

# Newsletter 2008 Issue 4, December



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## 2008 Christmas Party!



The 2008 Christmas party was hosted by Engineers Australia and held this year at Australia House, the embassy making an elegant setting for the annual Christmas get together between IPENZ and Engineers Australia.

The dinner and drinks were held in one of the large function rooms covered in Australian regalia. Dignitaries made way for over 100 members and partners of Engineers Australia and IPENZ, which on the night filled the room to near capacity.

Everyone was treated to a tasty 3 course meal, and an open bar full of antipodean beers and wines which would have made even the most hardened feel a pang of pride for our breweries and wineries. There was even a guest pianist (if you can pick here out)

Thank you to all attended, especially to the organisers who coordinated the night, ensuring that everyone enjoyed themselves.



Some snaps of the 2008 Christmas Party



Month	Date	Day	Event	Location
January	23rd Jan	Fri	Australia Day get together	TBC

# 2008 - Round Up of the Year!



2008 was a busy year for Engineers Australia which saw quite a few events organised by the committee, culminating in the hosting of this years Christmas Party at Australia house.

Some of the events included technical tours, such as the mail sorting visit, technical talks, such as by Michael Short of GBM on Mineral Engineering and Mark Carter of Network One on Biomedical Engineering as well as a fair share of social gatherings, from softball to lawn Bowls and the annual Thames River Boat Cruise.

The social gatherings provide an opportunity for Australian (and from time to time New Zealand) Engineers to get together to share their UK experiences as well as indulge in a beverage or two.



Regents Park played host to the Softball match, though after some time at play the scores were forgotten, but not the food and drink.

## Australia Vs New Zealand in an Anzac Day Softball Match - April



The swing of the bowls confused some, but after some practise the everyone got into the groove of Lawn Bowls at Finsbury Park. .



## Lawn Bowls - June





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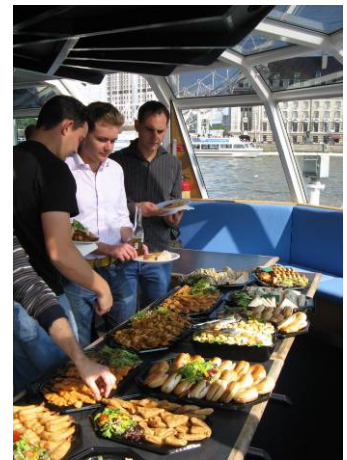
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An uncharacteristically sunny day in September saw the Thames Boat Cruise being a great success as we cruised along past Big Ben and an open London Bridge aboard the Golden Star for the afternoon.



Thames Boat Cruise - September



### Join Engineers Australia!

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[www.engineersaustralia.co.uk](http://www.engineersaustralia.co.uk)

### Committee Members 2008

The people that worked behind the scenes to organise the events this year (which includes all the food and drinks!)

Raymond Lowe - Chairperson

Joshua Stark - Hon. Secretary

Kristy Chandler - Hon. Treasurer

Tien Kho - Hon Auditor

Committee Members who helped out this year include: Arthur Richards, Malcom Rae, Tianca McHenry, David Rasmussen, Craig Giaccio, Nicola Woolford, Jason Adcock, Bryant Yates and Tim Lancaster



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## President's Visit

Well the American elections have come and gone, but also we've had Julie Hammer, the National President of EA, together with Peter Taylor, the Chief Executive, visit the UK branch of EA.

On Thursday the 2nd of October Julie and Peter had the opportunity to meet local members to discuss events back in Australia (as well as here too!) and provided an informative seminar on what EA is up to back home. It was also an opportunity for Peter and Julie to meet local members and hear what events EA-UK chapter organises.

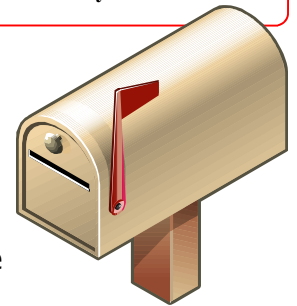
The evening saw around 20 people attend the event, some of whom were recently about to move back to Australia and were interested in news on the industry back home.

Thanks for Julie and Peter for making the visit and taking time out from their busy schedules to visit the UK Branch.



Top, Julie Hammer presenting to the assembled UK members  
Above, Julie with the UK branch Chairperson Raymond Lowe

## Mail Sorting Centre Visit



On Thursday the 9th of October Royal Mail hosted 10 members of the IEAust on a technical visit to the international mail sorting centre near Heathrow where on average 4 million pieces of mail are processed daily in and out of the United Kingdom.

After security and a brief introduction during which our host provided us with refreshments, we were taken through a guided tour of the site. We were taken through the receiving area, avoiding the guided vehicles used to move mail around, shown the automatic sorting of flat parcels using tilt-tray sorters, the letter sorting machines, the loading of trays using robots and the loading of mail into aluminium containers that then go into the holds of waiting aircraft.

We were then shown the packet sorting machines where it was interesting to see that human beings were employed to read the addresses on irregularly shaped items where the highly automated machines were not able to focus on and read addresses fast enough. The tour ended in the production control room.—Tien Kho