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## QF, NSW strike new deal

**ONLINE** and social media campaigns in key global markets including the USA, UK and China will form the backbone of a renewed pact between Qantas and the NSW Government.

The parties this morning signed a three-year agreement, building on the success of the partnership which kicked off in 2013.

NSW Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Event Stuart Ayres said the new \$28m joint investment between the state and Qantas would be focussed on promoting Sydney and regional NSW to more international visitors.

Other major source markets that will continue to be tapped including Southeast Asia, Japan and New Zealand.

"Offering our visitors exciting major events and safe, high quality air travel through key industry partners including Qantas are critical as we work towards our goal of doubling overnight visitor expenditure to NSW by 2020," Ayres remarked.

Focus areas include destination and event marketing.

QF International ceo Gareth

Evans said the relatively low Australia dollar and all-time high number of visitors from markets such as China and the US meant it was "a really exciting time" to renew the carrier's investment.

Another facet of the new deal will see Destination NSW team with Qantas to introduce a Virtual Reality digital marketing project designed to attract early bookings for Vivid Sydney 2017.

### TTC Tahiti incentive

**TAHITI** Travel Connection is giving away a seven-night trip for two to French Polynesia for the top selling agent of air & land packages ticketed on Air Tahiti Nui, based on sales until 30 Sep.

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## Turnbull Ministry lauded

**TRAVEL** and tourism groups have welcomed the new Turnbull Ministry (**TD** breaking news yest) which has seen the appointment of a new Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment, working alongside portfolio MP.

Federal Member for Moncrief Steve Ciobo takes over from the retired Andrew Robb as Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment (**TD** 11 Feb), while member for Hinkler in regional Queensland, Keith Pitt has been assigned the deputy role.

Former Federal Minister for Tourism, turned Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) chair Martin Ferguson applauded the govt's shake-up and renewed focus on regional tourism.

"We are currently in the most dynamic expansionary phase ever in terms of hotel construction and tourism infrastructure growth and it will be essential that the Government support the industry through positive policies and a reduction in barriers," he said.

Ferguson also urged the govt to "act quickly" to eliminate the controversial 'backpacker tax'.

Tourism & Transport Forum ceo Margy Osmond said the new appointments were a "fantastic outcome" for the sector, adding it is "proof of this government's understanding of the industry's importance to the success of Australia's future economy".

MD of the Australian Tourism Export Council Peter Shelly said it was pleasing to see the PM refer to the portfolio of Trade, Tourism and Investment, "recognising the valuable contribution our industry makes".

### Bangladesh concern

**THE** Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade has elevated its level of concern for Australians visiting Bangladesh, jacking up its travel advisory to 'Reconsider your need to travel'.

DFAT issued the advisory late yesterday, citing "a high threat of terrorist attack and the uncertain political situation".

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## Hunter now AFTA vice-chairman

**TRAVELLERS** Choice ceo Christian Hunter has been elected as one of the vice-chairs of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents, at a board meeting following the AFTA agm held last Fri (**TD** 15 Jul).

Also re-elected as vice-chairman was Flight Centre md ceo Graham "Skroo" Turner, who takes the role for the eighth year running.

## TravelTech agenda

**THE** agenda and first round of speakers for the upcoming TravelTech conference in Sydney have been unveiled, with the one day event taking place at the Sheraton on the Park on 27 Sep.

Once again the conference will look at the ongoing disruptive influences affecting the travel sector, with an earlybird offer of \$499+GST available and about 200 delegates expected.

Register at [traveltrends.biz](http://traveltrends.biz).

Taking the chairman's role, also for the eighth time, was Mike Thompson from Helloworld Limited, with AFTA ceo Jayson Westbury saying he had "provided the organisation with genuine leadership and support over the past seven years, and his re-election to the position of Chairman should be welcomed by all involved."

"With the two vice chairman roles being filled by both Skroo & Christian, the organisation will continue to provide the industry leadership it has now become well known for," he said.

The board also approved a new ATAS charter which became effective immediately, providing a number of changes to clauses seeking to "provide clarity on such areas necessary to ensure the ongoing robust nature of ATAS," Westbury added.

Version 4 of the ATAS charter can be viewed at [afta.com.au](http://afta.com.au).

## NZ Bluetooth move

**AIR** New Zealand says it is pioneering new technology innovation in the South Pacific, today revealing that customers will be able to use Bluetooth devices 'gate to gate' from Thu.

Bluetooth tech, such as Fitbit devices, Apple watches and Bluetooth headsets will be able to remain connected on any Air NZ domestic and international flight.

"Enabling customers to use their Bluetooth devices from the departure gate right through to arrivals is part of our dedicated focus to meet the needs of our travellers," Air New Zealand's gm customer experience Carrie Hurihanganui said.

The technology is restricted to common lightweight, handheld personal electronic devices (PED) during the first and final phases of the flight (taxiing and landing), or for larger PED devices during flight cruise, but excludes high-powered industrial devices.



## Window Seat

**A WHALE** which became tangled in rope at the Great Sandy National Park, surfaced in front of a kayak tour this week, appearing to ask for help.

The gentle marine giant swam up to tour guide Tyrone van Santen from Epic Ocean Adventures, who promptly jumped into the water to assist.

"For around 10 minutes the whale was rubbing against the kayak and was turning over to what seemed to be trying to show us something," he said.

Unfortunately van Santen was unable to free the whale from the rope as he had appeared to have swallowed it partially, however the matter has been referred to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection who are working on the matter.

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## Expedia UK rail plan

**EXPEDIA'S** plan to introduce a rail offering to its UK customers (**TD** 18 Nov 15) is on track, with the group today announcing the debut from fall.

Launching in partnership with Silverail, rail tickets will be made available alongside the travel options already available.

"Adding rail will allow travellers to create new types of package holidays, such as combining train travel with a hotel stay, a car hire, or other things to do at their destination," said Greg Schulze, senior vice president, Commercial Strategy and Services at the Expedia group.

## AFTA CC webinar

**AFTA** will host another webinar on electronic payments and credit card surcharging on 27 Jul from 11am.

The first session on the topic was over-subscribed.

Registration details to follow.

## FAA Turkey ban lifted

**THE** US Federal Aviation Administration lifted its restrictions to and from Turkey as of 13:45 yesterday after it clamped down on services there following the attempted military coup in the Turkish capital.

"All airline carriers, regardless of country of registry, are prohibited from flying into the United States from Turkey either directly or via third country," the US Embassy in Ankara declared on Sat.

## Choice free brekkie

**CHOICE** Hotels Asia Pacific is offering guests free continental breakfast at over 200 of its locations, for bookings between now and 24 Dec.

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### Queanbeyan agency recognised

**AN ELATED** Jenny Cooper from Queanbeyan City Travel and Cruise accepted the coveted People's Choice Retail Travel Agency of the Year award at the NTIAs in Sydney over the weekend.

Speaking to **Travel Daily** after accepting the honour, Cooper said that the award was proof of the hard work they had put in for the last 28 years.

"It vindicates the fact that we put our heart and soul into the job, and that we treat our customers and clients as though they're part of our family," commented Cooper.

When questioned as to what



makes the industry so special to her, Cooper replied: "I love the fact that I can create a dream for somebody...something that they have saved their whole lives for".

Other finalists in the category included Discover Travel & Cruise, italktravel Hillarys and Meridien Travel.

Jenny Cooper is **pictured** celebrating with her team on the far right and stands next to her husband, Jim Cooper.



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## TIE Xmas in July in Sydney



**ABOVE:** This trio of mischievous Santa's helpers were spotted last night at *Travel Daily's* Christmas in July at Sydney's Luna Park.

The event wrapped up the first day of the Sydney 2016 Travel Industry Exhibition, which saw delegates from across the sector meet with scores of exhibitors as well as update their knowledge in

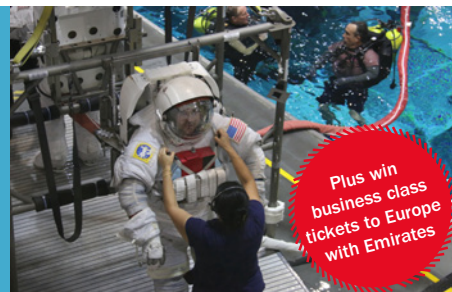
the on-site educational sessions.

The show, in the stunning harbourside setting of Luna Park's Crystal Palace, continues until 5pm today, with registration free for trade visitors.

The spirited elves above are all from Breakaway Travel Club, **from left:** Bea Challenor, Yurike Russo and Tony Wilson.

Explore space in Houston in the July issue of *travelBulletin*.

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## Dark Mofo secured

**THE** Tasmanian Government has partnered with the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) to secure the annual Dark Mofo event for a further five years.

Dark Mofo launched three years ago aimed at encouraging locals and visitors to explore the state in traditionally quieter months.

The new agreement is worth \$2.1m annually and includes a commitment from MONA to grow interstate and overseas visitors to the show to 20,000 by 2021 and increase overall attendance to 500,000 by the same year.

Last year, Dark Mofo lured 280,000 visitors, "creating a huge windfall for our tourism and hospitality operators", Tasmanian Premier Will Hodgman said.

Tourism Tasmania will collaborate with MONA to capitalise on the event and attract more tourist to all parts of the state, not just Hobart, as a result of the festival.

## Egencia air shopping

**BUSINESS** travellers will soon be able to access multiple branded fare classes with Egencia's all-new Air Shopping platform.

"Business travellers demand choice and clarity and our airline partners want to make sure their product offering and unique features are clearly labelled in the display," said Mark Hollyhead, senior vp, Egencia Americas.

The new technology will be previewed to select North American customers from Aug, with the global rollout planned for the Northern Autumn.

## Swiss-Bel Brissie gm

**DINAH-LOUISE** Marrs has been named the new general manager for Swiss-Belhotel Brisbane (*TD* yest), ahead of its debut in Oct.

Marrs has been in the industry for over 20 years and previously held the title of gm at the Point Brisbane Hotel for over a decade.

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## Concur/Uber pact

**CONCUR** and Uber for Business have launched a partnership to help companies create Uber accounts for staff and to track spending.

Integrated travel and expense management solutions company, Concur, together with Uber are aiming to assist companies to reduce ground transportation spend by enabling them use affordable ride sharing options like uberX.

The product integration will launch in the fourth quarter of this year through the Concur App Center.

## AMEX data tool

**AMERICAN** Express Global Business Travel has launched a new data visualisation tool known as PREMIER INSIGHTS, allowing companies and travel managers a complete view of their travel program.

The tool integrates American Express Corporate Cards and travel booking data into a single platform - **CLICK HERE** for more.

## Expedia China report

**AUSTRALIA** remains at the top of the travel wish list for Chinese tourists, according to Hotels.com's fifth annual Chinese International Travel Monitor.

The survey of 3,000 Chinese travellers found 92% planned to increase or maintain spending on travel in the next year with two thirds considering travel to be a key part of their life.

Chinese travellers revealed Australia needs to lift its game on UnionPay facilities, Chinese restaurants on-site, Mandarin-speaking staff and app-based customer service.

Safety, comfort, star rating & price are still the most important factors considered by Chinese when choosing accommodation.

Australia is currently the sixth most popular country visited by Chinese tourists.

## Ritz Waikiki opening

**THE** 38-storey Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach has officially opened, featuring 307 studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom units and penthouses.

Amenities include the highest infinity pool in Waikiki (on the eighth floor with private cabanas) and a fitness centre.

The Ritz-Carlton Spa is slated to open in mid-Sep.

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## Emirates lauded at NTIAs



**EMIRATES'** divisional vice president Barry Brown was half way through his meal when his colleagues told him to stop eating and get up on the stage to accept the award, he laughs as he tells *Travel Daily*.

Taking top honours in the Best International Airline - Online category, Brown says the recognition meant a lot to the UAE-carrier.

"This is the fourth year in a row that we've been recognised as best international airline," comments Brown.

"And this comes right on top of our SkyTrax award too...and to have been recognised by our peers as second to none means a lot to us.

"We started with three flights a week operating via an Asian point to Dubai, now we're 77 flights a week," he said.

"It's great to have grown and to have also watched the industry grow with us."

**Pictured** is category sponsor and managing director of Uniworld Fiona Dalton with Emirates vp, Barry Brown.

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# Welcome to NTIA - no bula!

**THE** National Travel Industry Awards red carpet this year featured plenty of hunky blokes - including some wearing grass skirts.

We're not sure what Mohammad Nasiry from Express Travel Group did to arouse the ire of these Fijian warriors (right), but we hope he survived the encounter.

These pics were all taken on the night - more at [facebook.com/traveldaily](https://facebook.com/traveldaily).



**LEFT:** The van Huisstede clan from italktravel - Karen, Julia and Mark.

**RIGHT:** APT Group ceo Chris Hall with Andrew Millmore, Travel the World md.



**RIGHT:** Trevor Jones, Hawthorn Travel; Magellan Travel Group ceo Andrew Macfarlane; Kevin Dale of National Network Travel; and Penny and Edwin Spencer, Spencer Travel.



**LEFT:** Marie Anderson from Air India with her special new friend.

**LEFT:** Ian Carew-Reid from Butler Caroye with Sue Whelan from AFTA.

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The applications will be transitioned into the Microsoft Azure cloud.

Kevin Crowley, Boeing vp of digital aviation said the agreement will "accelerate the digital transformation of aviation through the use of analytics-based applications, cloud technologies and large-scale integration".

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Flight Centre Foundation gm, Anita Russell says "We realise that, wherever we come from or wherever we travel, the FCTG family is fortunate compared to many others in our community.

"Building a brighter future is a key philosophy of FCTG and the Flight Centre Foundation is our mechanism to do this in the communities where we work, live and travel."

Some of the Global Leaders are

**pictured:** Adam Campbell; Dean Smith; Melanie Waters-Ryan; Chris Galanty; Graham 'Skroo' Turner and Rob Flint.



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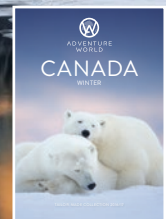
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## INDOTREK adventures

**TRAILS** of Indochina has officially launched Indotrek as its own adventure brand.

The South East Asian DMC provides adventure tours across across Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar at "competitive rates".

Activities on offer range from trekking, cycling and kayaking to motorbiking and abseiling with accommodation provided in riverside camps right up to five-star hotels.

A three-day cycling tour in the Mekong Delta is priced at \$490 including a rural homestay while the nine-day Tempes to Tides journey by motorcycle in Cambodia starts at \$2,490pp.

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## CWT Global Travel Price Outlook Report

**AFTER** a year of slow growth in travel pricing, Australia looks set to head into another sluggish year in 2017, according to Carlson Wagonlit Travel's Global Travel Price Outlook Report.

Airfares down under are projected to decrease by 0.9% with Australia dealing with "significantly reduced demand" thanks to sharp deductions for its recourse and mining sector and "fierce international competition".

A small 4.4% rise is expected to be recorded in hotel prices with the weak Aussie dollar meaning inbound tourism is high and Melbourne & Sydney are increasing upward pricing pressure.

In Western Australia, however, the mining slowdown will see low occupancy and therefore a decline in room rate pricing.

Car rental prices should see a 2% increase despite the recent slowdown it has seen due to the sharp drop in the resource and mining sector.

## Africa biofuel flights

**SOUTH** African Airways (SAA) and its low cost subsidiary Mango flew Africa's first biofuel passenger flights this week.

Around 300 pax flew on the SAA and Mango flights from Johannesburg to Cape Town on Boeing 737-800s which were using 30% aviation biofuel.

The initiative is part of Project Solaris, named after the energy tobacco plant used to produce the fuel.

"SAA is committed to a sustainable future and this highlights the steps we are taking," SAA chief operating officer Musa Zwane said.

## SPG Grand Slam

**STARWOOD** Preferred Guest (SPG) members can now use Starpoints to redeem "once-in-a-lifetime experiences" at the US Open including courtside seats and an exclusive tennis clinic with Andy Roddick.

The SPG 2016 US Open Moments packages also include access to the SPG Luxury Suite for prime viewing and finals weekend seats at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

See more **HERE**.



## AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury



**NTIA 2016** - another great big success with the event proving to be our best ever. Some 1,200 plus industry people packed themselves on board the Dockside Pavilion at Darling Harbour, a floating marquee that will soon not be there.

As the International Convention Centre (ICC) takes shape on the Sydney skyline - and what is a very imposing building gets ever so much more closer to opening date (scheduled for 20 Dec 2016) - the team at AFTA can't wait to get things organised and start the planning for 2017.

As with previous years, the 38 winners on the night were all very pleased and the celebrations continued well into the night and early hours of Sunday. There is no doubt those that attended had a great time.

The support of the travel industry for these awards appears to get stronger and stronger each year and the continued backing of a fantastic group of companies who come on board as sponsors each year make the entire gala possible.

A special mention to Qantas as our major sponsor and to the dedicated QF crew who give of their time to support the event, by keeping the awards ceremony ticking along.

This year we also had a new MC, Anjali Rao who proved to wow the audience with her articulate voice and keen eye for keeping everyone under control; well as good as can be expected.

Often un-recognised for this event is the entire team from AFTA who all took part in one way or another to ensure the night ran like clockwork and delivered a wonderful event for the industry.

There are so many people to thank who make the NTIA the success it is and I will finish with a big thank you to all the sponsors who support NTIA each year (<http://www.afta.com.au/events/ntia>). There are so many to name you might be best to take a look via the link above.

And to the judges for whom the entire NTIA process rely upon so much to ensure that we have a quality competition and a robust process for the finalists to present themselves to. Eleven travel industry supporters who give significant time to make the awards the respected success that they are, so a big thank you to all of them.

I am sure we will see plenty of photos and social posts of the winners who are all gridders from the NTIA 2016 and while we might take a little bow and a month to regroup, AFTA will be back bigger, better and ready to present NTIA 2017 sooner than you think.

2017 is a big year for AFTA as it will be our 60th Birthday year and I am sure we will all be in the right mood for an even bigger celebration.

## NCTC family offers

**NEW** Caledonia Travel Connection has a host of family holiday specials on offer including five-nights at Château Royal Beach Resort & Spa in Noumea from \$4,650 per family.

Deals are eligible for bookings made before 15 Aug for travel until 20 Sep, **CLICK HERE**.

## G5 int'l takes off

**CHINA** Express Airlines has been given the go ahead to launch international flights from its main base at Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport.

The carrier plans to initially launch Guiyang to Hanoi, Hohhot-Ordos to Ulaanbaatar and Beihai to Hong Kong.

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Q13. What is the size limit for each Scenic Culinaire cooking class?

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## MAH MH17 two years

**MALAYSIAN** Airline System Berhad and Malaysia Airlines Berhad held a private remembrance ceremony at KL International Airport, the second anniversary of MH17.

The private gathering was led by MAB's Chairman Tan Sri Md Nor Yusof and attended by the company's employees, family members of the crew on board and members of the Board of Directors.

## Kazakh DFAT update

**AUTHORITIES** in Kazakhstan have raised the terrorism threat level in Almaty to Red following a suspected militant attack yesterday where a number of people were killed and injured.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has advised Australians in Kazakhstan to remain indoors, avoid crowded places, monitor media for security updates and follow the advice of local authorities.

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## SQ App Challenge

**SINGAPORE** Airlines will launch its App Challenge for the second time, which will see participants build an application to "enrich the travel experience for the modern traveller".

SQ will this year provide participants with its application, programming interfaces (APIs) related to flight schedule, flight status and check-in.

Prizes include a trip to Silicon Valley for the winner of the student category and the successful team will also gain an internship with SIA.

The comp kicks-off from 01 Oct with judging to begin 08 Oct.

## World Cup of Golf tix

**TICKETS** for the World Cup of Golf at Kingston Heath Golf Club on 23-27 Nov in Melbourne are now on sale.

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## Hilton Morocco

**HILTON** Worldwide will open the 170-key Hilton Taghazout Bay Beach Resort & Spa in Morocco in 2018 having struck a management deal with Société d'Aménagement et de Promotion de la Station de Taghazout.

## Qatar Biz class sale

**DISCOUNTED** Business class fares with Qatar Airways are available until 25 Jul to celebrate the airline being named World's Best Business Class & Best Business Class Airline Lounge at the 2016 Skytrax Awards (**TD Wed**).

Melbourne-London return flights lead in at \$6,680pp, for details, [CLICK HERE](#).



# Money

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

**\$1AUD = US0.756**

Markets remained cautious overnight ahead of RBA's minutes released at 11:30am.


Most economists are anticipating the RBA will soon cut rates, with the market suggesting a 64% chance of a rate cut when the RBA next meets on 02 Aug.

An RBA rate cut is likely to see the AUD to slip.


Meanwhile the NZD fell close to 1% after the Reserve Bank of NZ announced plans to expand its home lending restrictions.


*Wholesale rates this morning:*

US	\$0.756
UK	£0.570
NZ	\$1.067
Euro	€0.683
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