

Congress Chatter

Sunday, 3 October 2004 - Auckland, New Zealand



The Fullers Ferry, our transport for our first 'kiwi' adventure, starting with a cruise on the Auckland Harbour.

*Photograph:
Kathy Watson*

WHO'S HERE?

We would like to welcome delegates to Congress 2005, from:

- 9 Australia
- 9 Canada
- 9 Denmark
- 9 England
- 9 France
- 9 Germany
- 9 Holland
- 9 Ireland
- 9 Japan
- 9 New Zealand
- 9 Norway
- 9 Singapore
- 9 South Africa
- 9 Spain
- 9 Switzerland
- 9 United Kingdom
- 9 United States of America
- 9 Vietnam

THIS AFTERNOON

Please meet in the foyer of the Stamford Hotel, promptly at 4.00pm today. Be ready to depart on our first adventure - the Oase Waiheke Welcome and dinner.

In the foyer look for a Congress crew member, in a bright green shirt. They will be holding up signs with birds on - find the one that matches the bird on the bottom right corner of your name tag and introduce yourself.

In preparation for the evening, dress casually, but warmly and bring a warm jacket. Remember to bring your camera too!

DAYLIGHT SAVING

To make the most of daylight hours during the summer months, New Zealand observes daylight saving.

Daylight saving begins today. You should have been advised to put your watches and clocks forward one hour, before you went to sleep last night .

Don't miss the boat! If you are unsure if you have the correct time, please check at either the Congress, or the Hotel Registration Desk.



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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FABULOUS WEEK



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PRE-CONGRESS TOUR - This was in the north of the North Island, in the beautiful Bay of Islands, enjoyed by the 53 participants of the Pre-Congress Tour over the last few days.



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MONDAY - After visiting our first Garden Centre, we head to the top of the Auckland Sky Tower for dinner. It is a great way to see Auckland, during the day and in the evening.



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TUESDAY - Heading into the heartland of New Zealand, will experience some of the influences that have shaped our country, both geographically and culturally.

WEDNESDAY - Will be a big day, as in addition to our planned activities, we will relocate from Auckland to Wellington. We will be enjoying dinner at 'our place', Te Papa.



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THURSDAY - We explore the Wellington Region. Lunch will be at the Skyline, next to the Botanical Gardens and Cable Car. Thursday will be a very 'kiwi' day.

FRIDAY - After visiting our final Garden Centres, we will conclude Congress by celebrating with a Gala Dinner in the Wellington Town Hall.

MONDAY'S WEATHER

Expected high: 18 degrees

Expected low: 12 degrees

Rain developing during the day, with northeasterly winds strengthening. Don't forget your lovely Oase umbrellas!

Sunrise @ 6.54am Sunset @ 7.27pm



Photograph: Kathy Watson

The IGCA Board enjoying a light moment after a full day of meetings yesterday.

Monday morning's wake-up call will be at: 6.00am

Breakfast starts at 6.15am. If you want to be woken at a different time please contact the Hotel to make other arrangements.

The Congress registration desk will be open between 6.45 and 7.15am on Monday morning