

# Congress Chatter



Wednesday, 6 October 2004 - North Island, New Zealand

## ON THE GRAPEVINE

High Chief Hone Ashley accepted the challenge laid down at Tamaki Maori Village on behalf of the Kea Bus and carried the Kea delegates honour admirably !

**Congratualtions to Martin Stewart and Rebecca Moy** - The first people on Congress to miss their bus! It took them a whole half day to get back to the correct bus. It took them so long to get back to their own bus, we thought they had deserted their bus to be adopted by the UK bus. However, their bus kindly accepted them back into the fold.



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

*Monday's Dinner at the Skytower - yet another meal with no cutlery!*

**Big Swap** - (We are told), the Pukeko bus had a faulty CD player so the very excellent bus company sent a new bus all the way to Tauranga - SERVICE!!!

You guy's are obviously eagerly practising the IGCA theme song - we are looking forward to a demonstration. I hope you are practised up on the actions too!



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

*Pretty in pink - the ladies from Decor Gardenworld ready to greet the delegates*

## TODAYS PROGRAMME

- 8.45am Site Visit : Kings Remuera
- 10.00am Buses Depart
  - Wellington Group to Airport
  - Auckland Group to Hozelock Activity and Lunch
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  - Auckland Group to Airport
- 4.15 - 4.30pm Check-in to James Cook Hotel
- 4.30pm Formal suit and dress hire available
- 5.45pm Pre Dinner Drinks and French Congress 2005 Presentation.
- 6.45pm Depart for Hozelock Hose Event
- 7.30pm Hozelock Dinner at Te Papa

*Note: Please ensure you are on the bus before the departure time as the buses will depart on time. If you miss the bus, phone the local taxi company - the number is in your handbook.*

**HOZELOCK**

Today is brought to you by  
**HOZELOCK**

A Crunchie a day keeps the doctor away



**Lost Property**

Richard where are you????  
Last seen in Whakarewarewa

**Delegates in the Kakapo** Bus enjoyed seeing the face of Stuart Johns and motley crew , realised their Pukeko had been nicked. And by an Aussie too! Of course the Aussie couldn't help but rub their noses in it.



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

*Scotts Tiki Tour Tuesday culminated in a spectacular performance at Tamaki Maori Village*



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*The accident that slowed us down yesterday morning. No-one was hurt, but the car was written-off.*

**The Hoiho Bus**

Would like to advise that they have superb singing voices, especially Ruth Bachman. They have been practising their song and note that they are clearly number 1 - a bus with lots of personality.

**"Hoiho are Best"**. Kiwi Ingenuity at its finest. The big sign on the front of the Palmers Tauranga was changed to "Hoiho are best".

We saw them preening and taking compulsory photos.

What is happening on the other buses?



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

*Delegates at Whakarewarewa, in the land of the long white cloud.*

**THURSDAY'S WEATHER**

**Wellington**

Expected High: 14 degrees C  
Expected Low: 8 degrees C

Cloudy, light winds

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

Breakfast will start at 6.30am

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 6.15 and 6.45am on Thursday morning