

KM in Australia

KM Forums

The ACT Knowledge Management (ActKM) Forum, was initiated by a small group of Australian Public Service and private sector KM practitioners based in Canberra towards the end of 1998. This is a very active forum, meeting monthly in Canberra and active online discussion. There is also a new NSW KM Forum

Standard for KM – AS 5037

Standards Australia International (SAI) has developed an Interim Standard on Knowledge Management, [AS 5037\(Int\)–2003 – Knowledge management](#). This effort parallel other efforts around the world, most notably in Britain and the US, by other standards bodies.

Standards Australia's approach differs from others in that its origins began with assistance from a community of interest on KM that is hosted by a division of SAI, Business Excellence Australia. The output of this earlier effort resulted in the publication of a handbook (HB 275—2001) which was subsequently used by the current Committee.

The Interim KM Standard, released in February 2003, calls for feedback to guide the development of the final Standard due out in 2004. Mid, 2003 is therefore the ideal time for the publication of this book: a structured compilation of commentaries by eminent Australasian academics and practitioners founded on their most recent research and experience in knowledge management.



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Book Announcement

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Synopsis.

There are very few people involved in the management and operations of organisations, whether in business, government or community spheres, who would not agree that these are turbulent times. It often seems that, as organisations, we are overloaded with information and technology and that we are seeking ways to deal with crisis after crisis, without really knowing what will work or where we are going. Knowledge management suggests that we step back and take a holistic view of where we are and what it is that we are trying to do. It brings the human voice back into the technological, economic-rational view of modern organisations and provides a different picture of organisations that are not mere machines but much more “organic” where collective knowledge can be mobilised for innovation and growth. This book brings together the diverse approaches currently seen in knowledge management research and practice relevant to practitioners, academics, students, and all those who want to better understand how the Australian context influences the application of knowledge management.

Overview

Part I Concepts, Models and Justification of KM
Part II Generation, Transfer and Utilisation of Knowledge
Part III Socio-Technological Enablers and Facilitators of KM
Part IV Integrated KM Solutions from Business and Government
Part V Continuing Issues and Challenges for KM in Australia

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