

A look back on another year for engineering in Tasmania

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

2021 saw Engineers Australia's Tasmania membership community grow to more than 1700 for the first time ever while we welcomed 160 new members, eight new Fellows, two new EngExecs and 17 new Chartered members. We also delivered 28 events reaching close to 1000 people across the profession in Tasmania.

Tasmanian President, Kate McIntosh FIEAust CPEng NER says it has been a privilege to serve the engineering profession as Tasmanian Division Committee President this year.

"I would like to thank all my fellow Division Committee members, as well as the broader engineering community, for your continued support," McIntosh says.

"It is certainly an exciting time to be an engineer! Whether you are a new graduate entering the profession or an experienced engineer with 20 plus years' experience, never before has there been such optimism and unprecedented opportunities across all sectors of the industry."

McIntosh says the energy members bring has been instrumental in enabling us to undertake numerous initiatives to support our members in 2021, including providing greater awareness of the importance of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, supporting our migrant engineers and promoting STEM in schools.

"I look forward to another busy year in 2022 and sharing your enthusiasm and optimism for our industry."

A couple of standout achievements from 2021 include the Built Environment and Infrastructure Budget Breakfast, our first collaboration with other industry bodies, Master Builders Tasmania, Civil Contractors Federation, Australian Institute of Architects, Property Council Australia and NAIWIC. The breakfast saw 200 industry professionals hear from the Tasmanian Government on the opportunities and impacts of the newly released state budget.

In 2019 we delivered the first gender equality in engineering program with 10 young female mentees and 10 senior engineering leaders to support diversity and drive change within their organisations. In 2021 the program was recognised as a national finalist in the Australian Institute of Training and Development awards for best diversity and inclusion program.

We are really looking forward to being able to have a full program in 2022 which will provide engagement opportunities for all sectors of our membership, across all regions, and we encourage you to get as involved as you can.

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.

