

2025 Sept-Oct Newsletter

GREG continues to grow its membership with numbers over 120 members strong drawing many from the Geelong and surrounding regional areas. Many of our new members are through member recommendations and engineering peer network connections. Our CPD relevant technical events have proven to be most engaging, drawing new members to our collective group.

Our events since August this year:

Infrastructure and Environment 15th Sept 2025

A big thank you to our Deakin University presenters, Dr James Gong, Dr Riyadh Al-Ameri and Dr Nusrat Razzak, who shared their great innovative research and engineering experience, shining a light on how we, as engineers contribute to a better and improved world.

Dr James Gong presented the research theme at Deakin University and how this bridged between the needs of community and industry through innovation.



Dr Riyadh Al-Ameri presented on new innovative use of recycle materials in areas of construction such as in concrete that could deal with waste issues by delivering alternative sustainable end products.



Dr Nusrat Razzak presented on how conversion of waste materials through carbon transformation could be used in agriculture and water treatment.

The event was fully subscribed with a great interactive Q&A session which was followed by informal networking and refreshments while attendees admired the beautiful

evening vista of Corio bay from the 6th floor venue of Deakin University Waterfront Campus.

We had a large number of staff from the Deakin University School of Engineering attending, a welcome indication of their support of GREG and the events we host.

Thank you to Deakin University and Pardo Engineering for sponsoring this event.



Deakin Career Expo Day Sept 2025

GREG once again had a stand at the Deakin University Career Expo Day to provide exposure of the Geelong Regional Engineers Group to support budding engineering and allied technical professions in the Geelong area. Some members were on hand to help undergraduates and post graduates students with information about stepping into the realm of engineering practice. It was also an opportunity to market our next event, "How to Land that Next Dream Job" in October encouraging the value of this event where they can gain insight of the key elements of landing that all important first engineering position.

Engineers Country Weekend – 3rd - 5th Oct 2025



This year's event was held in Ballarat and sponsored by IPWEA. While this was not a GREG organised event, GREG fosters collaboration with other regional engineering groups to promote synergies which provides opportunities to foster close ties and have shared learnings with fellow engineers from other regional areas in Victoria. The event was well attended.

The event included a history walking tour of Ballarat, visits to Alstom's railway carriage manufacturing facility and Replas Manufacturing that makes park garden bollards and park bench planks from recycled plastics, on Saturday. On Sunday, a tour of Ballarat's oldest trout fish hatchery followed by a visit to the Ballarat Tram Museum and a tram ride, finishing off with lunch by Lake Wendouree at Pipers Lake Restaurant. Some of us took a stroll through Ballarat's beautiful botanical gardens after lunch and a visit to Michael Unwin winery.



Highlight of the weekend was the Saturday evening conference with two guest speakers. As president of GREG, I was invited to give a short presentation of the GREG's success in Geelong region supporting the local engineers in the Geelong and the wider Geelong region. There are plans to have collaborative events in the coming year providing members with more CPD event choices.

How to Land That Dream Job 7th Oct 2025



Another successful event, well attended by experienced engineers and student members, providing undergraduate and post graduate students with the perfect exposure and mentoring environment. Three presenters, an employer Lucas Pardo, a civil and geotechnical engineer, a recruitment consultant, Beau Duncan from Prominency and a recent engineering graduate, Lachlan Jewell, provided their perspective on how to land that next or dream job. This was followed by an active Q & A session which indicated strong engagement. Beau offered attendees the use of CVHQ, an AI-powered CV converter and for those that attended, may contact Beau via email: beau@prominency.com.au.

We thank Pardo Engineering for sponsoring this event.

Upcoming event - Geelong's Industrial Waterfront – 20th Nov 2025



Come and join us for our last event of the year to celebrate a successful 2025 and the pending festive Christmas and New Year season.

It is an opportunity to view the unique, varied and dynamic Geelong Industrial and Engineering Waterfront from the bay side.

There will be a number of experienced professional engineers on board who have been involved in various Geelong Port operations and/or have worked on infrastructure projects for assets located around the Geelong Port waterfront. They have

offered to share their insights and knowledge about this important economic precinct, with us during the trip.

Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment via the Events page of our website at greg.asn.au or, this link: (<https://events.humanitix.com/engineering-appreciation-tour-geelong-s-industrial-waterfront-and-port>)

The GREG committee will recap our successful program of events from 2025 and present the exciting program to look forward to in 2026. Looking forward to catching up with all our members before the years end. See you all there. As per our usual policy, all member partners/spouse are welcomed.

Early 2026 events

- Werribee Open Plains Zoo, new Elephant Enclosure Technical Tour – 21st Feb 2026
- GREG International Women's Day Breakfast – 12th Mar 2026
- AGM and Engineering Registration Scheme update – 16th Apr 2026

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