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From the President



Engineers Australia's Key Objectives. My report can only mention some of them.

I am very pleased with the achievements of the Division during the year. One of our main objectives was to deliver a technical program that provides members with Continuing Professional Development, and I think we have done this well. In expanding the engineering Body of Knowledge and Professional Development, we delivered a comprehensive technical program with high quality speakers and good attendances. Chartered Interviews were held during the year, with a chartered workshop in March.

I would like to thank Jennifer Murray who, as Deputy President, was responsible for oversight of the technical program this year, and all the volunteers who arranged presentations. I would also like to thank Colleen Mays and Karen Almasi for their work in organising the presentations. This involves them staying back after normal hours to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

The Division has made significant contributions to public policy and I think that we play a very important role in providing input to various inquiries, draft proposals, working groups, and the like. To meet the

This year, Canberra Division has undertaken a wide range of activities aimed at implementing its Operational Plan and achieving

objective of Leadership and Influence, we have contributed to public policy through submissions to the ACT Government on Traffic Impact Assessment Guidelines, the proposed Estate Development Code, and the Inquiry into the Ecological Carrying Capacity of the ACT. Past President Tom Brimson also represents the Division on the Chief Minister's ACT Industry Reference Group. The ACT Infrastructure Report Card was successfully launched at a well-attended Fellows Lunch in July.

I would like to specifically mention the Building Quality Public Information Seminar that we ran in October. This panel discussion identified issues of significant concern affecting the quality of buildings in the ACT, especially high-rise buildings. This has led to me, as President, becoming a member of two working groups run by ACTPLA to develop proposals for improving building quality. I would like to thank Andrew Montgomery in particular for raising the issue of building quality his initiative of holding the seminar and the contribution he made to its success.

We have also forged stronger links with kindred organisations and academic institutions such as APESMA, the Canberra chapters/divisions of the Australian Institute of Architects, the Planning Institute of Australia and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

Consistent with the objective of Recognition, Promotion and Membership, our program of Engineering Week events included: two public forums, one on 'Living Sustainably in Cities', and the second



one titled 'Reach for the Stars' on Australia's involvement in international astronomical telescope projects; and the Engineers Without Borders student challenge. The program included our ever-popular Engineering Games for school children and we participated in the annual Careers Market. I thank Deputy President Jennifer Murray and her committee for putting together the program and running the activities. All events were very well attended and very successful.

The prestigious Butters Oration was delivered by distinguished architects Mr Roger Pegrum and Mrs Annabelle Pegrum AM. Their wonderfully entertaining and stimulating presentation described a vision for Canberra based on the plan by Walter Burley Griffin and was

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2011 Canberra Division Committee

Following the Canberra Division Annual General Meeting on 15 December 2010, the following members were elected to the Canberra Division Committee for the year 2011.

President:	Jennifer Murray
Deputy President:	Doug Mitchell
Past President	Denton Bocking
Congress Rep:	Tom Brimson
Elected Members:	Andrew Montgomery
	Simba Kippaya
	Thileepan Vettivel
Young Eng Rep:	Ben Foley
WIE Rep:	Kelly Lance
Tech/Officer Rep:	Andy McLarty

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the subject of a lead article in *The Canberra Times* a few days later.

All of these activities contributed to the objective of Community Engagement and raised our profile. In addition, the Division supported the placement of a heritage plaque at the Tidbinbilla Deep Space Station, and is developing proposals to celebrate Canberra's centenary and ways to support migrant engineers.

Young Engineers' activities included holding a stall at the ANU during Orientation week, an ADFA welcome event, an RSPCA event 'hands on deck', Narrabundah College careers presentation, and the Gen2X lunch incorporating the Young Engineer of the Year Award.

Our WIE Group participated in the International Women's Day lunch and Girl-talk presentations. A highlight was a presentation by Dr Jan Davis, an eminent engineer and former NASA astronaut.

In the area of Education and Qualification, I have taken up a position on an Advisory Committee to the Centre for Science, Forensics and Engineering at Bruce CIT and Deputy President Jennifer Murray has taken up a position on a University of Canberra Industry Advisory Panel to look at the Software Engineering Course that UC is delivering.

In closing, I thank our Director, Vesna Strika, and Division staff members Colleen Mays and Karen Almasi, members of the Division Committee, and other honorary office bearers for their great support throughout the year. The success of our programs and activities is critically dependent on their efforts.

I also extend my best wishes to Jennifer Murray, who will be President of Canberra Division next year, our first female President.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous 2011.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to be President of Canberra Division.

*Denton Bocking
President*

Christmas close down

The Canberra Division office will be closed from 12.30pm on 24 December 2010 and will reopen again on Tuesday 4 January 2011.

The Canberra Division Staff – Vesna, Colleen and Karen – wish you all a safe and happy festive holiday season and we look forward to seeing many of you in 2011.

New Fellows

Fellows certificates were presented at the Annual General Meeting.



[left] Denton Bocking (President), Robert Knott, Wayne Budd, Geoffrey Henkel and Jennifer Murray (Deputy President)

[below] Denton Bocking presenting John Kemister with his certificate

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE TECHNICAL PROGRAM AND OTHER EVENTS CHECK OUT THE CANBERRA DIVISION WEBSITE:

www.engineersaustralia.org.au/canberra



Christmas Greetings
from Hon. Fellow St Nick

