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Newsletter - June, 2008

Last month

Sovereign Hill has been running the “Blood on the Southern Cross” show for fifteen years and undergone several technology upgrades. It is now a fully automated production. On 29th May, **26 members and guests** had a **behind the scenes tour** of the show which has now been seen by over 1 million people. There are over 3,000 lights to make up the show, and it has a dedicated transformer feed from the power grid. With more than 110 km of control cabling and fibre optics, lightning and vermin are the main focus for maintenance teams. After visiting the Eureka Hotel and seeing why it doesn't burn down, the fresh walk back to Main Street was offset with a hearty meal served in the Charlie Napier Hotel.

This month - Luncheon Event

Guest speaker Lyal Douglas, National Assessor, will provide an insight to obtaining **Chartered Status, with a CPD overview** presentation at **lunchtime, Wednesday 25th June** held at the Ballarat Business Centre. Members are invited to Lyal's presentation to ask lots of curly questions, and network over lunch sponsored by your local Ballarat Group.

Business Enterprise Development

As **engineers** are a **vital element** in the **success** of many **businesses**, the Eureka Business Enterprise Centre (BEC) would like to assist professional members of Engineers Australia to **improve your business skills**.



The Eureka BEC is the business development arm of the Ballarat Business Centre. They have been successfully operating for 7 years providing commercial accommodation for new and emerging businesses in the Ballarat CBD.

A new phase of development is commencing as the Federal Government has chosen Ballarat Business Centre to provide additional services to the business community that will increase skills and knowledge of business operations.

The delivery format is flexible depending on your needs. Please consider this opportunity as the Ballarat Business Centre is keen to improve the level of business skills in the Region.

Please contact your Ballarat Group Secretary, or John Thomas - Manager, Ballarat Business Centre to **register interest** in what **skills you would like to develop** and the style of delivery so we can gauge the level of member interest in hosting an information & training session.

The Ballarat Business Centre is located at 15 Dawson Street South, BALLARAT 3350
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Luncheon June, 2008

Bookings preferred for this lunchtime event to assist with catering...if you are in the area at lunch time then please drop in and introduce yourself

Chartered (CPEng) Status & Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Engineers Australia urges all practising engineers to attain and retain chartered status - the engineer's 'badge of competence' that is a professional credential recognised by government, business and the general public worldwide.

Lyal Douglas, National Assessor, will address these two fundamental questions at this luncheon meeting:

1. What is "chartered" status and how is it realised?
2. What is CPD and how is it measured and recorded?

As members of the Ballarat Group of Engineers Australia, you are encouraged to attend to learn, ask questions, network with other local colleagues and enjoy a complementary light lunch sponsored by your group.

Date: Wednesday 25th June, 2008

Time: 1200 to 1330 hrs

Guest Speaker: Mr Lyal Douglas, National Assessor - Engineers Australia

Location: Ballarat Business Centre, 15 Dawson Street South, Ballarat

Parking: Free 2 hour/all day in Dana St or 2 hour meter in Dawson St

RSVP: To Secretary by midday Tuesday 23rd June 2008

Cost: **FREE for members**, includes presentation & light lunch.

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Events Programme



June, 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	FREE Member Luncheon	Chartered Status & CPD (Continuing Professional Development) overview	✓
Thursday	31 st July	Evening	<i>(Activity to be advised)</i>	P
Thursday	7 th August	Evening	National Engineering Week Forum 4 th to 10 th August	P
Monday	18 th August	Evening	Ballarat Grammar - Schools' Careers Night	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	23 rd October	Evening	University of Ballarat – Engineering Students' Presentation Night	P
Thursday	27 th November	Dinner	Annual General Meeting & Handover Dinner	
P = event currently being planned ✓ = event booking confirmed				

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