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### Seek out opportunity

Hi and welcome to The Scope.

What a quarter! Australia put up a good fight with stimulus payments and cuts in interest rates that seemed to prevent a collapse in consumer spending. However, with challenged growth and employment numbers down, we are now being told that Australia can't avoid a recession.

As Narayan mentions in his article the word 'crisis' derives from two Chinese syllables, which roughly translated are 'threat' and 'opportunity'.

A downturn obviously affects organisations and people in different ways. Some organisations and people put their heads firmly in the sand and wait for business as usual to return, some take affirmative action while others always see the glass half full and seek out the inherent opportunities.

I am pleased to say that we are experiencing a very busy time: with activity ranging from individual professionals feeling that now is the time to get that certification they have been putting off for so many years, to organisations engaging our assistance, as now more than ever projects must be delivered with efficiency and effectiveness, and above all, achieve results.

The contribution to this quarter's newsletter comes again from our very talented PM-Partners team. This quarter you will find:

Tenets of Jack Welch and how they can be applied to project management in Phil's article "Change: Today's Imperative for Project Management".

A summary of how the new PMI® (Project Management Institute) PMBOK® Guide Fourth Edition will require PMP® exams to change from 30 June 2009

While most of us see the threat in this global downturn, fewer recognise and act upon the opportunity this presents. "Training to Survive the Economic Downturn" outlines some of the opportunities available.

Many of you may have heard that there is a new version of PRINCE2® on its way. Our PRINCE2® 2009 Update provides a summary of the changes.

Want to know more about Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices, P3O® could be for you. Tracey's article provides an overview of one of the UK Office of Government Commerce's (OGC) latest releases. Our certification workshop launches next month.

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Want to be certified as a Business Analyst. The CBAP™ Certification Exam is now available online.

I trust that you will find this newsletter informative as you seek out the opportunities available for developing capability and delivering results in the current climate. We are always looking to maintain and improve our value, so please let us know how we can provide consistently valuable information in your newsletter.

Best regards

Pete Swan, Director



## Feature Article

### Change: Today's Imperative for Project Management

Phil Belcher, PM-Partners group

What can the project professional do to withstand, or better still, take advantage of the current economic circumstances.

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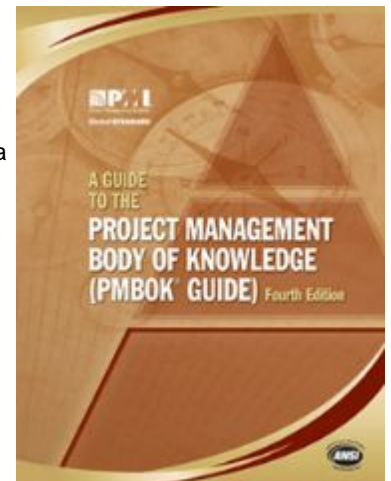
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## PMI® launches new PMBOK® Guide Fourth Edition

Margaret Tumeth  
Practice Lead, *PMI*

The PMI® has introduced the new PMBOK® Guide Fourth Edition so new PMP and CAPM exams are only a few months away.

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## Training to survive the economic downturn

Narayan van de Graaff  
Senior Consultant, *HR Profiling & People Skills Training*



During economic downturns some organisations turn away from training their people, but others see it as the right time to assess and maximise the strengths of their people.

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## PRINCE2® 2009 update

Tracey Copland  
Practice Lead, *PRINCE2®*



There's a new version of PRINCE2® on it's way to Australia which means new Foundation and Practitioner exams.

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## PM-Partners group in the news with Jetstar

Jetstar extend their agreement for project management services with PM-Partners group

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## P3O®: Want to know more about Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices?

Tracey Copland  
Practice Lead, *P3O®*

The Office of Government Commerce in the UK have released the new P3O® (Portfolio, Programme and Project Offices) Foundation Certification.



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## CBAP™ certification exam now on demand

Jim Hughes  
Practice Lead, *Business Analysis*



You can now sit the IIBA's CBAP exam online and on-demand.

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## PM-Partners group research

The PMPoll questions for April and May have been uploaded to our website. Why not contribute to our growing bank of research results and cast your vote.

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## Extend your training budget with training credits

The end of financial year is coming so extend your training budget with PM-Partners group training credits.

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