**Welcome to 2014 – New beginnings!**

It is an honour and a privilege to be back as the President of the PMI Sydney Chapter (PMISC) in 2014 and I cannot wait to see each and every one of our members in events, special events, course, charity ball, workshops, conference and meet-ups.

The new board has been preparing great new initiatives for this year especially around membership value, growth, partnership, mentoring and opportunities for members to contribute and give back.

PMISC intends to entice non-members to want to join this bandwagon of growth and organisations, universities and communities to witness how good project management brings true leading edge advantage for business success.

I thank Amany Nuseibeh and the 2013 board for the good work in delivering the inaugural PMI Australia chapters organised conference and re-igniting the PMI Australia Chapter discussion as well as the many events, workshops, certification study groups and several other delivered initiatives in 2013. Great work team, let’s repeat and excel this year!

2014 will be about connecting new dots, about expanding capability, about exploring and showcasing what a truly committed team can do with little resource and much passion, enthusiasm and techniques.

PMI Sydney Chapter board structure has changed , we now have 4 directors focusing on strategy and 6 directors focusing on operations. We plan to stretch a few targets and do the very best to use the enormous talent we have available in the pool of over 70 volunteers who together with the board of directors are keen to promote the art, science and benefit of project management for organisations and communities. Take a minute to get to know the directors in the http://pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com\_contact&view=category&catid=12&Itemid=69

This new structure aims to better respond to the challenges facing our profession and organisation such as aging professionals, generation gap amongst professionals, career path, build up PM skills in related professions, ie BA, CM and the increasing demands from both our work and change that have been impacting the marketplace.

PMI SC is committed to excellence and will focus on clearly defined priorities while working in collaboration with members, sponsors, organisations and other Australia and regional chapters to continue delivering events that are relevant, innovative and value added.

I look forward to leading the PMI Sydney Chapter Board into the next phase of its growth and to working closely with you all in what promises to be very exciting times ahead.