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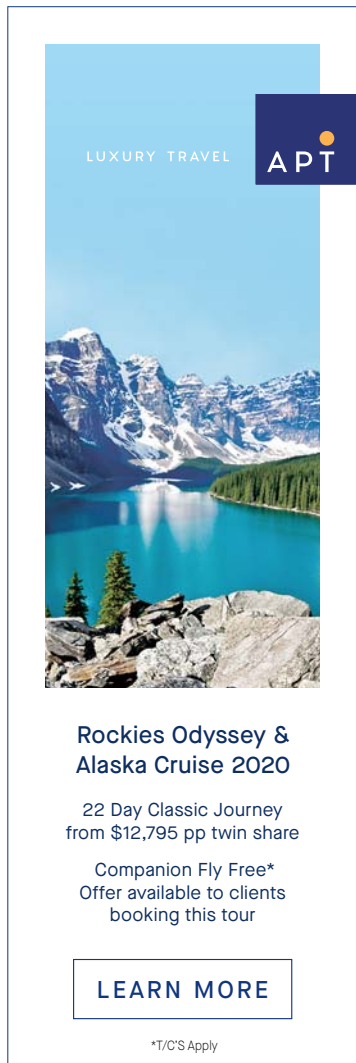
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Tourism icons honoured

YESTERDAY'S Queen's Birthday Honours List included seven Australians highlighted for their contribution to the tourism industry, including Accor Asia Pacific Chief Operating Officer, **Simon McGrath**, named a Member of the Order of Australia.

McGrath was cited for "significant service to the tourism and hospitality sector," with a range of executive roles at Accor complemented by positions with industry organisations including the Accommodation Association of Australia, the Tourism & Transport Forum and the NSW Visitor Economy Taskforce.

Also honoured in the list was **Ross Dowling** from Edith Cowan University in Western Australia, highlighted for "significant service to higher education, and to tourism and conservation".

Dowling was the university's first Professor of Tourism, appointed in 2003, and has been

the Chair of Cruise Western Australia since 2012.

Sovereign Hill Museums Association CEO and former Victorian Tourism Industry Council chair **Jeremy Johnson** received an AM for "significant service to tourism and to the community of Ballarat," while **Joan Masterman**, who founded Friendly Beaches Lodge and Cradle Huts in Tasmania was also granted an AM for "significant service to tourism in Tasmania".

Medals of the Order of Australia (OAM) went to **John Evans**, former South Australian Tourism Commission staffer, cited for "service to the tourism industry and to rail history in South Australia," as well as former Tourism Vic board member **Craig Opie**, and **Trevor Richards**, cited for "service to the tourism industry in Morpeth" - including his involvement in organising the Morpeth Gourd Festival.

NZ inks tattoo tick

AIR NZ has announced a policy change to allow all employees to "proudly display their non-offensive tattoos at work".

The initiative, effective from 01 Sep, applies to both uniformed and non-uniformed staff, with CEO Christopher Luxon saying the carrier was "committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace that truly reflects the makeup of Aotearoa".

He said the new policy followed five months of extensive research with Air NZ staff and customers.

"We want to liberate all our staff including uniform wearers such as cabin crew, pilots and airport customer service teams, who will, for the first time, be able to have non-offensive tattoos while wearing their uniforms."

Luxon said there was growing acceptance of tattoos in NZ, particularly as a means of cultural and individual expression.

More than 35% of people aged under 30 in NZ have a tattoo.

Wolgan stay 3 pay 2

EMIRATES Wolgan Valley Resort has a pay 2, stay 3 offer available, costing \$2,550pp all inclusive for three nights - see the **last page**.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has 10 pages of news, a front cover page for **Silversea Cruises**, a photo page for **Travellers Choice**, plus full pages from:

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Qantas to Orlando

QANTAS has scheduled a one-off Airbus A380 charter service to Orlando, Florida next year.

The Jan 2020 departure, designated as QF17/18, will operate SYD-LAX-MCO on 19 Jan, with the return sector scheduled for 24 Jan 2020.

Jayride China expansion

ASX-LISTED airport transfer marketplace Jayride Limited today confirmed the next stage in its global growth, with the launch of availability in China.

Effective immediately, Jayride is now available for travellers to book transfers at 38 Chinese airports - including every airport with more than 25,000 international passengers annually.

The expansion includes Beijing and Shanghai, with Jayride MD Rod Bishop saying "we are very excited about the potential this market offers our business".

Jayride is also now available at 65 airports in Russia, nine in Colombia, 10 in Romania, four

in Bulgaria, five in Tunisia, and one airport in each of Latvia and Estonia, Bishop said.

"These 133 new Jayride airports service 882 million passenger trips each year," he said.

Jayride is continuing to expand globally, and is close to achieving a target of airport coverage exceeding 85% of annual trips.

"Once 85%+ is reached, Jayride will have become the first truly global airport transfer marketplace brand for travellers to compare and book their rides online around the world," Bishop said, with this threshold giving customers the confidence to "trust the Jayride brand to serve their ground transport needs wherever on Earth they want to travel".

He said the imminent addition of Japan and 10 other countries across Eastern Europe, Central America and the Middle East was expected to be confirmed within the next 30 days.

Getaway upgrade

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has completed the first sailing of *Norwegian Getaway* following an extensive upgrade as part of the Norwegian Edge program.

The ship boasts new venues and artwork, upgraded social spaces and refreshed accommodation.

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BL Taiwan addition

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Regional aviation probe urged

THE Federal Govt should direct the Productivity Commission to undertake a “standalone public inquiry into the determinants of domestic airfares on routes to and between regional centres in Australia,” according to a report released on Fri by a key Federal Senate Committee.

The report is the outcome of a 2017 referral to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee, which summarises more than 180 public submissions and input from nationwide public hearings about regional air services.

A detailed economic analysis should investigate the feasibility of increased subsidies and other price control alternatives “to address the high cost of regional airfares,” which have a significant impact on people’s lives including limiting business opportunities, impacting staff levels in rural locations and reducing tourism.

The report also recommended the urgent financial analysis of proposed passenger security screening enhancements at regional airports which were announced in the 2018/19 budget, proposing consideration of Government financial assistance for impacted facilities.

Grants programs currently used to support funding for regional and remote aerodromes should be reviewed, the report says.

The Transport Ministers of the Council of Australian Governments should develop a nationally consistent framework for the tender process, operation, implementation and review of subsidised “regulated routes,” in order to boost transparency, while the committee also recommended the national harmonisation of arrangements for “community and compassionate fares,” particularly for last minute bookings.



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Angkor Wat to cut elephant rides

CAMBODIA'S iconic Angkor Wat attraction in Siem Reap will no longer offer elephant rides, in response to growing opposition.

The Angkor Elephant Group Committee said the 14 elephants currently being used for the rides will be retired and transfer to a nearby conservation and breeding centre by early 2020.

NYC chopper crash

STREETS in central Manhattan, New York, were closed yesterday after a helicopter crashed into a skyscraper on 7th Avenue.

Officials said the incident appeared to be an accident, with video showing the aircraft flying erratically prior to hitting a building near Times Square.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said the pilot had died while trying to conduct a forced emergency landing.



Window Seat

AS WE all know, when you gotta go, you gotta go...

But an urgent call of nature by a woman who had just boarded a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight in Manchester, UK last Fri led to unintended consequences, after she opened an emergency exit door rather than the bathroom.

Flight PK771 to Islamabad was fortunately still on the ground when the incident occurred, with the passenger ending up deploying the aircraft’s emergency exit slide.

A seven-hour delay ensued, with PIA issuing a statement saying “we strongly urge passengers to follow security instructions, as such mishaps result in inconvenience to hundreds of other passengers”.

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Lindblad offsets

LINDBLAD Expeditions has committed to becoming a carbon-neutral company and will offset 100% of the carbon emissions of its ships, all land-based operations, employee travel, offices in New York and Seattle, and other emission contributors.

This commitment to carbon neutrality joins a range of efforts the company is making to reduce its ecological footprint, including a sustainable seafood program and a fleet-wide ban on single-use plastics, a focus on renewable energy and reforestation and other community-based projects in six different countries, all in line with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

"As a company, recognising global climate change is arguably the greatest threat humanity has ever faced, we all need to urgently step up our efforts whether they're big or small," said Sven Lindblad, the company's CEO and Founder.

Viad Corp acq

VIAD Corp completed the purchase of a 60% equity stake in Mountain Park Lodges over the weekend.

The seven Mountain Park Lodges properties are located in the mountain town of Jasper, Canada.

The properties include the 152-room Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, 99-room The Crimson Hotel and 119-room Chateau Jasper.

Great Train adds

GREAT Train Journeys has added Portugal's "The Presidential" to its portfolio.

Highlighting the country's food and wine, the three available packages include nine-hour, two-day and three-day trips.

Starting from AUD\$1,390, departures from 20 Sep to 26 Oct include the culinary talents of Chefs Henrique Sa Pessoa, Oscar Goncalves and Leandro Carreira.

AirAsia's Lombok express



AIRASIA'S four times weekly services between Lombok and Perth have taken to the skies, with the inaugural flight touching down in Perth on Sun.

AirAsia Indonesia Chief Executive Officer Dendy Kurniawan said the new flight "realises the potential of our new Lombok hub, introducing healthy competition for the region and an additional option to much-loved Bali".

The flights add more than 74,000 seats annually on the route, with one-way fares between Perth & Lombok starting at \$99.

"West Australians have a great propensity for travel and Indonesia represents Perth

Airport's largest outbound market as it offers an easily accessible and attractive destination for travellers," Perth Airport CEO Kevin Brown said.

Pictured are: Rosiady Sayuti, Provincial Secretary of West Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia; Rifai Taberi, Commercial Director of AirAsia Indonesia; Dewi Tobing, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Perth; Sitti Rohmi Djalilah, Vice Governor of West Nusa Tenggara Province, Indonesia; Robert Waloni, Senior Adviser to the Minister for Tourism Accessibility, Ministry of Tourism Republic Indonesia and Kevin Brown, Perth Airport CEO flanked by cabin crew.

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Batchelor 10yr plan

THE Northern Territory Labor Government has released a Master Plan for Batchelor Airport which will transform the existing facility into a larger aviation hub.

The plan outlines three major stages in the airport's development, with stage one containing a 10-year pipeline for upgrades to the facility and provision of commercial hangar facilities, while stage two and three detail incremental expansions to accommodate aircraft parking, movements and more hangar sites.

"Upgrading and expanding the Batchelor Airport will create a flow on effect for the community - supporting many industries, not just restricted to the airport like tourism," said NT Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Eva Lawler.

Previous works have included the creation of a new apron and taxiway to be completed this year.

Changi openings

SINGAPORE'S Jewel Changi Airport has today opened its Canopy Park and Changi Experience Studio.

The Canopy Park spreads over 14,000m² and offers seven play attractions and creative gardens, while the Changi Experience Studio is a digital experience attraction that tells the Changi Airport story through games, storytelling, shows and exhibits.

AA cancels MAX

AMERICAN Airlines has extended the cancellations of its 737 MAX flights through to 03 Sep, despite saying it remained "confident" the impending software updates and training elements Boeing was developing would "lead to recertification of the aircraft soon".

The airline said it was "pleased with the progress to date".

The move sees approximately 115 flights cancelled per day.

Oceans 19 on luxury mission



FLIGHT Centre's 15 top selling cruise agents were recently flown to Rome aboard Emirates as part of Infinity Holidays' latest Oceans 19 incentive trip.

The group stayed at the 4.5-star Rome Times Hotel and were treated to a walking tour courtesy of Vox before embarking on the seven-night Mediterranean and Aegean cruise aboard Princess Cruises' *Emerald Princess*.

Life on board saw agents eat and drink their way through Italy and Greece, with highlights including a dining experience at Share by Curtis Stone, as well as a full-day private shore excursion of

Pompeii, Positano and Amalfi.

The land adventures also saw the group enjoy an authentic Italian lunch experience at Cantina Del Vesuvia (a vineyard located on the side of Mount Vesuvius) complete with local wines, breads, dips and spaghetti.

Pictured (from the top): Phil Ambrose, Thomas Jones, Jill Rimmer, Douglas Shaw, Larissa Ware, Suzy McGinlay, Bridgette Suzy, Alison Lord, Rachael Goodwin, Andrea Meldrum, Kim Jacobs, Mikhaila McCormack, Michelle Horvath, Charlie Brown-Lee, Stephy Cole, Helen Courias and Debbie Eyers.

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Venture steels show

SEABOURN has celebrated a milestone in the construction of its new expedition ship *Seabourn Venture*, undertaking a commemorative cutting of the vessel's first steel.

Seabourn Venture is scheduled to launch in Jun 2021, with a second yet-to-be-named sister ship slated to launch in May 2022, with both ships designed to PC6 Polar Class standards.

The vessels will also carry modern expedition equipment including two custom-built submarines and 24 Zodiacs.

European air tax?

FRANCE has called on European transport ministers to implement an aviation tax at a European level to help reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

The idea was put forward by France at a transport ministers' council meeting in Luxembourg last week.

Gate 7 ups support

GATE 7 has pledged funding support for Amber Day, a fundraising initiative launched by NGO Project Karma to combat sexual exploitation and human trafficking of children.

"With child exploitation growing globally at more than 15% per year, Gate 7 is committed to ensuring Project Karma has the resources they need to bring down that percentage," said Gate 7 Managing Director Jo Palmer. Last Sat marked Amber Day.

Equinox shaping up

THE Equinox Hotel in New York City is gearing up to open on 15 Jul, the first hotel to be opened by the fitness brand.

The property features 212 rooms, including 48 suites, with fitness amenities such as a flagship Equinox Fitness Club, multiple indoor and outdoor pools, and a large bike studio called SoulCycle.



TO CELEBRATE World Oceans Day, AAT Kings, sister brand Inspiring Journeys, and not-for-profit The TreadRight Foundation recently helped to clean up the shorelines of Kyeemagh Beach in Brighton-Le-Sands.

Staff from the brands' Bondi Junction and Alexandria offices (**pictured**) took part in the clean up, where they also heard from the Director of AusMap Scott Wilson to understand more about the prevalence of microplastics in the world's oceans.

"These aren't just from the types of plastics you might commonly assume like plastic bags, cups and straws, they

can also be in your toothpaste, shampoo and even the fibres that wash off your synthetic clothing," Wilson said.

The clean up event is in line with the environmental policies of AAT Kings' and Inspiring Journeys' parent company, The Travel Corporation, which last year pledged to remove all avoidable single-use plastics across all its operations.

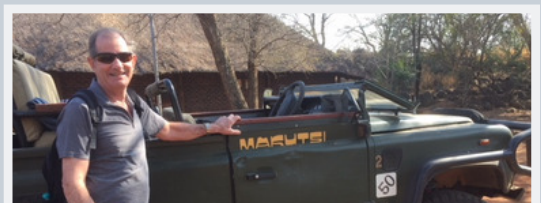
"Thanks to TTC's commitment to providing team members two paid volunteer days every year, all our employees are able to create positive impacts," said AAT Kings and Inspiring Journeys MD, Matt Cameron-Smith.

BENCH AFRICA'S GIDEON CHEILYK TO RETIRE AFTER 43 YEARS IN THE INDUSTRY

After an amazing career in both Australia and the UK, Gideon has announced his plans to retire shortly after this financial year finishes. A true legend in the industry, Gideon will be sorely missed by all his colleagues at Bench Africa. He plans to spend his retirement chasing his passions, spending time with family as well as well as pursuing his love of skiing and passion for travel in general and Africa in particular.

QUEENSLAND BDM POSITION AVAILABLE

Gideon's departure means there will soon be a new position available at Bench Africa as its Queensland BDM. Do you have firsthand travel experience of Africa as well as sales experience and a passion for delivering great service? There are some big shoes to fill but if you feel you have the feet to fill them, then please email your resume to jobs@benchafrika.com.au with a summary of where you have travelled in Africa.



Industry sweet on Jelly Bean Ball



DONNA and Brian Meads-Barlow from DBT Corporate/ CruiseScene (above) hosted the eighth annual DANII Foundation Jelly Bean Ball in Sydney earlier this month, with more than 420 guests in attendance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Over \$233,000 was raised on the night, along with a further \$150,000 pledge from the Lucas Papaw Foundation supporting DANII's life-saving technology grant program for type 1 diabetes.



HelloWorld Business Travel was the Gold Sponsor, with other industry supporters including Hotel Representation Australia (HRA), The Africa Safari Co., Qantas and Singapore Airlines.

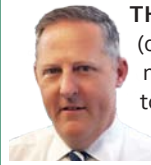
Pictured inset are Jean Kouriel, Select Vacations; Svetlana Jovanovic, Unique Tourism; and Craig Davies of HRA.

Left are Melissa Lau of British Airways with Jim Burton - more pics at facebook.com/traveldaily.



AFTA UPDATE

from Jayson Westbury



THIS past weekend (08-10 Jun) allowed many in Australia to take a long weekend in recognition of the Queen's Birthday. I know that unfortunately, this is not actually a national holiday any more, with WA and Qld celebrating this occasion on different dates. It does seem a little odd that we all can't have the Queen's Birthday on the same day, but I guess that is the will of the political processes we live in as a federation of states who each get to decide when public holidays are held.

Nevertheless, as with many in the past, this Queen's Birthday weekend celebrated the awarding of many medals of Australia in recognition of service by Australians who give of themselves beyond the call of their employment, their business or community. The travel, tourism and hospitality industry has again had several from within our ranks honoured. Simon McGrath AM, the Chief Operating Officer of Accor Hotels Pacific has been bestowed with a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), which is a very distinguished honour for his services to the tourism and hospitality sector.

Simon is very well known within the broader travel and tourism industry and has been a strong supporter of partnerships, level paying fields and future looking industry initiatives. I am sure many across the industry will join

AFTA in wishing him a warm and supportive congratulations on this achievement.

For a full list of all those who have been honoured **CLICK HERE**.

On the political front, and with Parliament set to sit for the first time with all the new players in place on 02 Jul, I believe we are in for an entertaining and I hope record-breaking 46th Parliament of Australia. There are already a number of significant battle lines being drawn which will have an impact upon the travel industry.

Tax cuts are always one to watch as if people have more money in their pockets, they are more likely to spend.

With interest rates at historically low levels, unemployment also at very low levels and high consumer confidence, or even a bounce in confidence post the election, travel is set to be a big benefactor of all this positivity.

Long may it remain and it will be very intriguing to see how the new opposition leader the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP takes on the government over the next three or so years and looks to establish the new Labor and its policies. It is also noted that Senator the Hon Don Farrell will return to the opposition post of Shadow Minister for Tourism, Don is well known to the industry and we will welcome him back to this important position.

So, the stage is set, the players have their newly minted jerseys, and as they say – let the games begin!

MK to Seychelles

AIR Mauritius is set to resume scheduled services to the Seychelles after more than a decade, with GDS indicating the 02 Jul debut of twice weekly A319 services between Mauritius and Mahe Island.

Starboard appoints

CRUISE ship retail group Starboard has named Delta Airlines VP of Onboard Experience, Lisa Bauer, as its new CEO.

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Radisson APAC VP

RADISSON Hotel Group has appointed Hannes Bos as Vice President, Commercial of APAC.

An experienced hotel professional specialising in revenue management, Bos has held related roles in the Asia-Pacific region in Singapore, as well as in Amsterdam, Paris, London and Dubai.



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ONEFINESTAY is offering an additional 5% commission for agents who book a onefinestay home in Italy.

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Allianz Campbell

ALLIANZ Partners UK has announced a deal to deliver travel insurance to Campbell Irvine's range of adventure travel and tour operators.

Andrew Tolman, Allianz BDM commented, "winning this contract with Campbell Irvine confirms our position as one of the industry's top choices for travel insurance and assistance for agents, tour operators and insurance brokers".

Anthony Kaye of Campbell Irvine added, "Allianz is a world-renowned insurer, making it the ideal collaborator for us to ensure we deliver a consistently high level of cover and service to the wide range of travel clients that we represent, contain costs and enhance our case management".

Accor Sth Korea

ACCOR will open its first MGallery Hotel for South Korea in 2020, featuring 197 guestrooms.

The property will offer a range of dining options, an outdoor swimming pool and function space available for weddings, conferences and events.

Located in Seoul's Mapo district, the hotel will sit on the banks of the Han River, with views of Yeouido's skyline.

BROCHURES

WELCOME to Brochures of the Week, *Travel Daily's* regular feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure you'd like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to brochures@traveldaily.com.au.



Celebrity Cruises - Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific & Asia 2019-21

Celebrity Cruises has released its 2019-21 local brochure, with the 2020 summer season highlighted with two Solstice class ships calling Australia home - the newly-renovated *Celebrity Eclipse* sailing from Melbourne, & *Celebrity Solstice* from Sydney. Highlights include round-trips to New Zealand, overnight stays in Cairns, Auckland to Fiji trips and a Wine Lover sailing to South Australia.



MSC Cruises - 2019-21

MSC Cruises has released its brochure for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 seasons, which features 225 itineraries to 210 destinations in 83 countries. *MSC Lirica* makes its East Mediterranean debut, visiting Trieste and Syracuse in Italy, with *MSC Virtuosa* joining later in Nov 2020, sailing the West Mediterranean and visiting Genoa, Civitavecchia and Palermo in Italy, Barcelona in Spain, and Marseille in France.

AA to Munich daily

AMERICAN Airlines has announced it will expand its Munich route, offering daily flights to and from its largest hub at Dallas-Fort Worth.

The flight will depart MUC at 10:55am and DFW at 3:10pm.

Vail Resorts results

VAIL Resorts has recorded a 14.3% increase in total visits, according to its third quarter financial results.

The company achieved a 9% increase in pass sales, and a 13% increase in North American pass sales revenue, with much of the group's growth coming from its acquisition of Triple Peaks Resorts, featuring US locations in CO, NH, VT and WA.

This growth helped offset what the company noted as a "relative weakness" in visits from international travellers, particularly at Whistler Blackcomb in BC.

CEO Rob Katz said the company was pleased with the results, highlighting the visitation growth.

Marriott Tanzania

MARRIOTT International today announced the opening of its second Four Points Sheraton in Tanzania - Four Points by Sheraton Dar es Saalam, New Africa Hotel.

The hotel is housed in a building originally built as the official residence of Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1896 and was later used as a hospital during World War I.

It now offers 174 rooms and suites, all-day dining, a coffee shop and lounge bar.

Carnival's beers

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has begun offering its private label beers on board *Carnival Spirit*.

The beers are based on recipes crafted by Brewmaster Colin Presby and the in-house brewery team aboard *Carnival Horizon* and *Carnival Vista*.

They come in three variations - ThirstyFrog Caribbean Wheat, ParchedPig West Coast IPA and ParchedPig Toasted Amber Ale.

They will also be available on *Carnival Splendor*.

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the customer experience. Travellers Choice member shareholders will meet again next month as part of the group's annual Member Meetings, which see senior management provide in-depth briefings on the company's business strategy and trends currently shaping the broader industry.

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

A SPLASH of TC colour: Victoria and Tasmania agents turned the Melbourne event red.

TRAVELLERS Choice has raised the bar once again with its 2019 "Frontliners" events, expanding the annual roadshow to five cities and attracting almost 200 travel agents for face-to-face meetings with the network's key trade partners.

Agents - including many from regional centres - gathered in Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, Sydney and for the first time this year, Adelaide, where they engaged with up to 35 preferred partners through speed chats, presentations and Q&A forums.

The Melbourne event also included a cruise masterclass facilitated by World's Leading Cruise Lines, while in Adelaide Cornerstone People Solutions delivered a seminar on optimising



SUPER suppliers turned out in force: Ben Walters, Cover-More Travel Insurance; Frank Gatta, Air Tickets; Mark Liebelt, Tempo Holidays & Bentours; Sarah Mathieson-Smith, TripADeal; Lisa Manera, Finnair; Steve Lusher, Qantas Holidays; Zeenat Singh, Bedsonline; and Adam Dickson, Bunnik Tours. Back row: Wayne Hamilton, Swagman.



FRONTLINE Melbourne: Jacquie Rogers, Balnarring Travel & Cruise; Tina Holdsworth, Travellers Place; Craig Holdsworth, Travellers Place; Swati Vaghjiani, Travellers Choice; Graham Smith, Travellers Choice; and Julie-Ann Silvey, Chelsea Cruise & Travel.



PRIZEWINNERS celebrate in Adelaide: Sarah Brown, Hastwell Travel & Cruise; Mark Hastwell, Hastwell Travel & Cruise; Trinity Hastwell, Hastwell Travel & Cruise; Zeenat Singh, Bedsonline; Lisa Manera, Finnair; Elizabeth Johns, Hastwell Travel & Cruise; and Vanessa Pellaschiar, Hastwell Travel & Cruise.



TRAVELLERS Choice's BDM Victoria/Tasmania Graham Smith with the APT team: Sheena Smith, Tenneil Lawson and Jacinta Crisp.



MEMBERS travelled from across NSW and ACT to the Sydney event.



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WELCOME to Money, *TD's* Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

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CHINA'S economy is starting to falter according to the latest trade data, sending the Aussie dollar into a tumble against most of the majors.

The softening value of Chinese goods imports has placed increased pressure on the local economy, leading to a drop in value for the AUD and putting a slight crimp on the value of Aussie holidaymakers overseas.

More AUD/USD falls expected.
Wholesale rates this morning.

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UK	£0.548
NZ	\$1.053
Euro	€0.615
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China	¥4.823
South Africa	10.317
Canada	\$0.923
Crude oil	US\$63.29

PEREGRINE Adventures has announced that Emma Ross-Smith from Flight Centre Mt Eliza has won two places on its Antarctica agent famil.

Ross-Smith (**pictured** with Intrepid Group's Partnership Growth Mgr, Charlie Riewoldt) secured her place on the trip in a sales incentive run with Intrepid and Chimu Adventures.

"We are thrilled that Emma will have the experience of a lifetime on an Antarctica voyage, and feel excited to be a part of such a big adventure for one of our valued agents," said Intrepid Group's Head of Industry Partnerships & Contracting Yvette Thompson.

The prize will be an early honeymoon gift for Ross-Smith, who gets married later this year.

Days Inn NZ debuts

DAYS Inn by Wyndham has debuted in New Zealand with the opening of Days Hotel & Suites by Wyndham Hamilton.

The property has 69 rooms, complimentary wi-fi, flat screen TVs and furnished balconies.



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2. Singapore Airlines operates the world's longest flight between Singapore and New York using the A350-900ULR, with total flight time being 18 hours 45 minutes. What are the cabin classes on the ULR aircraft?



Dragoman discounts

DRAGOMAN has revealed discounted prices on several of its journeys through India, Nepal, South America and Africa.

Deals include a \$566 saving on its Poppodoms & Palm Trees trip. For more information on the deals, **CLICK HERE**.

Excited about Philly

EXCITE Holidays, in conjunction with Visit Philadelphia, is gearing up to launch a two-week trade campaign where agents can earn 500 bonus points for each room booked between 10-23 Jun.

The Philadelphia: History, Hip & Handy promotion push also includes a new guide to The City of Brotherly Love which can be downloaded for free **HERE**.

Wyndham recycles

WYNDHAM Destinations Asia Pacific has partnered with the City of Gold Coast to undertake a new food waste recycling trial.

Food waste from the hotelier's Gold Coast resort, Wyndham Surfers Paradise, will be collected and added to the city's green waste and turned into organic compost for the Gold Coast's parks and garden spaces.

"We are committed to doing all we can to reduce our carbon footprint and preserve our beautiful natural resources long into the future," said Wyndham Destinations Asia Pacific Area General Manager Gold Coast Kaydee George.

The hotel company manages 34 hotels across Asia Pacific.

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