

TravelManagers bids mahalo to agents

HONOLULU was the setting for TravelManagers' 11th annual conference earlier this month, where approximately 350 attendees were welcomed with a very warm "aloha" by management.

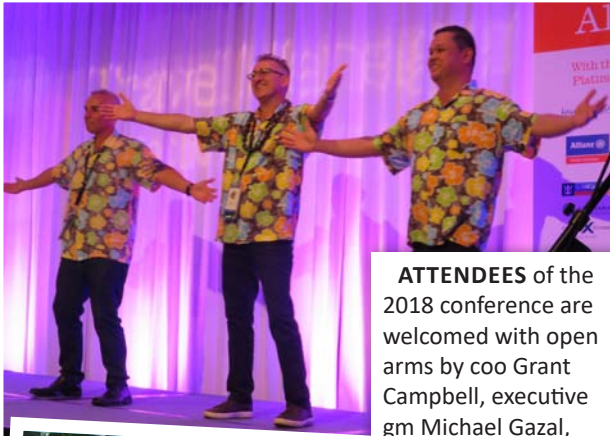
Hosted at Hawaii's Prince Waikiki Luxury Resort, the event's theme this year was "success", with the company's executive general manager Michael Gazal defining the term in his opening remarks on day one as "realising your full potential".

A jam-packed three-day conference saw educational talks from PTMs, entertaining product updates from suppliers such as APT and Hawaiian Airlines, as well as a moving keynote speech delivered on fighting the scourge of mental illness.

The tropical setting of Hawaii was certainly not neglected, with an action-packed team building exercise carried out on day two which saw teams do battle in a race to some of the city's most famous landmarks like the Duke K statue and Waikiki Beach.

It wasn't all hard work though, with plenty of Mai Tai cocktails on offer in the evening so that attendees could let their hair down and enjoy the island.

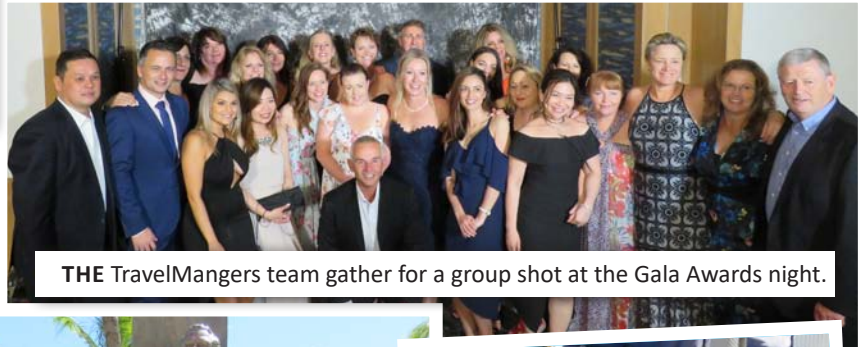
The conference wrapped up with a spirited talk from long-distance runner Turia Pitt who had the audience spellbound by her story of survival, before a lavish Gala Awards night closed proceedings in a flurry of Hawaiian flair.



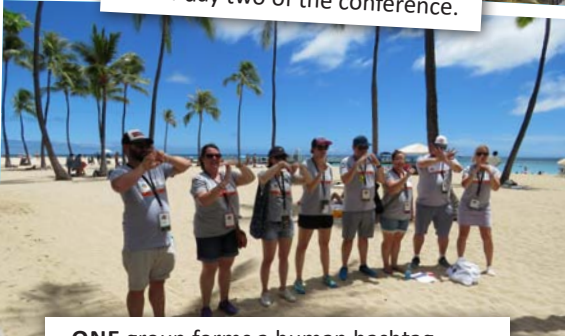
ATTENDEES of the 2018 conference are welcomed with open arms by coo Grant Campbell, executive gm Michael Gazal, and ceo Joe Araullo.



ENJOYING a few cocktails at the end of day two of the conference.



THE TravelMangers team gather for a group shot at the Gala Awards night.



ONE group forms a human hashtag during the TravelManagers scavenger hunt.



THE statue of the father of modern surfing, Duke Kahanamoku, is found.



A TRIO of PTMs hanging five at Waikiki Beach.



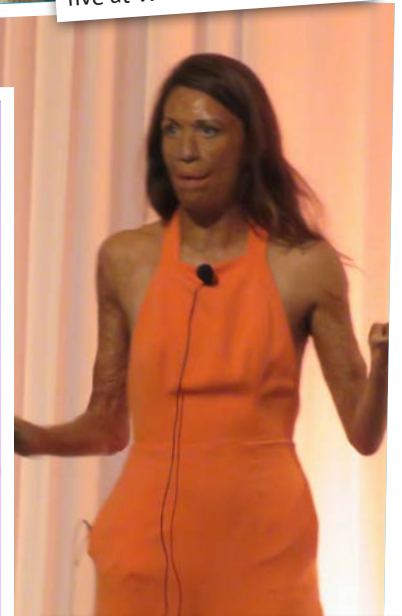
GROUP md of Altius Group Derick Borean explains the tie up between TravelManagers and PeopleSense.



ONE team member commandeers a paddle board on the race around Honolulu.



A HAWAIIAN hula dancer sets the festive tone at the beginning of day one.



MOTIVATIONAL speaker Turia Pitt wows the conference with her take on success.