**Dr. Jill Owen in Memoriam**

Dr. Jill Owen, a highly respected project management academic, sadly passed away on 1st November 2013 after being ill for some time. Jill’s contributions to the project management academic community will be long remembered as well as her management and leadership roles with major companies in the financial services sector before she transitioned into academia.

In 2002 Jill started a Masters degree in the Faculty of IT at Monash University then converted to a PhD that was completed in 2010. She was awarded the Faculty of IT Doctoral Medal for her achievements.

Jill published and presented her research widely in national and international journals, and at industry and academic conferences and forums. Jill was working with a Federal Government agency to assess a major change program, and was the Chief Investigator on a Project Management Institute (PMI) research grant investigating policy work via project methods.

Jill contributed to the project management community within the UNSW, and with external groups in a variety of roles and across a number of initiatives in Australia and globally. In PMI she managed the accreditation by the affiliated Global Accreditation Centre (GAC) for all the project management courses at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Canberra and then worked on GAC audits of several other Australian universities, and was recently appointed to the Academic Member Advisory Group (AMAG). Jill was a member of the Australia Institute of Project Management (AIPM) Knowledge and Research Council and gained a Ministerial appointment to the ACT and Accreditation and Registration Council.

Jill will be remembered for her many contributions to project management, and her standing within the global research community. Our condolences go to Jill’s husband Steven, her family, friends, and colleagues.