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## Project Management Update from Sydney

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**Project Management Education****PMI Sydney Chapter Education Events**

PMI Sydney will conduct two Saturday training workshops in June. The first, on 6 June, lays out the basis for an effective planning and scheduling practice. Based on the PMI Practice Standard for Scheduling published by PMI the workshop will cover topics such as planning the planning, developing the baseline schedule, setting reasonable objectives, maintaining the plan, and reviewing and validating the schedule. The workshop will be hosted by Patrick Weaver of Mosaic Project Services.

The following week (13 June) Roy Hilson will outline the fundamentals of risk management as it applies to commercial projects. The objective is to provide an understanding of the broad scope of risk management and what is required to achieve ongoing proactive management of risk. Amongst other things, the course will address how to create a culture of risk awareness.

More information on both workshops is available on the Education page on PMI Sydney chapter website at <http://sydney.pmichapters-australia.org.au>.

**PM Events****PMI Sydney Breakfast Meeting: From Russia with Love**

On 3 June PMI Sydney Chapter will be hosting Alex Lyaschenko at a Breakfast for members and guests. Lyaschenko has eight years of experience as a project

manager and consultant in leading East European project management consulting and IT companies, covering the IT, construction and manufacturing industries. For the last four years he has worked as a project manager in the Australian IT and telecommunications sector.

Lyaschenko's presentation, "From Russia with Love", will investigate the contribution of project management tools techniques that emerged from behind the Iron Curtain, particularly in the areas of scope, schedule, resource and risk information.

Eastern Europe project management was born in the Soviet Union with approaches and standards developed to service the Eastern European project management needs and specifics. Since then Eastern Europe has gone through drastic economic changes and turmoil. Running a project in the region these days means taking into account a hardly predictable economy. Following these changes in the environment and introduction of Western standards like the *PMBOK® Guide*, Eastern European project management has been continuously transforming itself.

As a result, the project management practices currently utilised in Eastern Europe support all processes from the *PMBOK® Guide* and at the same time continue leveraging its own unique methodologies, especially in the area of resource management (schedule optimisation, cost planning and calculation methodologies).

This presentation is based on materials derived from real-life experience of running projects in Eastern Europe.

The event is free to registered Chapter members, and \$25 for non-members. More information is available on the Events Calendar link at <http://sydney.pmichapters-australia.org.au>.

### **AIPM Annual Conference**

The Australian Institute for Project Management (AIPM) has announced the date and location of it's annual National Conference for 2009. It will be held in Adelaide from Sunday 11 to Wednesday 14 October.

The AIPM National Conference offers the opportunity for project managers and those working in the field of project management to come together to share skills, knowledge, and experience, and network with peers. The three day program focuses on the theme 'Modernisation in Project Management:- Flexibility, Risk, Integration and Sustainability'. The event will feature national and international keynote speakers and a social program providing the opportunity to network in both a professional and social environment. More information is available at <http://www.aipm2009.com.au>.



## Project Updates – News from some Important local Projects

### **RNA selects Lend Lease as preferred partner for the major regeneration of the Queensland showgrounds precinct in Brisbane**

Lend Lease Corporation recently announced that its subsidiary, Lend Lease Development Pty Ltd (“Lend Lease Development”) has been selected by the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (“RNA”) as preferred respondent to develop the EkkA Showgrounds, home of the annual Royal Queensland Show.

The project, to be staged over next 15 years, has a projected value of approximately A\$2.5 billion, and involves rebuilding the RNA amenities into exhibition and showground facilities for the Brisbane EkkA, Queensland’s largest annual event.

The project will also develop part of the 22 hectares for an inner-city mixed-use development, incorporating residential, commercial, retail, and cultural facilities in what is expected to be one of Brisbane’s largest urban renewal projects.

David Hutton, COO of Lend Lease APAC, believes the development: will turn a frequently-closed venue into a vibrant new urban community within inner-city Brisbane for both residents and visitors to enjoy. “The development will also provide new and improved pedestrian and bicycle connections between Bowen Hills and Fortitude Valley and the Royal Brisbane Hospital,” he added.

The development is expected to generate significant private investment into the Queensland economy, attract new business to the region and generate new employment opportunities. Importantly it will also ensure the long term success of the EkkA, the RNA, and its many annual events, which are so important to the people and culture of Queensland.

The announcement as preferred respondent means Lend Lease will now work with the RNA exclusively in order to finalise terms and conclude a Project Development Agreement over the coming months which will see Lend Lease as the Master Developer of the site for the delivery of the buildings and RNA facilities.

## **Australian Taxation Office selects Optus for Managed Network Services contract**

After 18 months of planning and negotiations, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has selected Optus for its managed network services (MNS) contract, worth an estimated A\$60.5 million per annum. The negotiations are now in their final stage, and should be completed in the coming weeks.

MNS is one of three outsourced bundles being renegotiated by the ATO, and includes the provision of data and voice carriage services, telephony, WAN and LAN, videoconferencing, and call centre infrastructure services.

The other bundles comprise of end-user computing (for which tenders closed in March) and centralised computing (for which tender documents will be released in July 2009).

## **Other News Affecting Projects & PM in New South Wales**

### **Sydney Uni and Microsoft Link Up**

Australia's *ComputerWorld* magazine has announced a deal between Microsoft and the University of Sydney that will see the institution's 46,000 students use the Redmond giant's Live@edu email solution as a cloud service.

The roll-out began in late May, and so far 33,000 students have moved across to the new system. The Live@edu email system, which is a web-based email system similar to HotMail or Google's rival Gmail service, replaces a 15-year-old University-developed system. It will provide students with mailboxes capable of handling 20MB attachments and a total capacity of 10GB. The system also incorporates contact management and calendaring functionality.

According to Mark Pigot, director of service management, the system has no upper limit to the number of mailboxes it can handle. "Once you're a student here you have a university email box for life," he said.

The value of the deal between the University and Microsoft was not disclosed.

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