

Congress Chatter

Friday, 8 October 2004 - Wellington, New Zealand



FLYING HIGH

Alice Caper-Star was the perfect climax to another great day on Congress.

Garden centre visits to California Home and Garden, and Zenith Garden Centre offered a promising start to the day. Although the weather changed in the middle of the day, everyone who visited the Otari-Wiltons Bush Nature Reserve enjoyed the visit, with the mulled wine and hot chocolate to warm them and the fantastic Felco Chainsaw Sculpter creating masterpieces in the lower field. The Felco Kiwi BBQ evening was an idyllic completion to the day.



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

The Felco Star, Alice Caper-Star performing ribbon aerobatics at the Felco Kiwi BBQ evening, last night



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The Felco four with the sign made by the Chainsaw Sculpter

TODAYS PROGRAMME

- 9:00 a.m. International IGCA Information Meeting Southwards Museum, Kapiti
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Tea
- 10:30 a.m. Depart on buses
- 11:00 a.m. Site Visits: Harrisons Country Gardenworld and Pukehou Nursery
- 11:45 a.m. Depart on buses to swap Garden Centres
- 12 noon Site Visits: Harrisons Country Gardenworld and Pukehou Nursery
- 1:30 p.m. Lunch at Otaki Station, travel to Wellington by train
- 4:00 p.m. Free time
- 6:15 p.m. Depart on buses for Gala Dinner
- 9.30 p.m. - Midnight: Transpost will be available back to the James Cook Hotel

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KIDNAPPED

You wouldn't believe the furore over the loss of the Pukeko mascot. A ransom note has been received along with a Pukeko foot. The Pukeko Bus Crew have been negotiating for the the release of the hostage, although we understand that negotiations have broken down. Tune in tommorrow for an update.



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

A baby Pukeko - possibly orphaned after the recent cruel kidnapping of the Pukeko mascot

By the way, as anyone seen the Kiwi mascot recently?

LOST JEWELLERY

Last night, the surprise of a lifetime came upon a delegate when they discovered an earring in their Felco Kiwi Barbeque meal!

It turned out belong to one of our fantastic American attendees Jacqueline Courtright. Please come and see your friend - the Timekeeper to recover your jewellery.



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

Children performing a Maori Welcome at Zenith Garden Centre, yesterday

CHAINSAW ART

The Pukeko Bus Crew would like to announce that the No 1 bird (while missing), has been written in chainsaw art. No charge to view at the Reception, Lobby. Please do not photograph.



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California Home and Garden Centre Lower Hutt

PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like a picture taken with any of the other delegates, your coach group or with any of your amazing crew, then let us know and we can arrange for Kerry to make it happen. Please give us as much notice as possible.

POST-TOUR BAGS

For those delegates doing the post tour, luggage tags will be dropped in your room today. Please ensure all your luggage is packed and labeled in your room by 7.30am on Saturday morning, to be collected by the Hotel staff. Post-tour check-in will be at 7.30am on Saturday, in the Hotel Foyer.

FORMAL SUITS

If you have booked a suit for the dinner tonight, it will be delivered to your room around lunchtime today - ready for you on your return from our day out.

Saturday's wake-up call will be at 6.45am and will only go to post-tour delegates

The Post-Congress Tour registration desk will be open between **7.00am** and **8.15am** on Saturday morning for Post-Congress Tour Registration. Buses will **depart** for the airport at 8.15am sharp.