

Congress Chatter

Monday, 4 October 2004 - Auckland, New Zealand



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

The Spanish enjoying Fish'n Chips , kiwi style on Waiheke Island

TODAYS PROGRAMME

- 6:15am Delegate Buffet Breakfast
Stamford Hotel - Ballroom
- 7.00am Meet at Bus Gates
- 7.15am Board Buses
- 7.30am Buses Depart Stamford Hotel
- 8:00am Site Visit : Palmers
Glen Eden, Auckland
- 10:15am Site Visit : Palmers
Pakuranga, Auckland
- 12:15pm Lunch at Ayrilies, Auckland
- 3:30pm Site Visit : Kings
Silverdale, Auckland
- 6:00pm Sky City Dinner and Evening
Auckland

FISH'N CHIPS - KIWI STYLE

Last evenings' Oase Waiheke Welcome was a different way of commencing Congress than delegates may be used to - but it started the 2004 IGCA Congress with a truly unique kiwi flavour!

New Zealanders spend a lot of time outdoors and as an island nation, we love the ocean. So what better way to spend a relaxed evening, than enjoying fresh Fish'n Chips at dusk, on the beach with friends. Everyone was able to relax, catch up with old friends, meet other delegates and enjoy the clean, fresh New Zealand air. So what better way to start Congress, than relaxing and forgetting your jetlag for a short time.

The delicious fish we were served last night was fresh Teraki.

The ferry cruise around the Auckland Harbour on the way to Waiheke is spectacular, both in daylight and at night, with the city lights. A regular ferry service is run between Waiheke and Auckland for residents who work in the city, and city dwellers who want to get away for the weekend.

Note: It is traditional for Fish'n Chips to be served in newspaper, as it may be in England, although these days they must be pre-wrapped in something more hygienic!



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Auckland Skytower - Sailing back into a magical Auckland Harbour after the Oase Waiheke Welcome. Aslo the venue for this evenings dinner function.



Have a Perky day!



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Out in front - the Tui Bus lead the way, with their Bus Crew making sure we know



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Leaving our worries behind, and setting off on the journey of Congress - and to dinner



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The Oase Waiheke Welcome was a step into the unknown, to a warm friendly place where we re-connected with old friends

TUESDAY'S WEATHER

Expected high: 16 degrees

Expected low: 11 degree

Scattered showers, turning to rain in the afternoon. Brisk northwest winds turning southwest.

YOUR CREW

BUS CREWS



HOIHO BUS CREW

Doug Godfrey
Miriam Godfrey
Steve Fisher

KEA BUS CREW

Kathy Bills
Lance Bills
Bill Brett



KAKAPO BUS CREW

Richard Bowater
Graeme Ross



PUKEKO BUS CREW

Stuart Bruce
Frank Graveson
Amanda Irons



TUI BUS CREW

Sarah Hodges
Barry Lowe
Antony Irons



KIWI FORWARD CREW

TECHNICAL CREW

Robert Bett
Matt and Clinton from
Multi Media



OFFICIAL CONGRESS RECORDER

Kerry Johnstone



Tuesday morning's wake-up call will be at: 5.15am

Breakfast starts at 5.30am.

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 6.00 and 7.00am on Tuesday morning