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Victorian Young Professional Engineer of the Year Announced

The winner of the **2011 Victorian Young Professional Engineer Award**, presented by Engineers Australia, Victoria Division has been announced and presented at the Engineers Australia, Victoria Division's **Engineering Excellence Awards Presentation Dinner** on Thursday evening at the Palladium Ballroom, Crown Towers.

Mr Gavin Chater MIEAust CPEng was named the 2011 Victorian Young Professional Engineer of the Year and was presented with the award for a high level of competence and significant achievement in engineering and community affairs. He is now eligible for the *National Young Professional Engineer Award 2011*.

Gavin has excelled in his role as Project Delivery Leader and Acting Manager – Property and Buildings Market Sector (Victoria) at **GHD**. His well-rounded leadership skills in leading projects both here and overseas and diverse engineering and community engagement, along with his demonstrated problem-solving skills and commitment to creative and innovative solutions, pleased the judges.

The Award, proudly supported by VicRoads, acknowledges and rewards young engineering professionals who have realised competence and significant achievement in community affairs; a demonstrated understanding of the role and purpose of the engineering profession in society; proficiency in the use of communication skills in engineering projects; and effective communication with public media.

Gavin has held key leadership and management roles on several extensive projects, including Heathrow Terminal 5 and the White City Retail / Rail Interchange Precinct, both in London, and a renovation of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower Facility at Avalon Airport.

Gavin is committed to serving his profession and community; he currently serves on the committee of the Victorian Chapter of the Centre for Engineering Leadership and Management (VicCELM) and also mentors coaching project personnel and other aspiring engineers as part of Young Engineers Victoria's Chartership Status Study Group scheme.

Mr Paul Collier FIEAust CPEng, State President of Engineers Australia, Victoria Division who was judge for the Award, said: "Gavin's maturity and professionalism, together with his tenacity and commitment to be a leader and use his experiences to encourage other young engineers to be active in the profession, impressed the judges."

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NOTE for News Editors / COS:
Digital high res images of Gavin Chater are available upon request.

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