

Report to 27th ISGF World Conference Planning Committee;

Congratulations to all the members of the Planning Committee for happy and successful event. Events always have challenges but these were all resolved with patience and good humour.

Congratulations Brian for the calm and efficient manner with which you chaired the World Conference. Well Done

All but two of the scarves have been sold, although when the male participants swarmed when Val, Vi and myself were sorting the bags for Brian, we almost lost all the scarves with no payment. What an experience to have grown men digging through the bin and pushing us aside to swoop whatever they could from boxes. Thanks to Greg Davies who then supplied his burly security.

As discussed with you Brian the few empty blue bags were given to NSW/ACT TGA Rosalind Farley to use within her state. The Guide Australia leaflets were returned to Guides NSW/ACT; the Scout brochures were given to a NSW Cub Leader. The remainder of the badges from the badge club (after we had been swooped upon) were returned to Ann Taylor. ATG Brochures taken home by me.

Keith and Ann:

The Gateway presented various challenges to you and Ann but in the end it was sturdy, very suitable and very functional. At one time I thought that Brian Hughes, Gabriel, Bev and I would have to spend the entire event holding the posts. Thank you to Helen who kept offering us all cups of water when she wasn't also assisting. We were all pleased that you did not topple off the ladder – thank goodness. The demise of the gateway was very quick.

The Opening Ceremony was wonderful with all the pomp and ceremony required. It was a great opportunity for the many first time attendees and volunteers to witness or be involved in. The Aboriginal welcome was excellent what a great representative. Well Done.

It was also wonderful that:

1. His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove shook hands or acknowledged quite a number of the young people and adults who formed the guard of honour on entry and exit.
2. His Excellency spoke with the Scouts and Guides as they formed up with their leaders ready to exit the dining room hall.
3. The many photos His Excellency patiently had taken with participants
4. Of the kind, humble and thoughtful conversations held with participants
5. His Excellency was patient and spoke encouragingly to the Scouts and Guides outside the Southee Complex as numerous photos were taken under the banner and canoe
6. His Excellency had thoughtful conversations with the young men and women, parents and leaders. Both His Excellency and his wife including the scouts, guides and parents will treasure those moments.

The closing ceremony was also excellent – I was pleased to be asked on behalf of the NSGFA to thank all of the team and the World Committee and to present the World Conference Flag to the Indonesia giving them Australia's best wishes.

Excellent choice of those lowering the flags on the Gateway.

The acknowledgment by gift giving at the end was a delight to watch. The headsets and interpreters were excellent although some of the observers did not understand that they could have headsets. Yes - I was aware that this had been announced.

Well Done to both of you.

John and Ulrike:

Great photos; excellent entertainment and how wonderful was the Maitland Gang Show group. The storm added to the boat trip as did the entertainer – wow what talent. The insufficient seating was a challenge.

Bravo

Chesne:

The committee compliment you on the manner in which you organised registration and volunteers prior and during the event in spite of many challenges.

The volunteers on Registration, NSGFA Retail; ISGF World Retail were much appreciated.

I understand the greeters at the airport were busy but very friendly.

Bev Wynne and Helen Badrick were just marvellous.

Bravo and Well Done Chesne.

David:

I am sure you will be pleased when the final financial report is completed. You were certainly busy with all the queries at time of registration and during the remainder of the event.

Margaret and Muriel: Bravo and Well Done for your support as secretary to the team prior and during the event.

Bev:

The arrival and departure of buses was sometime a challenge but with the assistance of the team you managed to get everyone where they had to be at the right time. I don't think I will ever forget the Saudi Arabian contingent's arrival. Hope the day trips were enjoyable for the participants.

The participants seemed pleased with the environmental friendly bags; satchels and the calico bags.

Congratulations to you all.

NSGFA Executive