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Newsletter - May, 2008

Last month

On 1st May, 15 members visited the United Group Rail (UGR) workshop in Creswick Road.

Mr Danny Wilson, the Operations Manager of UGR hosted a tour of the workshop whereby we observed maintenance of various train bogies, wheel and carriage refurbishment.

Of specific interest was the new platinum class Ghan carriage, which is currently barebones framework being rebuilt and rewired before compartment fit out.



Next month

Your Ballarat Group will host Lyal Douglas, National Assessor, speaking on obtaining **Chartered Status and CPD overview** presentation at lunchtime, Wednesday 25th June at the Ballarat Business Centre. Members are invited to listen to Lyal's presentation & ask questions whilst networking with colleagues over lunch sponsored by your Ballarat Group of Engineers Australia.

National Engineering Week

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.

Reminder

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 bring these publications to the next event or contact a committee member to make arrangements for collection or drop off.

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Technical Visit - May, 2008

TAX INVOICE ABN: 63 020 415 510

Where an individual payment is for less than A\$1,000 (incl. GST), this document will become a Tax Invoice upon payment for this event. Individual forms must be completed for each attendee. Please ensure that this document is signed and dated below. The costs shown below include GST.

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

Restrictions: Age over 16 years. Sturdy footwear required. **Tour is limited to 30 persons for access & personal safety.** Unfortunately no wheelchair access available. Dinner reservations are unlimited.

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 prices.

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.*

Tax Invoice Confirmation	No of attendees:	Amount \$
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Luncheon June, 2008

Book early for this lunchtime event to assist with catering and seating arrangements.

Chartered & Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Engineers Australia urges all practicing engineers to attain and retain chartered (CPEng) status, which is 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 local group.

Date: Wednesday 25th June, 2008

Time: 1200 to 1330hrs

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 Monday 23rd June 2008

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

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Events Programme

May, 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	Lunch	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>	Ⓟ
Thursday	7 th August	Evening	National Engineering Week Forum 4th to 10th August	Ⓟ
Thursday	14 th August	Luncheon	<i>(Activity to be advised)</i>	
Monday	18 th August	Evening	Ballarat Grammar - Schools' Careers Night	Ⓟ
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	
Ⓟ = event currently being planned ✓ = event booking confirmed				

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