



UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

Chair's Comment

I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and are ready to join us during our events in the coming year.

Our first event of the year is the AGM and Technical Talk; most of our time will be focused on the tech talk and social networking - don't worry about being dragged onto the committee. If you'd like to be involved, we do have some vacancies.

This year we plan to make some changes to inject some new life into our events and to encourage more members to join.

For example, we've held an annual summer BBQ at Henley Rowing Club. This year we'll be doing it a bit differently. I'd like to extend a special thank you to Ian Kirker, long time Branch Committee member and past Chairman, and his wife Melissa for organising our BBQs at Henley for the past 20+ years. It's time you guys had a break to just come along and enjoy the day out.

Regards,
[Selwyn Aickin](#)

Events



FREE

3.5 HRS

AGM and Tech Talk: Surviving the Digital Apocalypse

5.30PM, WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2018

Matt Bishop of BVT Engineering Professional Services will speak on the evolution of calculations in engineering from the slide rule to the massive computational power of today. We'll also hear about artificial intelligence and what computers can't do.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Other Events

[See our website](#) for information on upcoming events.

28 January - Celebrate Australia Day with a round of Crazy Golf

24 February - Chinese New Year Celebration Lunch with HKIE

27 February - Tech Talk; Nanotechnology and Engineering Better Batteries

22 March - Tech Talk; Joint Venturing, Project Delivery and Development of a North Sea Giant

News



Engineering Heritage Tour

Members and their families enjoyed a full day engineering heritage tour in Devizes, Wiltshire with a visit to Wadworth's Victorian Brewery in the morning and a walk alongside the Caen Hill Locks in the afternoon.



Christmas Soiree

Another great Christmas party was held at New Zealand House with tasty food, great banter, and good times catching up with fellow engineers against a backdrop overlooking London.



Thames Cruise

A number of members had an enjoyable afternoon cruising on the Thames with members of Engineers Australia on this annual joint.

Advice for Kiwi returners

Considering a move home?

Keep your eye on the market to identify the right time to make the move back. Refer to the [Hays Quarterly Report](#) for the latest hotspots of demand and talent trends in New Zealand.

Get in touch for the most up-to-date jobs back home with the Engineering specialist [Diane Boyce](#) (0203 465 0158) at Hays Globalink in London. Diane is currently working with a number of design consultancies actively recruiting from the UK through Skype, so register your interest to be first in line to hear about opportunities with top employers back home.

Editor's Comment

Wow, 2017 flew by in a flash! Christmas is certainly different in the UK compared to back home. It's been a good year for Engineering New Zealand with lots of positive changes and great events for the UK Branch. We've successfully maintained relationships with Hong Kong Engineers, Engineers Australia and Engineers Ireland.

Don't forget to [check out our website](#) for details on upcoming events.

Regards,
Richard Parkinson