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PER urges bilateral rethink

PERTH Airport has suggested that it be removed as a "Major Gateway" in future Australian bilateral air services agreements, in a controversial submission to the Productivity Commission made public last week.

The submission says there is a strong case for the policy change, which would open up the WA capital to more international airlines because they would not be restricted from flying to Perth.

Currently, many bilateral aviation agreements put a cap on the number of flights which can be operated between Australia and other countries - but usually this cap only applies to services to designated Major Gateways which include Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

Flights to other ports such as Cairns, Darwin and Adelaide are generally unrestricted.

Perth Airport says there is a strong case for its removal as a

Major Gateway, including the fact that just 7% of international seats at PER are provided by Australian carriers - making it dependent on foreign airlines having sufficient bilateral rights to boost capacity.

The airport argues there would not be a material impact on Australian carriers since PER cannot be realistically used to access east coast markets.

At the moment, carriers entering the market have to take into account bilateral capacity when considering Perth flights, but if the proposal was implemented the only criteria is whether the airlines believe a PER service would be commercially successful relative to other destinations, the submission concludes.

Scenic Azure bookings

SCENIC Tours has opened up reservations for its new cruise product in Portugal for 2016, offering a fly free deal on all departures between Mar and Dec of 11 days or more (**cover page**).

Scenic Azure's core product is a 10-nt round-trip voyage from Porto visiting Entre-os-Rios, Regua, Pinhao & Vega de Terron, complemented with land touring to Ucanha, Tarouca & Salamanca.

EY Sydney reduction

ETIHAD Airways has scheduled a reduction in A380 services to Sydney between 01 Jun-26 Jul, according to agent GDS displays.

Flights from EY's Abu Dhabi hub using the superjumbo will drop from daily to six weekly, with the outbound Sat morning flight from Sydney scrapped.

Further adjustments will see EY switch aircraft on EY450 ex AUH from 777-300ER to A340-600s on Sun (EY451 ex SYD on Mon).

Badgerys Ck drilling

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In a report issued yesterday, Moody's said it doesn't expect carriers to share much of the savings with customers because they are in jurisdictions without regulated fuel surcharges - such as Australia and the USA.

"Capacity increases in their home markets will be more modest than those in developing markets and stable GDP growth will support steady demand, minimising the need to meaningfully lower fares," the report said.

Moody's said it expects airlines to use the "windfall" to reduce debt, pay for new aircraft and improve shareholder returns, rather than "wage market share battles".

Fuel surcharges are likely to decline in some markets such as Japan and China where they are regulated by governments.

The news isn't so good in the Asia-Pacific region, however, where Moody's said it expects a "flood of capacity from start-up airlines to outstrip demand," which will in turn impact yields for the next few years.

Leonard leaves AW

ADVENTURE World head of product Richard Leonard has left the company, setting up his own business called ConnexU2.

Leonard, who was Manager Australasia for Rail Europe for seven years prior to taking up the role with Adventure World in Mar last year, will offer travel marketing and representation as well as a range of other consulting and travel services.

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JQ planning CNS/FUK

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QF fare clue cards

QANTAS has rolled out a series of 'clue cards' for travel agents detailing its latest domestic fare changes that will be adopted from 18 Feb (**TD Fri**).

Changes will see the current QF domestic fare families reduced from four to three.

The clue cards detail the terms & conditions of the revised Retail and Wholesale fare families, as well as domestic wholesale name change processes.

The revamp will apply to all sales channels including Qantas Contact Centres, Qantas Industry Centres & online at qantas.com.

"These changes demonstrate our commitment to continually improving our domestic and regional fare offering to better accommodate the requirements of our story," Qantas said.

More at qantas.com.au/agents.

Fez Travel discounts

SAVINGS of 15% are available for new bookings made with Fez Travel on most trips when paid in full before 01 Mar 2015.

New products for 2015 include ANZAC anniversary tours - go to www.feztravel.com for details.

Travelmarvel preview

SIX Norwegian coastal cruises paired with European river cruises are among new products introduced by Travelmarvel.

The cruise & tour operator's just released 2016 Preview brochure also sees the introduction of a 14-day Mediterranean cruise on the *MV Aegean Odyssey* and other new European river itineraries.

\$16 Tigerair fare

TENS of thousands of \$16 fares have been released by Tigerair Australia as part of celebrations for carrying its 16 millionth pax.

Available network-wide, cheap seats are valid for the return leg when travelling on select dates in Apr and Jun, if booked by 23 Jan.

MEL, SYD Dec traffic

MELBOURNE Airport has today reported an 8% year-on-year rise in international pax traffic for the calendar year, with 8.05 million movements.

The Victorian capital's growth rate was more than double that of Sydney Airport (2.8%), however the volume of movements at SYD was far greater at over 13.1m.

On the domestic front, MEL's passenger traffic tally was up 2% to 23.5m while SYD traffic rose a fraction over 1% to 25.3m.

Melbourne's highest inbound growth market during Dec 2014 came from Japan (up 58%), China (24.5%) and South Korea (23%).

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Fiji Air plan Asia expansion

TOKYO or Shanghai will be added to the Fiji Airways global route network from next year upon the carrier taking delivery of its next A330 aircraft, FJ has said. The carrier is now weighing

up which of the two potential routes will offer the best flight connections both within Fiji, the rest of its network and with other partner carriers.

"What we are doing now is trying to start discussions with potential airline partners because we don't just want to fly to Tokyo or to Shanghai without any airline partner," FJ ceo Stefan Pichler told the *Fiji Broadcasting Corporation*.

"I think Air Pacific has done this in the past with Tokyo and always lost money. We don't want to do trial and error, when we do something it has to work."

Currently, only Hong Kong exists on Fiji Airways' Asian route map, however it has operated services to Japan in the past.

FJ will take delivery of its fourth A330 aircraft, a leased Dash-300 variant, in Dec (**TD** 05 Jan).

Rail Plus restructure

A SERIES of internal promotions has kicked off a restructured sales team at Melbourne-based global rail wholesaler Rail Plus.

Current sales manager Vic/Tas Keiran Healy has been promoted to the role of operations manager, while Kirsty Blows has accepted a newly created role of country manager New Zealand.

The company's accounts model has also been changed, with former NSW bdm Nicki Schleibs moving back to Melbourne to a new role as national account mgr.

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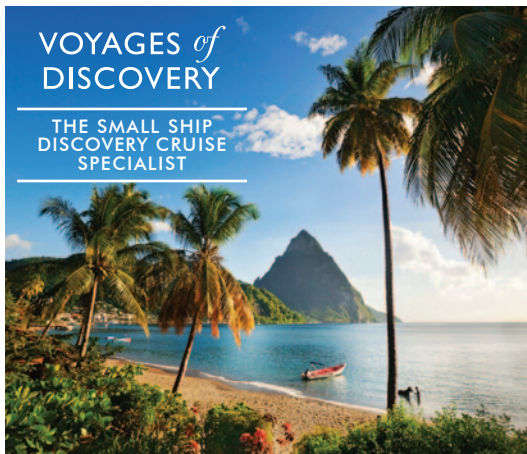
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C&K reduces its prices

A NUMBER of new and revised itineraries features in the newly launched 2015 touring brochure now available from Cox & Kings.

Price reductions across the range have also taken effect for 2015, with some tours reduced by several hundred dollars.

Bogle at Dawn Service

WELL-KNOWN folk singer Eric Bogle AM will perform a number of his Australian-hits as part of an exclusive Anzac Day Dawn Service in Gallipoli for Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours.

Bogle's hits include '*And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda*' which tells of the wartime legend.

Hong Kong arrivals

NEW records for passenger numbers and aircraft movements have been set for the full year of 2014 at Hong Kong Int'l Airport.

The facility welcomed 63.4m pax and handled 390,955 flights, with American Airlines, Vanilla Air and Siam Air among three new airlines to debut at HKG last year.



Window Seat

PROPS to Accor's Mercure brand for devising an exciting new type of competition to get people talking about it.

The brand has decided to seek an answer to the quizzical 'six degrees of separation' theory that everybody in the world is a maximum of only six people removed from everyone else.

Labelled an "unprecedented human experience," the brand is on the lookout for one person to travel to Australia to meet an Indigenous man from the Bundjalung tribe.

The two will meet via a chain of friends and friends-of-friends around the world to eventually try to connect the links.

Candidates can apply to enter via the brand's French Facebook page until 10 Feb, with the winner to travel for seven weeks from the start of Mar, staying in - of course - Mercure hotels.

To learn more via a video detailing the comp, **CLICK HERE**.

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Williams treat for Le Club VIPs



TENNIS royalty arrived at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins last week, with tennis ace Serena Williams treating members of Accor's Le Club Accorhotels to an impromptu cooking challenge against sister Venus on Fri. Serena showed off her passion

for cuisine and high culture, and then mingled with Accor's VIPs over canapes and cocktails.

Pictured flanking Serena and Vanessa Williams (centre) are Accor Asia Pacific's Michael Parsons, Graham Wilson, Renae Trimble and Henrik Berglind.



SA cricket micro-site

A **NEW** webpage dedicated to visitors travelling to Adelaide for the ICC Cricket World Cup has been developed by the South Australian State Government.

South Australia's Adelaide Oval will be used for warm-up matches, pool matches and the Quarter Final during Feb & Mar.

SA Tourism Minister Leon Bignell said the micro-site complements the broader southaustralia.com website, acting as a 'one-stop-shop', primarily for int'l visitors.

Bignell said Adelaide's hotels and retailers are preparing for a "huge influx of cricket fans for this major event".

"We want to make sure World Cup visitors don't just go to the cricket. We want them to take the opportunity to experience everything our state has to offer including our welcoming regions, great landscapes, and our premium food & wine," he said.

See sport.southaustralia.com.

O'Grady lycra tours

FORMER Australian pro cyclist Stuart O'Grady has established a new small group touring venture to enable the public to get up close with elite-level cyclists.

Dubbed Stuart O'Grady Cycling, the business can arrange tours anywhere in Australia, packaged tours around special events and one-off experiences.

"We are working on the Paris-Roubaix tour at the moment whereby I will host a tour locally on a similar terrain followed by a lunch at a great restaurant to watch the race, special comments & insights by me," O'Grady said.

CX up San Francisco

THREE new weekly services are set to be introduced by Cathay Pacific on its Hong Kong-San Francisco route starting 11 Jun.

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New Queensland.com

TOURISM & Events Queensland has launched the new-look Queensland.com official tourism website, complemented by an upgraded smartphone app.

The redesigned website can be viewed on multiple devices and offers content in eight languages, with new pages for more destinations in the state.

Visitors can also connect to Qld social media channels to post under the #thisisqueensland tag.

Marco Polo too busy

CATHAY Pacific will carry out a major review of its frequent flyer program after confirming the scheme has become too popular and is now drawing complaints.

According to a response in the *South China Morning Post*, the carrier says the program has become unsustainable in its current form.

Complaints received from loyal flyers include lounges being too full and that a priority boarding benefit has been over-extended.

CX added it was reviewing the impact of this, how members earn their status and the benefits each should receive, with a greater focus to be put on high spenders who travel with CX and regional offshoot Dragonair.

Propeller committed

CEO of Propeller Airports Brett Smith says his company remains committed to developing a second airport in the Atlanta metro area despite ongoing de-constructive attempts by Delta (**TD** 14 Nov).

The firm is urging the US Dept of Transport (DOT) to continue to investigate attempts by newly elected members of the Paulding County Commission, of which Silver Comet Field sits in, to sabotage progress on the plans and maintain Delta's "near monopoly of air travel in Atlanta".

Carey moves to Vegas

MARIAH Carey will begin an 18-show residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas from 06 May, with a new show featuring all 18 of her #1 chart-topping hits in one show.

TG serves up a courtside view



ABOVE: January each year in Australia means tennis season is in full swing once again.

THAI Airways Int'l kicked things off with its annual sponsorship of Melbourne's Kooyong Classic, which leads in to the Australian Open later in the month.

Pictured above enjoying the courtside hospitality and tennis action from left in the front row is David Galt & Martin Rowe from Webjet and David Green & Andy Carter from STA Travel.

Back row: Amanda Wildie, THAI Airways and Sue Busbridge from Magellan, with a curious blonde lady photobombing from the left.

Swissotel into Sofia

FRHI Hotels & Resorts will open its first Swissotel branded hotel in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia in 2018 after entering a management deal with a Turkish developer.

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Emergency in Malawi

FLOODING in parts of southern Malawi has led to the country's President declaring a state of emergency for the African nation.

DFAT advises that the current warning level for Australians in Malawi remains at "Exercise normal safety precautions".

Shangri-La opening

UPSCALE resort operator Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts will open its newest property in the Nanchang region of China, with guests welcome from 08 Feb.

The Shangri-La Hotel Nanchang will feature 473 guestrooms offering views of the city skyline or the 885km long Ganjiang River.

Introductory rates starting from RMB550 (A\$108) plus 15% service charge are now on sale for guests checking in from 08 Feb to 31 Jul.

Westjet boosts Texas

CANADIAN airline Westjet will launch direct flights between Calgary and Houston, Texas from 08 Sep, with a daily operation to be flown using 737-700 aircraft.

The carrier will also expand its domestic network, with new daily flights to Terrace and Yellowknife to start from 03 May, in addition to a new Toronto to Gander route beginning from 11 May.

Topdeck Africa guide

SAVINGS of up to 25% are now on sale from Topdeck to celebrate the launch of the youth tour operator's new Africa brochure.

The new guide offers 26 trips, two of which are brand new, including a six-day 'Troop to the Gorillas' roundtrip from Kampala in Uganda to view wild gorillas, priced from \$746 per person, plus \$800 for the gorilla permit.

Guests can enjoy experiences such as gorilla trekking, swimming with whale sharks in Mozambique and "chasing cheetahs in Kenya".

Departures are available until 22 Dec and 12 Jan to 31 May 2016.

Icelandair LHR shift

ICELANDAIR will relocate its operations at London Heathrow Airport to the new Terminal 2 effective 25 Mar, with check-in available 3.5 hours prior to departure in Zone C.

The carrier will also next month launch operations to Birmingham, which will become its fifth port in the United Kingdom.

Icelandair also operates non-stop flights to Iceland from Boston, New York JFK, Seattle, Denver, Washington DC, Toronto and Edmonton as well as destinations in Scandinavia and Continental Europe.

SkyTeam webchat

INSTANT messaging capabilities are now available for customers to speak directly to SkyTeam after the airline alliance launched its new presence on WeChat.

The predominantly Chinese social media service will allow over 500 million users worldwide to access free information, flight schedules, the flight status of all SkyTeam members and more.

Funds for innovators

THE NSW Govt today revealed it would plough nearly \$3m from the Regional Visitor Economy Fund into 7 tourism businesses which are leaders in innovation.

Minister for Regional Tourism John Barilaro said the recipients in Port Stephens, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, the Snowy Mountains and the Central & South Coast show the wide range of experiences on offer to tourists in regional NSW.

WEX Voxel deal

PAYMENT solutions provider WEX Europe has announced an international agreement with Voxel Group, which supplies electronic transactions systems to the hospitality and travel sectors.

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We have numerous sensational multi-skilled corporate travel consulting roles on offer, working for a national TMC. This company is seeking 6 experienced corporate consultants to jump straight in & get to business. Servicing a variety of accounts, you will be constructing complex itineraries to match your client’s requests. The successful applicants will earn a lucrative base salary, work for a company that prides itself on its staff & benefit from great employee perks. If you have a minimum of 2yrs corporate experience, apply today!

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Work for this Global TMC and move your career into the fast lane! Working on a high profile account, you will be booking a mixture of domestic and international itineraries so no two days will be the same in this varied role. If you enjoying going the extra mile for your clients and you have 2 years corporate travel experience then look no further as this is the role for you. Great salary and incentives with ongoing career progression. Find out more and contact us today!

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This award winning Asian specialist is looking for a dynamic consultant to join their friendly team. Work for one of the best in the business & with an extensive product range, sell destinations you have always dreamed of. With a guaranteed famil program & annual overseas conference you will get to travel there too! In addition, be paid a great salary including incentives and career progression opportunities. So if you have min 1 year’s retail/wholesale exp, & positive go-get attitude, this is the role for you!

**CORPORATE TRAVEL CONSULTANTS
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE TRAVEL CONSULTANTS
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Are you an experienced Corporate Travel Consultant in need of a change? Looking for a challenging role within a company where you have job security and development? This leading travel management company has taken on new clients and is looking for fresh faces to join their office. An excellent salary pkg is on offer along with monthly incentives, Mon to Fri roster, Industry benefits and discounts. To be considered you will need min 2 years exp and a passion for providing excellent customer service. Apply now!

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CRUISE CONSULTANT**

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Love cruising? Looking for a fresh and dynamic brand to work for? This award winning travel company is looking for passionate cruise gurus to join their specialised cruise agencies at two great locations across Brisbane. Your day will see you selling worldwide cruises and booking all pre and post arrangements. Enjoy a strong salary pkg, fun and supportive team environment, career development and ongoing training. Sound like your dream job? If you are a travel consultant with cruise experience then apply now!