

DEERY CONSULTING STRUCTURAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERS

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VISION STATEMENT:

To be Gippsland's leading
structural & civil engineering
consultants

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Issue 17 of Deery News!

We are excited to bring you our latest edition packed with key industry insights, company updates, and fresh perspectives from our team.

Whether you've been following our journey from the beginning or are tuning in for the first time, we appreciate you being part of our community. If you ever want to catch up on past updates, you can always explore our previous editions on our website at deeryconsulting.com/deery-news.

Thank you for reading, and we hope you enjoy this issue!

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - Paul Deery

As we continue to navigate a relatively flat economic environment, our foremost priority remains unchanged: delivering structural and civil engineering excellence built on trust. We are deeply grateful to our clients and project partners who continue to rely on our team to bring their visions to life.

Whether we are designing a state-of-the-art recreational facility, engineering structural solutions for a high-end luxury residence, or enhancing public infrastructure through community parks, shared trail bridges, and boardwalks, we approach every project with equal precision and commitment. That same dedication applies across all aspects of our work—from conducting thorough forensic investigations into residential wall cracking to designing durable retaining walls that

complete a home's landscaping. It is precisely this broad range of technical talent and practical problem-solving that keeps our firm resilient, adaptable, and deeply appreciative of every opportunity.

Beyond the drawing board, staying connected to our local community remains central to who we are. We are proud to celebrate our recent fundraising efforts for the Cancer Council, alongside our ongoing sponsorships and support for local sporting clubs that keep our neighbourhoods active and thriving.

"Knowledge of what is possible is the beginning of happiness" —
George Santayana

ENGINEERING FOCUS – Award Winning San Remo Coastal Residence

We are thrilled to highlight a standout collaborative project that recently took home **Best Custom Home (\$2M–\$4M)** at the Master Builders Victoria Eastern Regional Awards! Designed by JDesign Group and built by MDC Building Group, this striking three-storey San Remo residence was expertly carved into a challenging, sloping site to capture panoramic views stretching across Phillip Island and Cape Woolamai.

From an engineering perspective, turning this ambitious vision into reality required creative structural solutions to handle steep slopes, strict height limits, and complex loading demands. The structural design features a heavily reinforced block retaining wall anchoring the ground-floor garage directly into the hill, paired with a custom two-way suspended off-form concrete slab over the garage to accommodate unique geometry and bold cantilevering sections. This transitions to a waffle pod slab on bored piers to the rear. To maximise the dramatic coastal views without sacrificing structural integrity, upper-floor portal frames were integrated alongside a low-profile roof design that satisfied height restrictions while maintaining a sleek, modern silhouette.

The result is a masterclass in architectural precision, coastal luxury, and high-performance engineering. We will be sharing an in-depth deep dive into the engineering details and structural challenges of this project in next month's blog post—so keep an eye out!



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

6th Annual Biggest Morning Tea - In May, we held our 6th Annual Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, welcoming a record-matching 80 guests to our Inverloch office and raising **\$6,656** to bring our six-year total to **\$36,794**! Thank you to the incredible community, local business sponsors, and special guest Elly Poletti who made the morning such a resounding success—you can read the full recap on our blog at [Small Town, Big Impact:: Our 6th Biggest Morning Tea Success!](#)

Supporting Amy Hodson's Super Swim Challenge - We are immensely proud to continue sponsoring local teenager Amy Hodson, who blew past her goals in this year's Starlight Super Swim by logging **68 km** in February and raising **\$7,676** to support 195 sick kids. Huge congratulations to Amy on this incredible feat and on recently receiving the **2026 Bass Coast Community Award for Next Generation Leader**—we can't wait to cheer her on again in 2027!

COMPANY UPDATE

Welcome back Harry – Many of you may will remember Harry from his time with us a few years ago. Completing his work experience in 2019 & then as an intern in 2022 when he stated his engineering degree. Now, he returns to us part-time in the next chapter as he finishes his Civil Engineering degree. We are pleased to have Harry back.

Gippsland business Awards - Finalist 🏆 We have some exciting news to share—Deery Consulting was named a finalist in the 2026 Latrobe Health Services Gippsland Business Awards under the *Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction* category! Although we didn't come away with the category win, we are very honoured to have been recognised alongside 52 incredible regional finalists. We couldn't be prouder of our team and more grateful to our clients who place their trust in us everyday. We had a fantastic night celebrating the success of Gippsland at the grand gala presentation dinner last week.

The Deery Wellness Centre - Building on our commitment to workplace wellbeing, we've officially launched the Deery Wellness Centre! A dedicated sanctuary designed for our team to step away from their desks, pause, and reset. Featuring a brand-new, state-of-the-art Zero Gravity Massage Chair, the chair is aimed at easing physical tension, improving circulation, and helping to boost mental clarity. Work can be demanding, but we believe taking time to recharge shouldn't be a luxury—it's essential for a healthy, thriving culture!

CONTACT US

We encourage you to contact us for quotes, with feedback, questions, or suggestions at any time. We pride ourselves on being open and accessible to our clients.

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