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### 60% of credits redeemed

AROUND 60% of the \$2 billion left in COVID-related travel credits held by Qantas have now been redeemed by customers. according to the latest market update delivered by the carrier this morning.

The airline said that total credit usage is being actioned by customers at a rate of roughly

#### Vale Tony Millmore

THE Australian travel industry is mourning the shock passing of Tony Millmore, with the former AFTA President suffering complications from a routine operation in Sydney.

Millmore is best known for his 23 years as owner of wholesaler Venture Holidays, where he successfully created products across all Asian destinations, as well as the USA and Canada.

He also pioneered the delivery of Frank Hyde Group Tours, 2UE's Garden Tours, Gordon Rugby tours and sponsorship, and his ownership of Easts Travel.

Also on the list of achievements was his role in introducing Holland America Line, Tauck World Discoveries, Windstar Cruises & Delta Steamboat to the Aussie market, as their local GSA.

Millmore's children, Andrew and Louise, are both well known to the Australian travel sector in their own right, holding the roles of Travel the World Executive Chair and Easts Holidays chief, respectively.

\$70 million a month, with new initiatives to be announced soon that will seek to incentivise the full use of remaining credits over the next 12 months.

The update follows the airline recently reinstating the ability for agencies in Australia to process refunds on tickets via tech partners and GDSs in close to real-time (TD 22 Apr).

Meanwhile the carrier has also upgraded its profit forecast for the first half of FY23, with a revised underlying profit before tax of around \$1.4b expected, representing a \$150m increase to the range relayed in early Oct.

The group's net debt is now expected to fall to \$2.5b by 31 Dec, a \$900m improvement on its most recent update.

Qantas' enhanced outlook has been driven by accelerated revenues as travellers book more flights into the second half of the year, as well as a \$200m deferral of capital expenditure.

#### Bern the embassy

**AUSTRALIAN** travellers in Switzerland can now seek assistance from the new Australian Embassy located in the Swiss capital of Bern.

#### Today's issue of TD

**Travel Daily** today features seven pages of news plus a product profile from Collette, a photo page from MSC, and our luxury page.

#### Travel Daily on location in **Antarctica**

Today's issue of TD is coming to you courtesy of Viking Cruises, which is hosting key industry partners on a voyage aboard its Viking Polaris in Antarctica.

**TODAY** the team aboard Viking Polaris helped the entire contingent of passengers achieve a cherished ambition - to step foot on the actual Antarctic mainland.

The ship navigated to Brown Station, an historic Argentinian base which was one of Antarctica's best equipped scientific facilities before it was apparently deliberately set alight by a disgruntled researcher after his long posting was extended by a year.

With heavy weather looming, a tightly controlled operation saw guests shuttled to and fro from the ship to the shore, for a quick photo before being safely ensconced back on board.

And despite the quick trip there were still opportunities to spot some of the locals - including this seal lazily watching the activity from a nearby ice shelf.



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# G Adv plants the future

**G ADVENTURES** has made a significant financial investment in restorative travel technology start-up Reforest, a Brisbanebased venture offering travellers the chance to minimise their carbon footprint through tree planting initiatives.

The company's stake in Reforest is intended to improve the green platform's tech and expand its awareness within the global travel industry.

G Adventures founder Bruce Poon Tip said travellers are increasingly looking to ensure their trips are having a meaningful impact, and tree planting is an effective way to both reverse climate change and support community tourism.

"Travellers want to see natural beauty, so we need the world's most beautiful places to be around for as long as possible, and to stay as pristine as

possible." Poon Tip said.

"The Reforest platform will help us achieve that goal and help combat climate change, as planting trees is one of the easiest ways to help decrease emissions," he added.

Travellers can use the platform to have trees planted in areas where local tourism relies heavily on the preservation of the environment, with users also presented with data measuring the positive impact their tree planting is having on the planet.

Poon Tip said the investment represents an alternative to carbon offsetting, a concept he feels is not particularly effective.

"The idea that you can have a negative impact in one place and do something positive somewhere else...is not science to me, and most of all it doesn't change behaviour," he said.

Learn about Reforest HERE.



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#### Two weeks to go!

THERE is only two weeks to go before *Travel Daily's* We're Still "Still Standing" event at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney.

The industry celebration will kick off at 6pm - to get involved in all of the fun, CLICK HERE to secure your ticket today.

#### SQ returns A380

**SINGAPORE** Airlines has increased its capacity to Australia, announcing the Airbus A380 will return to both Melbourne and Sydney from next year.

From 16 May through 28 Oct, the Singapore to Melbourne route will be operated by the A380, replacing the current Boeing 777-300ER.

The A380 will see Singapore exceed pre-COVID MEL capacity, with the aircraft joining the one currently operating the Singapore-Sydney route, with a second of the jets to join the SIN-SYD service from 17 May 2023.



# Window

WE HAVE all heard plenty of awful airline stories over the years, but perhaps a US nutritionist's experience with a sick passenger has barfed its way to the top of the list.

Angelina Nicolle has described the awful experience in a video to her legions of grossed out TikTok fans, which has since gone viral, recounting a recent flight that saw the sick passenger sitting beside her chunder into his vomit bag, only for it to tear and cover her lap and her belongings under the seat.

Because the plane was taking off, Nicolle was forced to sit for 10 minutes covered in the man's spew, prompting one user to write: "I just thought of how warm it would be. My eyes are watering - help!"



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#### 1000 Miles to Queenstown



EARLIER this month, eight of 1000 Mile Travel Group's top achieving experts from around Australia joined CEO Ben Ross and Business Partnerships and **Development Manager Veronica** Curran for a six-day adventure in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Sponsored by Destination Queenstown, Altitude Tours, Black ZQN, KJet and Stay South, the journey gave the travel experts a chance to connect with each other while experiencing some of the best activities Queenstown has to offer.

Highlights included a fullday tour of Milford Sound, a helicopter gin tour (pictured), bungee jumping, a jet-boat ride, as well as a fun wine tour in Central Otago.

The fun doesn't stop there though, with Ross revealing

that 10 of the company's top achievers will also be taken on an incentive trip to the Argentinean capital of Buenos Aires in 2023.

#### Visa implores travel

VISA is encouraging Australians to "travel the world", with the latest push spruiking the finance company's global acceptance.

The campaign has launched across broadcast television, cinema, social, and digital platforms, with Visa's Head of Marketing for Australia stating: "with international travel returning to near pre-pandemic levels, this campaign reminds consumers about Visa...delivering security and convenience to travellers anywhere their passions and interests take them".

View the campaign HERE.



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#### Viking Aussies in seventh heaven

THE well-travelled Australian contingent aboard Viking Polaris this week ticked off an amazing milestone in Antarctica today when they were given the opportunity to set foot on the icy continent (see page 1).

The landmark visit meant they have now



had the amazing opportunity to travel to all seven continents, with these pictures taken on shore by the expedition team during the celebratory moments.

Pictured top right are Rachel Kingswell and Loren **Dumbrell from Travel** Associates, while above are Viking Cruises MD Michelle Black with Oriana Nespeca.



Brett and Louise Dann from **Hunter Travel Group also** celebrated the moment above.



but not least above are newlyweds Nicole Henry from Viking Cruises and Brendan Hughes, while at left Bruce and Jenny Piper from TD were also among the lucky Antarctic visitors.

TINENTAL LANDING

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# Xmas travel plans scuttled

THREE in 10 Aussie households have been forced to cancel their upcoming summer holiday plans because of recent interest rate rises, a new study from mortgage broker Aussie shows.

The same study indicated that around 70% of Aussies planned to reduce their spend on holidays, with the younger Millennial demographic feeling the biggest pinch from rate increases.

Close to 85% of Millennials said they were concerned about the impact the rises will have on their holiday season plans, followed by Generation X (73%) and roughly half of all Baby Boomers.

"Now more than ever, Aussies are keen to get back out and travel and enjoy the holiday season with family and friends, so it's concerning that rate rises are getting in the way of these plans for so many people," Aussie's CEO of Distribution Brad Cramb said.

"As the holiday season creeps up, people are really starting to feel the pinch of higher repayments and with discretionary spending on the chopping block, holidays and Christmas gifts are the first to go". The findings were supported

#### Hilton Garden Inn Kyoto opening

HILTON has debuted its Garden Inn brand in Japan, with the opening of Hilton Garden Inn Kyoto Shijo Karasuma, which also marks the company's 600th hotel in the Asia Pacific region.

Located in the heart of Kyoto, the property is close to popular tourist attractions such as Gion and UNESCO World Heritage Site Nijo Castle, as well as Nishiki Market and the business district.

The nine-storey hotel houses 250 rooms across nine categories, including pet-friendly rooms, and offers complimentary wi-fi, a self-service laundry facility, a fitness centre, and an all-day dining restaurant.

by similar trends noted in CommBank's latest *Household Spending Intention* report for Oct, which showed spend on travel was down by 2.4% when compared to the previous month.

Despite the monthly drop, the CommBank report showed travel spend intention was still up by 55.3% over the last 12 months.

#### QF gets islands tick

**THE** International Air Services Commission has allocated Qantas Airways almost 1,000 seats of capacity on the Samoa and Tonga routes (*TD* 01 Nov).

The determination is valid for five years from 18 Nov, and is pursuant to Qantas' application announced earlier this month to resume scheduled services to the two islands.

#### Jayride's record hit

**JAYRIDE'S** fiscal year 2022 showed a record result for the shuttle company, particularly in the second half of the period.

The firm said it had so far outperformed the broader travel industry's recovery rate, with trips booked up 216% on the prior corresponding period to close to 330,000.

Jayride is now larger and significantly more profitable than pre-pandemic, with net revenue up 237% vs the PCP to \$2.6m.

The company also highlighted the second half of the year as particularly pivotal to its momentum, with trips booked up almost 200% (191%) versus PCP to 211,000, while regionally, the result was best in Europe, where Jayride grew its market share by almost 500%.

Net revenue for the second half was also up by more than 200% (208%) versus PCP, to \$1.7 million, or \$7.95 per trip.

Jayride noted it now covers 95% of world airport trips, and has invested more than \$30 million in its scaling tech platform.

#### \$54k raised for Anangu



VOYAGES Indigenous Tourism Australia has hosted the Northern Territory's Yulara and Mutitjulu communities, who came together on the weekend for a local fundraising event for the Anangu Communities Foundation, raising around \$54,000.

The dinner, which took place at Ayers Rock Resort, was emceed by Indigenous actor, Trevor Jamieson, who is recognisable from movies such as *Rabbit Proof Fence* and *Storm Boy*.

The roughly 150 guests in attendance were able to enjoy a performance from local artists

#### Murray relief funds

THE South Australian Government has announced a series of relief measures for businesses impacted by recent flooding in the Murray region, including a waiver of state government fees and charges for tourism operators.

Support will also arrive in the form of \$3 million over three rounds of time-limited \$200 vouchers for accommodation/ tourism experiences in river communities to help boost visitation over coming months.

"We know the rising floodwaters will cause distress and damage to many South Australian...tourism operators and other businesses, that's why we have acted swiftly to establish disaster funding for those already dealing with the extra water that's coming down the river, as well as those who may be impacted in coming weeks," SA Premier Peter Malinauskas said.

collective, Maruku Arts, and Pitjantjatjara guitarist, Jeremy Whiskey, who released his debut album, *Dreamtime*, in Jul.

Established by Voyages in 2003, the Anangu Communities Foundation funds projects to support the Anangu communities.

#### Oceania incentive

**OCEANIA** Cruises has launched a Black Friday Sale with a double incentive offer, giving travel advisors the opportunity to earn a \$300 gift card.

For bookings made before 14 Dec, guests can enjoy US\$300 of shipboard credit on 64 itineraries, ranging from seven to 24 days in 2023 and 2024.

Guests will also receive the OLife Choice amenities offer, which includes free pre-paid gratuities, and for bookings made before 30 Nov, guests can take advantage of the Reduced 50% Deposits offer.

For new voyages booked during the Black Friday Sale period, travel agents will score an AU/ NZ\$300 Visa gift card.

#### Air India premium

**PREMIUM** Economy class tickets will be introduced on select Air India overseas routes from next month.

The decision is part of the carrier's plan to grow its market share to above 30% and increase its number of wide-body and narrow-body jets over the next five years

The move follows a revamping of its domestic in-flight menu.

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#### SQ schedule change

**SINGAPORE** Airlines is adjusting its northern summer 2023 schedules to improve overall network connectivity. From 26 Mar. schedules for SQ25/26, SQ27/28, SQ35/36, and SQ51/52 will change.



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#### **US** tourist benefits

A STUDY has revealed Americans are getting up to 4% more value for holidays in Australia post-pandemic.

Although a trip Down Under has become more economical for Americans post-pandemic, the study by Travel Lens found more than 30 countries where the USD is going further, topped by Turkey.

#### Don't ignore 20% of the market

**THE** Aussie tourism sector must significantly improve its mindset when dealing with travellers with disabilities if it is to benefit from the associated economic benefits. inclusive travel advocate Martin Heng believes.

Heng stated that with recovery still the name of the game, the tourism sector can't afford to ignore 20% of customers.

"People with disabilities have the same travel aspirations as every other tourist, they want access and to be able to do what everyone else wants to do, they just have specific requirements that need to be met," he said.

Heng also believes businesses should not be put off by the perceived cash outlays required.

"Becoming an accessible tourism business need not be expensive...don't be scared and don't worry about not being fully accessible because an inclusive mindset can help to overcome a lot of the barriers," he added.

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#### SIXT shines in the SUNS



**GLOBAL** car rental company SIXT has been named as AFL team Gold Coast Suns' new co-major partner for the next three years.

To celebrate, lifelong Sun and 158-game veteran Alex Sexton will go by the name Alex Sixton, while using SIXT hire vehicles to transport his teammates for preseason training.

The partnership was marked last week at Metricon Stadium, with Sixton joined by Suns players, coaches and administration staff including Suns Chief Executive Mark Evans.

SIXT CEO Matt Beattie believes the partnership will help position SIXT as a premier car rental business across South-East Queensland.

"Both the Gold Coast Suns and SIXT Australia are on the same trajectory of growth and success and I am immensely proud to announce this important partnership today."

"The Gold Coast and South-East Queensland are important regions for SIXT's plan and we saw a lot of similarities in the culture of both organisations that we knew would make this partnership a success," he said.

As the Official Vehicle Hire Partner of the Gold Coast Suns, the partnership will also offer benefits to Suns members and supporters over the next three AFL and AFLW campaigns.

Pictured: Sixton and his Suns teammates in the launch video.

#### Canada's Domain

CANADA'S "winter wonderland" is coming to Carols in the Domain in Sydney, as part of the event's 40th year.

The Carols will feature a promotional segment pushing Canada as the "home of winter".



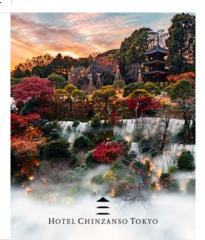
#### Mamsen's Cafe

A relaxed eatery common to other Viking ships, Mamsen's Cafe has been reimagined on Vking Polaris with self-service as well as a-la-carte options featuring traditional Scandinavian selections. Cakes to die for, delightful waffles, scones with jam & cream and specialty coffees are on offer - yum!



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MSC Cruises' new flagship, MSC World Europa, was celebrated in a triumphant Naming Ceremony in Doha, Qatar last week.

The cruise line's most innovative and most environmentally advanced ship to date, World Europa will also be the first LNGpowered vessel in the fleet.

Thousands of distinguished guests, travel trade and international media gathered for the spectacular event which included a huge drone show, 3D video mapping, and fireworks.

The contingent from Australia and New Zealand joined the vessel ahead of time and had the chance to experience the immersive culinary offerings, next level entertainment and stunning accommodation on board.

PARTYING after the naming ceremony, Noriye, Nathan and Lisa with an on board performer.



LUCKY Australian and New Zealand travel trade attended the festivities, with a chance to experience the beautiful ship in the preceding days. Hosted by MSC Cruises' Commercial Director AU & NZ Lisa Teiotu (centre left) were: Our Vacation Centre's Noriye Oto, Flight Centre's Bhavna Thapar, My Cruises' Michael Middleton, Teiotu, Ignite's Randall Deer, MSC Cruises' Michelle Warren, Ignite's Ryan Thomas, Helloworld's Karen Deveson, Discover Australia's Nathan Harding, House of Travel's Pauline McLennan and Dreamlines' Ashkan Ghasemi.



Pierfrancesco Vago, Executive Chairman; Leisa Chell, PR Manager AU & NZ; Lynne Clarke, Chairman AU & NZ; Gianni Oronato, CEO; Achille Staiano, VP Global Sales.







**OUR** Vacation Centre's Noriye Oto and Discover Australia's Nathan Harding taking in the views from The Pearl in Doha.





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#### Trio joins Fiji resort

#### INTERCONTINENTAL

Fiji Golf Resort & Spa has announced several key executive appointments, strengthening its leadership team for the travel rebound.

David Bell has joined InterContinental Fiji as Director of Dining & Entertainment, while Mary-Louise Corcoran is now the Resort Manager.

Also joining the hotel group in Fiji is Akshay Singh, who has become the company's Area Director of Sales, Marketing & Revenue South Pacific.

The appointments come as InterContinental Fiji experiences high occupancy rates and demand from a growing number of international travellers, particularly Australians, who now account for the majority of bookings.

Fiji's inbound tourist numbers are pointing to a strong tourism recovery for the island country, with visitor arrivals bouncing back to at least 75% of pre-COVID levels of 2019.

#### Second JW Khao Lak

JW MARRIOTT Khao Lak Resort Suites has opened on Southern Thailand's Andaman Sea coastline.

It is the series of villages' second JW Marriott resort, featuring 52 two-bedroom suites designed for family getaways.

The resort's accommodations range from 89 to 111m², with bright indoor & outdoor spaces, Southern Thai-inspired design, contemporary living areas, and private terraces or balconies that overlook the natural tropical surroundings.

On the ground floor, a collection of pool-access suites allows guests to step straight into the inviting 2km-long lagoon pool.

# THE WHITE PLACE FOR A WELCOME

**SEABOURN** Venture has been welcomed to the fleet in style, with Seabourn's first purposebuilt expedition ship hailed via an official naming ceremony in Antarctica over the weekend.

Also marking her first foray into the waters of the continent, the luxurious *Venture* came to a stop in the fast ice of the Weddell Sea for the milestone event, which saw guests serve as honorary godparents, alongside polar explorer Alison Levine, who is the official godmother for the vessel.

The world-renowned adventurer ironically carried out her ceremonial duties virtually, while a special team on board had the honour of releasing the bottle made of ice against the ship, wishing her luck for the remainder of voyages to come.

"We've eagerly awaited Seabourn Venture's maiden



voyage to Antarctica since the moment the ship debuted earlier this year," Seabourn President Josh Leibowitz said.

"The extraordinary continent encapsulates exactly what we hope to bring to guests who sail aboard our new ship - adventure, discovery and awe-inspiring wonder," he added.

Although *Venture* launched back in 27 Jul, her maiden voyage to Antarctica was chosen as the apt location for her naming ceremony, as the southernmost continent represents "everything for which the ship is intended".

In Antarctica, the ship offers hiking tours & Zodiac rides, all led by a team of expedition experts.

#### Doha gets an extra kick out of luxury for WC

ACCOR'S Fairmont Hotels & Resorts and Raffles Hotels & Resorts brands have made their debut in Qatar, exclusively for guests and VIPs in the country for the FIFA World Cup.

Fairmont Doha offers 270 rooms, 92 suites, four themed suites and one presidential suite, all inspired by the interiors of luxury yachts.

The resort also features an exclusive lifestyle hotel floor, Fairmont Gold, which is a "hotel-within-a-hotel" experience.

Meanwhile, Raffles Doha offers guests an opulent 132-key ultra-luxury property, Qatar's only all-suite hotel.

The resort provides an aweinspiring suite experience and decor, paired with views of the Doha skyline.

Each suite experience is enhanced with personalised butler service, bespoke



amenities, including an exclusive scent from Frederic Malle, a gallery wall with a collection of curated books, and an in-suite boutique.

The seven food & beverage outlets and restaurants (four located within Raffles and three in Fairmont) have now opened to the public, and are available by reservation only.

The restaurants include Raffles' Alba, which is the first overseas outpost for the celebrated restaurant by famous three-star Michelin chef Enrico Crippa.

Both resorts are housed within Katara Towers (pictured).

#### St. Regis pops cork

**ST. REGIS** Hotels & Resorts has introduced The House of Celebration, a range of celebratory offerings just in time for Thanksgiving.

From champagne sabrage to lavish holiday feasts and custom gift wrapping, the spirit of revelry will come to life through The House of Celebration.

The offering will first debut at The St. Regis New York later this month, with a spirited cocktail party highlighting the brand's signature traditions.

The celebration will feature a special live jazz performance from talented all-rounder Jeff Goldblum.

The hotel will also play host to a Gilded Age New Year's Eve Gala to ring in 2023.

After its New York launch, the concept will expand to other St. Regis locations.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

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Six Senses is set to open its first Australian property at Burnham Beeches in mid-2025. Surrounded by the fern glades and forested hills of the Dandenong Ranges, the heritage Art Deco mansion and 22-hectare estate currently features 34 quest

accommodations, which will be expanded to 82 including a new glamping offer. Six Senses Burnham Beeches will also feature a nature playground for kids, a spa and pool house, and several dining options.



IHG Resorts has provided a first glimpse at the upcoming InterContinental Chiang Mai Mae Ping, which will start welcoming of Chiang Mai's historic district, the new property will offer 240 rooms and suites

overlooking the alleyways of the old city of the Doi Suthep mountain. Guests will also be able to enjoy bespoke cultural-centric activities, a rooftop bar and authentic Chinese dining, and a variety of kids activities.



Hazelwood Estate, a luxury country retreat set in Queensland's Scenic Rim, has rebranded as Beechmont Estate and is now part of the Northern Escape Collection. The estate can cater to 48 quests in suites as well as a private

four-bedroom residence that features an infinity pool and outdoor spa. The property also houses a day spa and The Paddock restaurant, as well as luxury pavilions with floor-to-ceiling windows.

#### **Eurowings expands**

**EUROWINGS** customers will be able to choose from almost 30 destinations, with the German carrier set to double its services at Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) from the end of Mar 2023.

The expanded range includes many new direct flights to Spain, Greece and Turkey, as well as new destinations in Northern Europe including Copenhagen, Gothenburg and Helsinki, with Eurowings also planning to have six aircraft stationed at BER.

#### Fairmont on ice

**FAIRMONT** Resort Blue Mountains has opened the region's first-ever ice skating rink, which is now open to guests of the resort, as well as all visitors to the Blue Mountains

Fairmont Resort owner Jerry Schwartz believes the ice rink will enhance the region's appeal to both interstate and international visitors, with guests also able to take advantage of the company's Stay & Skate package - CLICK **HERE** for details.





#### Think up more access

**GRIFFITH** University recently convened an event that gathered 100 experts to co-create solutions that will increase participation and access to tourism for Queenslanders with disabilities.

The Inclusivity in Play Pitch Festival included thought leaders from traditional custodians of the area, as well as people living with disabilities, government representatives and academics.

"I'm so excited...that the Gold Coast could easily become one of the most accessible and inclusive cities in the world for recreation," the program's leader Professor Simone Fullagar said.

#### Lloyd in Hall of Fame

**CARNIVAL** Australia's Chief Strategy and External Affairs Officer, Teresa Lloyd, has been inducted into the prestigious Maritime Hall of Fame.

The coveted honour was presented to Lloyd earlier this month at the DCN Australia Shipping & Maritime Industry Awards in Melbourne, in recognition of her contribution to Australia's maritime industry.

Prior to joining Carnival in Jun this year (TD 26 May), Lloyd led Maritime Industry Australia for two decades as its CEO, and also contributed to a National Ballast Water Demonstration Project.

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# North America with Collette

From the peaks of the Canadian Rockies to the charm of Quebec, and from the excitement of New York City to hospitality of America's Deep South, Collette offers over 40 journeys to guide you through the tapestry of North America.

Take a bite out of the Big Apple on a 5-day "Spotlight on New York City" journey where travellers experience America's most exciting metropolis and getaway filled with shopping, sightseeing and endless entertainment. After a day of sightseeing enjoy dinner at a local restaurant then take your seat at a Broadway show! Start spreading the news!

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