



ENGINEERING HERITAGE VICTORIA WEBNEWS

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This is an occasional newsletter from Engineering Heritage Victoria (EHV) sent to all members on our email list. Enquiries, discussion or correspondence should be directed to ehv@engineersaustralia.org.au. If necessary, contact can also be made through the Victorian Divisional Office of Engineers Australia at 21 Bedford Street North Melbourne.

1 GUEST SPEAKERS' PROGRAM SESSIONS

1.1 HISTORY OF HOLDEN & PASSENGER CAR SAFETY

On Thursday 16 August 2007, Dr Laurie Sparke OAM (formerly Director - Holden Innovation) will give a talk on the history of Holden and Passenger Car Safety. Full details are in the usual flyer or can be found on the webpage.

2 EVENTS & VISITS

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

2.1 ROMAN CONCRETE SEMINAR

On 7 August 2007 at Melbourne University, Dr Lynne Lancaster of the University of Ohio will give a talk about Roman Concrete - "From the Colosseum to the Baths of Diocletian - What Concrete can tell us about Social change in Imperial Rome". The presentation will be in the Elisabeth Murdoch Theatre from 6.45 - 8.00 PM with refreshments from 6:15 PM. RSVP is NOT required. Further details can be obtained from Dr KO Chong-Gossard on 8344 4078. This is not an organized EHV Event.

2.2 ENGINEERS WEEK 2007

Engineers Week is on in August. Many interesting activities are scheduled. Further details can be found at <http://www.vicengweek.org.au/index.php>

2.3 ENGINEERS WEEK 2007 - RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE SITE VISIT

The Department of Infrastructure, in partnership with EDI Rail, invite you to take a behind the scenes tour of the Newport Rail Maintenance and Stabling Yard on Monday 20 August 2007. Tours are in the morning take about 45-60 minutes. Further details can be found at http://www.vicengweek.org.au/index_events.php?n_id=104 **Bookings are essential.** Note : this is not an event organized by EHV.

2.4 REGIONAL TOUR - BALLARAT AND DAYLESFORD

This is to be an informal and leisurely trip to Regional Victoria and will take place on Saturday 24 November and Sunday 25 November 2007. Saturday will be spent around Ballarat - with an overnight stay. On Sunday the tour will visit sites of interest along the way to Daylesford and will conclude with a return trip from Daylesford to Bullarto on the Rail Motor. There will be an itinerary and low-key coordination provided. **To express or reaffirm your interest,** please email

ehv@engineersaustralia.org.au and put "Regional Tour - Nov 2007" in the Subject Line. We will not be making group bookings and accommodation, meals etc will be the responsibility of each member.

3 OTHER MATTERS

3.1 SCRATCHLEY ON-LINE

The Scratchley audio and show notes are now on the EHV Website.

3.2 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2007

The Victorian Engineering Excellence Awards will take place on Thursday 20 September 2007 at the Palladium at Crown. It is a black tie affair and costs around \$135 per ticket. See <http://www.vic.engineersaustralia.org.au/awards/veea.html> or contact Jan Lennon on 03 9321 1721 for further information.

3.3 WEBSITE

More EHV material is being added to the Website - including a growing list of past IE Aust Transactions & Conference Papers. They can be found at www.consuleng.com.au This site will soon shift (seamlessly I hope) to the much bigger and better Engineers Australia website. If you have any electronic copies of past papers or journals (PDF or Word format) relevant to engineering heritage, would you please consider making them available for dissemination via our webpage. Offers of material will be welcome through ehv@engineersaustralia.org.au - please put "Past Papers" in the subject line.

3.4 NATIONAL ENGINEERING HERITAGE CONFERENCE - PERTH NOVEMBER 2007

A reminder for anyone interested in the 14th National Engineering Heritage Conference to be held in Perth (WA) from 19 to 21 November 2007. There are pre-conference activities from 15-18 November. Further information can be found at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** or by email to engheritage@debretts.com.au

3.5 VALE

Jim Whitehead passed away recently. At the time of his death, Jim was a member of the committee of Engineering Heritage Victoria. His contribution to all aspects of heritage extended over many years and he will be missed by the many who valued his help and assistance.

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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