



20 December 2016

Dear PACE Member

Isn't it hard to believe we are at this time of year again!? I swear each year it just sneaks up on us ... never seem quite prepared! One thing I am prepared for however is a few days of R&R – let's hope the sunshine stays around!

Christmas Party at The Green Man

Thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas party at The Green Man last month, it was a great night of fun and laughter, and a bit of Bingo! Thanks to Christina and the rest of the management team for putting on another great event, and if you haven't checked out the Green Man's function space I'd highly recommend it – they do a great job.

Save the Date – 31 January 2017

Our first meeting back will be on Tuesday 31 January and will be a networking event at Boulcott Suites Area Function space. It'll be a great chance to catch up with fellow members while checking out their meeting space, including the fantastic O'Sullivan Penthouse Suite.

2017 Meetings

The management team have started working on the calendar for 2017 and thanks to those who provided suggestions in our member survey. A placeholder invite will be sent out to all members (by meeting co-ordinator Sarah O'Sullivan) so that you have the dates in your calendars. We have moved a couple of meetings away from the traditional last Tuesday of the month as they either fell on a public holiday, or were the day after a public holiday as we'd noticed that attendance tended to be down if that occurred. FYI the dates are listed below:

- 31 January – Boulcott Suites
- 28 February
- 28 March
- 2 May
- 30 May
- 27 June
- 29 August
- 26 September
- 31 October – AGM (moved from September to allow time for Financial reports to be completed)
- 29 November – Christmas Function

2017 Professional Development Forum – Save the date!

You may have noticed from the list of meetings above that there is no meeting scheduled for July, the reason being is we will be holding our second Professional Development Forum on Wednesday 26 July. Save the date! As the 2015 forum's format was so well received we have decided to stick with that, so it will be on from 10am to 3pm to allow people to go in to work before and after if need be.

A sub-committee is being put together to manage this event, if you're interested in being involved please contact me.

Management Team – two new members!

I'm delighted to welcome two new members to the management team – Kirsten Campbell from Callaghan Innovation, and Sarah McNaught from NZX. Please join me in welcoming them to the team, and I look forward to their input over the year.

[2016/17 PACE Management Team Details](#)

Corporate PA Summit – Discounted Rate

As per my email earlier this month, PACE members can receive a discount of 20% off the registration price for the Corporate PA Summit, being held in Auckland next May. Details are on the events page of our website – you'll need to login to access the details.

Final thoughts

I just had this sent to me and thought it appropriate to share:

If you are feeling exhausted as the year draws to an end, this is probably why.



2017 will be another big year for PACE and your management team is excited about continuing the solid work we have been doing to help you, our members, as well as advocate for our profession. I'm very proud to be part of such a wonderful organisation, and always feel revitalised every time we have our meetings, or I meet up with individual members.

I sincerely hope that you all have a fantastic festive season and take the time to relax, reflect and rejuvenate yourselves ready to face whatever 2017 will bring!

Rebecca Dobbs
Chair

