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After the Christmas break, the various Sydney-based project management organisations have now got back into full ahead mode.

The Sydney chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI®) has held 2 breakfast meetings and 1 evening meeting. The breakfast meetings have been on Programme Management and Portfolio Management respectively. Upcoming PMI Sydney Chapter Meeting on Wednesday 18 April 2007 will include a 10th Anniversary celebration. Entitled “the keys to the future”, speakers at the meeting will include Greg Morris, Former Chapter President, Sandeep Mathur, Current Chapter President, and Gordon Bartlett, Immediate Past President & PMI Region 10 Mentor.



There is a move afoot to establish a Programme Management SIG associated with the PMI in Sydney. There is already a Project Portfolio Management (PPM) SIG which is not associated with either the PMI or the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM).

The Programme Management SIG is being promoted by Malcolm McFarlane who can be contacted at malcolm.mcfarlane@bigpond.com.au. It aims to bring together like-minded Programme Managers.

The Project Portfolio Management (PPM) SIG is ably co-ordinated by Cathy Killen who can be contacted at c.killen@uts.edu.au. It aims to be a networking forum for industry practitioners and researchers to share experiences and information and to promote educational activities relating to Project Portfolio Management. Its next meeting will be on May 17th from 4:30 to 6:00 at MGSM.

The Commonwealth Government's smartcard project is getting lots of press at the moment. On the one hand, the government wants to implement this quickly and wants to issue tenders as soon as possible, but on the other hand, it has blundered by not thinking through all of the security aspects and has thus earned the ire of many opposition groups. This has led to it having to delay the issuing of tenders for 6

months. Part of the rollout plan is to issue 30,000 cards per day. Think about the logistics of doing this securely.

The International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA) Australia Chapter will be hosting its next meeting on 29th March, 2007, at 5:30pm for 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Vibe Hotel, North Sydney (Conference Room 1) - 88 Alfred St, Milsons Point.



The PMI Sydney Chapter has scheduled a full suite of short training courses for the year. They address scheduling, risk, writing business cases, communications, setting up projects for success, management of third parties and more. See the PMI Sydney Chapter website at <http://sydney.pmichapters-australia.org.au> for more details.



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