Happy New Year and Welcome Back.

Your new board started the year on 2nd Feb with passion, energy, enthusiasm, great ideas and contributions. The Board members include a combination of returning, experienced Board members and fresh blood. Meet the team – check out our profiles. [*http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com\_contact&view=category&catid=12&Itemid=69*](http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com_contact&view=category&catid=12&Itemid=69)*.*

On behalf of the Board, I’d like to thank you all. It’s a great honour to serve our members and add value. We have a strong foundation to build on with ambitious plans for this year.

Our plans outcome is aimed at fulfilling our purpose, serving our membership base and supporting the promotion and advancement of the art, science and benefit of the project management and integrated related professions and their application for the member’s professional growth, corporate and communities.

At the top of our plans is the Inaugural PMI Australia Conference “21st Century Leadership” on 1st – 3rd May at the Convention and Exhibition Centre. In collaboration with PMI Australian Chapters, the conference will be a platform for professionals, academics and community representatives to share knowledge, experience and professional camaraderie; whilst recognising and acknowledging professional excellence via the PMI Australian Annual Awards. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain recognition for your team, yourself and your organisation. The PMI Australian National Awards program has been created to recognise the outstanding performance in the practice of project management, the contributions of individuals in the project management profession and PMI Australia. Nominations are open now and will close on 30th March.

Mark Langley, PMI President and CEO will be our key note speaker as we address the new century challenges. The program is jam packed with value, learning, ideas and networking opportunities. If you haven’t had a chance to check it out, now is the time – [www.pmi.org.au](http://www.pmi.org.au)

For those of you who want to obtain a new credential, have a look at our PMP/CAPM Exam Preparation Courses. If you have a credential, make sure you maintain it by acquiring PDUs.

Our professional development calendar for 2013 has a taste for both camps, those who favour improving their skills in the arts side of project management, and those who want to learn the science. Check out the full offering on the website. [*http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com\_dtregister&task=category&list1=1&list2=2&list3=3&list4=5&list5=7&list6=8&list7=9&list8=11&Itemid=200*](http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com_dtregister&task=category&list1=1&list2=2&list3=3&list4=5&list5=7&list6=8&list7=9&list8=11&Itemid=200). If you would like to mentor, or need a mentor, check out our mentoring program.

Our breakfast and chapter seminars will offer a variety of topics with a return to one of our most popular events structures – speed learning. Our collaborative events with CMI and IIBA, as well as other recruitment and training organisations will continue. With our eyes set on a few locations outside Sydney CBD, we’re looking for volunteers and venues in others areas in Sydney and NSW. If you live in Newcastle, Wollongong, or Parramatta, we’d like to hear from you as we are looking for a sustainable model to serve our NSW members.

The Building Better Fututres Portfolio is getting ready for the Non for Profit Organisations requests for coaching and we are looking at revamping the schools and Women in Project Management programs.

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors. On-going sponsorship is crucial to the offerings we have, the variety and reach. We thank DDLS, Paxus, Pillar, Link-up, CommSec and Curtin University as we look forward to strengthening our partnership and collaboration opportunities with a number of like-minded organisations.

A number of our members are looking for new opportunities. This is the time to expand your network, register for the conference, attend a PMI breakfast or chapter event, meet-up, attend a workshop, and study for an accreditation. If you are itching for work, volunteering would bring you one step closer to the right job as “*Good things happen when you get involved with PMI”.*

Looking forward to seeing you at our next event.