



Geelong Regional Engineers Group Inc A0108625U

President/Chairperson's Report for year 2025

A warm welcome to all in attendance at our seventh AGM since incorporation in December 2019. Since our humble beginnings with only a core of 6 founding committee members in 2018, we are now into our 8th year since formation of the **Geelong Regional Engineers Group**.

We are pleased to welcome our new members that joined in the last quarter of 2025:

- Claude Lobo
- Dean Wearne
- Giovanni Orejarena
- Glenn Costin
- Hannah Blythe
- Hassan Mohyyuddin
- Jeremy Rudd
- Jodie Elliott
- Lewis MacDonald
- Luis Agudelo
- Matthew Knight
- Paul Simpson
- Phil O'Neil
- Samuel Babalola
- Shawn Jordan Suthesan
- Simona Pardo
- Tony Alsop
- Trevor David

To recap, our purpose (see www.greg.asn.au):

- **Promote & Enhance** the standing of the engineering profession in the Geelong region among engineers, industry and the community.
- **Enable Professional Development** for members through continuous learning, networking, seminars, coaching and mentoring.
- **Enable Collective Representation** with government, industry groups and the wider community, at all levels, to protect and enhance the interests of the profession of engineering and those engaged in the profession.

We had a successful 2025 year and hosted a total of 8 GREG events and 3 associated events.

1 dinner event in 2025

- AGM and Eng Registration Update

2 Technical Tours

- Barwon Water Pouseum of Modern F(Art)
- Viva Energy H2 Refuelling Hub

1 conference

- Mini Conference in Regional Colac

4 Technical presentations

- Design of Sth Geelong to Waurin Ponds Rail Duplication Project
- Infrastructure and Environment
- How to Land That Dream Job
- Geelong Industrial Waterfront seen from Corio Bay on board Hygeia

3 Associated events

- James Harrison Museum day at the Geelong Show Ground Museum
- Geology Tour - Yaluk Baring Park
- Country Engineers Weekend in Ballarat.

The Regional Mini Conference held in Colac was extremely successful with it being fully subscribed. We also picked up a significant number of interest in GREG, many of that interest turned into new membership. This reflected a great void of this kind of fellowship, networking and shared learning opportunity in regional Victoria. With this successful outcome and popular demand from western regional Victoria, GREG is planning another Mini Regional Conference in 2026.

GREG was invited to hold a stand at the Deakin University careers expo in October to foster closer ties with undergraduates and Postgraduate students at Deakin University. This was followed up with a special event on “How to Land That Dream Job” by three presenters from three different perspectives. This was a resounding success from the high level of participation.

We look forward towards 2026 with a full calendar events.

- Elephant Enclosure Technical Tour at the Werribee Open Range Zoo
- International women’s Day Breakfast
- Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention Centre Tour.
- AGM, Challenges facing Engineering Profession, Eng Reg Update
- Augmented reality 3D models
- Australia’s Energy Mix to Power Our Economy (TBC)
- Regional Engineering Conference - (Western District) - Pavement technology.
- Water Treatment Technology (TBC)
- Country Engineers Weekend - Geelong
- End of year event, (not finalised).

Membership growth for 2025 has more than double over the previous year. This has been attributed with the increase exposure of the GREG brand through the many events we host over the year particularly the Regional Mini Conference held in Colac.

at Dec-31	Members	Engineer	Student	Allied
2024	69	51	13	5
2025	146	118	10	18
March-2026	171	135	17	19

We have had 25 new additional members this year to date.

- 17 New members joined in the last quarter of 2025
- 7 New members since the start of this year 2026
- 17 New student members since the start of this year 2026.

Our treasure reports:

- Opening balance 1st Jan 2025 : \$1,912.22
- Balance as of 31st Dec 2025 : \$ 4,946.61

Summary Sheet for 2025 year:

2025

2024

Income		
From events	\$ 6,905.00	\$ 5,365.00
Membership	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 820.00
Interest	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.24
Other Income	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$ 9,330.06	\$ 6,185.24
Expenses		
Event costs	\$ 5,981.25	\$ 5,649.78
Admin expenses incl. CAV fees, Domain name, Printing	\$ 314.42	\$ 169.80
Bank charges	nil	nil
Postage & Stationery	nil	nil
Total Expenses	\$ 6,295.67	\$ 5,819.58
Nett Income from Activities/(loss)	\$ 3,034.39	\$ 365.66

The backbone to our group is the financial support provided by our members and their active participation and contribution for the exclusive benefits of our members. We aim to provide a collective representation of our engineering profession. Our aim is to grow our membership base so as to be a greater representative force to be counted when representing engineers in Geelong and the surrounding region in Victoria.

With the increase support and active participation from our membership base, we aim to increase our role in representing the engineering profession and the significance of the profession in the contribution towards industry and our economy as a whole.

With an interesting set of events in the pipeline for 2026, we look forward to your continued participation and contribution, to grow our membership through our members shared experience.

Thank you once again for being part of your very own Geelong Regional Engineers Group.

President - 2025

Bernie Chen

