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Renewtek has Australia's only certified Scrum practitioner

Renewtek, an Australian information technology company which specialises in the use of leading edge tools and technologies, is pleased to announce that Martin Kearns is the only certified Scrum practitioner in Australia.

Scrum is an agile methodology in how to manage complex projects and influence work experience. The principles of Scrum promote self directed teams, daily team assessments and avoid prescriptive processes by placing interactive processes across complex projects as opposed to process control.

Martin Kearns has been a Scrum practitioner for the last 8 months and joined Renewtek in 2005 where he has responsibility for designing training courses around Scrum and promoting all Agile principles within Renewtek and to their diverse client base.

He believes that Scrum agile development gives project ownership back to staff members and allows people who are more knowledgeable about the projects to direct and manage them going forward.

“Agile Methodologies empowers teams to manage complex projects, choose the amount of work to be done and decide how to best do it, thereby positively influencing the work experience by providing a more enjoyable and productive working environment.”

“Scrum incorporates other agile principles where needed to create a process that compliments the characteristic of the team / culture. This allows team members to be empowered and confident enough to advise clients when projects are either going to be delayed or overspending is likely. Client expectations and mind sets can then be managed and teams become more accountable. Renewtek has open communication with clients and provides them with accurate information early so that management has enough information to make their decisions on.”

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Renewtek's CEO Mr Fergus Porter, said Agile development has been summarised by numerous people in what is now called the agile manifesto.

"We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value the following; individuals and interactions over processes and tools, working software over comprehensive documentation, customer collaboration over contract negotiations and responding to change after following a plan."

Other benefits of Scrum include be able to focus on prioritising work based on actual business value, improving the usefulness of what is delivered, and increasing revenue which then leads to regular returns on investment and improved communication channels to management and product owners.

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