

VTC 2006 MELBOURNE: SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

IEEE VTC2006 Melbourne will have two social functions on the evenings of Sunday, 7th of May and Tuesday, 9th of May. These events will boast excellent food, fine wines and beer (plus non-alcoholic beverages) and some wonderful entertainment.

Welcome Reception: Sunday 7th May

Venue: Savoy Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Hotel

Times: 7:00pm to 9:00pm



This event will be an informal reception, with drinks and finger food provided. At 7:15pm, you will be welcomed to Melbourne by a traditional Australian Indigenous Welcoming Ceremony. This is in effect the equivalent of what is in Christian terms called a Blessing.

These Aboriginal performers spread cultural awareness and understanding through the performance of Aboriginal stories and songs, using traditional instruments such as didgeridoo and clapsticks, dressed and painted in traditional style. It is an expression of being part of the extended family, and in affinity to the birds, the animals, the plants and all other living things.

This function will be an excellent opportunity to meet with old friends, make new ones and get ready for a wonderful and rewarding time at VTC2006.

Conference Dinner: Tuesday 9th May

Venue: Savoy Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Hotel

Times: 7:00pm to 10:30pm

The Conference Dinner is a regular feature of VTS Conferences. It will start with pre-dinner drinks in the foyer outside the Savoy Ballroom, and guests will then move inside this striking venue for a sumptuous three course meal followed by coffee or tea. Background music will be provided by the Kira String Quartet, who were one of eight string quartets selected from around Australia to participate in the Australian National Academy of Music String Quartet program. The group attended the Canberra Chamber Music Festival on an Academy scholarship, performing at various Embassies. They have performed in classes with Marco van Pagee, Trevor Jones and distinguished international artists Milan Skampa and Valter Despalj.



After the music, there will be a banquet speech entitled “*Beyond 3G – Opportunity or Hype?*”, by Dr Chris Nicol, Managing Director, Agere Systems, Australia.

It should be a great night, so don't miss it!