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## "CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS"

It's been long time between newsletters. There has however been some action behind the scenes in organising events and activities for the forthcoming year, as you can see below.

This year sees more collaboration with our antipodean neighbours, at Engineers Australia (UK Division), in organising the events. This will hopefully boost the numbers attending, allowing a wider variety of activities to be planned, and the opportunity to meet a few more people.

Please make sure you are on the email list to get reminders of the events closer to the date, or updates on other events that may be organised. Check our website for details [www.ipenzuk.org.uk](http://www.ipenzuk.org.uk)

I hope you are able to enjoy the activities, especially with summer on the way.

Cheers,

Kelvin Smith (Ed.)

## RECENT IPENZ UK EVENTS

### Christmas Soirée

It seems a long time ago now that we were hosted by Engineers Australia to the Christmas Soirée at Australia House on The Strand and at The Temple Walkabout. The number of sore heads the next day is testament to the quality of the hospitality. Here are a few photos of our crew enjoying the fantastic surroundings.



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>ANZAC Day Get Together</b>	<b>23 April 2005</b>
<p>This year we will be holding a joint Engineers Australia/IPENZ get together to commemorate ANZAC Day. The event will be held at the Walkabout Pub at Temple on Saturday 23rd April from 2pm onwards.</p> <p>Please contact the committee at <a href="mailto:engineersaustralia@yahoo.co.uk">engineersaustralia@yahoo.co.uk</a> to RSVP.</p>	
<b>York Trip – weekend, for members and guests</b>	<b>4th &amp; 5th June 2005</b>
<p>On the Saturday there will be a tour of the Humber Bridge which is one of the largest single span suspension bridges in the world. Engineers Australia will be holding one of their "Getting Chartered" Seminars, leaving plenty of time for Kiwis to see the sights.</p> <p>It is intended that both the accommodation and the planned activities are subsidised to try and make it as cheap as possible for everyone.</p> <p>More information will be provided closer to the date, however please email <a href="mailto:engineersaustralia@yahoo.co.uk">engineersaustralia@yahoo.co.uk</a> to express your interest in the trip.</p>	
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>14 June 2005</b>
<p>This is your chance to come and have your say about the IPENZ UK Branch, look at the successes of the year just passed, and be involved in planning events for the year ahead.</p> <p>With the formal business aside, this evening traditionally moves into a more social atmosphere providing an opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues over a cold beverage. The venue is yet to be confirmed in light of recent changes to the New Zealand House Penthouse booking arrangements.</p>	
<b>Thames River Boat Cruise</b>	<b>02 July 2005</b>
<p>After a successful event last year, it's been decided to make the Thames River Cruise an annual event.</p> <p>Enjoy an afternoon cruise along the Thames, with a guest speaker, food, drinks and a chance to meet Australian and New Zealand Engineers.</p> <p>Please email Michael Tyrrell at <a href="mailto:engineersaustralia@yahoo.co.uk">engineersaustralia@yahoo.co.uk</a> to express your interest.</p>	
<b>Family Day and Barbecue</b>	<b>21 August 2005</b>
<p>The invitation to the traditional annual BBQ and family day at Henley-on-Thames has been opened up to Engineers Australia members and their families. Bring your deck chairs along to the Henley Rowing Club and relax beside the river.</p> <p>Further information will be available closer to the date, but book it in your diary now.</p>	
<b>Joint Technical Talk</b>	<b>Sept / Oct 2005</b>
<p>The current plan for the technical talk is 'Crashworthiness of Trains'. This is a topic of interest to anyone who travels, as well as those of us that work in the railway industry.</p> <p>Other technical talks and site visits will be arranged as opportunities arise: Attempts are still being made to organise a site visit to Heathrow Terminal 5, and also to the CTRL works at St Pancras. Make sure you're on the email list so you don't miss out.</p>	
<b>Christmas Soirée – for members and guests</b>	<b>2 December 2005</b>
<p>This year the Soirée is organised by IPENZ UK and the fantastic vistas of London, from the Penthouse of New Zealand house, will once again be on offer, along with the great food, drinks and festive spirit. Put this evening in your diary now, and don't plan too much for the next day.</p>	

There may be a cover charge for some of these events, but the charge will be minimal. Further details will be available on our website closer to the time.

If you or your company are working on a project, about which a talk, presentation at a technical meeting, or site visit could be arranged please contact the Chairman or the Hon. Secretary. Also, please contact them if there any sites of engineering interest you would like to visit or if you would like more details about any of the above events.

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## Events hosted by other groups

You may see our events mentioned in the Events section of **New Zealand High Commission** website - [www.nzembassy.com/uk](http://www.nzembassy.com/uk). This is a great place to find postings of events being held by NZ affiliated groups in the UK. Here are a few that caught my eye...

### 14 April

**New Zealand Society Wine Tasting**, Penthouse venue, NZ House

### 19-22 May

**NZ Photography in London, Photo-London**, Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington Gardens, London

**New Zealand News UK** also has an interesting 'What's On' section at [www.nznewsuk.co.uk/whats\\_on.cfm](http://www.nznewsuk.co.uk/whats_on.cfm), from music, to coffee mornings for young mums to CPD training for Accountants. Here are a couple of interesting events on their site.

**Tim and Neil Finn** are returning to the UK for a short tour in March. They play at the Royal Albert Hall on **March 30** and the Guildhall in Portsmouth, on **April 1**. Tickets are on sale now and start at £28.50 from [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com). Unfortunately London is sold out, but if you're in Portsmouth...

The London Philharmonic Orchestra is having a concert featuring New Zealand baritone, Teddy Tahu Rhodes on **April 9** at 7:30pm at the Royal Festival Hall. For more information visit [www.lpo.org.uk](http://www.lpo.org.uk)

## NEWS UPDATES

### 'Green' Ship May Offer Food Miles Solution

NZPA 23/3/2005 – from nznewsuk.com

**A futuristic cargo vessel with no conventional engines, which uses no fossil fuels and releases no harmful emissions, has been proposed for the shipping routes between New Zealand and Britain.**

Powered by the sun, wind and waves, the vessel is expected to attract interest from New Zealand exporters facing the threat of increasing concern from European environmentalists over "food miles" – the distance that foods are carried using fossil fuels.

The ship has been designed by the Scandinavian company Wallenius Wilhelmsen – which described it as the first truly environmentally-friendly ship. The design will be unveiled next month at the Japan trade expo in Aichi, according to the UK's Daily Telegraph.

### NEW ZEALAND Supercar "Hulme F1" unveiled officially

The Supercars New Zealand Limited 'Hulme F1' was unveiled at Massey University's Wellington Campus last week.

The car draws on the racing legacy of New Zealander Denis Hulme, who won the Formula One World Driver's Championship in 1967. "We want to create a brand based on the glamorous world of F1 racing and the reputation New Zealanders have earned for building quality products," says designer Tony Parker



The car will feature a modified BMW M5 V8 engine producing 450hp and AP Racing Transaxle, wrapped in a carbon fibre body with styling cues from F1 cars. Price not yet available!

If anyone has any snippets of news, from NZ or the UK, which would be of interest to the members please let me know at [Editor@ipenz.org.uk](mailto:Editor@ipenz.org.uk).