

## PMI Australian National Awards 2012

The PMI Australian Chapters 10<sup>th</sup> National Awards ceremony was held on the Gold Coast on 12 July at a gala dinner following the highly successful Queensland Chapter's conference.

Now with three categories, the prestigious awards, in their 10<sup>th</sup> year, have matured significantly since Lynda Bourne became PMI Australia Project Manager of the Year in 2003.

### Australian Project of the Year

AMP from Sydney won the Australian Project of the Year with their "PAS Integration and Single Client View" project.

Despina Makris, Project Manager, said she was 'absolutely delighted'. Despina brought several of her team to the ceremony and crowded the stage for the announcement.

The PAS Integration and Single Client View project was a massive challenge. The organisation was merging, the team was trialling new methodologies across multiple geographic and country locations leading to very high risk.

The project integrated over a million customers into a single integrated platform and provided product administration information to downstream systems.

Prizes, sponsored by QVC Solutions and ITCOM, valued at \$6,000 were awarded to AMP including entry to the North American PMI Congress.

Communications giant, Telstra was runner up with an extremely complex rollout of telecommunications infrastructure across outback Australia and the islands north of mainland Australia.



Ian Whitehead, Exec dir. Sport & Infrastructure, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, Despina Makris, - AMP Project Manager & Winner 2012 PMI Australian Project of the Year, David Wright - PMI Australia Awards Committee Chair & President PMIQ

## Young Australian Project Manager of the Year



Chintan Shah - winner Young Australian Project Manager of the Year 2012, Bard Papegaaij - Exec Partner – Executive Programs, Gartner

Chintan Shah PMP, also from Sydney, won the Young Australian Project Manager of the Year. Chintan's efforts to identify and manage a vendor relationship were key to his success.

Chintan identified the vendor related issues and sought to get senior stakeholders to agree that he should engage the vendor and resolve the issues.

Chintan was influential and decisive in the resolution of the issues and brought about success for his transformation project when only failure seemed likely. Chintan is a volunteer for the Sydney Chapter. A prize of Professional Development to the value of \$3,000 was sponsored by DDLS.

Scott Evans from Brisbane was the runner up.

## Australian Distinguished Contribution Award

Richard Egelstaff PMP, PhD(c), MBA (Adv), BA. from Rockhampton won the Australian Distinguished Contribution Award. Richard has integrated PMI credentials into his Project Management courses he runs at Central Queensland University.

He is a strong advocate for project management and PMI in the heavy resource sector in Queensland, influencing many organisations to embrace project management through formal education and credentials.

PMI has now started meetings in the Central Queensland region thanks to Richard's hard work.



Richard Egelstaff receiving the award from Joe McCabe, City Governance Director, Gold Coast City Council

Richard's prize was \$2,000 towards professional development or PMI conferences, sponsored by Independent Project Analysis (IPA)

Maja Kowalski PMP from Sydney was the runner up for the second year in succession.



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**Thank you!**

My thanks to the 2012 PMI Australia National Awards team for their hard work to deliver another successful awards program: Adrian Tyler, Amany Nuseibeh, Anu Perera, Andre de Bruin, Ben Mansfield, Bruce Embery, Darryn Schneider, Elisabeth Fruehwirth, Guresh Ahuja, Jordan Vamvakidis, Kate Morris, Nima Mirsotoudeh, Paul Dominic and Richard Pragasam

Another large thank you to all the sponsors and for those that missed out this year, now's your chance to get in for 2013, where the presentations will be held at the Sydney Convention Centre along with the PMI National Conference on 2 May.

Dave Wright PMP  
PMI Australia National Awards Chair &  
President PMI QLD