

2022 Christmas Newsletter

Christmas message from the Chair

This year after the last two years of Covid restriction has seen our group return to having three great events, each with a good turnout. We have also grown our membership through our members' networking and recommendations. We extend a warm welcome to all our new members, who have joined us in the last few months.



With the festive season just at our doorstep, many are already rushing to complete whatever is on our work plate to focus on celebrating with friends, and loved ones. In such haste, please ensure safety is not compromised.

As the year draws to a close, the committee and I wish you a very joyous Christmas in the company of your family, loved ones and friends and that the New Year brings you all that you have wished for.

The committee and I have a great line of events for the New Year and we all look forward to having your continued participation and support in 2023.

Merry Christmas,

Bernie

End of Year event at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club

On the 24th November an event to mark the end of the year was held at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club. Originally it was planned to have a guest speaker to talk about the construction of the new Spirit of Tasmania Terminal at Corio Quay. However, this was postponed at the last moment and will now be held early in March 2023. Fortunately, our Engineers Registration Working Group representative, John Lambert, was available to provide his presentation on the history and current situation of the Engineers Registration Scheme. The event was well attended and John's presentation, a summary of which will soon be available on the GREG website, stimulated many questions and much discussion.

The venue provided a great opportunity to wind up the year with good company and excellent food.

The following photos depict John delivering his presentation and attendees enjoying the catering of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.



Notes on Continuing Professional Development – Engineers Registration

There appears to be some misconception on what counts as CPD (Continuing Professional Development) with reference to Victorian Engineers Registration. As part of the Victorian Professional Engineers Registration Act, registrants need to demonstrate commitment to continuing professional development in keeping their skills current and in line with the highest standards of contemporary practice. This is also one of the corner stone of the Engineers Australia’s CPEng chartership or Professional Australia’s Engineer’s RPEng

Register. One needs to accumulate at least 150hrs of CPD in a rolling three-year period. There are several ways that count towards CPD. For engineers who do not already hold a CPEng or RPEng status, this will be a new encounter. Some engineers that I have encountered recently thought that this meant attending an accredited training learning event. While accredited training is one means of accumulating CPD hrs, there are several other ways and accumulating enough CPD hrs may not be as daunting as it first appears.

At GREG, we aim to host events that have some learning value that can be counted towards CPD hours to enable our members to accumulate their CPD hours. These GREG hosted events would typically qualify under category Type II of EA's definitions or Type C of PA's definitions. The definitions include conferences, seminars, industry technical presentations, discussion groups, technical workshops and technical meetings. Under the registration scheme, in both the EA's chartership and PA's register, it is up to the individual to support the relevance of the each CPD learning towards their professional development. Keeping a detail CPD register is highly recommended.

Alternatively, if one was to prepare and deliver a technical presentation at a conference or technical meeting, this would also count towards the accumulation of CPD hours.

There is also another means of accumulating CPD hours and that is under Category V of EA or Category H of PA, called Service to the Engineering Profession.

For more details see the following sources from the following websites.

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-10/CPD%20types%20and%20conditions.pdf>

or

https://www.rpeng.org.au/RPENG/Content/Apply/ER_Development.aspx

Therefore, come and participate in GREG and be on the committee or if you have some technical matter you wish to share with other engineers, prepare and make a presentation at one of our future events and this will all contributes towards your CPD hours.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Lambert or Bernie Chen.

Membership

Geelong Regional Engineers Group Membership is due on 1st of January each year.

Anyone who joins GREG for the first time, from November onwards, has their membership extended until the end of the following year (in this case December 2023).

We will send out a reminder email with payment details, etc., early in the new year.

Wishing everyone a good safe break over Christmas and we will see you all again in the New Year.

Robert Gregory

VC & Membership Officer

Upcoming Events for 2023

- PPU (Polypropylene Unit) plant tour at VIVA Energy Corio. When: 4 PM Thursday 16th February 2023.
- Dinner Meeting event and AGM, 23rd March 2023, Guest speaker Prof Mahmud Ashraf to present and discuss wood technology in new commercial building structures.
- April/May 2023, presentation by the CEO of Spirit of Tasmania Terminal and tour of terminal facility at Corio Quay. Final date to be confirmed.
- Dinner meeting event in June 2023, Guest speaker by Claudia Montalvo to present on project engineering and project management. Final date to be confirmed.

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