**“Managers help people see themselves as they are; Leaders help people to see themselves better than they are.” — Jim Rohn**

Nine months into 2012! The membership base, volunteers, board members and sponsors have grown and the PMI Sydney Chapter is showing signs of an effective, collaborative, productive and consistent system! It is awesome to see the energy and enthusiasm at each event, workshop, board meeting, and encounter with members, sponsors and associates. For that I can only say: THANK YOU! It is great to lead and be involved with leaders!

The PMI Sydney Chapter (PMISC) continues to deliver on the three major objectives set out early in the year:

1. 2012 members by the end of 2012
2. 13 sponsors lined up to support the 2013 PMI National Conference
3. Sustainability

Our membership base has been growing steadily, and I am hoping we will get close to our objective, as we have had great initiatives delivered to our membership base and the professional market.

Our sponsorship base has been growing in a very creative and innovative manner and we have several organisations interested to participate in the upcoming conference.

In all, this year has been a great journey so far, but… let me remind you of a few things that have happened since the last issue of the Critical Path.

We now have a PMI Sydney Chapter Toastmasters Club. Check it out as Toastmasters is a fabulous way to meet other professionals and increase your public speaking confidence in a safe and like-minded environment.

We held a collaborative session between PMI Sydney Chapter, two HR Recruitment consultant companies: Ambition and Paxus, and two Registered Education Providers: UXC Consulting and Peak Performance. It was a successful event and well received by all attendees and participants. More will be happening over the next few months as we enhance our collaboration in that area.

We also held several high quality events with international speakers and collaborative workshops with the Change Management Institute. Furthermore, we presented project management as a life skill at a conference for not-for-profit organisations. (See page … in this issue of the Critical Path).

We have been invited to be the Master of Ceremony at our Singapore sister Chapter’s National Conference which is a great honour and where we will have the chance to meet with the PMI Global CEO to tackle project management challenges and opportunities in Australia.

We also continue to run our online mentoring program and we held a Volunteers Network session so we can get to know all the volunteers, without which the PMI Sydney Chapter system would not exist.

This month we are running two events in collaboration with the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA) and an Executive Breakfast with Linkup International, one of our sponsors. Watch this space as we roll out these inaugural events, which will build future demand for this type of collaborative events.

Continue to check out our web site for up-to-date information on who is who and what is happening, when and where.

Remember to pencil in the PMI National Conference in your diaries. May 1-3, 2013. The committee led by Joanne Murray and Kate Morris is working tirelessly to bring a national conference where attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, organisers, volunteers and presenters will truly witness and showcase what 21st century leadership is all about. The market is asking project managers and related professionals to do “more with less”, to “innovate and integrate”, to engage in “21st century tools and techniques” and assist to manage the many “community challenges” Australia and the world are facing. The 2013 PMI National Conference will provide all that and more. Watch this space!

It is that time of the year again, we are preparing for the 2013 Board Nominations. Participate, nominate, join in!

**Dream, Achieve, Inspire!** Looking forward to another great couple of months until we talk again in the next issue of the Critical Path.