

Project Management Update from Brisbane



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Queensland Forum and Awards Night

Queensland AIPM Chapter recognizes regional Australian Institute of Project Management award winners

In the run up to the October National AIPM Conference, to be held in Tasmania, Australia's most southern state capital, each Australian state runs an educational Forum and subsequent Awards night for their individual and corporate members.

Queensland's event was held on August 20th. In addition to a generous number of industry sponsors, the day included the launch of a mentoring program as well as a Job & Pathways Fare to assist with employment opportunities for members transitioning out of downsizing industries, including mining.

With speaker presentations covering Queensland Reconstruction projects, after our recent years of devastating cyclone destruction; discussions on Building Capability within a major infrastructure organisation and the magnitude of engineering a framework to manage the recent G20 event held in Brisbane, there was plenty of daytime topic variety to interest the forum attendees.

The evening Awards event was a great success with a sell-out cocktail party at City Hall, with Award nominees clearly highlighting Queensland's expertise in project management as well as confirming our talent for enjoying a great night out.

At state level, Awards were contested in categories including Construction/Engineering, Defence/Aerospace, ICT Telecommunications, Organisation/Change Management to name a few, culminating in the premier awards of Project & Program Manager of the Year. These

worthy award winners will now compete with the other 7 states and territories for national recognition and ultimately a chance to be celebrated internationally through a number of auspices including the International Project Management Association.

We now eagerly anticipate the National Conference in Hobart where Queensland expects to hold up its reputation for batting above their weight in regard to our national Award haul.

See below for regional award winners (based on AIPM QLD press release).

Queensland (QLD) Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) - 2015 WINNERS

The Australian Institute of Project Management's (AIPM) Queensland (QLD) Chapter held the annual Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) last Thursday evening (20th August 2015) at Brisbane City Hall.

Over 230 guests attended the event from organisations across many sectors and industries across

Australia. Over 30 submissions for awards across the below categories were received this year, which made winning an award highly competitive.

Winners of Project Submissions include:

➤ **Award: Construction/Engineering**

- Winner – Unity Water for the SCAD Upgrades
- High Mention – Brisbane Airport Corporation for Domestic Terminal Check-in and Baggage Reclaim Upgrade; Resource Co-ordination Partnerships for Arena Residential Apartment Development
- Commendation – Brisbane City Council for Robinson Road Open Level Crossing Replacement Project; Ranbury Management Group with Department of Transport and Main Roads for Gold Coast Rapid Transit Stage 1; Aurecon for Lady Cilento Children's Hospital



- **Award: Defence/Aerospace Award**
 - Winner – The Brisbane Airport Corporation for The G20 Project: an airport with an airport
- **Award: ICT/Telecommunications**
 - Winner – Department of Science Information Technology and Innovation and Telstra Corporation for Queensland Government Wireless Network for the G20
- **Award: Small Projects**
 - Winner – Point Project Management for Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Organising Committee fit out – Stage 1
- **Award: Organisation / Change Management**
 - Winner – Queensland Police Service for G20 Project Group
- **Award: Community Service and/or Development**
 - Winner – Wesley Mission Brisbane, for Sinnamon Village Ability Therapy Extension
- **Award: Sustainable Projects**
 - Winner – SunWater Limited for Woleebee Creek to Glebe Weir Pipeline
- **Award: Regional Projects**
 - Winner – Incitec Pivot Limited for Mount Isa Sulphuric Acid Plant Major Turnaround 2014
 - High Commendation – WLD Health, Health Infrastructure Branch and Ranbury Management Group for Mackay Base Hospital

Project of the Year Award:

Winner - Queensland Police Service for G20 Project Group

Winners of Individual Award included:

- **Award: Program/Project Director of the Year**
 - Winner – **Marcus Frommolt**, Ranbury Management Group
 - High Commendation – **Brendan Moon**, Queensland Reconstruction Group



- **Award: Project Manager of the Year**
 - Winner – **Fiona Margetts**, University of Southern Queensland

- Award: Young Project Manager of the Year
 - Winner – **Lachlan Nimmo**, Point Project Management

- **Award: Project Team Member of the Year**
 - Winner – **Thomas Haire**, Point Project Management

TELSTRA CEO Made Honorary Fellow of AIPM

Mr. Andy Penn, Telstra's Chief Executive Officer became the first Australian based Honorary Fellow of the AIPM as a result of his efforts to promote and acknowledge the importance of project management in the delivery and implementation of successful business strategies. Mr Penn has been a vocal advocate for the profession of project management throughout his career, and has led some of Australia's largest organisations in their implementation of project management principles in their day-to-day dealings.

The AIPM conducts its Project Management Achievement Awards at State Gala Events around Australia each year to recognise excellence in project management. State winners contend at the [National Conference](#). National winners go on to compete against international projects at the International Project Management Association World Congress.

The AIPM Queensland Chapter would like to extend a special thanks to those sponsors who supported the event. Without their contributions such an event would not be possible. They were:

- ❖ Platinum Sponsor – Queensland University of Technology
- ❖ Silver Sponsors – Professional Recruitment Australia and Ranbury Management Group
- ❖ Bronze Sponsors – Primal Solutions and Australian Institute of Management

The Project Management Achievement Awards open for submission in April each year. Participation helps organisations to lift their project management effectiveness and provides recognition for a job well done.

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Born and educated in Sydney, Australia, Mary came to project management by the accidental route. After a corporate life in Finance and Executive General Management, Mary developed an enviable reputation in business consulting, assisting clients with issues ranging from Business to Boardroom communications, to substantial HR transformation and commercial bid management.

Whilst undertaking a long term consulting role she was obliged to take on responsibility for the project management of local and international projects developing an abiding interest in project and program management improvement, which now sees her exclusively advising in this challenging environment.

Mary is actively involved with the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM), currently as a Councillor for their Queensland Chapter. Mary is also an inaugural member of AIPM's special interest group Women in Project Management, which seeks to support and educate women who are growing a career in this always exciting discipline. Mary's tertiary qualifications include Bachelor's degree, Commerce in Accounting and Bachelor's degree, Business in HR & Marketing.

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