

MATTHEW WALLIS: NPD PROCESS MANAGER, STRAMIT



- Course of Study:** Diploma of Project Management
- Tertiary Institute:** Australian College of Project Management
- Duration of Study:** 5 day training course
+ 6 months to prepare work portfolio and complete knowledge workbook
+ 2 hour interview/assessment

The Background Story:

Matthew has been involved in Project Management in the workplace for over 5 years without any formal training to support his on the job learning. He applied to the EEF at the end of 2010, outlining a desire to attend a programme of formal training on project management, to help develop skills that would allow him to inject best practices into the Stramit NPD process.

He commented that initially he found it hard to get started on the portfolio and workbook, as the workload appeared very overwhelming to begin with. After getting into the flow of studying again however, he progressed through the work quickly:

“I procrastinated a bit at the start and only did small chunks of work at night. But as the deadline loomed I began to focus and worked hard to complete everything in a few weeks working on it for a couple of hours each night and some solid hours over a couple of weekends. I finished everything with a month to spare. It probably took a total of about 40-50 hours to complete everything.”

With the hard work put in, Matthew has now successfully attained his Diploma of Project Management, something he says he probably would not have pursued without the EEF’s support to pay the fees.

He would recommend undertaking further studies to his colleagues:

“It can be hard work, but it was definitely worthwhile and receiving the Certificate was very rewarding. I’ve also put what I learnt into practice to improve the NPD (new product development) process at Stramit.”

Matthew Wallis