

“Have a boonoonoos!”



Monday 16 July

Welcome Reception

34 countries and over 700 delegates! How wonderful to see so many Home Economists here.

Deputy Lord Mayor Susan Riley welcomed the delegates to the beautiful city of Melbourne, and encouraged all of us to enjoy our stay and everything Melbourne and Australia has to offer.

Tuesday 17 July

Opening Ceremony



Chuckles the Kookaburra and his dad

The Congress was formally opened by the Honourable Martin Dixon, Minister for Education in Victoria. Also featured in the ceremony was an indigenous welcome, a real life visit from Chuckles the kookaburra, the symbolic rocks representing the 8 UN Millennium Development goals, and three patriotic songs from the Australian Youth Choir. The words of the closing song "we are one,

but we are many, and from all the lands on earth we come. We share a dream and sing with one voice: I am, you are, we are Australian" connected strongly and might well have been written for all of the home economists of the world coming together for this event. Home Economics Victoria's President Louise Gunther and Congress Organising Chairperson Carol Warren hosted the session and welcomed delegates from around the world.



Louise Gunther, Geraldene Hodalin, Hon Martin Dixon & Carol Warren

Launch of AIHW: Food and nutrition report

Congress delegates were treated to the launch by the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing the Honourable Catherine King of an important book "Australia's Food and

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Nutrition 2012" produced by the Australian Institute for Health and Welfare. More information about the launch is available at the following link:
http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/public_content.nsf/Content/mr-yr12-ck-ck035.htm



Louise Gunther, the Hon Catherine King & Carol Warren

Keynote Addresses



Professor Geraldene Hodelin

Delegates were treated to two important keynote addresses that set the scene for the week ahead. President Professor Geraldene Hodelin provided a recount of the important work of home economists, which connected with the following

keynote speaker, Dr Vandana Shiva, who mesmerized delegates with her deep understanding of politics and the relationship between home and community. She reflected on the importance of the word "oikos" which is the Greek word for home, and one all home economists know well. Speaking with great passion, she highlighted the importance of having a focus on "the art of living" and affirmed the earth's resources as "enough for need, but not enough for greed".



Dr Vandana Shiva

Concurrent sessions

Delegates were scattered across the wide range of concurrent sessions for the afternoon, enabling them to focus on their areas of interest and specialisation.



The day culminated with more than 100 delegates experiencing the charm and entertainment of the Tram Restaurant.

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