

Sep/Oct Newsletter 2022

Message from the Chair

In August this year, we were most fortunate to be invited to the Deakin Engineering Society 2022 Annual Dinner held at Mt Duneed Estate by The Head of School of Engineering, Deakin University. Rory Lynch and I attended this function as a step towards connecting with Deakin University, its engineering staff and engineering students. It was a very auspicious evening with over 150 engineering professionals, regional industry members, engineering students, researchers, alumni, and students from previous years along with teaching staff. It was a great opportunity to make new connections, socialise and introduce our own Geelong Regional Engineering Group.

We were also able to secure a special presentation for our next dinner meeting on the 18th Oct 2022 by Ben Horan, Head of School of Engineering, Deakin University. I invite our members and friends to come along to this next dinner event and look forward to meeting with many of our members after a very testing past two years of Covid restrictions. I look forward to seeing you all on the 18th Oct.

Deakin University Open Day

Deakin University held its Open Day on Sunday 7th August and a number of GREG members attended, in particular, a personalised tour of the Centre of Advanced Engineering Training (CADET) building. Those who had a tour were given an opportunity to learn about the research projects that undergraduates and postgraduates are undertaking with industry collaboration, among other aspects of the engineering syllabus. It was enlightening to see at first hand the academia/industry collaboration applied to real-time problem solving which surely benefits both students and industry alike.

Affiliated Regional Engineers Event – Regional Engineers Country Weekend

A Regional Engineering Country Weekend was planned for May 2022 but unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to insufficient registrants for it to be a break even event.

This event has been extremely popular over the past decades but with changes to participating stakeholder organisations along with the Covid pandemic, it is understandable that considerable effort to regenerate the previous enthusiasm will be necessary for the event to be a success again.

Victorian Engineer Registration Scheme

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that as of the 1st October 2022 the requirements for Engineers practicing in Civil and Structural Engineering are required to be registered under the new Victorian Engineers Registration Legislation.

On the 25th May 2022, an information session run by Professionals Australia to brief engineers on upcoming engineers' registration legislative changes and answer questions was attended by a number of GREG members.

While the information provided during the session was valuable, it is evident that those wanting in-depth information on the Scheme should make their own enquires through Professionals Australia <https://www.professionalsaustralia.org.au/> or other on-line information sources, for example, the relevant Victorian Government website or Engineers Australia.

The Victorian Engineers Registration Legislation has now been legislated. John Lambert is our group's Victorian Engineer Registration working group leader.

Upcoming and Proposed events for the coming year

- October 2022 Speaker Event & Dinner – See flyer
- End of Year networking and Christmas function – date to be advised
- H2 car by Toyota
- Climate change discussion

Any other ideas for events would be welcome. If you have a subject matter that you wish to share, please let any of us on the committee know.

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