**A Big Thank you to our 2012 Volunteers!**

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Did you know that PMI Sydney Chapter is completely run by volunteers? We have more than 50 active volunteers who manage all Chapter activities including events, courses, communications and numerous other programs such as mentoring, Building Better Futures, etc. A recent survey of volunteers indicates over 40% of surveyed volunteers has been volunteering with the Chapter for over a year and over 90% of the surveyed volunteers are satisfied with their volunteer experience. Selected highlights from our volunteers are listed below.

**Building Better Futures Team**
The Community Coaching Program headed by Suzy Turner and the team consisting of Tony Briggs, Michael Chilcott, Jodie Assaf and Selin Akbasogullari   have achieved the following in 2012:

1       Strategic plan review for Nature Conservation Council NSW (NCCNSW)
2       Project Management overview presentation for Co.As.It
3       Completed ongoing coaching for Good Beginnings and NCCNSW
4       Ongoing coaching commenced for Co.As.It
5       Presentation to Good Beginnings national conference

The Women in Project Management group headed by Rosemarie Santos and the team consisting of Joyce Ye, Nina Genikis, Carolyn Trickett, Jenny Scalley, Veronica Shum and Yasemin Selvi delivered two events this year:

“ Challenges of success: How to manage conflict while pursuing your career ” was held on February 27 , 2012 .  The event, sponsored by Cliftons was attended by 70 people who were presented with funny anecdotes as well as practical tips about dealing with credibility, conflict and discrimination in the work place making this an informative as well as a highly entertaining event.

Breakfast Event: “Managing Multicultural Teams Effectively” was held on 1 August, 2012. The event sponsored by CISCO was attended by 60 people who participated in an interactive workshop to get an insight on the challenges of operating and managing teams in a global business environment.

**Development Team**

Tracy Griffith (Associate Director), Daniela Polit (Associate Director), Greg Franks, Arti Malhorta, Chi Nguyen, Jiankai Yin, Sudipto Mukherjee and Puneet Grover are part of Development Team.

Development team made a tremendous contribution to the Professional Development Portfolio in delivering an extensive development offering for 2012, including 9 CAPM/PMP Preparation Classes, 11 short courses and development workshops to over 300 participants. Excellent feedback has been received from participants in the value and services provided. We thank you for your support in making this happen and continuously delivering value to our members.

**Communications Team**
Communications team consisting of Maja Kowalski, Abhishek Chopra, Ashish Tilara, Chintan Shah, Megha Kanth, Saradhi Motamarri, Ida Rohne, Alex Shang, Sudipto Chanda, Joan Amuda and Leire Ituarte Perez contributed in making a number of improvements to:

* The Chapter website
* Promoting the Chapter on Social Media
* Editing and publishing The Critical Path

**Special Projects Team**

Apostolos Bekiaris , Katherine Ortiz and Leire Ituarte Perez contributed to the special event of the year “Overview of and Lessons Learned from the CERN Large Hadron Collider Project with Professor Pierre Bonnal”

**Mentor Program**

Under the leadership of Andre de Bruin, two Mentor programs were run successfully and an Online Mentor program launched for the first time during 2012.

**Volunteer Team**

Chintan Shah, Alison Evans and Colin Pannell have been instrumental in bringing together the volunteers to deliver on Chapter programs. They organized a number of volunteer networking events throughout the year including a formal event with a guest speaker in August. Volunteer team would like to thank all Chapter volunteers for their wonderful contributions to the Chapter activities.

**Good things happen when you get involved with PMI!**