**Christopher Davies**

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**Programme/Senior Project Manager**

A chartered manager and accomplished professional, with extensive experience in Programme and Project Management. Skilled in managing strategic level engagement and leading complex and politically challenging change programmes. Highly proficient in the rapid definition of organisational requirements and the consequential development and delivery of enabling programmes. A solid history of success in delivering programme and project benefits. ***Proven expertise in:***

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| * Project Planning & Governance * Safety Management * Risk Assessment & Mitigation * Change Management | * Operational Excellence * Strategic Planning & Execution * Team Training & Leadership * Continuous Process Improvement |

**Professional Experience**

Commercial, Melbourne, Australia

**Programme/Senior Project Manager,** 2016 to Present

*Accountable for the delivery of a multi-strand programme, designed to develop the Melbourne Fire Brigade’s (MFB) specialist emergency response capabilities and facilitate the discharge of its legislative and statutory obligations.*

Managed the strategic level engagement with key state authorities to identify organisational requirements and led the subsequent definition and delivery of a pan-institutional programme to inform structural change and the management, operation, and support of in-service capabilities, as well as the delivery of new capabilities.

***Key Contributions:***

* Supervised a politically challenging strategic review into organisation’s maritime responsibilities as well as counselled and assisted senior management in resolution of marine legislative concerns.
* Administered on-going $3M equipment re-capitalisation programmes to empower capability enhancements and requirements to be realised.
* Developed and delivered a multi-strand in-service $20M enhancement programme to address highlighted shortfalls enabling the preservation of work health and safety accreditation.

**Project Manager,** 2014 to 2016

Responsible for leading and overseeing all aspects of an equipment enhancement project, to facilitate the introduction into service of new operational capabilities and supporting enablers.

Delivered infrastructure, services, and skills acquisition programmes to support safe, effective, and efficient MFB operations in the marine domain.

***Key Contributions:***

* Regenerated $10M hard-ware enhancement project to cost, schedule, and quality baselines, following earlier failure, and loss of projected benefits.
* Re-established, mentored and led a junior and inexperienced project team through period of significant managerial challenges.

**Royal Navy Career** 1984 to 2014

*Served as a warfare officer within the Royal Navy, conducting activities ranging from sea going command of national/international forces, through to senior staff appointments within strategic (MOD), and operational (NATO) headquarters.*

Royal Navy, Portsmouth, UK

**Senior Capability Manager,** 2011 to 2014

Managed the delivery of Mine Counter Measures (MCM), diving and maritime Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) policy, strategy, and operational direction. Provided oversight of change management and capability enhancement projects, instrumental to the sustainment of the UK’s in-service MCM, diving and EOD capabilities.

***Key Contribution:***

* Delivered in-service capability management programmes to empower mandated operational outputs in UK and overseas theatres of operations, at a tempo well above department financial control totals.
* Enhanced the delivery, availability, and sustainability of deployed MCM vessels by 100%, at a time of significant financial constraint via the development and execution of bespoke ‘get well’ program.
* Oversaw rapid definition of User Requirements and developed plans to assist upgrade of units operating within Gulf, North Africa, and Middle East regions.

**Additional Experience:**

* **Senior Risk Manager** at Royal Navy, Portsmouth, UK
* **Head of Training** at Royal Navy, Portsmouth, UK
* **Executive Leadership and Management** at NATO, Mons, Belgium
* **Senior Strategic Policy Planner** at Ministry of Defence, London, UK
* **Operational Manager** at NATO, Naples, Italy

**Education and Certification**

**BSc (Hons) Applied Physics**

University of Surrey – Guildford, UK

Advanced Management Course University of Manchester Business School | Chartered Management Post Graduate Certificate in Strategic Direction/Leadership | Managing Successful Programmes (Practitioner) | Project Management Qualifications (PMI & PRINCE 2 (Practitioner) Certified Practitioner of the Australian Institute of Project Managers

**Membership and ASSOCIATIONS**

Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute | Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management | Member of the Association of Project Managers | | Member of the Australian Institute of Project Managers | Member of the Institute of Asset Management