PSA PROJECT DIRECTOR'S

WELCOME

Welcome all to our final edition of PSA Way for 2014 and my first as a Director of PSA Project. It has been a year of many and varied accomplishments as PSA entered a new phase in its ongoing development with the addition of three new directors.

Project work remains the core of our business and in this edition we take a look at two of our current projects where we are providing support through programme management and regular monitoring and evaluation. The South East Water Headquarters project at Frankston has been challenged by its proximity to the bay and exposure to unpredictable weather. The second project has had the challenge of needing to be done within the context of day to day operations at Melbourne airport. We also discuss our support of Extension of Time claims and assessments through detailed analysis of programming modelling, contractual obligations and responsibilities and by providing greater insights to achieving pragmatic outcomes for clients.

Recently I had the privilege of presenting with Kasten at the annual awards night for Property & Construction and Project Management students from RMIT. It was fantastic to see so many final year student Project Managers whose enthusiasm and passion was very obvious through their project presentations and the topics they had chosen to research. It is also important to acknowledge the initial class of graduates for PSA's Certificate IV in Community and Post Disaster Programme Management. Some PSA staff were among the first graduates recognised at a ceremony held in late November. Well done to all graduates!

All at PSA thank you for your support in 2014 and we look forward to continuing to work with you in 2015. Meanwhile may we wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year Break.
David Mackinder

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PSA NEWS

FIND OUT WHAT'S NEW AT PSA

SPECIALIST PROJECT PLANNING

Where planning is not done properly there is significantly more risk to the project achieving the ultimate project goal. PSA's proven record and known expertise in the industry as the leader in Programme Management has enabled them to continually bring benefit to many clients including most recently Major Projects Victoria, Melbourne Airport, RMIT, Equiset, Victoria Police to name a few.

Through the use of simple tools and methodologies, clients can obtain a clear understanding of the current situation and stakeholders needs. We identify the project goal and what objectives need to be achieved to make it successful and subsequently identify the deliverables and activities that will make it a reality. This together with consideration of the project risks and resource constraints enables a flexible and realistic plan to be put in place to meet stakeholder objectives.

For more information on planning your projects and the simple tools and training available, please contact us on (03) 9529 7500.

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RMIT AWARDS

In October 2014 PSA's Programme Manager David Mackinder and Project Manager Kasten Flory attended the annual industry awards night for RMIT's School of Property, Construction and Project Management (PCPM).

As an award sponsor PSA were invited to present two awards for the top students in the Masters course in Community and Post Disaster Project Management developed and led by Paul Steinfort. Awards were presented to Lorenza Lazzati and Louis Van Eyk.

David and Kasten also participated in judging the PCPM fourth year students research posters.

L-R: Kasten Flory, David Mackinder, Lorenza Lazzati, Louis Van

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TIME CLAIM ADVICE

PSA provide industry expert advice on extension of time claims assessment from both the contractor and client perspectives. Most recently PSA has been able to support a number of contractors in their ability to claim delays and demonstrate them against the conditions of contract in association with the approved programme. In addition PSA has also been supporting the Principal in the assessment of extension of claims put forward by contractors.

PSA's extensive construction and contract experience, along with its known and proven ability in providing independent programme development and analysis of programmes places them in the unique position of being able to support clients in either demonstrating or assessing delays associated with extension of time claims. If you would like further information on extension of time claim services, please contact us on (03) 9529 7500.

PROJECT SUCCESS

MAKING PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORK FOR YOU

SOUTH EAST WATER HEAD OFFICE

PSA Programme Manager Garry Smart and Project Manager Kasten Flory have been working closely with Drive Projects in planning and programming the construction of the structural works for the redevelopment of the new South East Water headquarters in Frankston.

This has included preparation of feasibility and tender programmes through to detailed construction programmes, weekly short term and as built programmes as added value to Drive. This enabled improvement in planning of resources, materials and risk management.

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This, along with PSA's proven monitoring, evaluation and reporting processes, has enabled Drive Project Managers Ashley Fothergill and Nathan Walsh to receive a clear and concise weekly reporting structure to their requirements. This provides the ability to address issues ahead of time on this 8 level building with its unique challenges associated with the exposed feature columns, foyer entrance and 4 level grand stair overlooking the bay.

MELBOURNE AIRPORT
Multi Level Structure and Associated Civil Works Project

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When undertaking one of their largest programmes of work, Melbourne Airport called upon PSA's expertise as programming consultants. The works involve a complex series of enabling civil works, to allow the new multi-level car park to be constructed all the while maintaining critical Taxi and Terminal 4 operations.

Initially engaged by the Melbourne airport to develop a Master Plan, PSA's Garry Smart and David Mackinder engaged with key stakeholders to understand their requirements, ensuring that functionally the airport's landside operations would not be disrupted. This also required detailed planning workshops with the Airports consulting design engineers and Project Manager. These workshops supported their roles and provided key inputs in finalising the design for tender, understanding critical procurement items, the development of tender & contractual milestone requirements.

PSA continues to support the Melbourne Airport on this important project through its implementation via the Managing Contractor. PSA is providing regular detailed programme monitoring and reporting against contractual milestones and target programmes.

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PSA'S NATIONALLY ACCREDITED CERT IV COURSE

PSA is pleased to announce that after receiving national accreditation for our very own Certificate IV course 10375NAT Certificate IV in Community and Post Disaster Program Management and Diploma in Project Management, the course had its first graduation ceremony in November 2014. A big thank you goes to Infinity Training Australia's Director Dr Jude Balm who has made it possible to launch.

This is a practical course created by PSA and combines lessons learned from over 40 years' project management experience. One highlight of the course is the Proframe method created by Paul Steinfort which is a foundation for assessing, planning ancreating the work breakdown structure of a project. This method has been used successfully at RMIT and APIC with students studying Project Management at Masters level.

This course enables the learner to apply skills and knowledge to any project, not only those in post-disaster situations. It covers areas of project management including rapid assessment, stakeholder engagement, risk management, quality management and project evaluation.

PSA is able to tailor the course to suit your requirements ranging from full Combined Dual Qualification courses (Diploma and Cert IV) (8-10 days) to smaller refined introductory sessions covering 2-3 of the modules.

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