

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

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

There are many milestones to celebrate in 2021 including the introduction of the Victorian Professional Engineers Registration (PER) scheme, our many members recognised as Fellows and EngExec and the incredible contribution of our volunteers and committees to the ongoing success of our online CPD program.

Astrid Kauffman, Victoria Division President shared her thoughts on the year saying the Division has truly created impact both within the profession and beyond.

“Even in an ordinary year our volunteers, members and staff give so much for the benefit of the community. To see the engineering community rise above this year’s uncertainty and disruption and work together so effectively has been inspiring.”

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.

Victorian members have contributed to policy initiatives including feedback to the Victorian government during the development of the PER scheme, participating in Stage 1 of the Building Reform process, and submissions to Infrastructure Victoria, Infrastructure Australia and numerous government departments.

We initiated a pilot “E is for engineering” STEM in primary schools program with St Raphael’s. The program trained volunteer engineers to support teachers and apply an engineering lens to STEM teaching in the Victorian curriculum.

We raised the profile of engineering during Melbourne Knowledge Week, inviting the public to explore the city’s engineering icons and hosted a Hackathon with Young Engineers focussing on reuse of urban spaces.

More than 8000 individuals registered for our online and in person events in 2021, which consistently received strong positive feedback. A special thank you to our volunteers who played an integral role in these initiatives and more.

Next year we have a program of exciting events planned, with a strong focus on providing face to face networking opportunities to complement our online CPD program. Please keep an eye on *Engineering News* for our upcoming events.

For now, please save the date for our ‘Back to business’ networking event on the 10 February 2022, registration details will be available in the first edition of *Engineering News* next year.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming you and providing opportunities to connect with others in the profession in 2022.

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.