with the goal of providing volunteers and staff with high quality tools for improved communications and collaboration. The development of a volunteer intranet for chapter news, information, and access to a new Sharepoint application for resources and documents. The system links to the Promapp portal, where the PMINZ processes are documented.

The systems are all up and running and making our volunteers' lives easier. We are now looking for two or three extraordinary volunteers (roles 1 and 2 could be covered by one person) to manage and oversee these new ICT systems in the following roles:

1. Office 365 Exchange Online (Email) Administrator
2. Office 365 Global Administrator

[Read the job descriptions](#), which outline the specific knowledge and skills required for each of these four roles, and find out who to contact to apply or ask questions about the positions.

PMI New Zealand email job alert service

As the professional body for project managers in NZ we often get contacted by organisations looking for great project managers. If you subscribe to our job alerts we'll send you an email letting you know about a range of job opportunities. If you are not interested in receiving these job alert emails, unsubscribe at the bottom of the next job alert email that you receive. This will not affect your official PMINZ communications, such as these newsletters, invitations to events, and notifications about special events, for example, the Board elections.

[Subscribe to job alerts](#).

Job advertisements are also posted on the [Find a Job](#) section of the website.

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