

WELCOME AND WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

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Welcome everyone, especially to our friends from Rottneest Island Authority, to CALM's 10th PVS Workshop. My name is Colin Ingram and I will be your convenor for the next 3 days, ably assisted by Tracy Shea, Matt Cavana and Sarah Melville.

We may live in an age of mobile phones (with cameras), email, teleconferencing and other forms of high tech communication but in the final analysis we still crave for personal interaction, social intercourse and other forms of noisy behaviour.

That is because we are social animals and working in a social environment we need the verbal discourse to connect, to relate, to interact, to network, to validate and to feed our personal and professional needs. Technology is largely inadequate in that regard. Big Brother has not taken over entirely.

Hence, the Annual PVS Workshop has, is and may well be in the future a heavily patronized even on the annual PVS calendar. A "must do" social and professional experience that has developed into a delicate mix of celebration, cerebral calibration, collaboration, contemplation, conferencing and last but not least, a commitment to improving the way we do business.

I trust that you will enjoy the next 3 days of didactic, galactic and interactive presentation. But before we start, may I say that we (Wayne Smidt and I) have put together a most stimulating, interesting and challenging program. We have interactive learning exercises courtesy of Gil Field and his team from the CALM Interpretative Unit. Lorna has confirmed the attendance of a VIP. We will also visit the Antarctic and review the past year through pictures. We even have a late night tutorial session this evening on "musical theory in natural environments" hosted by 'The Band'. There will be opportunities to express points of view or raise issues of concern at the end of each presentation.

It is a traditional part of our workshop to have a "Welcome to country". At present Koodah Cornwall and Tania Donovan are working on a CALM policy that will provide some guidelines on "traditional welcomes" and involvement in CALM events. It is only right that we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land.

Hello everybody, my name is Koodah Cornwall. My christian name is Terry but I prefer to be called by my Noongar name, Koodah. I'm from the Willeman clan in the South West, originally born in Wagin. Wagin is named after the emu called Waitch. I'd like to take this opportunity to show our respects and acknowledge the people of this country, which are the Wardjark People. The Wardjarks are the custodians of this area (Perth Clan Group). Now I'd like to welcome everybody here in the traditional way through our language.

Ngundja warnda ninyak nunda ngarni boodjah (I welcome you to my country).