

A look back on another year for engineering in Canberra

As the year comes to a close, Engineers Australia would like to thank its members for their continued support. We look back at the achievements of the Canberra Division members and committee groups in 2021, and their contributions to the engineering profession and the wider community.

Engineer For Canberra, 2021 has been a year like no other. Our first significant outbreak of COVID-19 in the territory led to Engineers Australia holding tri-weekly meetings direct with the ACT Government as part of (its) COVID response and stakeholder engagement.

The ACT Government held open, transparent, collaborative forums to engage with industry and encouraged connected input. During COVID, we welcomed the opportunity to ensure the engineering profession was well represented and their concerns were heard.

Canberra Division President Therese Flapper FIEAust CPEng EngExec NER APEC Engineer IntPE(Aus) says while it's been a challenging year, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to engineering excellence and advocating for engineers across Canberra.

"The future engineering workforce is a massive challenge as infrastructure and recovery spending sky-rockets, all needing excellent engineers to ensure great and safe outcomes. Rushing to failure could be an ingredient for disaster and must be avoided," Flapper says.

Our members have been integral to the progress we've made at Engineers Australia this year and we want to thank you for being a part of Engineers Australia.

As for our Canberra highlights, in May we had our Fellows Lunch for which we were able to have 100 people in attendance and present 14 Fellow certificates. We also heard from 2020 Engineers Australia Professional Engineer of the Year, Rear Admiral Colin Lawrence AM, who gave a leadership address to current and emerging leaders within the profession.

Later in the year, we arranged a talk from Mal Wilson MIEAust CPEng NER APEC Engineer IntPE (Aus) on his experiences and perspectives on the structural engineering crisis. The event was a great success with more than 400 people in attendance virtually.

To kick off 2022, a new General Manager will join the Canberra Division in February and we'll be welcoming new committee members and graduates on 24 February.

This year, Engineers Australia's holiday shutdown period will run from Monday 27 December 2021 to Friday 7 January 2022. During this time our office will be closed and there will not be any events held.

Wishing you all the best over the holiday period and into the new year.