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Chairpersons's Welcome

Hello and greetings for 2010. Welcome to another exciting year for Australian engineers living in the United Kingdom.

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Firstly, I would like to thank the 2009 UK Chapter committee, in particular Raymond Lowe as Chairperson, for a successful last year consisting of many interesting and insightful events. I'd also like to welcome and look forward to working with the newly appointed 2010 committee members, including some new faces.

Our aim this year is to assist Australian Engineers network while abroad, provide access to technical seminars and outings to enhance knowledge and to meet, greet and enjoy each other's company at various social and technical events.

I'm excited to say that we have many events lined up this year. These include lawn bowls, a golf day, the traditional boat cruise, a weekend night away within the UK and technical and getting chartered seminars. Of course, there is the Christmas Soiree jointly celebrated with IPENZ, this year organised by Engineers Australia and held at Australia House. This will again be the highlight event of the London social calendar. Please check our events web page for up to date information on all events.

Remember, we provide these events to help you - the Aussie Engineer abroad. We encourage you all to participate.

Feel free to comment or provide us feedback on any event we hold or of any items you would like to see happen in the future.

On behalf of the committee members,

Tianca McHenry

Committee Members 2010:

Tianca McHenry - Chairperson
Peter Walsh - Secretary
Kristy Chandler - Treasurer
Tregan Ru - Assistant Treasurer
Tien Kho - Auditor

General Committee Members: Raymond Lowe, Joshua Stark, David Rasmussen, Arthur Richards, Michael Short, Nicola Woolford, Clinton McHenry, Craig Giaccio, Jason Adcock, Sally Parker, Meelit Shah

2009: Christmas Soiree Report



The 2009 Christmas Soiree was hosted by IPENZ in December at the penthouse of the New Zealand High Commission in Haymarket. Once again the clear weather provided us all (over 100 people in a full house) spectacular views over London, and this time without the strong cold winds of previous years.

Everyone who was present had an enjoyable evening socialising with fellow Aussie and Kiwi engineers (and partners), over a tasty hot and cold buffet and a plentiful supply of beer and wine which lasted until the end of the evening. The night then proceeded downstairs to the sports bar for a few more drinks for those who were not ready to call it a night.

Many thanks to Simone and the IPENZ committee for hosting the event. Engineers Australia shall be hosting the Christmas Soiree later this year in Australia House.

Australia Day 2010

Engineers Australia hosted a social event to mark Australia Day.

Approximately 20 people attended to have a drink (and some dancing later on the dance floor) on 29th January at the Long Acre Bar in Covent Garden.

A fun night was had by all and it was good to see a few new faces.



AGM - March 2010

The Engineers Australia UK Chapter AGM for 2010 was held on Thurs 4th March 2010. Chairperson's and Treasurer's reports were presented. These can be downloaded on our website. The new office bearers and committee members for 2010 were elected (see details on page 1). Many thanks to the efforts and contributions made by the 2009 committee.

You can download previous newsletter and presentations delivered at EA events from the web, go to the EA-UK website (www.engineersaustralia.co.uk) and click on Downloads.

Committee Member Profiles

Following the election of new committee members in the AGM on the 4 March 2010 we are pleased to include the member profile of our Honorary Chairperson, Tianca McHenry. Other committee member profiles can be found on our website at www.engineersaustralia.co.uk/meet_the_committee.asp.

Tianca McHenry Honorary Chairperson



Tianca McHenry originally comes from Geelong, and completed her Building Engineering degree and post-graduate diploma degree in Building Fire Safety & Risk Engineering at Victoria University of Technology, Melbourne and Werribee respectively.

Tianca is a Fire Safety Engineer with over 10 years experience in Fire Safety Engineering and is currently employed with Mott MacDonald London. Valuable knowledge was also gained with Norman Disney & Young in Melbourne and in London. Her wide range of experience includes assessments in the areas of fire engineering and production of fire safety strategies for government buildings, educational establishments, retail, residential and commercial buildings. Tianca also has experience in Fire Services system design.

Tianca has been in the United Kingdom since 2005, and as per most Aussies in London, Tianca enjoys travelling and experiencing the delights of Europe and the UK. She also enjoys playing sport (basketball, tennis, softball in the park, etc), socialising with friends, theatre, music and trying anything new!

ANZAC Day Softball 2010

After a promising start to the weekend (with a very warm 21°C and sun for the Saturday), the Sunday weather was not so good, so with the prospects of rain it was decided on the day to adjourn to a local pub.

After a drink and few snacks and ANZAC biscuits in the beer garden we had a very nice lunch at a gastro pub, appropriately named 'The Engineer' near Chalk Farm.

Thanks to those who turned up. We are looking forward to a big turn out for next year to put up a challenge to the Kiwis. Perhaps touch footy could be an option too...



Lone Pine: The Australian War Memorial at Gallipoli in Turkey

Schedule of Events - 2010

2010 List of Upcoming Events	
Thursday 15 July 2010	Lawn Bowls, Finsbury Circus
Saturday 24 July 2010	Golf Day, Woking
Saturday 7 August 2010	Boat Cruise, Kingston
Thursday 9 September 2010	Tech Talk and Getting Chartered, London
Friday 26 November 2010	Christmas Soiree, Australia House

2010 Engineers Australia - UK Chapter Golf Day

EA-UK is again hosting a golf event for members and friends to network and enjoy leisurely day on the golf course.

EA-UK will be providing a light breakfast and 18 holes of golf, followed by the prize-giving and afternoon refreshments in the club house.

These events have been very popular in the past so we encourage you to confirm your place as soon as possible due to the limited number of spaces available.

If your company would like to be involved in sponsoring the golf day, please contact David Rasmussen.



Location: Traditions Golf Course
Pyrford Road
Pyrford Woking
Surrey GU22 8UE
www.traditionsgolf.co.uk
Tel: 01932 350 355

Time: 24 July 2010 at 9:15am

Cost: EA Members £10.00, Guests £15.00

Other: Please advise if you require hire clubs in advance (Male/Female or Left/Right Handed) £10 charge

RSVP: 10 July 2010

For more information please see the flyer on our website:

www.engineersaustralia.co.uk/events_list.asp

Fact of Month

Snowboarding

Anyone who has either tried snowboarding or watched a half-pipe competition on television knows that it is an extreme sport — a sport, it turns out, with strong ties to engineering. Sherman Poppen, one of three people credited with the snowboard's invention, was an engineer. In the mid-1960s, Poppen bolted two skis together and attached a rope for balance and steering so his daughter could ride down a hill standing up.

