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Upcoming Talks

The following talks form part of our Guest Speakers' Series for 2008. These talks are **usually** every two months and are held at Engineers' House (21 Bedford St, North Melbourne). They start at 6.00 PM sharp (light refreshments from 5.30 PM) and last for about one hour. Unless otherwise advised, admission is free. Full details relating to each talk are provided in an email flyer - circulated about a fortnight ahead of the event. Wherever possible, details are posted at www.consuleng.com.au

Next Talk in the Guest Speakers' Series

"The Engineering Works of John Grainger". A talk by Architectural Historian, Mr George Tibbits as part of the 2008 EHV Guest Speakers' Series will take place on Thursday 17 April 2007 (5.30 PM for 6.00 PM). Notices will be sent out about a fortnight before the event.

Other talks

"Cable Trams of Melbourne" – Thursday 22 May 2008 (Speaker : Robert Green – Heritage Victoria). This is a special session to coincide with the meeting in Melbourne of the Board of Engineering Heritage Australia.

"Road to Colossus" – June (John McCutchan).

"Engineering Works of John Monash" – August (Alan Holgate).

"History of Bio-mechanical Engineering" – October (Laurie Sparke)

Upcoming Events

The following events are in the pipeline for EHV during the coming months.

Next Event

"Maribyrnong River Heritage Cruise". Saturday 29 March 2008. Bookings are essential and full details will be provided in the flyer to be circulated very soon.

Other Events

Engineering Heritage Australia and the Institution of Engineers (Aust) have awarded an Historic Engineering Marker (a bronze plaque) to the Cassilis Hydro-Electric Power Scheme which was located near Omeo in East Gippsland. A ceremony to unveil the plaque is planned for Friday 14 November 2008 at the site. Our Committee member, John McCutchan (himself an original Relic), has researched this operation with commendable persistence over the past 30 years. The unveiling will be a notable recognition of his dedication and eye for detail. Further information will be provided later in the year but we are looking at the possibility of combining this with a general tour of the engineering heritage of the area.

The future of the proposed EHV Regional Tour of South Gippsland proposed for November or December of this year **may** now be rescheduled for March 2009. Anyone with strong views on, or preferences for either, should contact ehv@engineersaustralia.org.au

Other Matters

Please forward correspondence on any of the following to ehv@engineersaustralia.org.au It would be helpful if you put the topic in the email subject line.

Gas Producer Talk

The Guest Speakers' Series session on "*Gas Producers*" is available for viewing by Video Streaming through the EA Victorian Division Website or by following the link from www.consuleng.com.au The Consuleng page also has a full text version of the Talk plus an Audio version (not what was said but what would have been said if there was a bit more time!). In addition, two IE Aust Papers on Producer Gas from the 1930-39 period have also been posted.

Length of Speakers' Series Talks

Our practice for several years has been to keep the length of these talks to about one hour. As a trial, we will make a slight change to the format of the June talk. We propose to run the talk for one hour, followed by a short break to allow those who must leave to do so, and then to recommence with questions and general discussion for 15-20 minutes. Comments or cautions to ehv@engineersaustralia.org.au will be welcome.

Don Bartlett
Chairman
Engineering Heritage Victoria

MEETINGS & NOTICES

EHV tries to limit the number of times we contact you by email. Speakers' Program notices are usually issued about a fortnight ahead of each session. However, availability of speakers, venues and unspecified emergencies

often complicate this schedule. In general, the EHV Newsletter is issued every two months (in the odd numbered month). Event Flyers are circulated "as required".

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