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Odell honoured

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings md Steve Odell has been named as one of Australia's Outstanding 50 LGBTI Leaders of 2018, with the awards an initiative of Deloitte and Google to promote workplace inclusion.

AFTA seeks recognition

AFTA has called for greater government backing for outbound travel, aiming to break a long-running focus on inbound tourism in Australia's future industry strategy.

In a submission to the Federal Government's Beyond Tourism 2020 Steering Committee, AFTA says the time has come to include outbound travel in tourism policy, to recognise the partnership between the inbound and outbound sectors.

"The past approach by all Commonwealth Governments has been to not include the outbound market in the nation's tourism policy and AFTA believes that it is time that this is rectified," the submission says.

"Australia's connectivity is essential for the continued success of the sector and its positive contribution to the nation's economy.

"However, Government-led industry strategies continue to be a one-way vision which is at odds to the position held by tourism suppliers and distributors."

AFTA says more than 80% of travel is booked via an Australian travel agency, and

that many successful agencies have expanded internationally and become critical sellers of Australia, "yet there is no formal recognition of this within any government tourism policy".

AFTA also warns that Australia's tourism industry has become reliant on a single source market for its growth.

"The exponential growth from China, while welcomed, has in many ways masked the shortcomings of government settings for the sector," it says.

The submission expresses concern at ACCC action and the recent High Court decision which found travel agents to be competitors to airlines, saying this provides another barrier to continued growth.

It calls for improved passenger facilitation, a further freeze on the Passenger Movement Charge and reform or privatisation of the Tourist Refund Scheme.

The Beyond Tourism 2020 Steering Committee was announced in Feb will report to the Federal Government later this year (*TD* 12 Feb).

CAPA Melb summit

CAPA Centre for Aviation is set to tackle the big issues facing the industry at its Melbourne Aviation and Corporate Travel Summit on 24 May.

Registrations are open - see **page 11** for details.

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Travel Partners surges 25%

TRAVEL Partners is celebrating its most successful quarter ever, after recording more than 25% sales growth year-on-year for the three months to 31 Mar.

MD Jeff Hakim told TD there had also been an exceptionally strong uptake of mobile and member agencies wanting to join the Flight Centre-owned group.

“In the last three months we have had more mobile agents join us than the whole of last year,” he said, claiming the surge had been fuelled by the “strong and unique offering the company now provides”.

Exclusive products recently added to the Travel Partners range include interest-free holiday finance through Lombards, access to leads generated by Flight Centre’s World Travel Expos and associated travel deals, and the Get Luxe holiday deals range from Ignite Holidays.

Hakim confirmed that Travel

Partners were now able to redeem Flight Centre gift cards, while Travel Partners branded cards were also set to launch shortly.

“Over the next few weeks we are rolling out additional products which will make the offering even more compelling,” he said.

Travel Partners now has business development partners located in Vic, NSW and Qld, and Hakim highlighted the growth in member agencies as existing outlets “try to avoid the establishment costs and other fees incurred in other groups”.

He noted that Travel Partners member agencies pay no fees, earn 100% of upfront commissions and share in the group’s incentive remuneration on both land and air.

Flight Centre announced the \$3 million acquisition of Travel Partners last year (TD 04 Aug), establishing a beachhead in the mobile agency market.

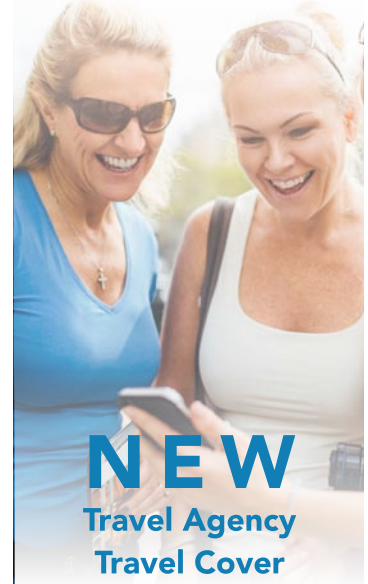
Accor consumer ads

ACCORHOTELS has launched a new multimillion dollar ‘From the Heart’ advertising campaign.

A new TVC (CLICK HERE) will air from next Mon 14 May, showing the firm’s brands, celebrating guest milestones and going above and beyond to create memories.



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TNZ to "evolve" 100% Pure brand

TOURISM New Zealand has announced plans to change its 100% Pure New Zealand brand, with ceo Stephen England-Hall saying while it's been incredibly successful, "what it doesn't do is showcase New Zealand's unique people and culture, our way of being, our warm welcome".

England-Hall foreshadowed the changes at the opening session of the 2018 TRENZ trade show in Dunedin, along with aspirations to grow the country's tourism by \$1 billion per annum over the next five years by showcasing its regional offerings.

He said over the coming months TNZ would source new visitor insights including obtaining detailed information about international visitor activity when they are in the country, in order to inform tourism and product infrastructure development.

More on TRENZ on **page 6**.

Eurovision incentive

RAIL Plus is calling on agents to embrace this year's Eurovision song contest by launching a photo comp and sales incentive over the next two weeks.

Agents can enter by submitting a Eurovision-themed photo by 13 May to win a 15-day Eurail Global Pass for up to six people.

Photos can be posted on the **RAIL PLUS AGENTS GROUP** on Facebook to gain 'likes', with winners to be named on 14 May.

Consultants who sell the most rail passes between 08-14 May will receive a hamper of goodies, with winners named on 15 May.

Agents can take advantage of a current special offering up to 37% off Eurail passes, valid until 31 May, to help increase sales.

Further, until 14 May, agents can include a free City Sightseeing Hop On Hop Off Pass with bookings valued at over \$1,000, which must include at least one Eurail Global Pass.

DL/KQ codesharing

DELTA Air Lines is seeking approval from the US transport regulator to expand its codeshare arrangement with Kenya Airways.

Under the proposed "blanket" agreement, Delta will place its airline code on Kenya Airways' operated flights from Nairobi to Johannesburg, South Africa; Lilongwe, Malawi; Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, and Maputo in Mozambique.

DL and KQ have sought a fast-tracked approval from the Dept of Transportation for the tie-up.

Both carriers are part of the SkyTeam global air alliance.

Ireland date holder

TOURISM Ireland has issued a 'save the date' advisory for its 2018 sales mission that is heading down under later in the year.

The organisation is planning to hold events in Brisbane (22 Oct), Melbourne (23 Oct), Sydney (25 Oct) and Auckland (29 Oct).



Window Seat

BRITISH border officials have a somewhat tricky reptilian problem, after confiscating almost 50 live crocodiles as they arrived on a flight into London Heathrow Airport last week.

The creatures were being transported from Malaysia to a farm in Cambridgeshire, where the plan was to breed them for a new crocodilian meat industry.

However officials from the Conventions on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) found the creatures packed 10 per box into containers supposed to hold

just four of the year-old reptiles - leading to lots of fighting and one death during the 14 hr trip.

CITES said the remaining 49 crocodiles will be "re-homed" - anyone fancy a new pet?

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TIME change of guard



THE Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) community gathered in Sydney recently to mark the graduation of class number 28 and welcome the latest intake of class 30.

At the Four Seasons Sydney, the group also took time out for networking and joined a Q&A session with an industry panel that discussed recruitment and

how a mentoring relationship can develop someone's thinking.

Pictured at the event are members of the Helloworld Travel team: Joanne Dick, Atina Vertzonis, Belinda Murphy, Catherine Allison and Sue Graham, with Peter Egglestone from Travel N Design.

For more pics see [Travel Daily's FACEBOOK](#) page.

\$6m Tas campaign

TASMANIA has launched its biggest ever marketing push, targeting domestic tourism with the 11th installment of its "Go Behind the Scenery" campaign. The \$6 million initiative will run across multiple channels until the end of Aug and will convey that "the true essence of Tasmania lies in what's beneath the surface".

"The campaign launched today will continue to utilise the successful storytelling aspects of previous campaigns to connect and engage tourists," said the state's Premier Will Hodgman.

"Importantly, it will also seek to drive demand over the traditionally quieter winter months and low season."

In addition to the new campaign, the Tasmanian government has also committed \$12 million to further market the state through "bespoke marketing campaigns" to high value domestic and int'l travellers.

AF strikes continue

AIR France is warning of further strike disruption today as it grapples with the crisis that has already forced the resignation of the group's ceo Jean-Marc Janaillac (**TD** yesterday).

The carrier says it will be able to operate 80% of today's schedule, including 95% of long-haul flights.

Shares in Air France-KLM fell more than 10% overnight after news of Janaillac's resignation, while the French Government has urged parties to resume talks to end the dispute.

Amadeus Q1 result

AMADEUS has announced an adjusted profit of €305.6 million for the first three months of 2018, an increase of 4.3% over the first quarter of last year.

Revenue to Mar 31 increased 3.1%, to €1.2 billion, while earnings (EBITDA) grew 7.4% to €539.0 million.



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Counsellors to NZ?

NEW Zealand could be on the cards for Travel Counsellors, with the group's new regional md Kaylene Shuttlewood confirming there are many markets TC would like to go into.

"At the moment we don't have anything [in New Zealand] but that's possibly in the future," she told *Travel Daily*.

"We believe that it's a scalable business model so what we've built successfully in eight markets can be rolled out to other similar type markets where we believe it works," she said.

25 years of Jet Air

INDIAN carrier Jet Airways last weekend celebrated 25 years of operation, with its inaugural flight 9W321 departing Mumbai for Ahmedabad on 05 May 1993.

The carrier, represented locally by gsa Airline Rep Services, now has a 119-strong fleet serving over 450 destinations.

Olympic Park hotels on the market

THE Abu Dhabi Investment Authority has placed its properties at Sydney's Olympic Park on the market, with the portfolio including the Novotel, Pullman and Ibis Olympic Park which are all operated on a long term lease by AccorHotels.

At least \$600 million is expected from the sale, according to a report in *The Australian* today.

LA adds SCL/CUZ

LATAM Airlines has announced a new non-stop international service between Santiago, Chile and Cusco, Peru.

The route is set to debut on 15 Aug and will become the first int'l flight from Chile to Cusco, the gateway to iconic Machu Picchu.

Flights will operate three times weekly, complementing LATAM's seasonal flights from Cusco to Pisco, Iquitos and Trujillo.

Going coconuts for Samoa!



SAMOA Tourism recently welcomed travel experts from across the globe to attend the 2018 Samoa Tourism Exchange, which featured buyers from Australia, NZ, American Samoa, China, South Korea, the USA, Germany, Japan, the UK & Europe.

The three-day networking event took place late last month and also provided delegates with the opportunity to experience

the local hospitality with a food and cultural tour at the Samoa Cultural Village in Apia, as well as several property inspections.

Samoa Tourism Authority ceo Sonja Hunter said the exchange was "another opportunity to wow the world with what Samoa has to offer".

Some of the Australian delegates are **pictured** with local refreshments during the event.

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TRENZ 2018 kicks off



NEW Zealand's Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) is this week welcoming about 1,500 delegates to Dunedin to attend the country's annual tourism showcase.

TRENZ 2018 includes 387 buyers from 27 markets including mainstays such as Australia, the UK, USA and Japan along with emerging visitor sources such as Brazil and the Philippines.

TIA ceo Chris Roberts said as well as allowing the international delegates to discover new product to sell, the event itself will inject an estimated \$2 million into the local economy.

A #DinnerStunner welcome event last night at Dunedin's Forsyth Barr Stadium (**pictured**) saw delegates including Weta Workshops ceo Jake Downing and Shayne Forrest from the Hobbiton

Movie Set network with some local Rugby Royalty including All Blacks legend Richie McCaw.

TIA has also confirmed that TRENZ 2019 will take place in Rotorua from 13-16 May, while Christchurch will host the event in 2020 - for the first time since the 2010/11 earthquakes.

Roberts said taking TRENZ back to the Canterbury region had been a long-held wish "and is a great opportunity to showcase the city's recovery to the international market".

The event formally opened this morning with a presentation by Tourism New Zealand ceo Stephen England-Hall (**see page 3**), following the launch last Fri of a light-hearted video featuring NZ pm Jacinta Ardern as part of a campaign to "Get NZ on the Map" - traveldaily.com.au/videos.

Marriott into Mali

MARRIOTT International is continuing its growth in West Africa, with the opening this week of its first property in Mali. The new Sheraton Bamako Hotel is located close to the city's Modibo Keita International Airport with 200 rooms offering views of the Niger River.

AA drops affiliates

AMERICAN Airlines has confirmed it will cut ties with two of its domestic US affiliates as part of a simplification of its short-haul operations.

According to a memo to travel agents, AA will not renew its contracts with ExpressJet and Trans States when they expire next year.

ExpressJet is based at DFW, with its services to migrate to SkyWest, while Trans States routes which operate on 15 regional jets from Washington Reagan National Airport will shift to Envoy Airlines.

New Celestyal ceo

GREEK cruise operator Celestyal Cruises has announced the promotion of its chief operating officer Chris Theophilides to the role of ceo, succeeding Kyriakos Anastassiadis effective 01 Jul.

Anastassiadis is the CLIA Europe chairman and also drove Celestyal's rebranding from its former identity as Louis Cruises.

Z2 expands China

PHILIPPINES AirAsia is expanding its network in China, with the addition of flights from Cebu to Shanghai Pu Dong and Hangzhou for the upcoming Northern Summer 2018 season.

The Hangzhou route will operate twice a week, while the carrier will fly daily to Shanghai using Airbus A320 aircraft.

Dove Lake shuttle

THE Tasmanian Government has awarded a new tender for shuttle bus operations at Cradle Mountain to McDermott Coaches, which will expand its fleet by four new environmentally-friendly diesel-electric hybrid vehicles.

A shuttle bus service has been used to transport tourists from the visitor centre into the National Park and Dove Lake since 2004, with the objective of addressing overcrowding and traffic management issues while providing a "safe, high-quality tourism experience".

Tasmanian Premier Will Hodgman noted that visitation to Cradle Mountain was at an all-time high, with 268,000 arrivals in 2017, up 12% year-on-year.

He said a cableway remained the govt's preferred solution for the park, but the increased shuttle bus service was required in the short term while other options were fully investigated.

The Tas government has committed \$21.8 million to implement the Cradle Mountain Master Plan which includes a new visitor centre, village precinct, carpark and visitor shelter at Dove Lake, and a further \$35 million for the proposed cableway and a "new iconic tourism experience at Cradle Mountain".

Club Med mum love

CLUB Med is offering clients an extra \$200 off their trip to Club Med Bali, Kani, Bintan Island or Phuket under a special Mother's Day promotion.

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McEvoy chairs GWA

FORMER Tourism Australia boss Andrew McEvoy has recently been confirmed as the new chair of Great Walks of Australia (GWA).

McEvoy is replacing former Qantas ceo Geoff Dixon who held the chairman of the board role for the past two years.

Dixon, who is a co-owner of the Australian Walking Company, said he was excited to be part of Great Walks during a period of expansion within the sector.

McEvoy said he was looking forward to playing a part in exploring opportunities for GWA's growth in domestic and international markets.

"As we identify premium walks around the country that fit with the brand criteria, we will continue to grow our footprint around the country and solidify Australia's position as a great walking destination of the world map," McEvoy commented.

TK's 303 destination

TURKISH Airlines has expanded its global network to include a 10th gateway in Russia, now offering five weekly flights from Istanbul to Krasnodar, the carrier's 303rd destination.

More Syd meetings

SYDNEY has secured a spot inside Asia Pacific's top 10 cities for hosting business events, the latest International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) & City Rankings report shows.

According to the paper, Sydney hosted 76 international meetings in 2017, up 25% on the year prior and moving it from its 10th spot in 2016 to seventh in 2017.

The USA was identified as the global number one country for meetings, with a whopping 941 int'l meetings in 2017.

Barcelona was the top global city with 195 meetings, followed by Vienna & Paris which both held 190 int'l association meetings.

LA spending soars

VISITORS to Los Angeles spent a record-breaking US\$22.7 billion while in the city last year, leading to a record US\$34.9 billion in total economic impact.

According to Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board, the city welcomed 48.5 million visitors in 2017, including 7.3 million international travellers, with the total exceeding the previously reported estimate total of 48.3 million (**TD** 11 Jan).



VISIT USA is reporting strong attendances following the start of its Australian East Coast regional show series which commenced in Canberra and Wollongong.

Frontline sellers from Student Flights, Travel Counsellors, TravelManagers, Helloworld, Flights Centre and independent stores were out in force to be trained and entertained by a mix of US exhibitors.

They included the likes of Warner Bros Studio Tours, San Francisco Travel, NYC & Company, Hawaii Tourism, LA Tourism, Handlery Hotels, Universal Studios Hollywood, Howard Johnson Hotel and a collection of other Visit USA members.

Visit USA president Lucy Rowe said, "Agents have been really receptive to our US representatives, keen to find out the latest information, new products and airline trips that they can pass onto their clients".

The regional shows continue in NSW with an event tomorrow in Newcastle & onto Queensland at the Sunshine Coast on 12 Jun and the Gold Coast on 13 Jun.

Agents are still able to register to attend at visitusa.org.au.

Pictured at the Wollongong show is Fiji Airways' Lesieli Fatai with prize winner Lola Petrou from Internet Travel Wollongong.

VIA Rail pax up 10%

CANADA'S national rail pax service VIA Rail has reported a 10% year-on-year bump in total ridership for the 2017 calendar year of 4.4 million passengers.

The figure was VIA Rail's highest y-o-y growth in the last decade.

Traffic on the popular *Canadian* tourist route between Toronto and Vancouver soared 12.6% compared to the year prior.

UA Havana boost

UNITED Airlines is ramping up services from Houston George Bush Int'l Airport to Havana Jose Marti Int'l Airport from 20 Jul.

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Travel Counsellors does more



TRAVEL Counsellors has done “more of everything” over the past year, Fred Van Eijk, outgoing acting gm declared at the group’s conference over the weekend.

The group has achieved more than 7% sales growth on the prior year, enquiries have jumped by 23% and the amount of business done through its internal platform Phenix has reached around 60% of the total - but Van Eijk flagged “it can be much more than that”.

Travel Counsellors has increased its marketing, including the reintroduction of Be Inspired brochures and has ramped up its social media efforts.

“We’ve done a lot of training and development,” Van Eijk explained to delegates.

“We’ve done workshops, webinars, extended our induction program, we introduced a return to travel program and we’re helping you to build even more skills and to continue to be on top of your expertise and your knowledge,” he said.

The Travel Counsellors “team flamingo” head office and international executives are **pictured** above.

NZ ups DUD/AKL

AIR New Zealand this morning revealed that it would operate an extra five weekly return Airbus A320 services between Dunedin and Auckland from Oct.

The strategy will provide an additional 70,000 seats (close to 25% boost) annually between the city pairs.

Flights have been timed to enable connections via Auckland to Air NZ’s int’l destinations including Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Nadi.

OMC this week

THE Helloworld Travel 2018 Owner Managers Conference will get started this week in Adelaide, scheduled to run from 10-12 May.

The annual gathering will be themed “Transforming our futures”, with the list of keynote speakers for the event to include President of Spellman Travel Partners Bob Spellman, author and sports commentator Mick Colliss, and executive manager sales and distribution for Qantas Igor Kwiatkowski.

The conference is expected to see 600 people in attendance and be opened by the Premier of South Australia, Steven Marshall.

Wyndham Opi Hotel

THE Wyndham Opi Hotel Palembang has opened its doors in Indonesia this week, marking the first five-star hotel to operate in Palembang.

The 257-room property will seek to take advantage of a surge in demand when the 2018 Asian Games commences in Aug, being strategically positioned close to sporting venues and transport options.

Features of the hotel include a spa, infinity pool, and the city’s largest conference spaces.

LH Grp fleet plan

LUFTHANSA Group has placed an order for 16 additional aircraft including two Boeing 777-300ERs, two Boeing 777Fs, and twelve short- and medium-haul A320-type planes.

The 777-300ERs will arrive in early 2020 and help bolster SWISS’s long-haul fleet, and the twelve A320-style aircraft will likely see six additional A320ceo’s deployed later this year with the option of six being ordered as A320neos in 2022.



Money

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

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THE value of the Aussie dollar has been helped along this week as domestic business confidence grows steadily in anticipation of the release of the Federal Budget which is anticipated to be friendly to business.

The AUD found itself rallying mildly against the USD over the past few days, but finance experts are warning that the window for a good exchange with the greenback might be short-lived because of signals that suggest the kind of macro-economics that helped trigger a AUD crash in 2015 are returning.

The advice might be to get that US trip in as soon as you can.

Wholesale rates this morning.

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Rugby 7s day tkcts

SINGLE day tickets are now available to buy to attend the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018 taking place in San Francisco from 20-22 Jul.

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Vietnam cycle event

ASIAN tour operator Indotrek is set to launch a 138km cycling event across Vietnam's Hue city.

The Coupe De Hue, Gran Fondo Sportive cycle kicks off on 25 Aug, running for two days and supported by a live music concert and food stalls.

By implementing the new cycling event, Indotrek hopes to put the city of Hue on the int'l stage and help showcase local tourist attractions such as its ancient citadels, mountain ranges, and the Perfume River.

ADL pax growing

ADELAIDE Airport (ADL) has reported a 10.1% upturn in international passengers for Q3 2018 when compared to the same period the previous year.

ADL processed 258,000 pax in the third quarter this year, a 24,000 boost on Q3 2017, figures attributed largely to an increase in capacity from QR and frequency bumps from Jetstar's Bali service and China Southern.

Domestic arrivals were also up by 3.9% for Q318, improving by 68,000 to total 1.824 million.



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THE world's first Boeing 787-10 *Dreamliner* flight to Australia touched down at Perth Airport yesterday to mark Singapore Airlines' (SQ) introduction of the aircraft to its PER to SIN route. SQ will fly the 787-10 aircraft on a daily return frequency starting today and will add a 5% increase in its weekly capacity to Perth.

"Today we mark another fantastic milestone with the arrival of the 787-10 further emphasising our commitment to this wonderful city," said Singapore Airlines' regional vice

president South West Pacific Philip Goh.

The new 787-10s are configured with 337 seats across two classes, including 36 Business class seats in a 1-2-1 layout and 301 Economy class seats in a 3-3-3.

Pax on the inaugural flight were treated to music from the West Australian Symphony Orchestra who played away as they checked in and boarded the flight.

Pictured: The Singapore Airlines Boeing 787-10 *Dreamliner* after touching down in Perth for the first time yesterday.

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