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Established in 2000, the Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAAs) exist to recognise, honour, and promote outstanding achievements in program and project management.

For more than 20 years the PMAAs has been the premier project management awards in Australia, recognising project professionals, organisations, and outstanding projects across industries. With over 10 award categories in construction/engineering, government, ICT/telecommunications, transformation, regional, and sustainable projects (to name a few), the PMAAs offers numerous opportunities to be recognised for your project successes.

Each year project teams across Australia submit their projects which are then assessed by a judging panel of project experts. Winners of each category are awarded in two levels: State and National, and presented at the Project Management Achievement Awards event ceremony.





NT individual finalists

Luke McMahon

Luke is a seasoned professional with 17 years of commercial project management experience. His diverse background includes roles such as project director, senior project manager and project management consultant, through which he has developed a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Recently working on the Defence Estate Works Program (EWP) allowed him to leverage his 14 years' previous experience as an Army Officer to achieve the best outcomes for clients and end-users. A highly regarded strategist, critical thinker, problems solver, team player, and a mentor, he holds an integral role in the successful delivery of projects by JLL.



Michael Thompson

Michael Thompson is an experienced Project Director with demonstrated success over 15 years in leading complex Defence projects, both in Australia and overseas, involving multiple stakeholders and working in remote and challenging environments. Currently the Project Director of the \$747 million United States Force Posture Initiatives (USFPI) Northern Territory Training Areas and Ranges upgrades project, Michael leads a team of five RPS project professionals managing works across four military training areas across the Northern Territory. His strong teamwork mindset, problem solving ability, good communication skills and focus on best for project outcomes make him a trusted advisor to his clients.





Romeo Vergara

Romeo has a professional background in architecture and is a Certified Practising Senior Project Manager with a proven record of accomplishments on a multi-discipline government project. He currently serves as an active Council Member of the Australian Institute of Project Management NT Chapter. With over 15 years of experience working with the Northern Territory Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL), Romeo is a proficient Senior Project Professional. In 2021-2022, he participated in the DIPL Leadership Program and was one of three participants who collaborated with different department divisions to develop the DIPL Strategic Plan 2022-2025, which was one of his greatest achievements at DIPL.



Pankaj Patel

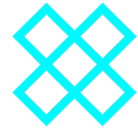
Pankaj is a qualified Civil Engineer and an IPMA Level B Certified Senior Project Manager with over 33 years' engineering and project management experience. Since joining RPS in 2017, he's been delivering large scale and complex infrastructure projects. His consistent, best practice approach ensures successful outcomes for his clients. Pankaj has been involved in the RAAF Base Tindal Redevelopment Stage 6 and US Force Posture Initiatives RAAF Base Tindal Airfield Works and Associated Infrastructure project from the start in the planning phase and is now managing the construction of airfield and fuel installation works worth over \$1.1 billion.



Bede Webb

Bede is a qualified construction manager, with 10 years' industry experience on large scale commercial and government projects. Since joining RPS two years ago, Bede has completed a large remote Defence civil project at Delamere Air Weapons Range and is currently working on the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct Redevelopment Program overseeing the delivery of the new wharf and fuel farm scope. Bede is passionate about complex projects, which have helped him refine his skills as a great communicator and team member. His solution-focussed approach enables him to quickly build trust amongst project stakeholders and drive project success.





Harsh Vaghani

Harsh is purpose-driven project manager who has been working on the NT Housing Program for the past 18 months. He has over 3 years of industry experience as a civil engineer. Harsh is inclined towards identifying efficiencies in processes and his experience as a civil engineer has resulted in high levels of client satisfaction. He understands the importance of regular and clear communication which aids in delivering the best performance for the client. Harsh's main areas of engagement are project planning and control, variation review, progress claims, contract administration, risk management, procurement, supply chains and stakeholder management.



Taylor Daniell

Taylor is a project management professional who within 5 years of her career as a consultant and in client-side roles, has consistently demonstrated an elite aptitude for project leadership and delivery of complex projects across the Defence Estate. Taylor has exceptional emotional quotient and ability to coordinate and communicate effectively across a broad range of internal and external stakeholders. She consistently exceeds performance targets. Taylor fulfils the critical role of Continuous Improvement Manager for a major Defence program. For the same program, she has recently been appointed as Assistant Program Manager.





Jodie Crawley

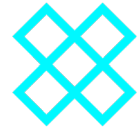
Jodie Crawley is a working mother and Certified Practicing Project Manager. She has eight years of professional experience in the defence industry. Currently, Jodie serves as a portfolio lead, managing a team of eleven project managers to deliver \$174 million worth of projects in 2022/23 under the Estate Works Program (EWP) for the Department of Defence in the Northern Territory. Jodie's primary goal is to achieve efficient and sustainable outcomes for her clients, while also supporting emerging project managers in their development and spearheading innovation to improve Defence's processes nationwide.



Morgan Kelly

As the Assistant Project Manager of the EST01990 United States Force Posture Initiatives (USFPI) Northern Territory Training Areas and Ranges Project and a Certified Practicing Project Manager, Morgan is dedicated to delivering excellence in all aspects of his role. Morgan places great emphasis on maintaining clear and open lines of communication with all Project stakeholders and team members, to ensure accurate and timely information is effectively disseminated. Additionally, Morgan is committed to utilizing Project Management tools and techniques to ensure the Project progresses in accordance with established schedules and that the expectations of the client and key stakeholders are met.





NT project finalists

Laramba Water Quality Upgrade Project

Laramba is a remote and isolated community of approximately 250 people and is located 170km north-west of Alice Springs. The drinking water supply is sourced from groundwater reserves, drawn from two bores approximately 26 km from the community. 3 of 13 Section 3 The groundwater for Laramba has naturally occurring uranium that is above the ADWG levels. The aim of this project is to remove the Uranium to a level below the ADWG. Complexities of this project included: remote location, tight timeframes for planning, design and delivery, land access, high political profile, multifaceted water treatment technology, multiple elements in addition to uranium requiring management.



Larrakeyah Officers Mess

JLL managed, designed and delivered this \$13.9m comprehensive refurbishment of the two-storey Larrakeyah Officers' Mess in Darwin. This heritage building is protected under the Commonwealth's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999; build complexity stemmed from significant structural repairs while maintaining heritage value and modernising its amenities. A conservation architect advised on heritage preservation during design and construction, and all project contractors and tradespeople complied with the project's heritage requirements. Furthermore, the Mess is significant to all Base officer personnel including VIP guests as their primary entertainment and accommodation hub. The outcome honours and revitalises this historic landmark.



Katherine and Big Rivers Community Sports and Recreation Venue

The Katherine Sportsgrounds are at the heart of the community and are used regularly by both junior and senior sporting groups across a wide spectrum of different sporting activities. Katherine Town Council embarked upon a project that saw the demolition of the existing Don Dale Pavilion replaced with a modern, fit-for-purpose pavilion. The demolition and replacement of the dilapidated pavilion was the Council's response in demonstrating to the community their



commitment to developing and maintaining a high-quality, multi-use facility to service the needs of the community, and to continue to support their rich history of sporting initiatives.



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Training Area Roads (TAR) Portfolio

The Australian government is investing in its Defence infrastructure and increasing its military capability to ensure Australia can deal with contemporary security challenges and maintain its position as a regional power. The Training Area portfolio considered efficiencies in developing a common design methodology for developing and delivering improvements to the road network across Defence’s network of training areas nationally. These three integrated projects involved repairing and upgrading 74km of road, including 30 floodways and 25 critical safety zones at the Bradshaw Field, Kangaroo Flats and Mt Bunday Training Areas in the Northern Territory.



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Delamere Air Weapons Range Stimulus Works Project

The \$120m Delamere Air Weapons Range Stimulus Works Project delivered infrastructure and facilities to support enhanced Defence capabilities and operations, at a remote site 519 km south of Darwin. Over 14 months, the project was defined, scoped, approved, procured, designed, mobilised and successfully constructed including during a five-month Top End wet season, delivering superior quality civil infrastructure and roads on a live bombing range. The project delivered the planned financial stimulus outcomes to the local economy through excellent levels of local regional workforce participation including Indigenous Business Enterprises and traditional owners, sustaining regional businesses during the peak Covid-19 period.



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Northern Territory Solar Schools Program

As part of the Northern Territory Governments (NTG) Roadmap to Renewables Plan, a plan to transition the Northern Territory (NT) to 50% renewable energy by 2030, the NTG has committed an initial \$5m to the Rooftop Solar Schools program. This goal aims to ensure the State’s clean energy future/ green energy transition to address/ target the effects of climate change. The program has seen numerous Solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems be developed and delivered for schools throughout the Northern Territory. The program initially focused on the Darwin region and has now expanded across into regional and remote areas of the territory.



USFPI Northern Territory Training Areas and Ranges upgrades project - Planning Phase

RPS has been engaged by the Department of Defence since December 2018 to deliver essential upgrades to facilities and infrastructure at four existing training areas across the Northern Territory. Over the three-year Planning Phase, RPS demonstrated exemplary planning in leading the scoping, master planning, design development and government approvals processes. Through a consistent, collaborative and professional approach to project management, RPS’ team have created a successful and inclusive project culture between all stakeholders, sponsors, client, users and the contractor which has allowed all challenges to be overcome in a collaborative manner and construction works to commence on program.





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