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ABS stats back on track

THE Australian Bureau of Statistics this morning released its Overseas Arrivals and Departures figures for May 2015, with the figures finally back onto their normal schedule after a major glitch in card processing resulting from a switch to a new provider last year (**TD** 10 Dec 14).

However, increased quality assurance processes introduced in the wake of the data debacle have identified that more than 50,000 passenger cards went

missing from Sydney, Brisbane and Gold Coast airports in May.

The ABS confirmed data was now being received from the Department of Immigration and Border Processing as a result of "contingency processing plans".

Analysis of the variables collected revealed the missing cards, with some of the blanks filled in by additional data from the Travel & Immigration Processing System (TRIPS) run by the immigration department.

Missing variables have been "imputed" by the ABS and the records were added to the overseas and arrivals departures data for May - for details see **p2**.

The release of the Jun arrival and departure figures is now scheduled for 07 Aug.

CZ Jul incentive

CONSOLIDATED Travel is incentivising travel agents to book China Southern Airlines flights via Quiktravel, with \$10 and \$20 gift vouchers when booking Economy or First/Business class return tickets during Jul - see **page 10**.

Oceania cruise deals

OCEANIA Cruises has savings on over 90 cruises in Northern Europe, the Mediterranean, Alaska, New England & Canada departing between Apr-Nov 2016. See the **back page** for details.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news, a cover page from **JITO**, a photo page for **Air Canada** plus full pages from:

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ADL insist QF/MU OK

ADELAIDE Airport has vowed support for the proposed alliance between Qantas & China Eastern Airlines currently under review by the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission.

In a submission to the ACCC last week, ADL egm corporate affairs and general counsel Brenton Cox urged the competition watchdog to reconsider its interim decision to deny the planned partnership, as previously flagged (**TD 24 Mar**).

Cox told the regulator the pact might lead to direct services between China and the South Australian capital in due course.

"This product & frequent flyer tie-up would enhance the economics for China Eastern's consideration of direct service to Adelaide.

"We have no realistic expectation that Qantas will fly direct mainland Chinese services from Adelaide so it is critical we do what we can to make it easier for Chinese carriers to serve Adelaide," Cox remarked.

He emphasised a "direct corridor" would benefit tourism, adding "the wrong decision risks the appearance that we are closed for business".

NZ in third place for May

NEW Zealand dropped to third position in terms of outbound travel by Australians in May this year, behind Indonesia and the USA, according to ABS figures released this morning (**see p1**).

The statistics show 94,800 Aussies headed to Indonesia, with 88,800 going to the US and 70,600 heading to New Zealand.

The UK was in fourth place with 62,900 departures, then a big jump to Thailand at 39,400, China with 36,300 and Fiji at 28,300 Aussie travellers.

Singapore, with 25,100 pax for the month, showed the biggest trend estimate decline, down 9.9% compared to May 2014.

In terms of overseas arrivals into

Australia, New Zealand was top with 103,800 - significantly ahead of China in second position with 62,300 and the US at 38,500.

There were 32,000 Malaysian visitors to Australia in May - ahead of the UK with 29,400, Singapore with 28,700 and then India with 23,100.

China and India were the fastest growing markets for Australia, up 23% and 21.8% respectively.

Rugby comp winner

AFTER 21 rounds and the finals series of the 2015 Super Rugby season, the travel industry's first and only footy tipping comp has a winner, following a count-back.

Congrats to Ketkan Photnikorn from Air Tickets who finished the competition on 181 points, the same score as Erika Burt from Carnival Australia.

In third place was Peter Kollar from CLIA Australasia on 179 pts.

Ketkan has won the grand prize of 2 return Economy Class tickets to Dubai, courtesy of Emirates.

To see the full standings in the competition, **CLICK HERE**.

QF group travel seshs

QANTAS is hosting two 20-min webinar sessions for travel agents at 10:30am (AEST) tomorrow and Thu to run through Group Travel Terms and Conditions for domestic, international & Tasman airfares and explain how to apply Flex Fares to quotes - for log in details, see qantas.com/agents.



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Baby boomers #saysorrylater

HELLOWORLD has rolled out a new holiday experience taking in the North and South Islands of New Zealand designed specifically for the baby boomer market.

The 10-day Silver Fox & Foxette

guided itinerary has been built exclusively for Helloworld by its travel partner AAT Kings.

It showcases the natural beauty of New Zealand while combining diverse experiences, culinary delights, social interaction and as much or as little adventure as the baby boomer client wants, helloworld chief marketing officer Kim Portrate explained.

Destinations covered include Auckland, Rotorua, Christchurch, Franz Josef, Queenstown, Milford Sound and Arrowtown.

Among the exclusive helloworld experiences are group game nights, a private show on Maori customs in Rotorua, cocktail cruise on Waitemata Harbour in Auckland and a photo shoot with a sheep in Queenstown.

To drive awareness of the trip to the senior market, award-winning actor Roy Billing stars in a social media video #saysorrylater - **CLICK HERE** to view the clip.

AAT Kings managing director Anthony Hayes said the journey will bring like-minded people together, "creating a fun, care-free atmosphere that will be filled with unforgettable experience".

The formula for success is based on "good food, good wine and good company," Hayes added.

The first tour is scheduled to depart Auckland in mid-Sep.

AAT Kings has developed other exclusive itineraries for retailers including an Uluru package for Flight Centre (**TD** 20 Feb).

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Accor enters Angola

ACCORHOTELS will expand its property network in Africa having signed an exclusive agreement with Angolan firm AAA ACTIVOS LDA to open 50 hotels in Angola between 2015 and 2017.

Chairman & ceo Sebastien Bazin said establishing a hospitality group in Angola is testament to AccorHotels' ambition in Africa, "where tourism is rapidly evolving".

Through the alliance, 6,200 rooms will be introduced in key cities spanning three AccorHotels' brands in the economic, midscale and luxury segments.

Already earmarked are 27 hotels under the ibis Styles brand, 22 within the Mercure brand and one upmarket Sofitel hotel.

Hotel destinations include the Angola capital, Luanda and the 17 capitals of the other provinces which make up the nation.

Six properties are expected to open under the joint venture this year, followed by 22 in 2016 and 22 in 2017.

Club Med shuffle

ORGANISATION changes at Club Med Sydney have seen current national sales manager for Australia & New Zealand Marc Letourneau promoted to regional sales coordination manager.

The role will see Letourneau soon relocate to Club Med's regional head office in Singapore.

Letourneau's replacement will be announced shortly.

Window Seat

AIRPORT security can often be the bane of any traveller trying to keep a valuable item secure.

Two Chinese men put on a bit of a scene at Baiyun Int'l Airport recently when faced with a dilemma as they tried to get a bottle of rare wine on the plane.

The wine concerned was made of tiger bones and is a rare blend worth up to £800 a bottle.

Informed at security they were not allowed to take the wine on the plane, the men decided to avert the issue not by pouring it down the drain, but by drinking the whole thing there and then.

Once they had consumed the bottle, the men proved they were still sober enough to fly by walking in a straight line.

Amusingly, the wine is actually a natural aphrodisiac, which would have made the resulting flight interesting...

More castle-stay hols

TWO new castle-stay tours have been added to Collette's suite of itineraries from May next year.

The France Magnifique and Journey Through Southern France tours include multiple stays at the 4-star Chateau D'Augerville and Fontevraud L'Hotel respectively, along with other historic castles.

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State of Origin 3 tips

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The prize of a night at the Novotel Sydney Olympic Park in a King Room, with breakfast, is on offer to the tipper who gets the most correct answers to the questions in **TD** over the 3 games.

Questions for the final game are:

1. What will be the score margin in Game 3 of SOO 2015?
2. Which team will get the first penalty in Game 3?
3. Which team will win the 2015 State of Origin series?

Email answers before kickoff to soocomp@traveldaily.com.au.

Luxperience in court

LINDY Andrews, the former ceo of the Luxperience luxury trade show, is suing founder Helen Logas for several hundred thousand dollars.

Documents lodged in the NSW District Court reveal Andrews' acrimonious departure last year (**TD** 09 Aug) - full details in yesterday's issue of **Business Events News** - [CLICK HERE](#).

HBO on Qantas IFE

PASSENGERS flying network-wide with Qantas will be able to access 120 hours of HBO (Home Box Office) programs from this month after the airline and US TV service forged new ties.

Content will span TV shows and movies, from drama, comedy and documentaries, updated with 20 hours of new programming on a monthly basis.

Included in the content are current series' such as *Game of Thrones* and *True Detective* and classics like *The Sopranos* and *Sex and The City*.

Other HBO channels coming soon to Qantas include *Veep*, *Silicon Valley*, *Vice*, *Girls*, *The Jinx*, *Together*, *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* and more.

The introduction of a HBO channel coincides with the debut of three new Foxtel channels - Entertainment by Foxtel, National Geographic & Lifestyle by Foxtel.

Qantas head of digital and entertainment Jo Boundy said the Australian flag carrier has invested heavily to ensure "we have fresh content and a wide range of programs to cater for different tastes".

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Travellers Choice's shopaholics



TEN of Travellers Choice's top agents recently experienced the best of Vietnam on this year's Silver Choice Award, courtesy of Wendy Wu Tours.

The eight-day itinerary gave the Travellers Choice agents the chance to cycle past rice paddies, ride water buffalo, help local fisherman cast nets, attend a cooking school to learn the art of vegetable carving and visited Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum in Hanoi.

A stop in Hoi An gave the group an opportunity to visit a local tailor to support the locals and order some custom-fit threads.

Leading the group was Travellers Choice marketing manager Robyn Mitchell who said within three hours of arriving at the store, the agents has ordered jackets, trousers, shirts, skirts, dresses, a three-piece suit, custom-made shoes, jump suits and even a couple of Vietnamese outfits.

In all, the shopaholics spent 86.5 million Dong (equivalent to \$5,000 Aussie dollars) on 85 pieces of clothing, which were ready for collection the next day.

Pictured back row from left are John Hancock, City Beach Travel & Cruise; Monique Hulsman, Ucango Travel & Cruise Centre; James McMillan, Wendy Wu Tours; Denise Bradley, Moss Vale Cruise & Travel; Sue Fessey, Stodarts Travel & Cruise; Sue Holmes, Carine Travel Bug; Carol Shaw, Tour de Force Travel and fashionista Jim Cooper, Queanbeyan City Travel & Cruise.

In front are Saibra Twigg, Australind Travel & Cruise Centre; Cathy Hewett, Tewantin Travel; Robyn Mitchell, Travellers Choice and Michelle Barker, Jays Travel.

Curio enters Jamaica

HILTON Worldwide has expanded its Curio Collection to Jamaica in the Caribbean.

Located on Jamaica's north shore, Jewel Paradise Cove Beach Resort & Spa, Runaway Bay, Curio Collection by Hilton features 210 rooms and 15 junior suites.

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Money

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

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EUROPE sneezes and the rest of the world catches a cold.

That's definitely been the case this week, with ructions over the economic situation in Greece seeing the Australian dollar drop below US75c - its lowest level in more than six years.

The decisive NO vote from the Greek population has led to significant uncertainty in global currency markets and this in turn has seen a flight of investment away from the Aussie dollar.

As well as declining against the greenback the local currency dived against the Japanese yen which is perceived as a less risky investment.

Along with the situation in Europe, analysts are also concerned at moves by authorities in China aiming to reduce volatility in its share market - leading to concerns about the real state of the Chinese economy.

The perfect storm for the Aussie dollar has been compounded by a 6% drop in the price of iron ore - which is Australia's single biggest export.

It's not all bad news - the uncertainty has also seen the price of oil fall, which will help airline bottom lines.

The declining currency has in the past been shown to help inbound tourism, while the number of Aussies departing the country has been shown to be extremely resilient to currency fluctuations over the years.

Wholesale rates this morning:

US	\$0.745
UK	£0.479
NZ	\$1.11
Euro	€0.679
Japan	¥90.95
Thailand	฿25.06
China	¥4.476
South Africa	R9.235
Canada	\$0.936
Crude oil	US\$52.53

Kazakh visa-free days

AUSTRALIAN travellers visiting Kazakhstan will be permitted to stay in the country without a visa for up to 15 days, the Department of Foreign Affairs has confirmed.

The Smartraveller website adds that all visitors planning to stay for five days or more are required to register with the Kazakhstan Migration Police to avoid fines & "significant delays" exiting the Central Asian country.

The new policy comes into effect from 16 Jul.

Americas discounts

TO CELEBRATE the launch of its 2016 United States and Canada brochure (*TD* 22 Jun), Cosmos is offering a \$300 per couple saving on its most popular itinerary in North America until 15 Dec.

The 19-day Canadian & Alaskan Masterpiece is now \$5,203ppts.

Cebu Pacific Jul sale

FARES to the Philippines are on sale with Cebu Pacific priced from \$150 during a short-life promo.

The discounted fare is valid for travel from 15 Aug to 15 Mar and includes taxes & fees but excludes meals and baggage allowance.

Fares must be booked by 09 Jul.

New Small Luxuries

FIVE new European hotels have joined the Small Luxury Hotels of the World portfolio during Jun.

In Italy, the additions include the Romeo Hotel in Naples and Castello di Vicarello in Tuscany; in France there is the Domaine des Etangs in Massignac; while in Greece the newcomers include Agalia Luxury Suites in Ios and Castello Boutique Resort & Spa in Crete - see www.slh.com.

Slovenia joins PATA

THE Slovenian Tourist Board has joined the Pacific Asia Travel Association as its latest National Tourism Organisation member.

EK launch Mashhad

EMIRATES has announced it will launch new five weekly flights between Dubai and Mashhad in Iran from 01 Sep.

Mashhad is Iran's second largest city and will be EK's second hub in the country joining Tehran.

Services will be operated by Airbus A330-200 aircraft.

Open Skies quash Emirates paper

A RESPONSE by Emirates boss Tim Clark to counter the claims made by American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines that the Gulf carrier is receiving govt-funded subsidies and benefits (*TD* 01 Jul), has been rebuked by the 'Big Three' US airlines.

Jill Zuckman, chief spokesperson for the Partnership for Open & Fair Skies said in a statement:

"Emirates can submit as many pages as it wants, but it still won't paper over what has been well-documented - Emirates has received billions in subsidies and unfair benefits from the treasury of the UAE.

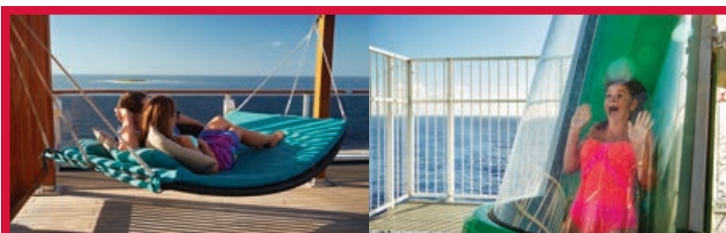
"Our investigation shows that these massive subsidies have

allowed Emirates, Etihad & Qatar airlines to expand far beyond what market forces could ever support, distorting international competition and tilting the playing field to its advantage."

Zuckman argued that American jobs are "at stake", with the time for action "increasingly urgent".

"We respectfully ask that the US Government request consultations with Qatar and the UAE, and stand up against these unfair government subsidies that violate our Open Skies agreement," she added.

MEANWHILE, 30 regional and local airports in the US have joined the "growing chorus" supporting AA/DL and UA.



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THERE is no question the situation in Greece is presenting the global travel industry and indeed the Australian travel industry with a new set of challenges. Over the weekend the Greek people voted a decisive NO to the financial bailout package offered to Greece by the European Union (EU).

The Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has now moved to commence new talks with the EU to find a different solution than the one initially proposed. All this will take time and in the meantime, the question for travellers is - should I go?

A few interesting statistics to put the Greece situation into perspective. The population of Greece is 11 million, so in comparison to Australia it is less than half our size. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is valued at \$320 billion AUD which is about the same size as the Victoria GDP at \$337 billion (22% of the Australian GDP - the Australian GDP is \$1.5 trillion).

The GDP of the European Union as a whole is \$23 trillion AUD which means Greece represents about 1.5% of the EU economy. Interestingly, it is still the thirteenth largest economy of the EU member states - Germany and France being the largest by a big gap.

My point is that Greece is a small country as is the case with many countries in Europe, but it is one of significance as it is a key tourist market and sits in about seventh place of the most visited countries in the EU. So would I go? The answer is YES, definitely!

I might take some euros with me just in case the ATMs stop working or they did happen to have a major banking meltdown while I was in the country, but life is going on and the people of Greece, one of the oldest civilisations on the planet will find a way, it is simply the Greek way of doing things.

If you keep an eye on the Smartraveller.gov.au website for the latest information, recommend to clients that they should continue to go, pack a little extra € for safe keeping and enjoy their time in Greece. On the world stage of politics, this will go down as one of the more interesting historical stories for which Europe is so well known.

STB living like locals

TRIPADVISOR has signed its first agreement with a National Tourism Organisation, launching a customised microsite promoting things to see and do in Singapore.

The 'Live like a local' hub has been built by media agency MEC.

Sections dedicated to individual Singaporean neighbourhoods such as Tiong Bahru and Joo Chiat feature on the portal as well as a collection of recommendations from users & TripAdvisor experts.

Masterclasses for businesses featured on the site will also be hosted from time to time.

Sheraton Filo signing

A NEWBUILD property featuring a combination of hotel rooms and branded residences has been signed for construction by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide in the Philippines.

The property will be built on the island of Mactan, to be branded as a Sheraton - the brand's first presence on the exotic island.

Situated beachside, 250 hotel suites making up the Sheraton Mactan will be open in 2019, followed by residences in 2020.

Air Serbia Euro Pass

A SPECIAL pass to help pax from long-haul markets such as Australia reach a growing network of destinations has been launched by Air Serbia.

The 'Euro Sky Pass' offers access to 37 cities on the JU route map, valid for three zones ranging from short local flights, ports up to two hours air travel and those more than two hours away.

Originating from SYD or MEL flying with equity partner Etihad Airways via Abu Dhabi to Belgrade, pax then buy coupons to travel onwards through Europe.

Passes need to be verified by an Air Serbia agent prior to travel.

Huge DXB traffic jump

PASSENGER numbers utilising Dubai International skyrocketed in May, with the facility recording a 23.2% year-on-year rise in patronage for the month of May.

The Arabian hub welcomed 6,267,640 pax over the month, nearly a staggering 1.2 million up on the same period last year.

Results were slightly skewed as May 2014 coincided with a drop in capacity due to runway work.

CX refresh plane rags

CATHAY Pacific and regional offshoot Dragonair have revamped their inflight magazines with a new design and editorial direction encouraging raw travel emotions.

VA lands on hallowed ground



THE Official Airline of the AFL, Virgin Australia, treated some industry clients to a quick trot on the famed Melbourne Cricket Ground turf last Fri prior to the start of a closely-fought AFL game.

Joining the players from Hawthorn and Collingwood during the pre-match warm-up, the group soaked up the big-game atmosphere as tens of thousands of fans poured in for the match.

Afterward, the group headed to the Premiership Dining Room for a sumptuous three-course meal fit for premiership winners.

Pictured above from left in the

back row is Brendan Sawyers, Flight Centre Travel Group; Chris Malina, STA Travel; Jonathan Nelson, Express Travel Group; Nick Mertz, Linfox Travel; George Siljanoski, HRG and Adrian Wallis, Flight Centre Business Travel.

Front row: Felicity Allan and Danielle Trimarchi, Virgin Australia with Cassandra Ruggieri and Nikki Durham from HRG.

IATA: Get a move on!

IATA Director General Tony Tyler has urged the British Government to publicly back the findings of the UK Airports Commission and urged building to begin quickly.

In a statement on behalf of the airline industry, Tyler called on PM David Cameron to publicly back the endorsement of a third runway at London Heathrow and for the Department of Transport to expedite the next steps.

"We need diggers in the ground by 2020," Tyler said, reiterating a comment by Confederation of British Industry.

He acknowledged environmental concerns dogging the project but said aviation had "a proven track record" in reducing noise and CO2 emissions per passenger.

IATA is aiming to have a new global market-based measure for air emissions in place by 2020.

Win Seawings Dubai seaplane flights

This week **Travel Daily** and **Seawings** are giving agents the chance to win a Dubai scenic seaplane adventure for two. You can take the flight yourself or pass it on to your valued clients as a gift.

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Air Canada delivers yet another 'classic'

IT'S billed as one of the highlights of the Australian ice hockey season and this year's Canada Day Classic - presented by Air Canada - did not disappoint, with the Sydney Bears beating the Melbourne ICE in a 10-goal thriller.

The 2015 trophy was presented to the Sydney Bears' captain in front of a packed Medibank Icehouse by Air Canada Sales Executive Neil Westaway, who also hosted a passionate group of STA agents at the game.

Air Canada General Manager Australia and New Zealand Paul McLean says the airline is proud to promote Australian ice hockey not just locally but in Canada and around the world.

With that in mind, the 2015 Canada Day Classic will from October feature on Air Canada's enRoute inflight

entertainment system right across the airline's global network.

"Air Canada plays an important role in nurturing the strong cultural ties between Australia and Canada," says McLean. "Broadcasting the Canada Day Classic to the 35 million passengers we fly annually is a great way to celebrate that bond, while at the same time showcasing the high quality of the Australian ice hockey league."

BELOW: Centre Ice Face Off - Syd Bears vs Mel ICE.



ABOVE & BELOW: STA agents with the Canada Day Classic cup.

RIGHT: STA agents enjoying the action from the Penalty Box.



RIGHT: Air Canada's Neil Westaway (centre) with Sydney Bears Captain Michael Schlampo & AIHL Commissioner Robert Bannerman.



BELOW: Mario Ste-Marie Consul General of Canada drops the puck.



Puck chase!



BELOW: Players from the Sydney Bears and Melbourne ICE along with official line up for the national anthem ahead of the game.



(Images featured on this page are courtesy of Matt Wragg)

I'm a Celebrity...send me back!



ABOVE: African GSA firm Swagman Tours has managed to convince Andrew Daddo to go back to Africa, albeit this time in a much higher standard of luxury. The media personality starred in Channel 10's *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here* earlier this year, which took place in South Africa. Daddo, **pictured** above with Swagman Tours' managing director Wayne Hamilton, will

escort a 13-day tour of South Africa, spending three nights in the Kruger National Park & travelling the Garden Route before ending with a final two-day stay in scenic Cape Town. Space is limited to join the itinerary, which is priced from \$7,545pp twin share inclusive of return flights from Australia and is slated to depart 02 Mar 2016. For more details, **CLICK HERE**.



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5. Name the *Freechoice* activities offered on day 12 of the Romantic Rhine & Moselle river cruise.

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First with the news

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SA arrivals in freefall

TIGHTENED immigration regulations to South Africa and the Ebola crisis have been blamed for a 6% decline in foreign arrivals for the three months to Mar 2015, data from Stats SA reveals.

The figure equates to around 150,000 fewer tourist arrivals, according to tourism advisory firm Grant Thornton.

Stats from the quarter show double-digit drops in arrivals from nations requiring a visa such as Russia (-47%), Brazil (-34%) while the impact from Australia was less severe, with 800 fewer arrivals.

Thornton said job losses in niche operations could be expected.

Indonesia visa entries

NATIONALS eligible for visa-free travel to Indonesia can only enter the country via approved air and sea ports to avoid paying the fee, Destination Asia has said.

The list of approved entry points includes airports in Jakarta, Bali, Medan, Surabaya and Batam, with sea ports at Bintan & Batam.

Australian citizens are currently not eligible for visa-free entry.

VTIC Nepean setback

THE Victoria Tourism Industry Council says it is disappointed plans for a new tourism initiative at the Quarantine Station in Point Nepean have been scuppered.

Talks between the Vic Govt and the private sector have ended regarding a proposal to develop an environmentally sustainable tourist attraction at the site.

"The failure to reach a compromise means the state is delayed in realising the benefits of sustainable tourism," VTIC CEO Dianne Smith said.

Smith said the failure reflected badly on the potential for the state to secure new investment in tourism from the private sector.

Samoa Ebola screens

TRAVELLERS entering Samoa who have been to a country affected by Ebola in the preceding 21 days may be quarantined on arrival or deported, DFAT said.

The Smarttraveller warning says the policy will apply whether or not an arrival has any symptoms.



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Nitaya Ruckittana
from **THAI Airways International**

Nitaya is the top point scorer for Round 17 of *Travel Daily's* NRL industry footy tipping competition. Nitaya has won a coffee cruise for two from Captain Cook Cruises.



Major Prize:

Two return Economy Class airfares to Dubai with **Emirates**

The Naitch in Nevada

SIX years after relocating to Las Vegas, Aussie pop group Human Nature has starred in a series of promotional videos for their adopted home state of Nevada.

The crooners leave the lights of Sin City in their wake and head out into the desert to experience some of the best attractions available in the surrounding area.

CLICK HERE to view the clips.

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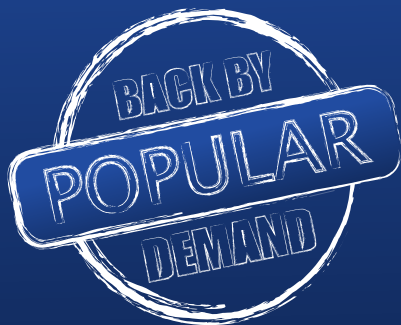
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