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Newsletter - April, 2008

A **student information session** was held Wednesday 9th April at the University of Ballarat Mt Helen campus to raise awareness for upcoming engineers of Engineers Australia, and that they are supported by the local Ballarat Group. In between a BBQ lunch and general discussion, 25 students signed up on the day for free membership. Thanks to all that participated in both preparation of materials, venue and BBQ.

Thursday 10th April saw the Damascus College Energy Breakthrough Team (D.C.E.B.T) show off their human powered vehicle. The **Ballarat Group sponsored the Team with a \$500 donation** and EA logo for the vehicle, as this programme provides an opportunity for the practical application of engineering principles, and having fun at the same time!

The Damascus College Energy Breakthrough Team is a group of enthusiastic & dedicated students who are interested in bikes, mechanics and science. Their purpose is not to merely build machines, but more importantly, to build people through mentoring, leadership, innovation, problem solving, adaptation, improvisation & team work. More information can be found at the web site www.dcebt.com



Photo: Chairperson Neil Blanchard presenting \$500 cheque.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is essential to maintaining up-to-date technical skills and knowledge of processes, technology and legislation. CPD enables you to attain and maintain your Chartered Status. Come along to hear Lyal Douglas, National Assessor, speak on obtaining **Chartered Status and CPD overview** presentation on Wednesday 25th June at lunch time.

National Engineering Week is a public awareness and education campaign that aims to highlight the achievements of the engineering profession and engage discussion on local issues. This year the Ballarat Group is planning to hold a public **debate** style forum and the committee would like to hear your suggestions for topical discussion at this event.

In preparation for the **Ballarat Grammar Careers Night** in August, can all members please keep their copies of the Engineers Australia magazine, Engineering Victoria, and other associated engineering publications that can be used as free hand-outs on the night. Please contact the Secretary or bring the magazines with you to the upcoming events to give to a Committee member to clear our your study, do our bit for recycling, and **let our children read about engineering** for ideas and careers of the future.

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Technical Visit - April, 2008

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Book early for the April Technical Visit to

United Group Rail

Ballarat Railway Workshops

Date: Thursday, 1st May 2008

Time: 5.45 pm for 6.00 pm (sharp) start

Location: 600 Creswick Road, Ballarat

Meeting Place: Car park on south side of Railway

Dress Sturdy footwear (safety foot wear, if available)

Requirements: Reflective over vest (yellow/green, if available)
Protective Eye wear (if available)

Age limit: Over 18 years

Background View the restoration work currently occurring on rolling stock from the Ghan, a Hitachi locomotive and the facilities in the workshop.

Dinner: North Britain Hotel, 502 Doveton Street @ 7.15 pm

RSVP: To Secretary by midday Wednesday 30th April 2008

Cost: \$15.00 per head for meal. Drinks at bar prices.

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Book early for the May Technical Visit to
Sovereign Hill – behind the scenes tour of
“Blood on the Southern Cross”

<http://www.sovereignhill.com.au/?id=fastfacts>

Date: Thursday, 29th May 2008

Time: 5.45 pm for 6.00 pm (sharp) start

Host: Mr Adam Reid

Location: Sovereign Hill, Main Road, Ballarat

Meeting Place: Sovereign Hill main entrance

Dress Requirements: Sturdy footwear

Age limit: Over 16 years

Background The story of the Eureka Rebellion – Sound and Light show

Dinner: Sovereign Hill - Charlie Napier Hotel @ 7.15 pm

RSVP: To Secretary by midday Tuesday 27th May 2008

Cost: \$15.00 per head for site visit and meal. Drinks at bar price.

Optional: “Blood on the Southern Cross” show @ 8pm – tickets \$43 each from Sovereign Hill ticket sales telephone (03) 5337 1199. Note timing after site visit for dinner & show will be tight.

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Events Programme

April, 2008



Please put these dates in your diary, pin this page up on your notice-board or stick it onto your 'fridge, and watch for more details or any changes in future Newsletters.

Day & Date	Time	Event / Topic	Event Confirmed
Thursday 28 th February	Evening	Forest Resort, Creswick	✓
Wednesday 9 th April	Luncheon	UB Student Introduction	✓
Thursday 1 st May	Evening	United Group Rail – Workshop	✓
Thursday 29 th May	Evening	Sovereign Hill – Behind 'Blood on the Southern Cross'	✓
Wednesday 25 th June	Luncheon	Chartered Status & CPD (Continuing Professional Development) overview	✓
Thursday 31 st July	Evening	<i>(Activity to be advised)</i>	P
Thursday 14 th August	Luncheon	<i>(Activity to be advised)</i>	
Monday August	Evening	Ballarat Grammar - Schools' Careers Night	P
Thursday August	Evening	National Engineering Week 2nd to 10th August - Forum	P
Friday 5 th September	Dinner	"Technologists' Picnic"	
Thursday 18 th September	Luncheon	<i>(Activity to be advised)</i>	
Thursday 16 th October	Luncheon	<i>(Activity to be advised)</i>	
Friday-Sunday 17 th -19 th October	Weekend	Country Engineers' Weekend Wangaratta	✓
Thursday October	Evening	University of Ballarat – Engineering Students' Presentation Night	
Thursday 27 th November	Dinner	Annual General Meeting & Handover Dinner	
<p>P = event currently being planned ✓ = event booking confirmed</p>			

Please note: Unconfirmed event bookings are subject to change. Check each month's newsletter for updates.