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DID YOU KNOW?

- * When the English first saw a platypus specimen they thought Australians were playing a joke on them by sewing a duck bill on a rat.
- * Australia's first ever political party meeting was held under a gum tree.
- The 'dingo fence' in Australia is the longest fence in the world (5,530km) – about twice as long as the Great Wall of China!
- * Australia's first police force was a band of 12 of the most well behaved convicts.

Greetings to all members of ISCA from Jenolan Caves, NSW Australia, venue of the **7th Congress** and to the Second Congress Newsletter. There has been a great deal of work undertaken by the Congress Organizing Committee already. Our first important announcement is that we have secured major sponsors for the 2014 Congress, and are proud to announce **Acoustiguide** as the Diamond Sponsor.

Acoustiguide, a global organisation under the banner of *Espro Acoustiguide Group* are world leaders in the field of digital technology and interpretation. Clients include Taronga Zoo, Sydney Opera House, The Tower of London, The Louvre, The Guggenheim and Taipei 101 Observatory to name just a few.

Acoustiguide has set the standard for audio tours since 1957 when the company was founded. Since then they have lead the way in innovative technology, creative content & operations management.

Today Acoustiguide offers digital audio and multimedia interpretation to visitors via a variety of platforms - including Acoustiguide App, and Acoustiguide



Jenolan's 'Nettle Cave', experienced with Acoustiguide devices

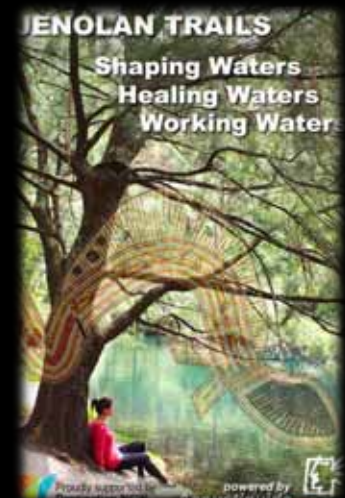
Mobile – CMS cloud based apps for smartphones and tablets; the most sophisticated group guiding solutions; and purpose built multimedia players such as OPUS – designed and manufacture specifically for the Tourism, Heritage and Museum markets.

Acoustiguide has been working with Jenolan Caves since 2006 providing innovative and award winning content, tour hardware, and smart phone applications. Managing Director of Acoustiguide Australia Maryanne Leigh commented: "We understand that show caves play an important role in environmental education. It has been our pleasure to assist Jenolan in delivering key messages and expanding the range of interpretive offerings both on site and via the digital world".

THE JENOLAN APP!

Do you want to get an advance taste of the heritage of the area? Why not download our newest (free) app on your iPhone? The "Jenolan Trails" app was designed to guide visitors along the three main surface walks available at Jenolan Caves and developed by *Acoustiguide of Australia*.

This app may be downloaded from the iTunes store and will be available also for Android in early 2014.



TRAVEL OPTIONS WITHIN AUSTRALIA

It seems highly likely that many Congress attendees will use the opportunity of Jenolan 2014 to enjoy an extended holiday in Australia. A great plan!

Planning a holiday in Australia is exciting, and limited only by available travel time. It is very important to recognize that the country is huge—the size of the continental United States, with attraction and cities often widely separated.

Attendance at Jenolan 2014 will

provide the perfect opportunity to spend some time in Sydney—the largest Australian city. However, delegates may wish to consider visiting other iconic regions such



as the Great Barrier Reef and northern Queensland, the Outback, West Coast or Tasmania. Travel in Australia is easily researched, with a good starting point being the official website www.australia.com offering travel advice and information in many languages. In addition, we will send out a series of area specific information sheets with travel ideas over the Christmas period for the consideration of potential delegates.

FOCUS ON SYDNEY...

The Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Sydney Opera House, Taronga Zoo, Darling Harbour, Bondi Beach and the Royal Botanic Gardens—just a few of the iconic experiences you will find in Sydney, Australia's first city.

Sydney is a city of over four million, and has developed since the middle of the 20th Century into one of the truly great cities of

the world. Sydney is easy to explore with hundreds of quality hotels in the city centre. Sydney has a good public transport system, though many of the major landmarks of the city may be easily accessed on a walking tour. Sydney has developed a wonderful modern food culture, and delegates will find no shortage of quality eating establishments.

Congress buses to Jenolan will depart from Sydney CBD and airport on the morning of Sunday November 2nd for Jenolan Caves.



OUR SILVER SPONSOR — *Weidmüller*

Weidmüller has been associated with Jenolan since 2005, designing and providing cutting edge LED lighting systems and power supplies that have transformed the show caves with low energy, high impact lighting. **Weidmüller** provides customers and partners around the world with products, solutions and services in the industrial environment of power, signal and data. The company are continuously developing innova-

tive and sustainable solutions for individual needs and setting new standards in Industrial Connectivity. The **Weidmüller Group** owns manufacturing plants, sales companies and representatives in more than 80 countries.

Jenolan is proud to be associated with Weidmüller and to have their support for **Jenolan 2014**.
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MORE ON THE CONGRESS VENUE

Bookings for accommodation at the Congress venue of Jenolan Caves House are expected to open in **February/March**, with the entire accommodation precinct already completely reserved for ISCA delegates for



Chisolms Grand Dining Room

for working groups and Commission meetings. The Hotel Ballroom is the perfect venue for evening drinks with the adjoining wisteria balcony a delightful spot in the warm late afternoons of November in Australia.



The Wisteria Balcony.

the duration of the 7th Congress. Jenolan Caves House contains a Grand Victorian Dining Room where up to 140 can feast, two bars, two dedicated conference rooms and several smaller rooms



The Ballroom

CALL FOR PAPERS—NOW OPEN

Detailed information has now been posted on the ISCA website reading the [call for papers](#) for the 7th Congress.

The overall theme for the Congress is “The challenge of sustainably showing caves in the 21st Century” and all papers are expected to align with one or more of these subjects. At this stage we are looking to limit

sessions to include a maximum of 25 presentation of 20 minutes duration plus question time.

An expert panel has been formed to evaluate paper submissions, and the deadline for submission of title and abstract has been set for **May 30th 2014**. This panel is chaired by ISCA member and internationally recognised cave

and karst scientist Andy Spate.

At this stage we are hoping to have the Congress Proceedings published in electronic form following the Congress.

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“TUBBY”, ONE OF JENOLAN’S RESIDENT PLATYPUSES



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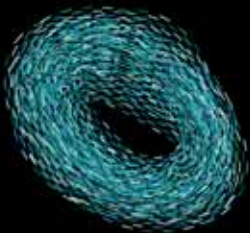
Furthering Show Cave Management in an exciting venue in a spirit of friendship and collaboration...

We look forward to welcoming the world to **JENOLAN 2014!**

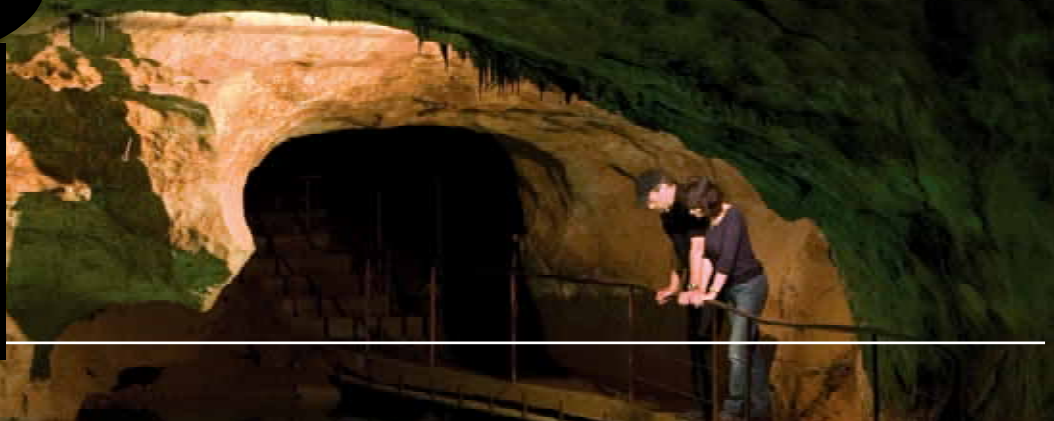
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RECENT NEWS FROM JENOLAN CAVES...

Jenolan Caves was proud to accept the award at the recent 2013 NSW State Tourism Awards for *Heritage and Cultural Tourism*. This is the third year in a row that Jenolan has won this award, and this year we were placed in the Tourism Hall of Fame in recognition of the achievement.



The award recognizes a dedication to interpreting the natural and cultural heritage of a site. Jenolan has over 150 years as a tourist site, and at least 10-15 thousand years of cultural history with the Gundungurra

Aboriginal people—a part of Aboriginal Australia, the oldest continuous culture on Earth.

Jenolan Caves has been working closely with the

Gundungurra in recent years to celebrate this heritage, developing new tours and activities as well as commissioning new artwork that tells the traditional 'Dreamtime' story of the creation of the Jenolan area and of its significance as a place of healing to the Aboriginal people who believe the waters of the caves to be *Nadyung*—"Healing Waters".



The new *Healing Waters* artwork