



# THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

## Australian Chapter

### NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 2008 newsletter of the Australian Chapter of the HKIE. We sincerely hope you find it of interest and will help us make this a source of continued interest and information.

#### **Dinner with HKIE Presidents and Young Members Delegation**

The Young Member Committee (YMC) of HKIE is coming to Australia for a study tour on the subject "Sustainable Development". The delegation team will focus on investigating the state policies, infrastructure development as well as new technologies towards sustainable development. They are going to visit a few industry sites and commercial buildings in Sydney and Brisbane. The Australian Chapter will organise dinner functions with YMC delegation, HKIE President Ir W K Lo and Past President Ir Edmund Leung. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with members from Hong Kong and exchange ideas and professional experience. Members are welcome to join the Committee in Sydney and Brisbane, for the following events:

1. Sydney: (YMC, HKIE President and Past President)

Date : 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2008      Time : 8:00pm  
Venue : Blackbird Café, Darling Park, Sydney.  
Cost : AUD50  
Contact : Raymond Pau      Tel : 02 9716 7316

2. Brisbane: (YMC and Past President)

Date : 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2008      Time : 8:30pm  
Venue : TBA  
Cost : AUD50  
Contact : Peter Ho      Tel : 07 3218 3509

*To encourage members  
to participate in these events,  
the HKIE Australian Chapter  
will sponsor the first  
10 Australian members  
to the dinner.  
Contact Raymond or  
Peter immediately.*

#### **New Committee Member – Ir. Dr. Peter Ho**

Peter has 30 years of professional experience in Civil & Structural Engineering in Australia and throughout Asia Pacific Region.

He is currently Principal Engineer of Rio Tinto Alcan Engineering managing the Civil & Structural Engineers group in the mining sector and lectures part-time at Queensland University of Technology.

Peter also chairs the Institution of Structural Engineers Australia Division and represents Queensland on the Structural College Board of Engineers Australia.

#### **Members in Adelaide and Hobart**

We would like to have one member from SA and Tasmania to join the Committee as the contact point in those states as well as assisting in activities there. If you are interested, please contact the Chairman.

#### **Contact Details Please!**

To do our bit for the environment (and save money), we prefer to use electronic means to deliver our newsletter and to keep in touch with you. We would appreciate if you would drop us an e-mail (if you have access to an e-mail), stating your name, membership number, and please indicate which e-mail address or fax we can use to keep in touch with you.

Our contacts are:

##### **Melbourne:**

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##### **Perth:**

Hon. Secretary - Gary Winstanley:  
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##### **Brisbane:**

Committee Member - Peter Ho:  
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## From the Chapter Chairman

The year 2007 was a year of learning for the Committee of the Australian Chapter. The Committee was formed towards the end of 2006 and tried to develop some activities in 2007. One of the critical tasks was to determine how the Australian Chapter could fund its activities. Fortunately, some of the members had previous experience working with HKIE HQ and sub committees so we have a team with good experience. The first major activity was the first ever newsletter of the Australian Chapter, which was posted to all known HKIE Members residing in Australia in March. The newsletter attracted attention from many members and they sent some encouraging emails to me. I am also pleased to inform you that one of the members in Brisbane, Peter Ho, contacted me and expressed his interest to assist in the work of the Committee. His membership on the Committee was accepted in April, 2007. The Committee is now spread over 4 states. You can find their contacts at the back of this newsletter.

There are still issues to be resolved before the Chapter can organize its own activities, for example, registration and insurance. The Committee therefore decided to team up with other societies, particularly those that the Committee members are familiar with, such as Engineers Australia, IEE and IStructE in Australia. The notices of technical session of these societies were sent to the HKIE members in Australia via HKIE email system. Over 10 such sessions were publicized in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne.

The Australian Chapter is formed for the purpose of supporting HKIE members in Australia. Therefore, the Committee would like to hear from you any suggestions or comments at any time. Please feel free to contact us by email or just give us a ring. While we are planning for the activities and work in the coming 12 months, I wish you all a Happy New Year and Kung Hei Fat Choi.

### HKIE welcome ex-members to rejoin

HKIE Head Office advised the Committee that ex-HKIE members are welcomed to rejoin as oversea members while the rejoin fee and previous balance will be waived. If you know any ex-HKIE member, (including retired member) please encourage them to contact the Chairman Dr John Mo for more details.

### What would you like?

The Australian Chapter is physically diverse throughout Australia. We have about 300 members distributed in all states. The Committee would like to organise activities for the Australian Members but we need to know what you want to see and we'll try to manage the logistics for implementing these ideas.

Some ideas from the Committee are:

What do *you* think we should organize?

What do *you* want to do?

What are *your* interests and,

What do *you* think would be of interest to us as a group?

A day at the beach building sandcastles?

A visit and tour of a new project?

A decent Chinese Banquet?

Please get your thinking caps on and drop us an e-mail, or make a phone-call giving us your thoughts on this and we'll try to organize some events.

### The HKIE Outstanding Paper Award for Young Engineers/Researchers 2008

The Publications Committee of HKIE invites members and students to submit papers for the captioned Award. The Award welcomes papers from local and overseas sole author or first author of a co-authored paper who is at the **age of 35 or below** on the closing date of submission. Deadline for submission is **Friday, 11 April 2008**. Up to **three Awards** will be given and presented at the **HKIE Presidential Dinner** in September 2008 in Hong Kong. A seminar will be organised for all awardees to present their award papers. The **HKIE Transactions** will publish the winning and shortlisted papers in its special issue in December 2008. Should you require more information and updates, please visit the **HKIE website at [http://www.hkie.org.hk/paper\\_award2008](http://www.hkie.org.hk/paper_award2008)**

A slightly belated  
"Kung Hei Fat Choi"  
Happy New Year  
of the Rat

