



**JOINT TECHNICAL PROGRAM 2017 Electrical and Electronic Engineering**  
**A program of general interest talks and visits, and a chance to network with people in your industry**  
*(last updated 21 March 2017)*

- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 17  
Host TelSoc
- IoT of Things Network**
- Chris Wood B. Eng. with Hons in Electrical and Computer Systems, Chris has worked telecommunications industry at the beginning with Telecom Australia and later with Cable and Wireless with Hong Kong Telecom as systems architect, he has also started a company with UNI SA to develop and commercialise an industrial grade of augmented GPS system and in 2008 he co-founded Xped, an IoT technology platform for application layer.
- His talk will cover the new trend and direction of IoT and human interaction to the technology and the potential this platform can provide.
- 28<sup>th</sup> March 17  
Host IET
- Site Visit: Biomedical- Associate Prof. John Costi Spinal implants and Flinders University Research labs site visit**
- John will talk about spinal implants and Flinders University Research labs at the site visit by Prof. John Costi (Professor of Mechanical Engineering). Prof. Costi will also give a talk about computational and experimental biomechanical testing of bone in six degrees of freedom and site tour to Flinders University Biomechanical engineering laboratory at Tonsley (where the Mitsubishi factory used to be located).
- 18<sup>th</sup> April 17  
Host IEEE
- Talk-A/P Keith Kikkert: “Towards a Renewable Electricity Supply: Opportunities, Threats & Requirements”**
- The cost of renewable energy is falling and for large scale installations the cost of wind farms and solar is now cheaper than the cost of installation of coal or gas generation. The cost of solar energy is falling more rapidly than wind so that large scale solar will be cheapest of all in the very near future. The difficulty with renewable energy is the short term variability. In SA there is often a 1 GW variation in wind power between windy day and a still day, so unless renewable energy can be stored or shifted around the country, the capacity of fossil fuel power generating capacity plant still needs to be close to the total maximum demand of SA.
- Consumer based battery storage will in the near future have realistic payback periods, which will accelerate their uptake. Such a large introduction of customer owned generating plant will dramatically change the average power demand but may not change the peak power demands significantly.
- By 2050, the UK, Germany and several other countries will only allow new electric passenger cars to be registered. Toyota will phase out petrol and diesel cars by 2050. If all cars are electric vehicles, the electric-power demand will double.
- These trends will cause a significant change in South Australia’s power generating mix, demands and economics. The presentation will discuss this and the steps that need to be taken to keep our lights on reliably.
- 16<sup>th</sup> May 17  
Host EA
- Solar Power Presentation**
- Sundrop Farms Port Augusta Plant – focusing on the Solar Thermal Plant
- ‘In 2010 we began operating Sundrop Farms’ first commercial greenhouse facility in South Australia. The greenhouse is situated at the top of the Spencer Gulf, near the city of Port Augusta. Given the lack of fresh water and the harsh climates, traditional horticulture isn’t feasible in this area. With the help of our proprietary technologies, we have been growing delicious, natural and high-quality produce using Southern Ocean seawater and sunlight since then.
- In 2014, we broke ground on a 20 hectare greenhouse which was completed in 2016. It uses a state-of-the-art solar tower to produce energy to power the plant growing systems and to heat and cool the greenhouses as required. It is 115m high and has 23,000 mirrors pointed at it. Our water once again comes from the Spencer Gulf, and is desalinated using our cutting edge thermal desalination plant.’
- <http://www.sundropfarms.com/facilities/>
- 20<sup>th</sup> June 17  
Host TelSoc
- Site Visit: Red Flow – Battery**
- Telecommunications Society – Organisers: (Marek) Robert Tait*
- 18<sup>th</sup> July 17  
Host EA
- ““Uninhabited and Autonomous Surface Vessels”.”**
- Dr Derek Rogers, FIEAust, CPEng Programme Manager and Engineering Manager, Centre of Excellence in Autonomous Vessels Maritime Systems, Saab Australia Pty Ltd.*
- “While aerial and underwater drones are increasingly prevalent, surface vessels are only now emerging due to the complexity of dealing with the sea-air boundary. Drones offer advantages for the dull, dirty and dangerous but more importantly they open up new operational concepts. In this talk Professor Rogers who is responsible for Saab’s Centre of Excellence in Autonomous Vessels will discuss the various uses of uninhabited and autonomous surface vessels for defence, civil security and other applications along with regulatory, social and economic issues and the challenges of being a corporate entrepreneur or entrepreneur as it is better known.”
- 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 17  
Host IET
- Site Visit: DPTI- Maged will confirm the site visit with Mohamed**
- IET – Emilio de Stefano and Maged Awadalla* The visit will show DPTI’s train simulator in use and how it is integrated into the driver training.

This visit will provide an insight to what DPTI is currently working on and what can be achieved in the future. DPTI only requires a list of names of students who will visit by the end of March.

19<sup>th</sup> Sep 17  
Host IEEE

**Site Visit: Adelaide Airport Limited Solar Installation**

– Adelaide Airport Ltd (AAL) engaged Solgen to complete installation of a 1.17MW solar PV system on the roof of its multi-level car park from November 2015 to March 2016. At this time it's the largest rooftop solar installation in South Australia and the largest on an Australian airport. This project is central to AAL's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, as demonstrated by becoming the first airport in the region to receive Airport Carbon Accreditation from Airports Council International. The event comprises a tour of the solar installation together with presentations by Stephanie Bolt, AAL Sustainability Manager, and Patrick Greene, Director, The Energy Project.

17<sup>th</sup> Oct 17  
Host IET

**STUDENT PAPERS NIGHT**

*Presentation at EA – Organisers: Emilio de Stefano and Maged Awadalla*

Students from our three universities present their final year projects whilst competing in the IET Rex Jones Student Presentation Prize.

21<sup>st</sup> Nov 17  
Host EA

**Royal Australia Air force Wedgetail Technology Capability**

*Presentation at EA – Organisers: Marcelo*

**CPD Points :** It is recommended that attendance at each of these presentations be counted as one CPD point under *Engineers Australia* guidelines

**Venue:** Engineers Australia, Sir Robert Chapman Theatre, Level 11, 108 King William St., Adelaide (except visits).  
**Dates:** Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month.  
**Time:** Light refreshments commence at 5:30 PM and the meeting at 6:00PM (except site visits and workshops).

For each event, a flyer presenting details of the event will be posted on the websites of EA, IEEE, IET and TSA (see the details overleaf). These websites will also inform about any changes to the above program. Bookings to the visits should be made using the EA's website. Numbers for visits are normally limited so book early - preference will be given to EA, IEEE, IET and TelSoc members.

**ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!**

**THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee normally consists of two representatives from each of the participating Institutions and Societies. The Chairperson is one of these representatives. The Minute Secretary is agreed by the previous year's Committee and is normally from the Institution/Society which will chair the Committee in the following year.

**2017 JTP Electrical & Electronics Committee**

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# TelSoc

The Telecommunications Association (TelSoc) is a multi-disciplinary society whose aim is to promote knowledge, understanding and excellence in telecommunications and its applications including the digital economy. TelSoc's goals are: to keep members abreast of the latest developments and policies in telecommunications and the digital economy; to provide high quality networking with peers; and to promote excellence in the telecommunications community. TelSoc also plays a major role in collecting and preserving Australia's telecommunications history and has been doing so since the founding of the original society in 1874. Individuals involved or interested in telecommunications and the digital economy are most welcome to [join TelSoc](#).

Website: <http://telsoc.org>



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The **INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (IET)** is an international organisation with over 150,000 members throughout the world who have joined together to promote the advancement of electrical and electronic science and engineering. The IET was formed in 2006 from two separate institutions: the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) dating back to 1871 and the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, dating back to 1884. The IET publishes material on a wide range of related fields, with the ultimate aim of sharing and advancing knowledge to enhance people's lives around the world. The IET comprises of over 100 Professional Local Networks that exist all around the world that link students, industry and academia with a common interest, promote the importance of science, engineering and technology to the general public and provide opportunities for engineers to share and develop knowledge and network with each other. The South Australian and Northern Territory (SA & NT) Local Network is managed by a diverse and active group of volunteers, comprising of University students, engineering professionals, retired engineers and academia. Individuals are most welcome to join the local network and discover upcoming events. Additional details are available on the IET's local web page home page (see below). Local contact details: Ms. Sophie Ball, Honorary Secretary, IET SA & NT Local Network.

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