

## 2024 Christmas Newsletter

### President Christmas message

How fast has this year gone by! We had a very successful and eventful year with a full calendar of events featuring a diverse number of interesting topics. Your support and attendance at these events have been great and reflects the engagement and support from our members.

For 2025, we have already secured a number of speakers for our events. While not a full calendar at this stage, we are always open to suggestions and contribution from you to help make these events interesting and relevant. If you know of a topic/speaker of interest, please come forward.

Our AGM will be in March 2025 and committee positions are up for elections. We encourage some of you to come and be part of the committee next year to help invigorate the team to ensure we continue to bring new ideas on board for the benefit of our members. We all look forward to having your continued participation and support going forward.

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



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*Bernie*

### End of Year Wrap up for 2024 at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club

On Thursday evening, the 12<sup>th</sup> December, a gathering of old and new members of our Group met at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club to wrap up a very successful year.

We had a very topical subject presented by Dr Ian Burston to plant the seed of the idea asking “Why Not Nuclear” for Australia’s electricity needs. Ian covered a bit of background and history as to why nuclear energy for power generation has never been part of Australia’s energy mix. There were some passionate discussions at question time and into the refreshment break at the end. It was important to note that the GREG does not specifically lobby to have Nuclear energy against other forms of energy for power generation. It was to allow our members to openly ask questions and discuss the issues that Nuclear energy has to offer or not offer in the face of looming seemingly ever increasing electricity prices that is already causing industry to reassess its investment in this country.

As a group of professional engineers with vast industrial experience we should be able to openly talk about the pros and cons.

Ian's presentation slide will be posted on our website for those that would like to see them. Ian is also open to input and ideas about the topic if you wish to discuss further with him.

## 2025 site visit - Pooseum of Modern F(Art), hosted by Barwon Water

We have secured an exclusive visit to Barwon Water's Pooseum of Modern F(Art). This will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

See attached flyer for details. Friends and family welcome. Free for children under 12 years old accompanied by parent/guardian.

*Rory Lynch*

Secretary

## Membership

Geelong Regional Engineers Group Membership is due on 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year.

We will send out a reminder email with invoice and payment details to secure your continued financial support for the coming 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

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