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Agile Governance – Managing the Enterprise Issues

IT governance models have been developed largely to deal with traditional waterfall-style development. The rapid increase in the adoption of Agile software development raises a variety of important questions about governance:

- Can existing governance models deal with Agile development?
- How well have those existing governance models been dealing with IT performance and risk management?
- What new patterns for IT governance might be necessary to realise the benefits of faster time-to-market and better IT business alignment promised by more Agile delivery models?

This seminar will explore these and related questions from the perspective of lessons learned from enterprise Agile adoption.

- ThoughtWorks has been assisting organisations in Agile adoption for over 10 years and deals regularly with the challenges of governance and compliance protocols.
- Suncorp is carrying out the largest Agile change programme in Australia and has had to grapple with numerous governance concerns.
- Lonely Planet's award-winning web site was recently relaunched after an extensive retooling of its development practices, featuring both Agile adoption and fundamental changes to its operational model.



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About the Speakers

Josh Melville, Executive Manager, Suncorp

Josh is Executive Manager, Portfolio and Performance Services within Suncorp Business Technology and is responsible for portfolio and performance reporting, strategy coordination and risk and compliance. Josh was previously a Change Leader on the Suncorp BT Agile Change Program, responsible for maintaining the overall program of work, tracking performance and managing relationships with the Agile strategic partners.

Lindy Stephens, Professional Services Manager, ThoughtWorks

Lindy has over ten years experience in working as a Project / Programme Manager for software delivery projects, mostly working with large Australian financial institutions. During this time, Lindy was often called upon to help organisations transition from more traditional software development approaches to what is now colloquially known as Agile software development.

Nigel Dalton, GM IT, Lonely Planet

For Nigel Dalton, the Agile road to Damascus was Flight QF73 to San Francisco in early 2000, when he read XP Explained on the plane and never looked back. When Nigel joined Lonely Planet in 2007, the seeds of an Agile IT organisation had just been planted. With ThoughtWorks' assistance, Nigel introduced Agile practices across the enterprise and was instrumental at introducing and embedding Agile governance at the board level.

About ThoughtWorks

ThoughtWorks is a global IT consultancy that provides systems development, consulting and transformation services. The company's pioneering approach, which includes industry acclaimed Agile and Lean best practices, helps CIOs and business leaders maximise investment performance across a portfolio of complex, business critical applications, while reducing time and risk.

Event Details

Brisbane: Wednesday 9 September 2009
Hilton Brisbane
190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Melbourne: Wednesday 16 September 2009
The Westin Melbourne
205 Collins Street, Melbourne

Perth: Wednesday 23 September 2009
Parmelia Hilton
14 Mill Street, Perth

Sydney: Wednesday 30 September 2009
Radisson Plaza
27 O'Connell Street, Sydney

Time: 8.00am - 9.30am
A light buffet breakfast will be provided.

RSVP: Friday 4 September 2009
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