



FRIENDSHIP – BENEATH SOUTHERN SKIES

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Conference Report

The 27th ISGF-AISG World Conference is finally over and a big thank you must go to all of the organising committee for 3 years of dedicated hard labour that enabled the conference to be such a great success. To all the volunteers both at Mascot Airport in a meet and greet mode and ensuring that all the arrivals were on the correct buses as well as all who assisted at the conference centre I applaud you for a job well done. I know we had some hard to handle participants but your smiling faces and calm demeanour seemed to work and all things worked out well in the end. To all those working behind the scenes I say a big thank you as you know who you are and your services were very much appreciated.

The opening ceremony with the Governor General of Australia and the Governor of NSW plus the other dignitaries along with the Scouts and Guides was an eye opener to all the visiting participants. The aboriginal didgeridoo player attracted a lot of attention. Our thanks go to all the Scouts and Guides who assisted with the flag parade.

Working sessions were well attended by all delegates and the programme moved along at a great rate with plenty of time for fellowship between sessions. As the conference is held every 3 years some do not see each other for the period so a lot of catching up was evident with the loud greetings that were imminent during the coffee breaks. Lunch and dinner time there was also a lot of fellowship. The presentations by all member countries was well received by all as it showcases their activities during the past three years and it was interesting to see the projects from other nations.

Our guest speaker Mr. John Price AM kept every one engaged as his power point presentation highlighted the Scout and Guide movement over the years with the theme “Friendship Beneath Southern Skies” showing how the two organisations work together in friendship and harmony. To him we give a big “BRAVO” for a job well done.

A lot of observers spent time going into Sydney and spending up big and they enjoyed their time there. Some went by ferry to Manly and arrived back very sunburnt as they did not realise the force off the sun of the water but they got over it very quickly. The harbour cruise nearly turned into a disaster as a massive storm hit just as we were about to board the boat but it eventually passed and everyone enjoyed the Sydney skyline at night as we passed under the harbour bridge, passed the opera house and returned to Olympic Park.

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