**Embracing Change!**

“The world as we have created it, is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.”   
― Albert Einstein  
  
"Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." – John F. Kennedy

There is so much uncertainty in our lives such as aeroplanes going missing, organisational structure change, jobs being made redundant or offshored, and mergers and acquisitions to name a just a few. In times like this it becomes imperative to surround ourselves with like-minded people in a dynamic and inspirational environment.

PMI Sydney Chapter (PMI SC) is not only where you can find motivation and support to deal with change, but where you can **BE** the change.

Throughout this newsletter you will read about the great initiatives the board of directors and their team of committed volunteers have been actively engaged in delivering to you, guests, partners and the community.

Two initiatives I would like to zoom in on are:

1. The investigation into how a national chapter would benefit the project management profession in Australia, and
2. A meeting with Rev. Bill Crews (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Crews_(clergyman))> to discuss the work our chapter is doing for the Exodus Foundation (www.exodusfoundation.com.au). PMI SC’s primary aim is to use the combined wisdom we have in our member and partnership base to assist Exodus to deliver projects more efficiently. A secondary aim is to engage project manager professionals to mentor university students so that together, mentors and students can assist Exodus to achieve their community support outcomes.

During the next quarter we have great plans to explore opportunities with government agencies, increase collaboration with AIPM and many other organisations such as Women in Engineering, Registered Education Providers and Universities.

To quote Arnold Bennett, “Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.” Let PMI Sydney Chapter be the arsenal you need to learn, grow and change, so that you do not just have a job but are always an employable professional.

At PMI Sydney Chapter we believe that “cooperation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there”, Virginia Burden. Therefore let’s make 2014 a year to participate, to learn, to grow and to continue to demonstrate how committed we all are to professional growth; and to “make project management indispensable for business results.” (should there be a reference here??)

There are plenty of opportunities to keep involved and engaged with the chapter. Come and be part of our change, and let the chapter be part of your change.