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**ITALKTRAVEL** & cruise is today urging travel agents to join its network, which it says provides the support of a national franchise and the flexibility of working from home.

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## "More to the Maldives"

**MORE** Australians are opting to head to the Maldives, beating out Japan to become the 10th largest source market for the destination, Maldives Marketing & PR Corporation Managing Director Thoyyib Mohamed told **TD** on Fri.

Speaking during a media event as part of the corporation's first Australian roadshow, Mohamed said Australia currently accounts for 2.4% of the Maldives' visitor arrivals numbers.

He said the tropical nation had seen a shift in Australians' travel patterns, which he accounted for people getting "bored" with Bali, and opting to explore the Maldives instead.

"I think Australians have been bored with Bali and Indonesia, you need to explore the Maldives more, there's a product for everyone," he said.

Mohamed emphasised that although luxury is booming, with options ranging from overwater bungalows fitted with slides, to 100% solar-powered resorts and underwater rooms and spas, there's more to the Maldives.

"The guesthouse concept [bed and breakfasts ranging from two to 30 rooms] has boomed, we

have so many now because it's affordable," he said, adding that liveaboards such as luxury yachts, are a popular option.

He also called for more connectivity to the destination out of Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, identifying "huge potential" and adding that Qantas could be "more aggressive in marketing the Maldives".

This year, Maldives Marketing & PR Corporation is aiming to surpass last year's figure of 37,000 inbound tourists from Australia and is currently tracking at a growth rate of about 6%.

More from the Maldives on **page five**.

## EK 1st A380 to CAI

**EMIRATES** will operate its first A380 service to Cairo International on 02 Oct, making it the first commercial airline to fly the model into Egypt.

Emirates said it is aiming to regularly schedule A380 flights into Cairo in the future.

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## Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today has eight pages of news and photos, plus full pages from:

- italktravel at home
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## Win with Viking

**PRIZES** are up for grabs for agents who complete Viking Cruises' survey requesting feedback and suggestions for how it can assist the travel trade.

Entrants to go into the draw to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards or a share of 10,000 Rewards by Vikings points.

"We value our industry partners, and we want to know what you think," said Viking Trade Marketing Manager Erin Kramer.

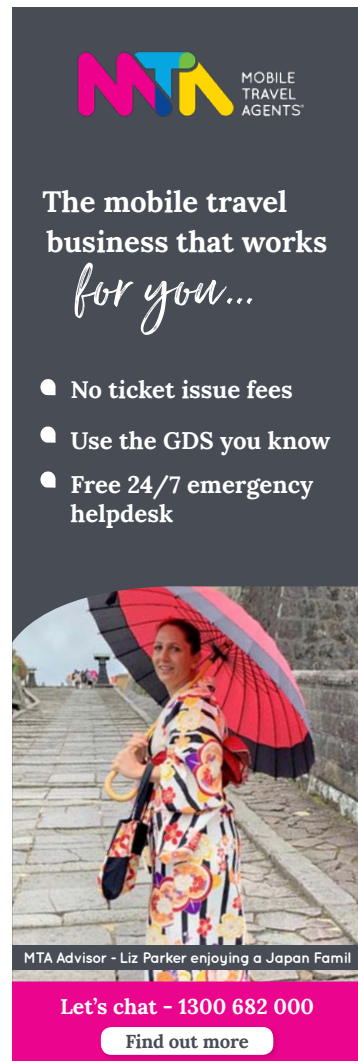
"Our industry is changing every day, which is why we believe it's important to check in regularly to see how we're doing."

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## Academy opens

**THE** first Qantas student pilots have today started their first day of training at the Qantas Group Pilot Academy in Toowoomba (**TD** 31 May), with construction due to be completed in Jan.

"The Qantas Group Pilot Academy was born out of a need to create the next generation of Australian pilots and together with our partners, we're very excited to welcome the first intake here today," said QantasLink Chief Executive John Gissing.

"Throughout their course, these students will have access to world-class training and mentoring from some of the Qantas Group's most senior pilots."

Qld Acting Minister for State Development Mark Furner said targeting education and training resources was a key component of the State Government's Queensland Aerospace 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan.

## Saudi new scheme detailed

**AUSTRALIA** is one of 49 countries eligible to apply for Saudi Arabia's new tourist e-Visas and Visas on arrival, revealed on Fri, with the scheme marking the first time tourist visas have been made available (**TD** Fri).

The tourist visa is valid for one year and allows for a stay of up to three months per entry, with visitors able to spend up to 90 days a year in Saudi Arabia.

The cost of applying is SAR440 (AU\$173.60) plus VAT, with applications able to be made at Saudi Embassies and Consulates in the 49 countries included in the program, at electronic kiosks available at airports and via an online portal at [visitsaudi.com](http://visitsaudi.com).

New Zealand is also one of the countries included in the program, alongside the US, Canada, China, Japan, Singapore and 38 European nations.

Saudi Arabia said it intends to extend the e-Visa scheme to

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other countries "in due course".

The scheme is backed by a development strategy, which from 2019-2022 will focus on attracting first-time visitors to "discover Saudi" and see over 20 new tourist sites developed.

The second phase of the program, from 2022 onwards, will focus on enticing visitors to "experience Saudi".

The move follows a restructure of Saudi Arabia's short-stay visa regime which came into effect on Fri and is part of a plan to reduce the kingdom's dependence on oil and diversify its economy.

Under the program, women who visit will not have to wear the abaya, which all locals by law must wear outside their homes.

Both men and women are asked to avoid tight-fitting clothing, dress modestly in public and avoid public displays of affection, while women must cover their shoulders and knees in public.

## CZ expands NRT

**CHINA** Southern Airlines is expanding its Narita International network at the start of the northern winter 2019/20 season.

Flights from Shanghai Pudong International will kick off once daily from 27 Oct, with a service from Shenzhen Bao'an International to also commence thrice weekly from 29 Oct.

## Princess of VR

**5-SKIES**, a new "technical extravaganza" is launching on Princess Cruises' *Enchanted Princess* and *Sky Princess* in Nov.

The gaming-themed production, which promises to draw guests into a world of virtual reality through technology, acrobatics and music.

"5-SKIES will take our guests on a musical journey through a digital universe of spectacle, sight and sound," said VP of Entertainment Experience Princess Cruises Denise Saviss.

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## Insight ready for Brexit

**INSIGHT** Vacations Global CEO Ulla Hefel Bohler has confidence the brand has the knowledge and experience to handle Brexit in "the smoothest possible way".

During her visit down under last week, she told **TD** until it's made clear whether it's going to be a hard Brexit or a deal is going to be reached, it will be hard to say exactly what the company will do, but assured "we will ensure that our travellers are not disrupted."

"We've been looking at various 'what if' scenarios so that we are ready to spring into action once we know what exactly is happening," Bohler said.

"We've been in this business for a long time & we always deal with changes in the best possible way to ensure that our customers are taken care of & are not disrupted."

**MEANWHILE**, Bohler stated the Insight Vacations brand had "never been stronger".

She emphasised strength in

the brand's global positioning, feedback and numbers, with the North America market performing "exceptionally strongly" and Asia pinned as a strong growth region.

Bohler said Insight was now giving Asia more emphasis and focus, admitting it was "probably one of the regions we haven't really been as present as we should have been".

In the Australian market, the company is "very happy with how 2019 turned out", Bohler said, adding that "considering what's happened globally we've had a good year" in 2019.

She said 2020 is off to a very strong start, predicting it would be a very strong year for the company.

"I really think everything that we can control, we are absolutely ticking every single box and there is no reason why we shouldn't have a fantastic 2020 out of the Australian market," Bohler said.



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## Hurti Wild Earth deal

**WILD** Earth Travel is now offering a wider range of Hurtigruten's voyages under a strengthened partnership with the adventure cruise operator.

The move follows Bentours being placed into administration (**TD** 20 Sep), which was previously Hurtigruten's exclusive GSA generalist wholesaler (**TD** 26 Oct).

Wild Earth Travel said it extended its support to any future bookings through Hurtigruten, offering agents standard commission levels.

## Emirates reshuffles

**EMIRATES** has revealed a swathe of changes to its commercial team, which sees 42 UAE nationals placed in key leadership roles.

Effective from 01 Oct, SVP Aeropolitical & Industry Affairs Salem Obaidalla will take over as SVP Commercial Operations Americas and SVP Commercial Operations Gulf, Middle East & Iran Adil Al Ghaith will add the UAE and Oman to his remit.

Senior VP Commercial Operations Africa Orhan Abbas will swap positions with Badr Abbas, currently SVP Commercial Operations Far East.

The airline has confirmed there are no changes being made in the Australian team.

Earlier this month the airline revealed it would close its Melbourne call centre on 15 Oct as its customers increasingly opt for digital channels (**TD** 05 Sep).



## Window Seat

**VIRGIN** Australia threw its support behind the Greater Western Sydney Giants ahead of the AFL Grand Final in a video posted on Fri.

The clip features VA crew enthusiastically shimmying, shaking and strutting their stuff around an airport to the Giants' club song.

Virgin Australia are major sponsors of the AFL and some of its member clubs including the GWS Giants, who were playing in Sat's decider, but lost to the Richmond Tigers.

To watch the Virgin Australia crew shake what they got, **CLICK HERE**.

## Int'l Rail waives fees

**INTERNATIONAL** Rail has waived all rail ticket booking fees for agents affected by Bentours and Tempo Holidays being placed into administration (**TD** 20 Sep).

Owner and CEO Jonathan Hume said the entire International Rail team was dedicated to assisting all agent and their clients with re-booking Scandinavian Rail packages, noting that rail tickets are all issued electronically and can be forwarded to clients who may already be overseas.

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## New Eurostar route

A **DIRECT** train from Amsterdam to London is set to be launched by Eurostar on 15 Dec.

Previously, passengers had to change at Brussels-South to catch a Eurostar on the Amsterdam to London leg following security and customs.

However, these checks will now be conducted at Amsterdam Centraal to allow direct travel both ways.

The new route will launch insofar the plans do not get scuppered by a no-deal Brexit, with customs arrangements to be complicated in this eventuation.

The London to Amsterdam route is already hugely popular, having launched in Apr 2018 (**TD** 05 Apr 2018), with the company increasing its frequency in Jun this year.

Transit time for Amsterdam to London is currently four hours and seven minutes, but the new direct route will reduce this to three hours and 55 minutes.

## 2FOR1 Queensland

**TO CELEBRATE** the Year of Outback Tourism, Queensland Rail is offering a 2FOR1 sale for all its western train services.

The deal, designed to help support outback communities, is valid from 01 Dec to 29 Feb on Economy seats on The Inlander and The Westlander, along with Economy class, and First-class sleepers, on the Spirit of the Outback service.

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk backed the move, reinforcing that the best way to help hard-hit economies was to visit them.

"It's been great to see so many people backing the bush and visiting events like the Mt Isa Rodeo, Birdsville Races and Vision Splendid Film Festival in Winton," Palaszczuk said.

"Outback tourism is already worth more than \$350 million and supports 3,700 jobs, and we're continuing to work closely with local governments."

## Scenic Boston baseball blast



**SOME** of the Australian travel agents aboard *Scenic Eclipse* last weekend took advantage of the ship's late evening departure from Boston to catch a baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the Baltimore Orioles.

The atmosphere at iconic Fenway Park was electric, but the home team support wasn't enough to get Boston over the line on the night.

The agents didn't get to see all nine innings but made it back to the ship with plenty of time to spare before *Eclipse* cruised out of Boston Harbour at 10.30pm.

**Pictured** are Carol Shaw, Tour de Force Travel WA; Jill Johansen, Helloworld Travel Mackay NSW; and Charlene Richards & Cathy Donaghy of Helloworld Travel Strathpine Queensland.

## Myanmar update

**THE** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has issued a Smartraveller update for Myanmar, in response to reports that security forces in the country were investigating possible attacks by armed groups in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw in Sep and Oct.

Australians travelling in the country are urged to be alert to possible threats as well as monitor the media and other news sources for possible security risks and follow the instructions of local authorities.

The overall Smartraveller advice for Myanmar is "exercise a high degree of caution", but higher levels apply in some parts of the country.

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## Old mate's update

A **SECOND** instalment of the South Australian Tourism Commission's "old mate" television spot has made its debut, airing in the lead-up to and during the weekend's AFL Grand Final.

The initial advertising campaign drew widespread criticism for being "depressing" (**TD** 03 Sep), but the new spot employs a clear shift in tone, with the old mate character now joined by some of his own mates on holiday in Adelaide.

A 15-second teaser of the ad was shown in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in the lead-up to the game, with the full 30-second spot debuting on game day.

Audiences will be treated to another blast of the full feature during the NRL Grand Final this weekend.

The campaign sees old mate and his buddies at Adelaide hotspots such as Peel Street and Henley Square.

## Vail fins Peak deal

**VAIL** Resorts has officially closed its acquisition of Peak Resorts, adding 17 properties to its portfolio (**TD** 23 Jul).

The 2019-20 Epic Pass, Epic Local Pass, Epic Australia Pass and Military Epic Pass now include unlimited and unrestricted access to each of the new ski areas, many of which are near major metropolitan areas such as Baltimore, Boston, New York, St. Louis and Washington, D.C.

## GOL Delta c'share

**GOL** Airlines is ending its partnership with Delta Air Lines (**TD** 16 Apr 2010), the carrier announced.

The conclusion of the pact will see the two airlines phase out their codeshares, as well as GOL's non-voting shares it held with Delta.

GOL recently debuted a codeshare with South African Airways (**TD** 22 Aug).

## Maldives' debut down under



**THE** Maldives Marketing & PR Corporation held its first Australian roadshow last week, bringing between eight to 10 hotels, resorts and DMCs to Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.

The corporation's Managing Director Thoyyib Mohamed said the roadshow saw a good amount of attendees and flagged plans to bring the event back to Australia next year.

He said the corporation is also planning to undertake marketing activities, such as famil trips, joint online campaigns with Singapore Airlines and ongoing PR activity. Mohamed said the destination

had seen an increase in tourists looking for more adventure and experiential tourism.

"Maldives has been sun, sand and sea but now people want to do more and experience it," Mohamed told **Travel Daily**.

He highlighted the Maldives' abundance of watersports and local experiences such as sunset fishing, mat weaving, jewellery making and tasting the local food.

Maldives Marketing & PR Corporation's Senior Marketing Executive - Destination Marketing Khaleela Naseer and Managing Director Thoyyid Mohamed are pictured in Sydney on Fri.

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## SATC Directors

**THE** South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) has appointed Jayne Flaherty and Annie Mitchell to the company's Board of Directors, replacing Jayne Bates, Jo Collins and Judith Griggs.

Flaherty, GM of Government and Policy at the Royal Automobile Association, and Mitchell, Senior Marketing Manager at Bank SA, will bring extensive experience to the SATC Board, according to SA Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment David Ridgway.

"Both bring with them a wealth of experience that I am confident will help further drive positive results for South Australia's visitor economy," Ridgway said.

"It is vital we have strong leadership in this important area, to continue to promote South Australia interstate and around the world.

"South Australia's \$7.2 billion tourism industry employs 36,000 people across 18,000 businesses."

## Hyatt + Lindblad

**HYATT** Hotels Corporation and Lindblad Expeditions launched their previously announced loyalty partnership on Thu.

World of Hyatt members can now earn and redeem points with Lindblad when they book Lindblad product through Hyatt, earning five base points per dollar spent on eligible spending, which they can redeem to use for expeditions.

Members will also receive standard elite tier bonus points on eligible spending, with Discoverist members to get a 10% bonus, Explorist members a 20% bonus, and Globalist members a 30% bonus.

World of Hyatt members will also be rewarded with US\$250 on-board credit to use on expeditions, and will be able to purchase specially curated Lindblad Expeditions through Hyatt's FIND Experiences.

**CLICK HERE** for further details on the partnership.

## TIME Melb wields Sabre



**THE** Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) has again connected in Melbourne at the offices of Sabre Travel Network.

Emceed by Peter Topping, the event sold out in 48 hours, and featured guest speaker David Morrison, National Commercial Manager Eastern Region at Sabre Travel Network, who spoke about the need of adaptability to change.

"The allure of networking with the industry's brightest and best, enjoying great guest speakers, a bite to eat and a few well-deserved refreshments is proving to be a compelling mix,"

said Evolution Travel Collection Managing Director and TIME Melbourne convener Ingrid Berthelsen.

"He also gave the audience an insight into the history of Sabre and how much technology has changed through the 30 years of the company's history.

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**Pictured** is the TIME squad in Melbourne at the latest catchup at Sabre's offices.



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## Centenary of celebrations



**THIS** year the Italian Tourist Board turns 100, with festivities planned across the 28 offices worldwide.

The office in Sydney set a high bar last week, holding a party at the Opera House.

Originally set up to promote sporting events, railways, battlefields, religious and historic sites post World War One to generate income for the country, the tourism board has since evolved to promote a far wider array of reasons to visit including art, fashion, food and the landscapes.

"Nowadays the promotion of Italy is carried out with a corporate strategy that is made in Italy and implemented through local offices and numerous partnerships," said Italian National Tourist Board Manager Emanuele Attanasio.

"We're already planning our

activities for 2020 which will once again have a strong focus on leisure and business and we will continue to support the travel trade within Australia and New Zealand."

In 2018 Australians accounted for approximately 1.8 million room nights injecting €1.1 billion into the Italian economy.

Attanasio said Italy was currently the second most popular destination for Australians to travel to after the United Kingdom.

"There has already been a 9% increase in visitor numbers from Australia to Italy in the first six months of 2019 compared to this time last year," he said.

**Pictured** is Giorgio Palmucci, President of the Italian Government Tourist Board, alongside Emanuele Attanasio, Manager Italian National Tourist Board.

## Slater surf ranch

**COOLUM** on the Sunshine Coast has been named as the location for the first Kelly Slater Surf Ranch outside of the US.

To be worth an estimated \$100 million, the original Surf Ranch in California was built to deliver the perfect wave environment for surfers.

"The Sunshine Coast is already well-established as one of Australia's most popular destinations for water-based events and holidays, but with the Kelly Slater name attached to the surf ranch, it could give our region even greater appeal internationally," said Visit Sunshine Coast Chief Executive Officer Simon Latchford.

"With the new runway set to transform Sunshine Coast Airport's capacity next year, the sky is indeed the limit."

The announcement follows the region being confirmed as the venue for the 2021 Aussie Surf Life Saving Championships, as well as plans for a joint Olympic Games bid for South East Queensland (**TD** 23 Jul).

Slater was previously in talks to develop the Surf Ranch on the Gold Coast (**TD** 29 Aug 2012).

## Albatross Passion

**ALBATROSS** Tours has advised it has less than 30 places remaining on its 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play tour.

The operator attributed its strong sales for the once-in-a-decade performance to its best in house performance tickets and hotels close to the venue.

The program was designed exclusively for Australian and New Zealand travellers and offers itineraries with longer stays.

## New Flinders tours

**FLINDERS** Ranges Odysseys has launched a new three-day Flinders Ranges Outback Tour.

Guests will explore the 540-million-year-old mountain range in air-conditioned Mercedes-Benz in small groups of up to eight people, accompanied by a personal guide.

The tour will also provide accommodation at Rawnsley Park Station overlooking the southern side of Wilpena Pound in luxurious eco villas or one-bedroom holiday units.

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## Bentours 50DegN

**50 DEGREES** North is working with Nordic and Baltic DMC, and Hurtigruten to provide clients with a Bentours booking, a replacement "Chase the Lights" tour 2019/20 and 2020/21.

Hurtigruten is offering a compassionate fare to clients affected by Bentours' entry into administration.

The first guaranteed departure leaves on 05 Oct.

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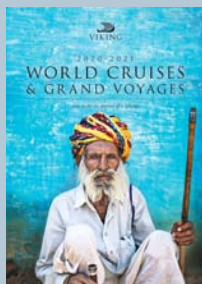
## Radisson enters NZ

**RADISSON** Hotel Group has signed a management agreement with NZ Horizons Limited and Remarkables Hotel Limited, that will bring its Radisson Blu, Radisson RED and Park Inn by Radisson brands to New Zealand.

The deal features four new-build properties in Queenstown and Lake Tekapo, which are slated to open in 2021 and 2022 respectively, creating 777 new keys for the local market.

## BROCHURES

**WELCOME** to Brochures of the Week, *Travel Daily's* Monday feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure you'd like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to [brochures@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:brochures@traveldaily.com.au).



### Viking Cruises - World Cruises and Grand Voyages 2020/21

Viking Cruises has launched a new 2020/21 World Cruises and Grand Voyages Brochure, featuring a collection of itineraries ranging from 22 to 161 days in duration. Each of the cruises are a fusion of two or more of the line's most popular itineraries, giving guests the opportunity to explore a variety of destinations in a single seamless journey. The new brochure also includes a selection of special offers such as free Business class flights.



### Celestyal Cruises - Greece & The Mediterranean all-inclusive cruising 2020/21

Cyprus-based Celestyal Cruises has launched its new Greece and The Mediterranean all-inclusive cruising 2020/21 brochure, featuring the line's iconic cruises. New voyages featured include the eight-day Steps of Paul itinerary, which departs Athens on 16 Oct 2021, taking in key destinations visited by the Christian saint from \$2,210 per person, and the seven-night Romantic Adriatic cruise, which takes in UNESCO World Heritage

sites, the Christmas markets in Venice and Dubrovnik, with four Dec departures.

## Agents get a taste of Ireland



**AUSTRALIAN** and New Zealand agents were given a taste of Ireland recently when they visited the Emerald Isle with Tourism Ireland.

The group of eight agents who had achieved Gold Status on Tourism Ireland's online specialist training earlier this year were taken on a six-day "foodie fam", taking in interactive farm-to-table culinary experiences, as well as sampling the nation's finest breweries and distilleries.

The group spent time in Dublin, as well as touring Ireland's Ancient East, Hidden Heartlands

and Northern Ireland.

**Pictured** are Ghilian Campbell, Visit Armagh; Amanda Kavanagh, Helloworld Gladstone; Sharon Hall, World Travellers Christchurch; Sarah Harrison Tourism Ireland; Susan Norris, Helloworld Camden; Philip & Helen Troughton, Armagh Cider Company; Sandra Brasier, italktravel Mt Waverley; Jenny Gallagher, Helloworld Auckland CBD; Michelle Wigg, Flight Centre Strathpine; Michelle Baker, Flight Centre Coomera; and Ian Carswell, Travel Associates Coffs Harbour.

## SkyCity new mgmt

**SKYCITY** Hotels Group, a newly formed hotel management company, has been established to manage on-going projects, day-to-day operations and hotel growth strategy across the SkyCity Entertainment Group.

The new business will be led by Group GM Hotels, Brad Burnett, and will oversee development projects at Horizon Hotel Auckland and the Adelaide Casino Hotel.

The group said it would share news of "developments and exciting changes in the coming months".

## Safe driving in Tas

**UPGRADES** to Tasmania's Great Eastern Drive have commenced today, with State Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Michael Ferguson saying the move will help visitors gain the "full experience that Tasmania has to offer".

The project is being funded through a \$72 million Roads Package to Support Tasmania's Visitor Economy.

Ferguson said future works will include road widening and safety treatments at the entries to popular tourist experiences.

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