

# ATAC celebrates another record year

THE 2019 Australian Travel Agents Co-operative (ATAC) annual conference took place last week with 100 members and suppliers gathering at Brisbane's swish W Hotel for three days.

Ahead of the official conference proceedings, a new board was elected with Chairman Ken Morgan telling *Travel Daily* that ATAC had enjoyed a bumper year with total transaction value (TTV) tipping the scales at \$250 million and record overrides paid out to members.

The conference theme of "Future Focus" returned once again underpinning several panel sessions and supplier updates designed to help members with managing the future needs of their business.

There was plenty of opportunities for attendees to network and mingle with welcome drinks and a special moonlight dinner sponsored by Royal Caribbean Cruises with the lines' Head of Field Sales - Australia Cameron Mannix entertaining guests with his stunning singing voice.

The conference wrapped up with a gala dinner and awards with several members recognised for their sales success, and Darwin announced as the destination for the 2020 conference.



**MEMBERS** of the board of ATAC convene ahead of the "Bris Vegas" inspired gala dinner and awards.

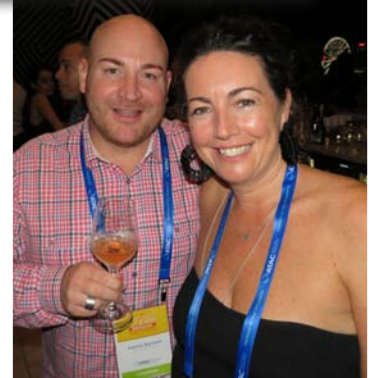
**DENNIS** Basham of On The Go Tours and Georgina Randall, ATAC.



**TAMBA** Lebbie, Wendy Wu Tours; Brigitte Borel, Travelpport and Rebecca Flemming, Gow-Gates.



**WELCOME** drinks were held at the WET bar at the W Hotel providing stunning views over the Brisbane River.



**MAT** Patterson of Stuba updates ATAC members on what's new.



**A STELLAR** line up for a panel session delving into how to manage risk in your business. Pictured are: Ken Morgan, Anne Rogers, Jayson Westbury, Cath Bisaro and Rebecca Flemming.



**NOW** that's one way to multitask; Lifesavers doubling up as an acrobatic troupe for attendees.



**WHEN** he's not busy singing, Cameron Mannix is talking all things Royal Caribbean Cruises.



**DRESSED** to impress are Jack Taylor and Simon Flower.



**THE** gala dinner event was an opportunity for ATAC members to celebrate achievements.



**ELVIS** Presley made a guest appearance, entertaining attendees with a repertoire of popular songs.