

# Inspiring travel industry greatness

THE Australian travel industry gathered in Sydney last Thu 08 Mar for an inspirational International Women's Day event which certainly achieved its aims to empower, inform, excite and exhilarate. Convened by the dynamic Helene Taylor of Jito Connected, the day featured presentations from leading industry females, some of whom related their own stories while others provided hard business input in a series of

"bootcamp" educational sessions.

The day wrapped up with a presentation by Aussie freestyle ski champion Jacqui Cooper who related her triumph over adversity.

Sponsors included The Travel Corporation, APT Travel Group, Intrepid, Celebrity Cruises, nib, Air NZ, Abercrombie & Kent and **Travel Daily**.

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THE Travel Corporation team was out in force for Inspiring Greatness.



TWO inspiring women who were "out and proud" with their matching outfits - Simla Sooboodoo of Hands On Journeys and Debra Fox from APT.



SUSAN Haberle and Justine Lally from APT Travel Group.



MICHELLE Kerr of Magellan Travel was one of several "wonder-women" presenters, speaking about Eden Ministry which supports disadvantaged women in Asia. She's pictured with keynote speaker Jacqui Cooper and some of the Eden Ministry jewellery.

HELENE Taylor from Jito Connected wowed the crowd.



SOME of the Travel Counsellors team: Kaylene Shuttlewood, Fred van Eijk and Jill Mead.



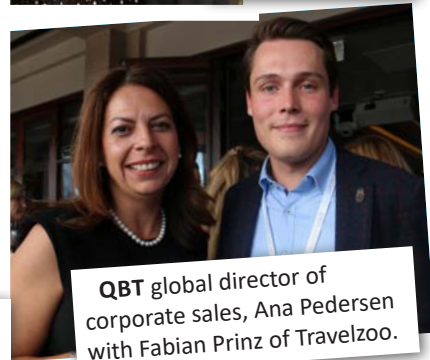
THE Carnival Cruise Line crew - including vice president Jennifer Vandekreeke who inspired the day's "Greatness in me", "Greatness in others" and "Business acumen" format.



AFTA ceo Jayson Westbury was one of the MCs for the day, and is pictured with panellist Kathryn Robertson, Air NZ; Sujata Raman, Abercrombie & Kent; Alex O'Connor from Insight Vacations; and Amber Wilson, Silversea Cruises.



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