

## A look back on another year for engineering in Newcastle

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 Newcastle members and committee groups in 2021, and their contributions to the engineering profession and the wider community.

2021 was full of surprises to say the least. Engineers Australia Newcastle welcomed our STEM Engagement Officer Vincent Guo, awarded two Engineers Australia Medals, recognised our Engineers of the Year at a virtual event, and advocated for registration of engineers in New South Wales.

Pierre Gouhier FIEAust CPEng NER says, from the Hawkesbury River, north to the Queensland border and west to Coonabarabran, Newcastle's staff and volunteers have continued to work tirelessly to promote the engineering profession and hold CPD events for local members.

"COVID-19 has continued to be disruptive, but we have shown agility and nimbleness to continue our activities in this context," Gouhier 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.

### Major achievements for Newcastle in 2021

- **Associates and Technologists** instigated a joint working group with volunteers from Engineers Australia Queensland to investigate ways to create improved awareness of these occupational categories and promote these to students, career advisors and influencers.
- For **migrant and refugee engineers** we hosted workshops with clients from Northern Settlement Services to provide assistance and networking opportunities to this cohort of engineers from overseas.
- **The Engineering studies teacher program** continued to deliver presentations and panel sessions to assist teachers with the delivery of the Stage 6 Engineering Studies Syllabus.
- Engineers Australia attended both the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, and Hunter Valley **Career Expos** which were well supported by our volunteers.
- We held **careers for engineers masterclasses**, which saw students from the University of Newcastle and Southern Cross University attend.

In 2022, we are looking forward to a return to the office and face-to-face catch ups with our members, office bearers and volunteers.

Keep an eye out for details of our Sally Chapman Memorial Dinner, where we will be recognising our Engineer of the Year winners, Engineering Executives, Fellows and Chartered Members.

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

Newcastle Office will be closed from Thursday 23 December 2021 to Friday 14 January 2022.

Wishing you all the best over the holiday period and into the new year. From all of us in the Newcastle Division team we hope you have a wonderful festive season. We look forward to serving you throughout 2022.