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holding together project portfolios

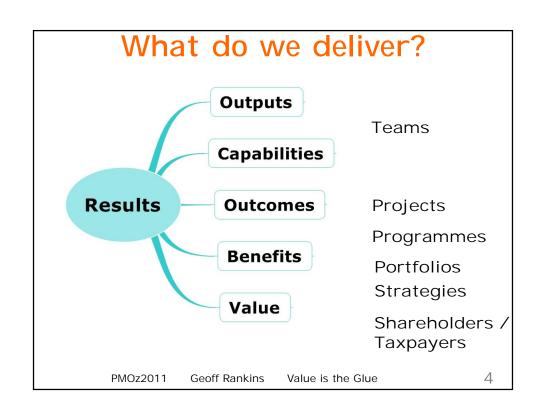
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What are organisations worried about? Strategy What could we do? more often than How could we do it? Tactics





Concepts of Value

- Aristotle
 - Ethical, judicial, religious, political, social, aesthetic, economic
- Economic distinctions
 - Use = utility
 - Esteem = desire, perception
 - Exchange = market, cash .

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More info please

- "Standards"
 - Value Analysis, Value Engineering
 - SAVE International Value Standard and BoK
- Standards
 - AS 4183:2007 Value Management
 - BS EN 12973:2000 (European)
- Guidance / training
 - IVMA accreditation criteria for training courses
 - Management of Value



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What is Value?

Satisfaction of needs

Value ≡

Use of Resources

Alternative forms:

Value = Benefits / Expenditure

Value = Function / Cost

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Why is it hard?

"The constructive and destructive force of human attitudes and practices, and their effect on appropriate designs and costs"

Lesson learned by Victorian Gateway Unit:

 Evaluation of procurement proposals is (still) driven by up-front cost rather than long-term value for money .

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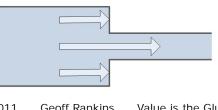
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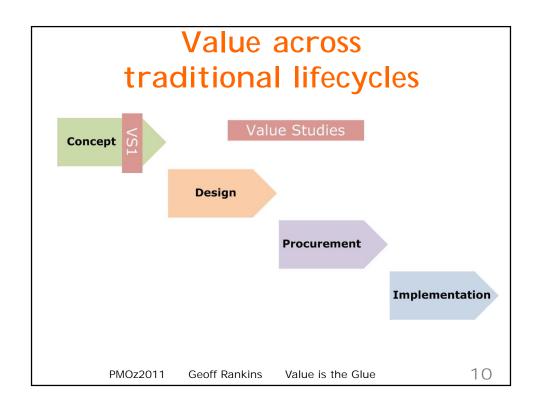
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Why is it hard?

- Comparing apples with oranges
 - Comparing disparate options in meaningful ways
 - In the face of differing priorities, clashing agendas
 - And arriving at a balanced decision enjoying consensus support
- "Impedance mismatch"
 - Lack of clarity about value among the players .





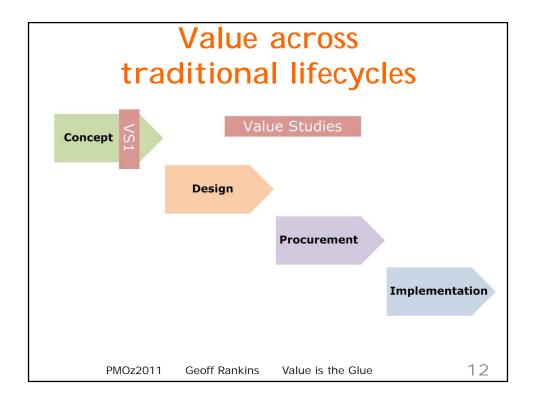
Scope for Improvement

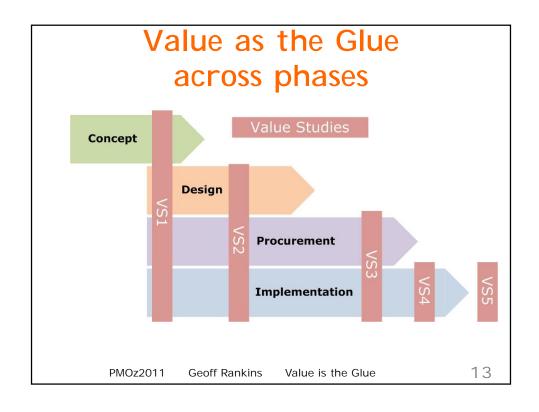
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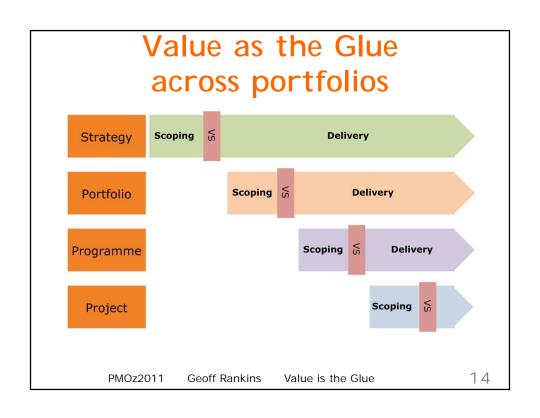
- Project scoping is getting worse, not better
- Inadequacies are discovered far too late
- Inadequate definition of project objectives
- · Lack of stakeholder input to scoping
- Too little demonstration of value for money

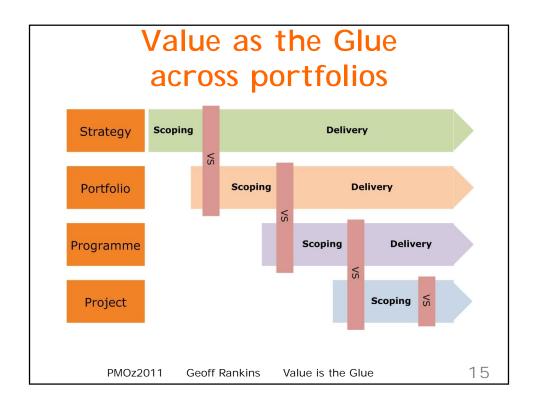
Survey 2006

Australian Constructors Association .









Value and Risk

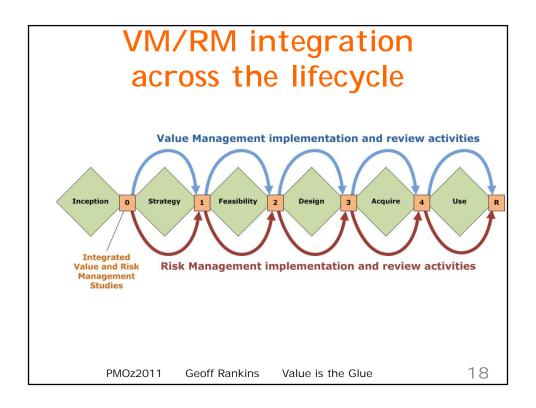
Q: What are the critical risks in a portfolio, programme or project environment?

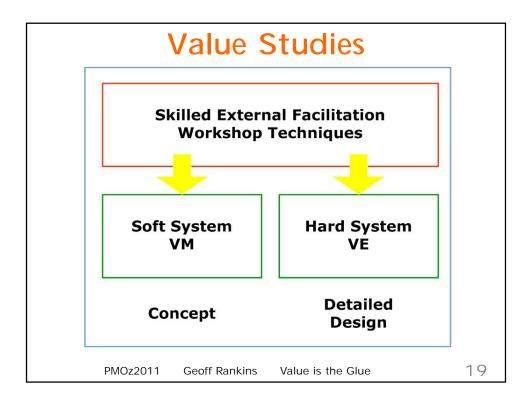
A: Risks to value

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Value and Risk working together

- VM provides the means to identify, articulate, socialise, agree and deliver best value
- RM provides assurance that the setup and delivery of portfolios, programmes and projects will avoid the destruction of value, and will seek the enhancement of value.





Soft Systems VM

The 5 Cs

- · Concepts reflect all stakeholders needs
- · Communication optimised between all parties
- Consensus design solutions achieved (qualitative)
- · Commitment gained from all stakeholders

Leads to:

· Collective, agreed outcomes .

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Hard Systems VE

The 5 Ss

- Static versus dynamic design problems
- Same understanding of which functions are necessary
- Systems Engineering, systems analysis (quantitative)
- Selection of preferred design through costing exercises

Leads to:

· Succinct detailed design .

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VM - Getting the concept clear

Strategic Value Management decision:

Build a hotel, not a shopping mall

Project Value Management decision:

A 3-star hotel is out best option, not a 4- or 5-star

Evaluation criteria include: aspects of risk, safety, sustainability, etc – but not cost initially

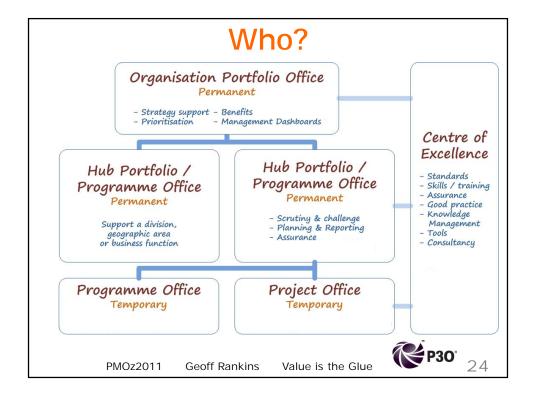
VE - Getting the concept clear

It's to be a 3 Star Hotel.

So now:

- Maximise design efficiencies
- Minimise cost (without critical compromises)
- · Meet stakeholder objectives of:
 - Safety
 - Sustainability
 - Aesthetics
 - Etc .

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Value and Agility at the Speed of Light

- Value and Agility
 - Which way to skin the cat, today?
- Emergent strategy
- No more stove-pipes
 - Integrated processes
- Value is the Glue!

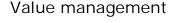
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