

Congress Chatter

Thursday, 7 October 2004 - Wellington, New Zealand



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

Yesterday morning at King's Plant Barn, delegates were delighted with the unique way Kings targeted to meet the needs of potential customers in their catchment area.

FORMAL WEAR HIRE

Men - This afternoon at 4.30pm is your last chance to hire a suit for the Black Tie Formal Gala, on Friday evening. The hire company will be in the hotel this afternoon, from 4.30pm for your last minute requests.

Ladies - Kathiy will arrange for you to attend a formal dress hire so you can select and try on formal dresses before making your decision on a dress for the Gala Dinner on Friday. Please contact her before 3.30pm today, if you would like to attend.

TODAYS PROGRAMME

- 8:30 a.m. Site Visits : California Home and Garden, and Zenith Garden Centre, Lower Hutt
- 9:30 a.m. Depart by bus to swap Garden Centres
- 9:45 a.m. Site Visits : California Home and Garden, and Zenith Garden Centre, Lower Hutt
- 10:30 a.m. Depart by bus
- 11:30 a.m. Wellington Botanic Garden
- 12.15 p.m. Fabulous Felco Lunch at the Skyline Restaurant (above the Gardens and next to the Cable Car Museum)
- 1:30 p.m. Depart by bus
- 2:00 p.m. Otari Native Reserve / Wiltons Bush
- 4:00 p.m. Depart by bus
- 4:30 p.m. Suit Hire Fittings James Cook Hotel
- 4:30 p.m. Formal Dress Hire Fittings See Kathiy for details
- 5:40 p.m. Meet at Bus Gateways
- 5:45 p.m. Depart by bus
- 6:30 p.m. Fabulous Felco Kiwi BBQ Dinner and Evening California Garden Centre
- 10.00 p.m. 1st bus departs for the Hotel
- 11.30 p.m. Last bus departs for the Hotel



The Fabulous F E L C O Day

Today's energy fix ...



Did anyone take digital photos of Colin Meads and the Eden Park experience?

Please let Kerry or Kathy know - as we would like copies.



HOZELOCK HIGHLIGHTS

What a huge day!

The Auckland Group toured Eden Park, played a little rugby, and met New Zealand All Black legend Colin Meads! Colin is a mountain of a man, with hands the size of dinner plates - his trade mark. He can pick up a rugby ball from the turf, with one hand as he runs past.

All the Wellington group caught a Hozelock Helicopter from Wellington to Pencarrow Lodge, where they soaked up the sun and scenery, and partied heartily. It took the Bus Crews an hour to get them back onto the buses!

Everyone has said that (so far), this has been the highlight of Congress 2004 - but wait (as they say), there's more. We still have a few days of Congress to go...

Steinlager and Speights Distinction Ale



Photograph: Kathy Watson

HOSE WIND-UP

Congratulations to the Kea Bus, winners of the Hozelock Inter-bus Hose Relay Event last night on the Wellington waterfront.

While the Kea Bus may have won the race, the Quality Assurance Award has to go to the Japanese team (pictured above), from the **Kakapo Bus**. They did a great job with no space (as the crowd pressed into their area in their excitement), no leaks in their hose and no cheating... unlike some of the other Buses, which we won't name!

Keep your eyes open as there will be more inter-bus competition today and we are not only looking for speed!



Photograph: Kerry Johnstone

FRIDAY'S WEATHER

Expected High: 16 degrees C

Expected Low: 10 degrees C

Cloudy - but no rain forecast!

Friday morning's wake-up call will be at: **6.15am**

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 6.45 and 7.15am on Friday morning

Today's New Zealand Beer is