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Almost the end of another year, with a bunch of events behind us already. That means only a couple of committee meetings left for you to attend! Don't forget you are all welcome, and if you make a contribution then just maybe you can get what you desire from your EA subscription money. The next meeting will start 6pm 7th October at Dawson St Business Centre.

Anthony's Cutting Bypass



The visit to the Anthony's Cutting Bypass was attended by members of IPWEA as well as EA members and we were treated to a guided tour of the works by VicRoads' staff. The bridges being constructed each use a different construction method, and the rock used on site has all been removed from the cuts. As a result, there is very little material being brought to the construction site.

Technologists' Picnic

A last minute change of speaker resulted due to the scheduled speaker falling ill. Congratulations to Gary for keeping the event alive. Those who attended were treated to a presentation by Peter Dove.

October events

The EA Wimmera Group have fixed the date for the Murtoa stick shed site visit as 9th October. It has been scheduled for 1:30pm to allow for Melbourne visitors to make the trip, and for those who wish to stay, there will be evening and Sunday events provided. If you are interested, can you please advise either Phil or me, and we may arrange for a bus to travel to the event. There will be speakers from Heritage Victoria and the Engineering Structural Group present. See included pdf flyer.



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And don't forget The Country Weekend at Echuca during 23rd-24th October, being hosted by Bendigo Group. More information here http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/divisions/victoria-division/events/event.cfm/?obj_uuid=5EBF93CB-CCCE-6A1E-9C1F-8DCF7CF0A85E

This is a full weekend of events including paddle steamer trip, golf (the McCormack Cup), free time and dinners. This is another opportunity to bring your family for a relaxing weekend.

Normally, we also have the University of Ballarat final year student presentation evening in October, but we are still awaiting confirmation that this will proceed.

November event

This will be the AGM, and this one **is important**. We really do need some of you to come forward and take part in the 2011 committee. There will be elections for all positions on the night. Date scheduled is currently 25th November so mark the date and come along!

Other events

We have completed our Year 10 Engineering Encouragement Awards for 2010, and I am pleased to report that we made presentations to ten of the eleven Secondary schools in Ballarat. That adds to our commitment to the Science & Engineering Challenge earlier this year and the Ballarat Grammar Career's Night in August.

Our grand plan for a family event in the form of a cycling group along a part of the Ballarat Skipton Rail Trail has been suspended for two reasons. First we have received just a single expression of interest from your ranks. And second we are awaiting confirmation of our insurance provisions.

With cycling becoming more popular, and an entirely off road event along level grades, we are surprised of the lack of response for this proposed event. Might I suggest you visit the area from Scarsdale heading South and see for yourself just how good this can be for a family outing?

Please register your interest with either the Murtoa Stick Shed combined group meeting, the Echuca weekend, or even the family Rail Trail by responding to either myself or Phil Crouch (phone contact details on first page or email bsala@telstra.com or pjc.eng@bigpond.net.au).

You also need to be aware of the current ballot to vote on the redrafted Royal Charter and By-laws which opens to members from 18th October until 15th November. The following link takes you to a page where you can read or make comments:-

http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/divisions/victoria-division/news/article.cfm/?obj_uuid=A9D396C3-63D3-C145-3E49-91830E1D9415

Else go direct to <http://www.ballot2010.org.au/> to read the documents and vote.

And finally, Peter Taylor, Chief Executive of EA is currently unwell – we wish him success with his treatment and a full recovery.

Brian Sala – Chairman