

Newsletter, November 2023

Consultants Leading with Integrity

Recent events in the consulting industry, particularly with PwC and KPMG in Australia, have brought to light the essential need for transparency and ethical behaviour in our field. It's imperative that we, as IMCNZ, take these lessons to heart, ensuring that our work is always performed with the utmost integrity and that we deliver true value for money. We're in ongoing dialogue with MBIE to ensure the distinctions between consulting and contracting are clear and that professional standards are at the forefront of client considerations.

The Power of Face-to-Face Connections

We're delighted to signal a return to face-to-face meetings where practical. The exchange of ideas, the energy, and the camaraderie of in-person interactions are unmatched. Our network thrives on these connections, and we encourage members to partake in these opportunities as they arise. Of course, our on-line mini-conferences and informal meetings have been very popular and we will continue to offer these regularly.

Events and Professional Development

Our schedule of events, both virtual and in-person, promises enriching experiences and learning opportunities. From our informal Friday Zoom chats to the trans-Tasman sessions and beyond, we ensure that our members have ample avenues for growth and engagement.

The year may be drawing to an end but we still have a few events to fit in before the holidays start! As always further details and registration information is available on the website [IMCNZ Events](#)

'All Good Things...' November 23rd

Be entertained and enlightened as experienced consultant Dan Minkin shares lived experiences from his 20+ years in the field. Hear and discuss what has worked - and what has not – when building a professional services business. Further details and registration information is available here ['All Good Things...'](#). No charge for IMC members to attend.



Dealing with Government when Government is Restructuring (trans-Tasman catch-up) December 1st

IMCNZ President, Gurdeep Talwar, and IMC Australia President, Peter Westlund will share their views and experiences in **Dealing with Government when Government is Restructuring** before opening up for a general informal discussion. This is our final trans-Tasman session for the year and part of our informal Friday zoom series – there is no charge to attend and you can register for the zoom link through the website [IMCNZ Events](#).

Christmas drinks – in person, Wellington December 6th

If you are in Wellington on Wednesday December 6th make a diary note now and join us for an in person catchup and chance to raise a glass to the year that was. 4:30 – 6pm at Foxglove Bar, 33 Queen's Wharf. This is also an opportunity for non-members to come along and learn more about IMCNZ so invite others - all welcome!



Fortnightly Friday Zooms

We are still holding our informal Friday zooms each second week. These are a great way to stay in touch with other consultants from around the country over a Friday drink. Next date is [Friday 17th November](#).

ISO 20700 Checklist Training

IMC Australia are running the final **ISO 20700 Self Declaration Checklist for Management Consultants** for the year on November 21st. IMCNZ members can attend at IMC Australia rates. More information is available here [ISO 20700 Checklist Training](#)

The Essentials of Management Consulting

We are currently running this programme for the third year in a row. It provides a comprehensive overview of management consulting and is designed to refine the skills of both new and seasoned consultants. We will offer it again in 2024 so if you want to register your interest email vice-president@imcnz.org.nz

Other Events

Other events are added to the website as details are confirmed, so do keep an eye out!

Auckland's Path Forward

Our Auckland event earlier in the year highlighted the region's urban challenges and opportunities. Engaging with government representatives and experts, we deepened our understanding of sustainable development and strategic planning. We would love to hold more in-person events in Auckland. Let us know what you'd like to hear and if you can help with identifying a suitable venue.

The CMC Designation

And for those who aspire to achieving the CMC status, it is more relevant than ever, especially with public sector panels recognising its value. We encourage eligible members to pursue this distinction. Again, refer to the website for criteria and the process.

Membership Subscription Reminder

As we continue to grow and serve our community, let's not forget the practicalities. Please mark your calendars for 1 January 2024, as this is when your subscriptions will be due. Keeping your membership current ensures uninterrupted access to our resources and events.

IMCNZ Bylaws Update

Reflecting our commitment to excellence, the bylaws have been revised to reintroduce the ACP membership class and to recognise the status of Fellow Emeritus.

Welcoming Our New Treasurer

We are excited to introduce Tania Vincent, Partner at Tregaskis Brown, as our new Treasurer. Tania brings a wealth of experience and insight to our council. She will be an invaluable asset to IMCNZ, steering our financial path with expertise and care, as well as contributing to Council oversight and operations.



Gratitude to Michael Iddon

Our deepest thanks go to Michael Iddon for his sterling service to the Council as Treasurer. Michael's dedication and hard work have been a guiding light, and his contributions will have a lasting impact. We wish him all the best as he steps down from the role.

Embracing AI in Consulting

The advent of AI tools like ChatGPT presents us with new possibilities and challenges. It's vital to stay informed and proactive in utilising such technologies to enhance our work while being mindful of the ethical implications. We will be considering our response in the light of the public sector seeking to ban their staff from using these tools. Certainly this technology will no doubt be a game-changer for public and private sector globally and it will be essential to think about the implications of its use and look at how it can be safely employed rather than just banning its use. Recently the Bletchley Park accord was discussed among many countries and interested parties, such as Elon Musk. Click here to find out more <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/countries-agree-to-safe-and-responsible-development-of-frontier-ai-in-landmark-bletchley-declaration>

Engagement and Your Profile

Keep your details current on our platform to make the most of our network. Don't forget to log your PD hours and ensure your membership remains active. This will be a key focus on 2024 – if you hold CMC designation, it's important to record your PDUs and submit these at least annually. If you're unsure of the process, please refer to the website or contact a member of Council.

Join Us on LinkedIn

Follow our LinkedIn pages for the latest news, events, and opportunities. It's a vibrant space to share and interact with the wider consulting community. We're interested in your views – if you have something to contribute to the consulting community, please contact a member of Council. We would love to share your thoughts and experiences.

Your Council Awaits You

The Council is the heart of IMCNZ, and your participation is what keeps it beating. We invite you to bring your voice and vision to our collective future.

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Together, we are stronger, wiser, and poised for greater success. Let's make 2024 a year of growth, collaboration, and professional excellence.