



## **Gazza's Guide to Practical Project Management**

Tips and advice on Surviving the Project Management Journey

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### **BACK COVER/ SUMMARY**

Life is complicated. If we can simplify the job of getting things done, the better off we usually are. This is particularly important in managing projects. In this book, Gary (Gazza) tackles the complexity of managing projects by breaking the essential components of Project Management down into practical, simple concepts. Whether you simply have an interest in Project Management or are already managing them, this book has something for you.

For most people, we remember things best when they are accompanied by music, or are part of a story. While there is no musical score to this book, there are plenty of project management lessons wrapped in entertaining stories to help the concepts stick. Featuring popular episodes from Gazza's Corner blog and all-new content, this book addresses the main stages of typical projects: Initiation, Planning, Execution, Closeout and Project Control.

#### **What you will find in this book:**

**Learn about the importance of the Project Kickoff** - and why you need a Monkey to help you through it.

**Need to create a new Project Plan?** Learn to write it as a story based on lessons learned from a famous author.

**Writing requirements?** Learn how to develop exceptional ones through lessons learned from Ice Cream - and the Spice Girls.

**Implementing Organizational Change?** Learn how to do it successfully by growing a Desert.

**Learn about the essentials of Risk Management** from a pocket umbrella in the heart of the Australian Desert.

**You can't get there from here:** tips on getting things done, in spite of it all.

**A playful theory on the origin of writing** - and why it is so important that we write stuff down.

**Working with Virtual Teams or Volunteers?** Read key lessons on working with both types of teams.

And many other topics.

From managing hundreds of small, concurrent projects to multi-year, multi-million dollar ventures, Gazza shares his 20+ years of experience and lessons learned to help you along the project management journey.

## SHORT SUMMARY

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## REVIEWS

**'Gazza's Guide to Practical Project Management:** *Tips and advice on Surviving the Project Management Journey This is an Extraordinary Project Management book! Required reading for those who are not project managers or don't want to be project managers but already organize people to get stuff done, i.e. you really are doing project management. And this is a great book for practicing project managers too. I read the change management portion twice to gain valuable tips on improving what I was doing on a current project.*

*This book is a delightful read. The ease at which the information is laid out and embellished with fun stories and tips belies the fact that this is PMBOK Guide compliant. The information is easily absorbed based on the conversational style, and time flies by as this is a very quick read. I knew the book was going to be special when he started off with talking about effective traits of project managers, and ended with volunteerism.'*

**Rosemary Hossenlopp, PMP,** Organizational Project Management (OPM) Community Of Practice (CoP)  
Knowledge Management Lead

*'Gazza's Guide to Practical Project Management is an experience grounded book that describes the importance in project success of both people and process, and he does this through the sharing of the authors stories from projects past. Readable, practical and a lot of fun, which as the author of The Lazy Project Manager I always feel is important.'*

**Peter Taylor - The Lazy Project Manager**

*'Nicely assembled 'tour' of project management. You won't find methodological notes on how to create a WBS, but you will learn - from a feet-on-the-street perspective - what you'll really end up doing as a project manager.*

*It's a thoroughly readable, enjoyable book which uses real stories from the author's background. Give this book a read!'*

**Rich Maltzman, PMP,** co-author, Cleland Award-winning book: *Green Project Management*