

# The Inside Soup

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## Mojo Spotlight

We are Souper proud to announce the addition of two new leading hires in the Data and AI space to extend capability and capacity for our Customers.

Jared Bagnall joins as Practice Manager, leading the Insights and Analytics team alongside Principal Consultant, Haley Schumacher, who rejoins us at Mojo Soup after 3 years. They both bring vast consulting experience from big-four and leading edge data practices to add new capability to our amazing team.

David Lockie, Founder of Mojo Soup commented: "We are so excited to welcome Jared and Haley to lead our Insights and Analytics practice and develop our Data and AI offering. Securing this kind of capability in the burgeoning AI market provides the leading edge services our clients need to grow and evolve. These appointments are completely aligned with our strategic focus and intent to engage brilliant minds to inspire and enable change across our customer base.

[Read our media release here](#)



## Project Spotlight

This month, we're shining the spotlight on our TASTE framework—an innovative way of approaching development and testing that goes beyond the usual methods. TASTE stands for Testing, Assurance, Structure, Technique, and Experience.

The idea for TASTE came from our desire to always leave a positive impression on our customers - to always leave behind a good TASTE. We wanted to go beyond just finishing projects; we aim to make a lasting impact on every venture.

At its core, the TASTE framework comes from years of lessons learned and collective expertise. Our team identified the strengths in our services and products, creating a flexible yet strong solution that easily fits into our management systems.

TASTE directly addresses the immediate need for quality assurance in projects. Following a careful process, it ensures that every result meets the highest standards, contributing significantly to our goal of zero technical debt. It's not just about completing tasks; it's about crafting solutions with lasting quality.

A recent success story featuring the TASTE framework involved a collaboration with a government client in NSW. The team seamlessly integrated TASTE into their existing QA process, providing a comprehensive solution that ensured transparency and accountability at every level, from individual tasks to overall releases.

Looking ahead, the TASTE framework has plans for further integration into Azure DevOps practices, standardizing test scripts for specific personas, embracing testing automation, and the development of official TASTE artifacts, such as test plans and reports





## Community Spotlight

For this month's community update we are proud to see our volunteering policy taking shape through the experience of our Power Platform Consultant, John Bordin, who recently participated in the PMDoS (Project Management Day of Service) 2023. This event, dedicated to supporting charitable causes, brought together project management professionals to contribute their time and expertise. John was part of a remarkable team that collaborated efficiently, demonstrating the impactful outcomes achievable in just one day, thanks to the support of innovative tools like ChatGPT.

John dedicated his skills to assist ManUp! Australia, a prominent advocate for prostate cancer awareness, prevention, and education, particularly in regional and rural areas of Queensland and New South Wales. ManUp! is committed to stopping prostate cancer-related fatalities by educating men in these communities and promoting early detection through annual testing. It's inspiring to see our team members actively engaging with organizations like ManUp! and making a positive impact in crucial areas of public health.

During the PMDoS event John and his team achieved key milestones for ManUp! Australia. They developed a Two-Year Plan and a concise SWOT Analysis. The team also outlined pros and cons for Year 1 and 2, crafted a lightweight business plan with a timeline, and utilized tools like MOSCOW Analysis and RACI to prioritize and delegate tasks. A Risk Analysis was conducted, and the day concluded with additional insights and a commitment to ongoing support. The collaboration exemplifies the impact of strategic planning and collective effort in advancing ManUp!'s mission.



## *Soupien Du Jour*

Steve joined us this month, adding his unique flavour to Mojo Soup as a Power Platform Consultant. Steve specialises in Microsoft Power Platform, and utilises it's foundation and flexibility to build solutions to meet business needs.

Let's get to know Steve!

*What's something we wouldn't see on your resume?*

I've done a stint as an Uber driver 🚗. It was eye-opening, being involved with a startup bringing the new idea of ridesharing to Australia. It exposed me to a wide cross-section of people and their backgrounds.

*Most exciting thing about starting at Mojo Soup?*

The ability to go forth, create great things and quickly make a difference. Every day is different, but the opportunity to make things better remains.

*Last series you watched?*

Beef, on Netflix. Let me know if you've seen a road rage incident escalate quicker!



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# *In Case You Missed It*

## *The Conversation*



### **Insights from Ignite: The New Microsoft Planner**

As part of this year's Microsoft Ignite a comprehensive vision for the new Planner was unveiled. This vision integrates tasks, plans, and projects into a single unified solution that aims to revolutionise work management.

→ [Read more here](#)



### **The Latest from Microsoft Lists and Microsoft Stream on SharePoint**

Welcome to our captivating blog where we dive deep into the thrilling possibilities offered by Lists and Stream, two remarkable additions to the Microsoft 365 Apps Suite.

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### **New Big-4 Hires Bolster Data and AI Capability at Mojo Soup**

Digital and business transformation partner, Mojo Soup has announced two new leading hires in Data and AI to bolster its capability and capacity for Customers.

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## *Thank you for reading!*

We hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter as much as we enjoyed making it!

