

DEERY CONSULTING STRUCTURAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERS



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VISION STATEMENT:

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Paul Deery – Managing Director

Curly Hart – Director

Matt Cook – Director

Eloise Gordon – Senior Engineer

Chris Drobnik – Project Engineer

Jason Villasin – Structural
Engineer

Andrew Hood – Graduate
Engineer

Jack Wong – Graduate Engineer

Robyn Hodson – Office Manager

WELCOME MESSAGE

The end of 2021 is just around the corner, is it just us or do you agree another year has flown by! We are working extra hard to meet our promised deadlines before we close on December 23rd for a well-earned break. Keep reading to meet our newest employee, Jack.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE - Paul Deery

It is December already and our working year has just flown by. We have been so fortunate as a business and team to have work as our "constant" amid a pandemic. We have enjoyed slightly more freedoms living in Regional Victoria, but we have felt for our friends, family and clients living in Metro Melbourne, earning the unwanted title of the most locked down city in the world. A big thank you to our Office Manager – Robyn who has diligently navigated the changing rules and regulations to make ours a "Covid Safe" workplace and hopefully avoid any giant fines.

Our services continue to be in high demand and our time frames have had to push out as we concentrate on servicing our long-term existing clients.

A lot of work still to get done but I am looking forward to a couple of weeks off over Christmas to hang out with the family and friends.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!



"Christmas can't be bought from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more." – Dr Seuss

ENGINEERING FOCUS - RUST

Rust is an iron oxide, usually a reddish-brown, formed by the reaction of iron and oxygen in the catalytic presence of water or air moisture. Rusting is the common term for corrosion of elemental iron and its alloys such as steel, as seen in the photo below.

It degrades metal on a molecular level and compromises its structural integrity making it an arch enemy of structural steel.

The number one way to prevent rust is to keep steel clean and dry. However, this is not always possible nor practical. For structural members you can apply a protective coating such as specialised protective paint systems, hot dip galvanising the steel or using stainless steel. There are guidelines for this in the National Construction Code



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The local Wonthaggi basketball association has started a new season, which sees a few of our staff involved on both a playing and coaching level.

Our staff members have donated to the Bass Coast Shire Council's Christmas Giving Tree. The program helps ensure that Christmas is a special day for the whole of the Bass Coast Community.

Please remember if we all do something small to help our local businesses, we are supporting not only the business but the families as well. So go grab a coffee on your daily walk, order a takeaway meal, use a click and collect services or buy a gift voucher to spend later.

Our Office Manager Robyn and her husband Brad are still training hard for their 3-day, 100 km High Country Trek in February. The purpose of the trek is to raise awareness and funds for Autism, a cause very close to their hearts having 2 Autistic children. You can support them by:

Following their progress on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Team-Hodson-100898772283494>

Donating via: <https://www.mycase.com.au/p/257485/team-hodson>

Checking out the official Oscars100 Hut2Hut website: <http://www.hut2hut.oscars100.com.au/hut2hut/>

COMPANY UPDATE

We have been fortunate to have experienced continual growth over the past 12 months. Unfortunately, our attempts to recruit suitable qualified and experienced staff to meet the increase in demand have not been very successful. We are continuing to explore options and are hopeful of finding a suitable candidate in the New Year. In the meantime our staff continue to give 100% every day and for that, we thank them.

Staff Profile – Jack Wong, Graduate Engineer

We asked Jack to share his story with you and to answer some questions. Here is what he had to say:

It still feels like it happened yesterday. I held back my tears until the departure terminal separated me and my parents, best friends and my home - Hong Kong. Growing up as an emotional person, I tried my very best to hide all the negative feelings when they gave me the warmest and most genuine blessing hugs. I was trying very hard to force myself only to think of the positives while I was still with them by telling myself they will see a better version of me when we see each other the next time. The 'loath to part' vibe would be the last thing I would like to create at that moment. It was on the 11th of July 2016 - the day I came to Australia and started my uni life at Monash University.

Over the years in Hong Kong, I have always wondered how the lifestyle would be in different parts of the world, so I decided to study abroad after high school. Since my aunt and uncle live in Australia, I had come to Australia twice as a tourist before I decided to study here. The 'no worries' attitude here really attracted me to study in this friendly and easy-going country. It is this decision that brings me to Inverloch every summer to work casually for my uncle and makes me fall in love with this seaside resort. Early this year, I graduated from university and was looking for a graduate engineer position. Then one day on my way to a local gym, I saw there is an engineering consulting firm in Inverloch and I was wondering would it be great if I could work locally in this place I like. Therefore, I went to the Deery Consulting website to get to know more about this company and saw these testimonials about the friendliness and mindfulness of the engineers, detail of the documentations and wide range of civil and structural works that they do from their clients. I knew that it is a place where I can learn a lot from the professionals and fulfill my engineering passion and now, I know I was right.

Q1. What is the favourite part of your job?

Working at Deery consulting for over half a year, I enjoy being involved in designing residential houses and light industrial buildings. Whenever I start working on a new job, I will be excited to see what type of building it is and how I can utilise my knowledge and skill sets to fulfill different clients' needs. I would be thrilled to see a completed building for which I have done the engineering for soon.

Q2. Tell us something about you not many people know.

I work at the local Chinese restaurant which my uncle has been running for over 20 years one to two days over the weekends and probably most of the days over this Christmas holiday. I like travelling to different countries, travelling to historic sanctuary of Machu Picchu is at the top of my bucket list.

Q3. How do you spend your spare time?

I like going to the local gym and workout in my spare time. They refresh my mind and recharge the battery. You may see me there if you are a gym-goer. I also like playing badminton at YMCA Wonthaggi every Monday. I am planning to learn surfing this summer over the town's stunning surf beach.

Q4. What is your favourite book?

One of my favourite books – “Seriously Curious”. This book has explanations for lots of phenomena in the world some of which I have never even thought about the reason behind. For example, why does polygamy make civil wars more likely, how wine glasses have got bigger over the years and what people want at the end of life? Have you ever thought of the answers to these questions? If yes, welcome to the club. The writer aims to stimulate our curiosity which helps people understand the world better. If no, this one maybe a good one to be added to your book-to-read list.

Q5. What motivates you?

I have always had this passion which is contributing to society by virtue of the knowledge and professional skills I have acquired. Society has given me the opportunity to study and explore my interest. Therefore, I want to give it back to society which is a really strong belief that helps me conquer every difficulty along the way.

YOLO is the other belief that raises my spirit among all the setbacks. I sometimes picture myself in my 50s and think about the things I will have regretted not trying or not trying hard enough. I think the greatest failure is failure to try and failure to try hard enough when you could have done more.



***Please note our office will be closed from Thursday 23rd December 2021 until Tuesday 4th January 2022.
We take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.***

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