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## Wolgan family escape

**EMIRATES** One&Only Wolgan Valley is offering a special Family Escape package from \$1,990 per villa per night including all gourmet meals with wine and beer, the Junior Rangers program and unlimited ice cream! - **see p8.**



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## Virgin activates wi-fi trial

**VIRGIN** Australia has today kicked off a three month testing period of its new in-flight wireless internet (**TD 31 Mar**), with customers who happen to be flying on the specially equipped Boeing 737-800 able to connect at no charge during the trial.

### New TTNQ chief

**PIP** Close, currently chief executive officer of Your Margaret River Region in WA, has been appointed as the new ceo of Tourism Tropical North Queensland.

Close told Margaret River stakeholders she was unexpectedly approached for the role and it was "too good to turn down," with TTNQ serviced by ten international and eight domestic airlines and attracting 2.8 million annual visitors.

She takes the role being vacated by TTNQ ceo Alex de Waal, who last month announced he was leaving at the end of May for a "new career challenge with a national company" (**TD 02 Mar**). More appointments on **page 5.**

### Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today has seven pages of news and photos, plus full pages from: (**click**)

- One&Only Wolgan Valley
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The move comes just two weeks after Qantas switched on its in-flight wi-fi trial (**TD 07 Apr**).

Both carriers promise lightning fast downloads in the air, with Qantas using the nbn Sky Muster satellite service, while Virgin has partnered with Optus and Gogo to implement its system which uses a dual-antenna system to deliver simultaneous transmissions.

Virgin Australia Airlines group executive John Thomas said the airline was looking forward to receiving guest feedback about the service, with VA set to finalise its business model after considering customer feedback and the results of the test period.

Virgin will also offer guests travelling on the wi-fi enabled aircraft during the trial three months free access to Netflix and Pandora Plus, while current customers will be able to apply the bonus to existing accounts.

### SYD traffic up 2.2%

**SYDNEY** Airport today reported its passenger traffic performance for Mar, with domestic numbers up 1.4% year-on-year to 2.332 million and international growth of 2.3% to 1.234 million.

Outgoing ceo Kerrie Mather said domestic traffic was impacted by some interruptions due to Cyclone Debbie, while the busy Easter travel period fell in Mar 2016 as opposed to Apr this year.

## Flanders profile

**TODAY'S Travel Daily** features our latest Product Profile, which showcases Belgium's Flanders Fields region which will this year celebrate the centenary of the WW1 battle of Passchendaele - see the **last page** for details.



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## Emirates hit by US bans

**EMIRATES** is set to cut flights to the USA as Trump administration travel bans take a toll on air traffic.

The Gulf region's largest carrier will reduce capacity on five of its 12 American routes, indicating a significant impact from the immigration policies and laptop bans introduced this year.

"The recent actions taken by the US government relating to the issuance of entry visas,

heightened security vetting and restrictions on electronic devices in aircraft cabins have had a direct impact on consumer interest and demand for air travel into the US," an Emirates spokesperson said.

"Over the past three months, we have seen a significant deterioration in the booking profiles on all our US routes, across all travel segments."

Under the changes, flights from Dubai to Fort Lauderdale and Orlando will be cut from daily to five per week from Jun.

Seattle and Boston flights will drop from twice daily to daily at the same time, while EK services to Los Angeles will be cut from double daily to daily from Jul.

**MEANWHILE** Etihad has issued a formal statement saying it had not experienced any significant change in demand for US flights.

From 01 Jun Etihad's double daily Abu Dhabi-New York flights will become an all-A380 operation, with EY saying "this demonstrates our ongoing commitment to the US regardless of recent developments".

## Scenic Eclipse release

**SCENIC** has released the brochure collection for its much-anticipated *Scenic Eclipse*, revealing full details of the luxury vessel's first season.

Billed as the world's first "Discovery Yacht", the 228-guest ship is profiled in three separate brochures ahead of its launch on 31 Aug next year.

Her maiden season will include the Americas, Antarctica & South Georgia, Europe & the Mediterranean, and the Arctic.

Scenic has also opened pre-registrations for the ship's 2019/20 season - for full details see today's *Cruise Weekly*.

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## Chimu adds Arctic

CHIMU Adventures has expanded its range to include a selection of Arctic itineraries, utilising more than 20 ships in destinations including Greenland, Spitsbergen and Canada's Northwest Passage.

Chimu co-founder Chad Carey said the company's Antarctica offering had experienced huge growth and that an expansion to the Arctic was a logical step.

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## Airbnb decision delayed

HOPES for clarity on the future regulation of Airbnb have been dashed in NSW where the State Government has backed away from announcing any decision.

The Government had been expected to reveal its position on how it would regulate short-term letting websites, but last night committed to a further consultation period instead.

In a process watched closely in other states, NSW has been mulling the recommendations of a recent inquiry which suggested Airbnb and other websites should be able to operate without substantial controls.

But the state's Planning Minister Anthony Roberts last night said more time was needed.

"The inquiry recommendations make sense, but the regulation of short-term letting needs broader engagement with industry and community to establish a model that enables it to continue to flourish and innovate while

ensuring the amenity and safety of users and the wider community," Roberts said.

"It's sensible to take time on a complex issue like this."

Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) this morning welcomed the opportunity for further consultation, saying rules were needed to prevent commercial operators exploiting online services to operate 'quasi hotels' without complying with the safety and commercial regulations covering the rest of the accommodation sector.

"The Government can learn from cities around the world that have recently introduced strict regulations to counter the negative effects – particularly for housing and rental affordability – caused by the unfettered growth of unregulated commercial short-term stays," said TAA chief executive officer Carol Giuseppi.

"We would encourage the Government to develop a new regulatory environment that allows the tourism sector to grow, but not at the expense of residents and legitimate operators in the industry."

## TripAdvisor hits 500m

TRIPADVISOR last night hit a major milestone in its usage, reaching 500 million reviews and opinions posted on its website.

The site's user-generated content now expands at a rate of 290 posts every minute, TripAdvisor said, with Barcelona's Sagrada Familia taking the most attention at 104,000 reviews since the site launched in 2000.

The Luxor Las Vegas is the world's most reviewed hotel with over 28,000 posts, while the most reviewed restaurant is Portugal's Pasteis de Belem in Lisbon, with more than 25,000 reviews.

## A&K Aust & NZ brox

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has released its 2017 collection of luxury tours in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

Its new brochure includes active journeys such as the Bay of Fires Lodge walk in Tasmania and fly-fishing in New Zealand.

Gourmet holidays are available in WA, Tasmania and Queensland, plus family itineraries based on *Lord of the Rings* in NZ.



## Window Seat

THE Art Series Hotel Group is truly living up to its name, inviting guests to be part of a nude personal still life.

The innovative "No Robe" campaign will run from 01 May-15 Jun, with customers (privately) able to "stand proud in all their glory like Michelangelo's David, gracefully recline in the nuddy like an Art Series 'Schaller' figure, or robe up la the Renaissance," the company enthused.

Available at all seven Art Series Hotels in Melbourne, Bendigo, Adelaide and Brisbane, the one night package includes a session with a self-timed camera which is delivered to the room.

The nude selfies are sent via an encrypted link to artists who will remotely draw the subjects from their own studios.

Art Series promises the photo will be then permanently deleted, and guests are sent the drawing in a "beautiful package" with signed delivery.

Art Series Hotels ceo Will Deague said the initiative reflects the group's passion for supporting the arts and delivering unique art-inspired experiences for our guests.

"Let's face it, as long as people have been around, so has nudity," he said.

"At Art Series we don't buy into the 'Nude is Rude' camp of thinking. We want to encourage our guests to dare to be different and bold - to celebrate their individuality and feel liberated in their own skin".

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## MH to track flights

**MALAYSIA** Airlines has become the first customer to sign up for SITAONAIR, Aireon and FlightAware's global flight tracking service, designed to prevent incidents similar to the disappearance of MH370.

Under the SITAONAIR agreement, Malaysia Airlines will adopt the real-time alerting system, giving it minute-by-minute, space-based global tracking across its whole fleet.

The system adds Aireon's space-based Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) data to FlightAware's global air traffic control data, aircraft datalink information and terrestrial ADS-B data.

It is expected to be operational by 2018.

## Tas hotel boost

**BUSINESS** Events Tasmania is welcoming a hotel boom in the state, with six new hotels underway, including two luxury and one five-star hotel currently being built in Hobart.

MACq01, will be the first hotel to open on 01 Jun, and features 114 waterfront guestrooms.

The new hotels will provide an additional 1,156 accommodation rooms in Hobart's CBD.

## TAP to London City

**TAP** Portugal will become the only airline to operate between Lisbon and London City Airport when its twice-daily weekday flights are launched on 29 Oct.

Embraer E190 will operate the route carrying 106 pax and increasing its total capacity by 24% to all three London airports.

There will also be one flight each on Sat and Sun.

## Etihad 3D printing

**ETIHAD** Airways and Diehl have signed a deal for the first commercial 3D-printer part retrofit project.

They will install 3D printed IFE cover plates for Economy seats. 3D-printed parts offer airlines around 30% in savings.

## Hotel POS software

**POSERA** Ltd has announced the launch of its integrated POS solution for the hotel industry. The release includes back-office software and a mobile app that allows for real-time alerts.

Several European hotels have already signed on with Posera.

## C191 set for first flight

**CHINA'S** first domestically produced aircraft, the C919, has passed its last flying review by experts before its maiden flight.

The aircraft also conducted a high-speed taxi test at 230kph.

It is expected to compete with other narrow-body aircraft such as the Airbus A320 and Boeing 737.

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## A 40-year love for Latin America



**THE** founder of Australia's longest-running travel company in Latin America has just notched up 126 trips to the region.

Ted Dziadkiewicz's first trip to the region was in 1975, and since then he has been to more than 30 countries in Latin America.

After falling in love with the area, he launched Contours Travel so he could share his love of Latin America with fellow Aussies.

Currently he visits Latin America around three times a year.

Dziadkiewicz said he'd witnessed many changes to the region since his first trip 40 years ago.

"When I caught the train to Machu Picchu in 1975 it was all very basic, but today you can take the same trip on a luxury train where you almost feel like putting

on a dinner suit," he said.

Dziadkiewicz noted he has seen improved infrastructure and accommodation, while English is more widely spoken than before.

Contours also supports the Agua Pura Project, providing water filters for remote Peru villages.

## Kenya 3 for 2 deal

**MAHALI** Mzuri in the Kenyan plains has extended a pay 2, stay 3 deal through until 15 Jun 2017.

The offer, which is priced from US\$830 per person per night includes all meals and drinks, twice daily game drives and transfers from the nearest airstrip.

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## Hainan 787 to MAN

**CHINA'S** Hainan Airlines will use its flagship aircraft Boeing 787 Dreamliners on a new route between Manchester and Beijing starting 01 May.

Hainan plans to increase its flight frequency from four to five flights per week following successful route performance.

The Dreamliners are fitted with 36 business-class flatbed seats and 177 economy seats.

## Busabout dream job

**SYDNEYSIDER** Leanne Gaculais will travel the world for five months after being selected by Busabout as its global brand ambassador from among thousands of applicants.

Her winning video can be viewed online at [traveldaily.com.au/videos](http://traveldaily.com.au/videos).



## Virgin helps the blind

**VIRGIN** Australia has become the first Asia-Pacific airline to introduce a special vision-impaired in-flight entertainment user interface on its Boeing 737-800 and Embraer E190 fleets to help blind and low vision passengers enjoy movies, TV shows, audiobooks and music.

IFE innovator CoKinetic Systems developed the interface which features simplified screen layouts, larger icons and voice prompts, plus flight information that guests can use to find out the time and distance to their destination.

Throughout the development process the airline consulted with disability advocate Phillip Chalker.

Virgin Australia general manager of In Flight Experience, Tash Tobias said: "We are determined to ensure travel with Virgin Australia is enjoyable for all of our guests and we are delighted to introduce this new user interface for guests who are blind or have low vision."

Air Canada was the first airline in the world to introduce the innovative technology.

## Bentours & Hurtigruten talk



**HURTIGRUTEN** regional president for China & Asia-Pacific, William Harber, visited the Bentours and Hurtigruten offices in Melbourne last week to discuss the organisations' joint venture and the expanding market in Australia and New Zealand.

The meeting also focused on Hurtigruten's 125-year history running exploration travel and

on the arrival of *Amundsen*, "the greenest, safest expedition ship ever created".

Hurtigruten field operations manager Karin Strand presented a video to educate the market ahead of the ship's debut which is planned for Oct 2018.

**Pictured** from left are Ryan Bennett, Bentours brand leader; William Harber; and Damian Perry, ceo of Cox & Kings group.

## Logie agent incentive

**ONE** travel agent will win a three-day stay at Bali's Menjangan Dynasty Resort as part of a *TV Week* Logie Awards competition, courtesy of Prime Plaza hotels which is also providing accommodation prizes for Logie nominees and winners in the awards' gift bags this year.

Consultants making a booking at any Prime Plaza Hotel in Bali before 14 May are eligible to win, with entries sent to Rob Wiseman at [aus@corp.pphotels.com](mailto:aus@corp.pphotels.com).

The top retail store could also win a three-night team getaway for up to eight people at their choice of any Prime Plaza hotel.

The Logie Awards will be held this Sun 23 Apr at Crown Palladium in Melbourne.

## China-Indonesia links

**FLIGHT** capacity between China and Indonesia is surging with Garuda Indonesia, Sriwijaya Air and Indonesia AirAsia to launch six new Chinese routes this year.

Garuda will add Denpasar to Chengdu; Sriwijaya Air will connect Jakarta to Nanning & Haikou as well as Denpasar to Nanning; while new Indonesia AirAsia flights will include Jakarta to Shenzhen and Macau.



## Industry Appointments

**WELCOME** to Industry Appointments, *Travel Daily's* Thursday feature which has the latest job appointments from across the industry. If you have just appointed someone to a new position and would like to update the industry email [appointments@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:appointments@traveldaily.com.au).

**Qian Jin** will commence his role as the first Area President for Greater China and Mongolia for **Hilton** this week. He most recently served as President of Wanda Hotels & Resorts in Greater China.

**Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa** has welcomed **Dean White** as its new Area Director of Sales & Marketing for Fiji & Vanuatu.

The boards of the **Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Cooperation** and tourism arm **Nitmiluk Tours** have announced **Jane Runyu-Fordimail** as CEO of tourism operations. Since 2012, Runyu-Fordimail has been Manager of Cultural Services at the National Park located near Katherine in the Northern Territory.

**Barbara Samoilenko** will lead Germany and France as **Destination NSW's** first Business Development Manager in those countries. Samoilenko joins the organisation from the Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority in the United Arab Emirates.

**Destination Canada** has announced a number of appointments to its board of directors, with **Patricia Balsillie**, **Randy Garfield**, **Monique Gomel**, **Dave Laveau**, **Patricia Macdonald** and **Dragan Matovic** having joined the Board effective immediately.

**Francoise Bertrand** has been made Chair of the board of directors of **VIA Rail Canada** for five years. With over 30 years' experience in senior management, Bertrand was most recently President and CEO of the Federation des chambres de commerce du Quebec from 2003-2016.

**Corporate Travel Management** has appointed **Suzanne Yeates** as joint Company Secretary, working alongside incumbent Steve Fleming.

Former Azamara Club Cruises national business development manager **Christina Shepherdson** has taken on the newly created role of General Manager, Cruise for **Goldman Travel Group**.



## Win tickets to the ANZAC day AFL blockbuster

This week, *Travel Daily* and Emirates are giving three readers the chance to see the AFL Blockbuster: Essendon versus Collingwood on ANZAC Day, Tuesday, 25 April at the famous MCG.

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# Gold Choice winners cruise the Mekong

**FROM** mounds of tasty tarantulas in fragrant markets to sophisticated fare in celebrity chef Luke Nguyen's cooking school - Travellers Choice's 2017 Gold Choice Award trip to Cambodia and Vietnam had a unique culinary flavour.

APT hosted this year's journey - an exclusive excursion reserved for Travellers Choice's top 10 agents - with the itinerary based around a seven-night cruise along the Mekong on *AmaLotus*.

The voyage offered an authentic taste of life along the river, with ox-cart rides past rice fields, small boat excursions to floating villages, and encounters with snake wine and scorpion snacks.

Then, on the final night, the group enjoyed a cooking class at Grain, a Ho Chi Minh restaurant owned by SBS chef Luke Nguyen, who is also a brand ambassador for APT.

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**HUNGRY?** Denis Collins considers a tarantula snack.



**CAMBODIAN** children play with Travellers Choice's well-travelled mascot Trevor.



**GOLD** Choice Award winners enjoyed a champagne sunrise at Cambodia's Angkor Wat temple complex, the world's largest religious monument.



**BRIAN** Slater gives a traditional greeting to a pickled snake.



**GOLD** Choice winners enjoy a 'Cook & Dine' cooking class at Luke Nguyen's Grain Restaurant in Ho Chi Minh City. (L-R) Chris Petrie, APT; Brian Slater, Maria Slater Travel; Lucy Bellamy, Savenio; Christian Hunter, Travellers Choice; Dave Hulsman, Ucango Travel & Cruise Centre; Grain Cooking School Chef; Leonie Ivey, Windsong Travel; Lesley Shepherd, Select World Travel; Michelle Everson, Jamison Travel; Denis Collins, Discover Travel & Cruise; Tania Allen, Oliver Travel and Scott Ellis, APT.



**CHRISTIAN** Hunter (back) and Brian Slater hail an ox-cart Uber for a ride through the Cambodian countryside.



**APT'S** Scott Ellis emerges from one of the Viet Cong tunnels in Cu Chi near Ho Chi Minh City.



**SAMPEAH:** Gold Choice winners pay their respects in a Buddhist monastery in Oudong, the former capital of Cambodia.



**A CRYSTAL** Lagoon will soon be a reality on Jungle Island, an 18-acre landmark attraction located on Watson Island in Miami, USA.

The Caribbean style lagoon is the size of two football fields and should be completed by the end of 2018.

Jungle Island will also feature zip lines over the lagoon with panoramic views of the Miami skyline, children adventures, water slides, as well as a private beach club.

Uri Man, ceo of Crystal Lagoons US East said the new Miami lagoon was a "game changer" from the current park, which caters for people with an interest in animal and nature experiences.

"We also expect the park's attendees will spend more time within the park due to the exciting water-oriented activities on the lagoon," he said.

The new lagoon joins the Crystal Lagoons portfolio of more than 600 projects in 60 countries.

## Rhinos on watch

**SANCTUARY** Retreats has appointed two dedicated Rhino Monitors in Botswana's Moremi Game Reserve.

The team hopes by studying the behaviour of the rhino, they can learn more about the endangered species' territories, foraging and breeding habits.

Guests staying at the park will also be able to learn about the Rhinos from the monitors.

## New A330-300 for TK

**TURKISH** Airlines has received its sixth leased Airbus A330-300 aircraft from Intrepid Aviation.

The Rolls-Royce powered aircraft is among 35 Airbus A330-300s operated by the Turkish Star Alliance member carrier.

The plane has 28 seats in Business and 261 in Economy.

## Nigeria reopens ABV

**NIGERIA'S** government says the international airport in its capital Abuja has reopened after six weeks of repairs to the runway.

Experts said the runway was in a shocking state and opened a day ahead of schedule.

Attempts to fix the runway after its life-span ended 14 years ago had previously failed.

After a South African Airways plane was damaged on landing in Aug, other airlines either stopped flying to Nigeria's second-busiest airport or threatened to do so.

## Vienna backs tourism

**THE** Vienna Tourist Board surveyed more than 2,000 Viennese in 2016 and reported 90% of locals said the city benefited from tourism.

Around 88% of respondents singled out trade fairs and congresses as a critical success factor in tourism.

The vast majority of respondents (89%) confirm that tourism is an important economic factor for Vienna.

59% of Viennese reported approval for short term rentals from providers like Airbnb.

## UNESCO sites lacking

**ACCORDING** to a recent study, 46 percent of the natural UNESCO sites have no active tourism management plan.

The study was conducted by Griffith University in Queensland, which was commissioned by UNESCO to analyse tourism planning across the world.

Griffith found 105 sites of the 229 natural UNESCO sites lack tourism management plans.

Some 18 sites have outdated tourism management plans, including Australia, with three of the country's 16 UNESCO sites having expired documents.

Vatican City & the Giza Pyramids weren't included in the research.

## VisitScotland pact

**TRIPADVISOR** has struck a partnership deal with VisitScotland which it is hoped could boost the Scottish economy by as much as £150m.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon confirmed the deal, a first for TripAdvisor in Europe, earlier this month in New York.

Sturgeon said it would promote Scottish tourism to 70 million potential new visitors.

The deal will give VisitScotland access to TripAdvisor's website and app to provide specific Scottish content on the platform for prospective tourists.

## GVA & YUL pairing

**GENEVE** Aeroport and Aeroports de Montreal have signed a cooperative agreement providing scope for sharing best practices in several sectors such as technological innovation, sustainable development, and risk management.

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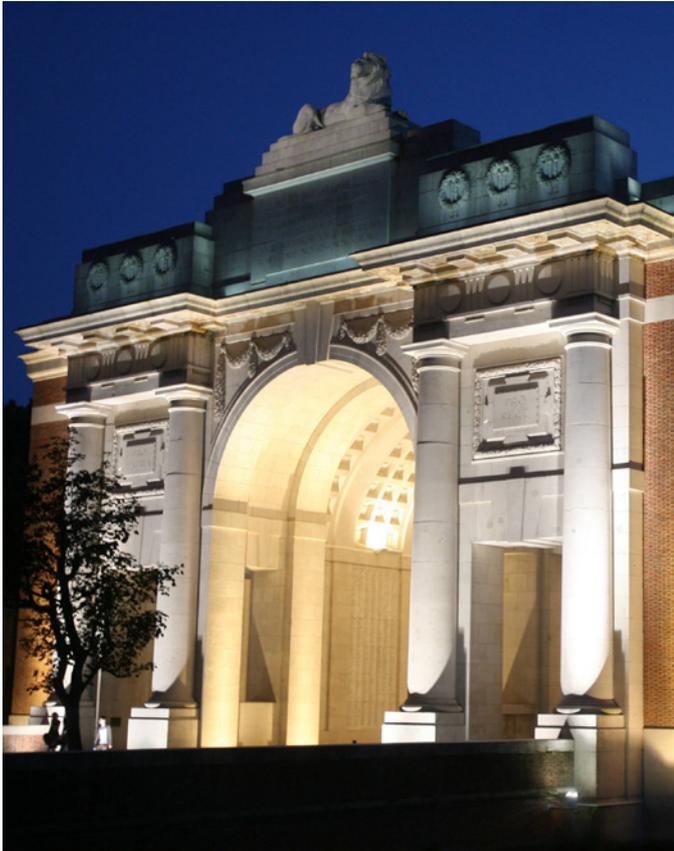
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Flanders welcomes visitors to come and remember the sacrifice of so many. There are many ways to explore Flanders Fields; including walking trails, cycling, cruising the

canal ways or touring by car.

The charming town of Ypres provides an ideal base to tour the former Western Front area. Ypres is home to the Menin Gate, the most famous Commonwealth War Memorial that bears the names of 54,000 soldiers missing in the Ypres salient in WW1. Each and every evening at 8pm, the Last Post is sounded under the Menin Gate in a moving ceremony.

The former battlefields, now peaceful countryside, also have their own story to tell. Crater holes, graveyards, and pillboxes dot the rural landscape as a reminder of the scale and horror of warfare one hundred years ago.

Throughout 2017 there is a special program of events and activities that visitors can take part in recognition of 100 Years of the Battle of Passchendaele. This includes the Australian Ceremony of Remembrance on 26 September. For more information see [www.passchendaele2017.org](http://www.passchendaele2017.org)

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