

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

Winter is here and so is our first newsletter of 2023. Whilst we have been quiet with our publications there has been a LOT of things going on at Deery Consulting. From office extensions to new staff and Cancer Council Fundraising. We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - Paul Deery

As we enter an early winter, I hope this message finds you all warm, dry and well. It has been cold and wet here in sunny Gippsland as the Bureau of Meteorology tells us to brace for a warm and dry El Nino winter!?

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our newest team members, Windy Kwong and Dylan Crupi. Windy and Dylan, both employed as graduates, bring with them a fresh perspective and a passion for engineering excellence that fits in perfectly with our company's culture.

To align with our Company Vision "To be Gippsland's leading Structural & Civil Engineering consultants" we have recently started to man an office in Bairnsdale to better serve our East Gippsland clients. Initially we will be at the Development Solutions Victoria office at 48 Bailey Street, Bairnsdale one day a fortnight or as needed.

We have some exciting projects on the go with new technologies in Stabilised Rammed Earth, Innovative Retail Spaces at "The Sticks" Kilcunda, multipurpose bushfire shelters, restoration of historical Post Office Building, a new Netball Pavilion and numerous high end architectural homes.

Thank you for your continued trust in our expertise. We look forward to serving you with our expanded team, and we are excited about the future endeavors that await us.

*"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says **I'm Possible**" –*

Audrey Hepburn

ENGINEERING FOCUS - Noojee Trestle Bridge

A bridge is a structure built to span a physical obstacle without closing the way underneath, such as a body of water, valley, or road, for the purpose of providing the passage over the obstacle.

As engineers we find ourselves drawn to and often seeking out amazing and unique structures in our travels. Recently one of our engineers came across the Noojee Trestle Bridge, built to provide passage over a valley.

Love where you live! Set amidst tall eucalypts and a fern forest about an hour and a half drive from our office is the Noojee Trestle Bridge. Originally built in 1919, it was completely burnt down and rebuilt in 1939. The bridge was originally built to extend the train line from Nayook to Noojee, it now forms part of a rail trail.

The historic bridge spans 102 meters and stands 21 meters high. It is the tallest surviving Trestle Bridge in Victoria. You will find it on the Mount Baw Baw Tourist Road, and it marks the start of The Noojee Trestle Bridge Rail Trail.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We have recently made our annual donation to the Salvation Army Winter Appeal. The Salvation Army helps an Australian in need every 17 seconds. They assist people who are grappling with hardship, homelessness, domestic violence, addiction, mental illness, poverty, isolation and much more.

This year we are again proud to sponsor Inverloch-Kongwak, Dalyston & Wonthaggi Football/Netball Clubs. Inverloch-Kongwak and Dalyston are both in the West Gippsland Football League and Wonthaggi are part of the Gippsland league. Keep an eye out for our signs next time you are at their home grounds.

We again had a team participate in the Inverloch Bowling Club summer corporate bowls season. Staff played on a rotating roster each Wednesday night. Although we didn't finish at the top, we did improve from previous seasons, finishing around the middle of the pack. It was great to see the 2 bowling greens full each week and to mix with other locals in a social setting. Well done to the Inverloch Bowling Club on another successful season.

On May 25th, 2023 we held our 3rd Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This year the Cancer Council celebrated the events 30th Birthday. And celebrate we did, hosting around 80 people and raising an amazing **\$8,855**. We had over 20 locals donate food, supplies, and prizes for the day. Our special guest, local artist Fiona Kennedy, spoke about her life as an artist and shared her personal cancer story. A highlight of the day was a live auction of one of Fiona's artwork, a framed limited-edition print of "Women with Feathers". Dennis Piasente made the winning bid of \$1,800 and is now the proud owner of this beautiful piece of art. We thank each and every person who helped make the day such a success.

COMPANY UPDATE

We are proud to introduce some new staff:

Andrew has rejoined us after having taken a break to spend some time with family back in the UK. It is nice to have his knowledge and experience back in the office.

Windy has been with us for a few months. Having completed a double degree, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Commerce, at Monash University in 2022 she joins us as a Graduate Engineer. She is looking forward to transferring the knowledge from her studies to become a competent engineer. She is already proving to be a valuable member of the team.

Dylan commenced with us at the start of May. He has made the sea change to Inverloch after living and working in Northern Victoria. Dylan graduated from Swinburne University with a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in 2020 and joins us as a Graduate Engineer.

We have also been busy working behind the scenes to expand our head office in Inverloch. We have expanded our office floor space to create a biophilic designed facility. The expansion has incorporated upgrades to the existing space to provide a seamless transition from new to old. We have purchased and installed an ecofriendly HVAC system to allow fresh air to be circulated to all areas, ergonomic support including sit/stand desks and qualitative lighting. The expansion has also seen the creation of a designated training room and new staff breakout areas.

We still have a few things to complete, such as a new client meeting room, and hope these will be fully completed in the next month or two. We thank DB Design and Piasente Constructions for helping us transform the space.

We have also been taking further steps towards our company vision – *To be Gippsland's leading structural and civil engineering consultants.*

We are pleased to announce we now have a representative from the company in Bairnsdale on a fortnightly basis. You will find us at Development Solutions Victoria in Bailey Street. We hope to be able to build on our existing relationships in the area and would love to catch up and discuss your engineering needs.

CONTACT US

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

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