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Happy birthday CCC!

LAST night Captain Cook Cruises held a function to celebrate its 40th year of operation, after its first cruise operated in Sydney Harbour on 01 May 1970.

Travel Daily TV was there for the celebration and took an exclusive video of the event which can be viewed online now at www.youtube.com/traveldaily.



More details from the event in tomorrow's Cruise Weekly.

MEANWHILE last night THAI Airways also celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Sydney Opera House, and TD was there and took lots of pictures - see page 7.

Record voting for NTIA

AFTA has a big job ahead of it sorting out the finalists in the National Travel Industry Awards, after a record of more than 2500 votes were received during the two week polling period which finished last Fri.

CEO Jayson Westbury said the massive response was all the more remarkable given the huge industry disruption due to the Iceland volcano and the political situation in Thailand.

"Given the number of nominations and the number of votes recorded, 2010 is truly going to be bigger and better than before," he said.

AFTA is currently auditing the votes and will notify finalists in

Avianca to Star?

COLOMBIAN flag carrier Avianca TACA is expected to be the next carrier to join Star Alliance, say sources from Latin America.

the coming weeks, he said, and thanked everyone who voted along with the support from sponsors, particularly the event's major supporter, Qantas Airways.

AFTA has also confirmed that tickets to the 'AFTA Party' are at no additional cost for those who purchase Gala Dinner tickets at www.afta.com.au, but are strictly limited and will be allocated early next month.

Last day for Avatar

WE'VE had a stunning response to the Travel Daily/Virgin Blue competition offering 50 DVD copies of Avatar - and today we have the last ten to give away.

Congratulations to yesterday's winners: Natalie O'Leary of Latitude Cruise & Travel Capalaba; Trish Cox of American Express; Paul Andriotis and Maria Lamotta of Jetset Hurstville; Louise McCarthy of Epping Travel; Andrew Garrett of Travel Concepts; Tyrone Estephan of Memento Travel; Kiriana Milne of Flight Centre; Karen Bonanno of Sun Island Tours; and Jessica Jones of MSC Travel.

For your chance to win one of the last ten DVDs, be one of the first to answer this question:

What is the name of the rare substance which the humans are mining on the alien planet in the movie?

Send your answers asap to avatarcomp@traveldaily.com.au.

Kumuka bonus

KUMUKA Worldwide has launched a special offer of 25% commission for bookings made by 14 May, while clients can also save 5% if they book and pay for a tour in full.

MEANWHILE the adventure tour operator's long-time managing director for Australia and New Zealand, Richard Gardner, is no longer with the company, TD was advised last week.

New Cooks chief

COOK Islands Tourism has appointed current Tourism NSW group manager international markets, Carmel Beattie, as its new chief executive officer.

Egencia promise

EXPEDIA'S corporate travel offshoot Egencia today launched its 'Price Promise' in Australia, which guarantees that if clients find a cheaper price for the same flight within the same day of booking, Egencia will book the less expensive flight at no extra charge or refund the difference.



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More hols on the radar

THERE'S good news for the travel industry in a survey released by Roy Morgan Research yesterday, which showed that more Australians intend to take a holiday in the next 12 months.

During the Mar quarter an estimated 12.7 million Aussies (70%) said they expect to go away at least once in the next year - an increase of 600,000 on the same period last year.

Most consumers (57.7%) said they expected the trip to be

No Expedia fee

EXPEDIA this morning announced that effective immediately it will completely eliminate the joining fee for its Travel Agents Affiliate Program, which had been temporarily waived since the program launched (*TD* 01 Mar).

"We have received such a great uptake to the program and the joining fee is such a small part... we decided to drop it completely," said spokesman Stuart Udy.

"Bookings are at record levels and we are well ahead of our revenue targets so there is simply no need for the fee to be there."

He said there are now over 3000 Expedia TAAP agents in Australia and New Zealand - see www.expediaaccess.com/au.

within Australia, which spokesperson Jane Ianniello said could "herald a recovery of the languishing domestic market".

However there was also a very significant (20%) increase in those intending to take an overseas holiday, which was up 1.5 points to 8.5% of the total compared to the same period last year.

Some of those surveyed were certain they would take a break but weren't sure if it would be domestic or overseas.

Ianniello said the increase was a reflection of rising consumer confidence.

QH Princess power

JTG/QANTAS Holidays ceo Peter Collins told *TD* last night he was thrilled at the way bookings for the wholesaler's new cruise range started flowing in after the program details were published in yesterday's *Travel Daily*.

QH has also clarified that it's able to sell Princess Cruises that start in Australia and end in an overseas destination, with the only restrictions on Princess Cruises which both depart from AND return to Australia.

Window Seat

HERE'S something you don't see every day.

Last night's THAI Airways 50th birthday celebration (see p7) included a curiously juxtaposed cultural performance combining traditional Thai dancers with didgeridoo-playing Indigenous performers (right) symbolising the long-time links between TG and Australia.

Guests at the event were also entertained with a specially commissioned video which featured several industry players reminiscing about THAI and the early days of the industry.

One jocular comment came from Orient Express Travel chief Tom Manwaring, who jokingly recalled: "Cathay, Malaysian, THAI - we used to meet at the pub every Friday to set prices. "Of course we can't do that these days," he quipped.

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Dubai

Today's issue of *TD* is coming from the 2010 Arabian Travel Market in Dubai, courtesy of the Government of Dubai & Emirates.

DUBAI has become a hotspot for international jetsetters, and it's not surprising considering it's tax-free and offers great shopping, dry weather, a high standard of accommodation, a diverse range of food and stunning beaches.

The emirate is growing so fast that it's hardly recognisable when travellers return to visit.

Almost everything that's built in Dubai is the biggest or the largest, and "this is only the beginning of Dubai...the future will bring much more than this", Dubai Tourism deputy director overseas promotions, Abdullah bin Suwaidan tells *Travel Daily* at ATM.

The Palm Island Deira will be twice the size as the Palm Jumeirah when it is eventually completed.

Dubailand, slated to open in 2017, will be eight times bigger than Disneyland in the USA, and Asia-Asia will become the world's largest hotel, offering 5,600 rooms.

The Mall of Arabia will surpass Mall of the Emirates, and become the largest shopping centre in the world when it opens in Dubailand.

So how does a visitor get around this magnificent city?

On the largest automated metro in the world, of course!

Partially opened in Sep 2009, the Dubai Metro is an easy and cheap option to plan a journey.

The rechargeable red ticket is ideal for tourists and visitors, and can be purchased from AED 2, and is valid for 90 days.

Two new Princesses

PRINCESS Cruises has signed contracts with Italy's Fincantieri shipyard for the construction of two new 3,600-berth vessels, as flagged by *TD* (*TD* 18 Feb).

The new 141,000 tonne ships are planned to enter service in 2013 and 2014, and will feature balconies on all outside cabins.

Virgins exchange

VIRGIN Blue crew are this week vying for places on a year long "cultural job swap" with Virgin America, which will see select DJ staff take on roles with VX in the US from Oct, as revealed exclusively by *TD* (*TD* 06 Apr).

A recruitment drive for the six positions is underway in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, with recruiters from Virgin America in the country at the moment.

In exchange, a VX crew will make Sydney their home base for 12 months, where they will mix with Aussie crews on services across the country.

DJ chief exec. Brett Godfrey said: "Our Aussie crew will be using their accents and their friendly Aussie personalities to give American travellers a taste of what they can expect if they visit our sunny shores."

"We hope the cultural exchange will work both ways in terms of inspiring people to travel between the two countries," he said.

HRA's new Resort

HOTEL Representation Australia (HRA) has announced the signing of two properties in Bali.

Siddhartah Dive and Spa Resort and Alam Anda Dive Resort are both located in the north eastern region of the island, about 2.5 hours drive from DPS airport.

Emirates standing tall at ATM

THE Emirates stand is one of the popular exhibits that visitors are flocking to see at this year's Arabian Travel Market in Dubai.

The Emirates rotating globe stands at 9.5 metres high and has a circumference of 65 metres, which is split into three zones - Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa and Emirates Airline's products and services.

The Dubai-based carrier says it remains committed to delivering value to its customers and supporting the growth of tourism in Dubai and the UAE.

Speaking to *Travel Daily* at ATM in Dubai yesterday, EK's divisional senior vp, commercial operations worldwide, Richard Vaughan (pictured right), said all of the airline's routes are growing in popularity, in particular its new flights to Amsterdam launched last Sat, which departed completely full.

The relatively new 6am flights from Sydney to Dubai (*TD* 04 Nov) have also proved to be popular for economy travellers, "although the early start is a little challenging for the premium service", Vaughan admitted.

Services on EK's A380s are in high demand, with four more expected to arrive soon.

"The A380s have improved the comfort for our passengers by offering 15% more space in economy than on a normal aircraft," Vaughan said.

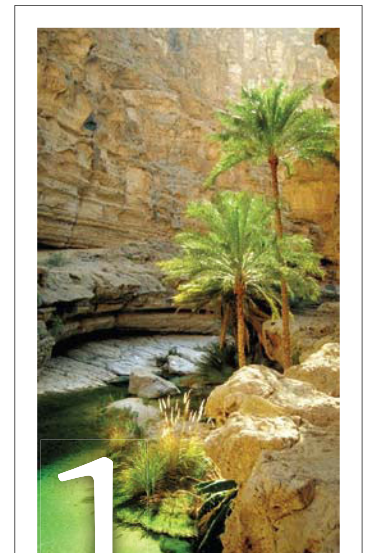
To follow EK's launch of flights already this year to Tokyo (28 Mar) and Amsterdam (01 May) will be Prague (01 Jul), Madrid (01 Aug) and Dakar (01 Sep), extending Emirates' global network to 106 destinations, incl cargo routes.

The airline says it will continue to invest heavily in global

marketing and promotional activities so that Dubai is at top of mind for travellers.

Vaughan also told *TD* that Emirates Resorts' Australian ultra luxury property near the NSW Blue Mountains was beginning to make traction in the market.

"Business for Wolgan Valley is growing. It's strong for locals on the weekend, and it's good for inbound tourism in NSW," he said.



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FJ reduces CC fees

AIR Pacific has announced it will be winding back its credit card fee from \$12 to \$10 on all nett and published fares effective 15 May.

Exhibition expansion

THE Melbourne Exhibition Centre has been set aside \$17.7 million in the Victorian State Budget announced yesterday, which will be used to acquire land to meet future expansion needs.

Managers sales up

TRAVELMANAGERS has reported a 92.3% increase in sales for the first quarter of 2010, compared to the same period the year prior.

Among its results, the firm says its European coach touring sales were up 57%, rail sales grew 177%, international self drive rose 93% and there was also "strong growth" on river cruising options.

Demand is highest for the UK, Western Europe, Canada and the United States, South East Asia the Pacific Islands and New Zealand.

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This week, **Travel Daily** is giving three lucky readers the chance to win the ultimate Mother's Day gift - an incredible 'Glamorous Nights' package, courtesy of **Vibe Hotels** and **Napoleon Perdis**.

This fantastic prize is valued at up to \$450 and includes overnight accommodation at any of the seven Vibe Hotels across Australia*, full buffet breakfast for two at a Vibe Hotel, late checkout, a two-for-one cocktail voucher, a NP pack (Cruise Blush, Liquid Veil Tint and a Wanderlust Must Lip Palette), and a Napoleon Perdis in-store make over voucher.

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US tourism threat

THE offshore rig currently spilling thousands of tonnes of oil into the the Gulf of Mexico is not only an environmental worry but an economic one, according to reports on USAToday.

An estimated US\$100 billion for the tourism industry is being threatened with the oil slick having reached the shores of Louisiana.

The impact may be felt from New Orleans seafood restaurants to holiday rentals in Florida.

Film Fest. winners

CONGRATULATIONS to **Kiriana Milne** of Flight Centre Specialists, **Graham Boan** of The Travel Corporation and **Kelly Roberts** of Escape Travel who were the quickest to respond to yesterday's Banff Film Festival comp question that appeared in *TD*.

They each correctly identified the road between Jasper and Banff in the Canadian Rockies is called the Icefields Parkway, winning a double pass to the Festival in Newton (Sydney) on Thu night, courtesy of Canadian Tourism Commission and Banff Lake Louise Tourism.

For more info on the festival see www.paddybanff.com.au.

Expedia no's rise

EXPEDIA Inc. has reported a 27% increase in pre-tax income to US\$92m (from \$67m) for the first three months of 2010, compared to the same period the year prior.

Gross bookings for the quarter rose 23% year-on-year, driven by an 18% increase in transactions and 9% rise in average fares.

Adventurous Kenya

ADVENTURE World has joined with the Australian based Kenya Tourism Board to offer saving of up to \$200pp on some of its tours.

Packages range from three to eight days and are priced from \$388ppts, for bookings made by 30 Jun - phone 1300 320 795.

GTA signs Marriott

GLOBAL travel wholesaler GTA has signed a distribution pact with Marriott Int'l which will allow tour operators and travel agency customers to sell Marriott branded properties around the world.

The deal covers Marriott, JW Marriott and Renaissance Hotels & Resorts, along with Courtyard, Residence Inn, Fairfield Inn & Suites and others.

Rolling inspiration

ETIHAD Airways has announced it will have completed the roll out of its 'Inspired Service' in Coral Class to over 40 global routes by the end of this month.

The 'Inspired' features include a greater choice of food and beverages, more personal service from crew members, larger, higher and more comfortable pillows, a travel pack on overnight flights and special support for families and children.

Contiki makes Dollars & Sense



ABOVE: Contiki has released the research findings from its latest Travel Trends Research Report, the fourth annual report into travel habits of the youth market.

This year's 'Dollars & Sense' survey of 543 Aussie 18 to 35s was compiled to provide Contiki with an understanding on saving patterns, spending and budget habits.

Previous reports looked at green and social issues (*Shades of Green* - 2008) and trends and motivating forces (*iTraveller* - 2007) for travel.

Contiki's recently appointed managing director Nicole Moy said the youth market has shown its resilience in the past year, with the global financial crisis having "little impact" on their travel plans, in fact, Contiki has needed to add extra departures for some of its US and Asia itineraries due to demand.

She said the "key revelation" of the study found that the majority of 2.7m Aussie young people are already actively setting aside funds for travel in the next 3 to 4

years - with aspirations to travel higher in their mindset than buying property, a car or a big ticket item.

And the youth are saving their pennies by working longer hours, progressively saving, scrimping on luxury items, switching jobs for more money or even dipping into existing savings.

Moy said young travellers are managing their money wisely to make the most of their time away, with sights, sampling local fare, taking in experiences and quality accommodation most important to them.

The poll, which was conducted by Galaxy Research, also revealed that the average investment for travels will on average be around \$4,950 per person next year, up from \$4,439 in the past year.

Pictured at yesterday's launch function is Contiki's soon to depart managing director Tammy Marshall (left) with Nicole Moy.

To view the study in full, visit www.contiki.com/dollarsandsense.



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Accommodation Updates

WELCOME to *Accommodation Updates*, *Travel Daily's* Wednesday feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description to accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au.



YACHT CLUB & VILLAS will next new week unveil a collection of luxury Villas, providing guests with a new accom option on Hamilton Island from 10 May. The villas are suitable

for families and groups, and feature four bedrooms and four bathrooms overlooking Dent Passage, Hamilton Island Marina and the surrounding Whitsunday Islands. Prices start at \$4,050 for a three-night stay for up to eight guests. Bookings made before 31 May will receive \$1000 worth of complimentary activities & dining.

CONSTELLATION HOTELS will open a 4.5 star Chifley Hotel in Wollongong in Aug this year, with the group saying it will set a benchmark in accom and conferencing on the NSW South Coast. The hotel features 168 guest rooms and executive suites, 140 seat restaurant with alfresco dining, lobby bar, mezzanine business lounge, heated lap pool, gymnasium, along with nine conference and function rooms.



W HOTELS WORLDWIDE has signed an agreement with UAE's multi-disciplinary corporation, Belbadi, to build a new hotel in Abu Dhabi in 2013. The luxury boutique W Abu Dhabi Hotel will feature 350 rooms, including 25 Suites and two "Extreme Wow" suites, a signature spa with 12 treatment rooms, three restaurants, a lounge, five glamorous WET pools, SWEAT gym, and a rooftop night club.

THE ROYAL in Cancun and Playa Del Carmen adults-only resorts have added new amenities, service and additional gourmet food options. Included is an expanded Wedding Centre at THE ROYAL in Cancun offering commissionable wedding specialist services and more dining options at both resorts with the executive chef designing a new menu each day. For more info visit royalresorts.com.



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HKG summer deal

CATHAY Pacific Holidays has released a four night land only deal to Hong Kong priced from \$399ppts which incl accom, transfers, three breakfasts, city sightseeing tour, Peak Tram and Ski Terrace Pass, plus late check out until 3pm.

The deal is available for travel now to 31 Aug when booked with CX airfares from either MEL, SYD, BNE, ADL and PER.

Africa Cup specials

INTREPID Travel is offering 20% off its small group adventures in Africa during Jun and Jul, on the eight day 'Garden Route' trip.

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New Skywest portal

WA-BASED Skywest Airlines has today announced the roll out of a new web booking engine which makes it "easier than ever to book flights" - see skywest.com.au.

KI Odysees sold

SEALINK Travel Group in South Australia has re-purchased the luxury 4WD tourism operator, Kangaroo Island Odysees from APT, effective 01 Jun.

KI Odysees carries nearly 5,000 int'l visitors each year, and SeaLinks managing director, Jeff Ellison has said "the purchase was a great fit to SeaLink's current international product range".

SeaLink sold the KI Odyssey business to APT eight years ago.

Nepal travel warning

THE Depart of Foreign Affairs & Trade has released an updated notice regarding travel to Nepal, due to an "indefinite nationwide strike and transport disruptions".

The city of Kathmandu has been shut how by demonstrators violently clashing against security forces at shopping areas, while transport around the city and to the airport have been paralysed.

Christmas in Italy

HOLIDAYS To Europe is offering an 11 night 'Christmas in an Italian Castle' tour, from \$3689ppts, including luxury coach, 10 night first class accom, four of which are in the Italian Castle, many meals, sightseeing, and tips.

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Legoland delays

DUBAI's Legoland theme park, which was initially expected to open in 2011, is still to proceed according to developers, Merlin Entertainment Group and Dubailand's Tatweer.

However, despite the renewed assurance that the project is going ahead, a new opening date has not been indicated.

Saudi adds Altea

SAUDI Arabian Airlines is the latest airline to migrate its reservations and inventory modules to Amadeus' Altea Customer Management System.

The Altea CMS is the choice for an ever growing list of airlines, including Qantas which was the launch customer of the system.

Club Med kids deal

CLUB Med Lindeman Island is offering a special 'Kids stay, eat and play free' promo which extends into the school holidays.

A six night all inclusive package (with airfares, accom, transfers, all meals, open bar for adults, snacking, sports, entertainment, plus fully supervised Kids Club (4-11 years) is priced from \$4,730 per adult, twin share from BNE.

For more info call 1800 258 263.

DTW/GRU ok for DL

DELTA Air Lines has been given approval to operate a twice weekly service between Detroit - Sao Paulo, effective 21 Oct, with plans to increase the route to daily pending approval by DoT.

DL will operate the service using a dual class Boeing 767 jet.

QFLink CFS lounge

QANTASLINK has celebrated the opening of their first Regional Lounge at Coffs Harbour, today marking the occasion by naming a Q400 aircraft after the city.

Discovering Melb in Sydney



ABOVE: Last night Tourism Victoria brought in the big guns to promote their new campaign 'Discover Melbourne this Winter'.

TV presenter Sophie Faulkner was emcee for the event, and she introduced industry partners to the delights that Melbourne has to offer over the coming months.

'European Masters' is being sent to the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) from 19 Jun to 10 Oct from the German Stadel Museum, a "project 2.5 years in the making" NGV director Gerard Vaughan told *Travel Daily*.

Pieces from German, French and Dutch artists have been lent to the Victorian gallery after more than two centuries in the Stadel.

Victoria's Australian Centre of the Moving Image (ACMI) will also host 'Tim Burton: The Exhibition' - creator of *Alice in Wonderland*, *Beetlejuice*, *Batman Returns* and *Edward Scissorhands* - from 24 Jun to 10 Oct, featuring costumes and props from his films along with artworks and sketches that Tony Sweeney, ACMI director described as "unique" and "gives a portal into his mind and imagination".

Tony went on to explain that Tim Burton is a visual artist and his work is "strange and dark" but "curiously innocent".

Faulkner also introduced the newest musical theatre show to come to Melbourne, *Mary Poppins*, which will be showing at Majesty's Theatre, starring Marina Prior and Matt Lee (left).

Prior said the musical draws content largely from the novel and comes to life in a "Victorian like dollhouse" set.

Pictured above from left are Tony Sweeney, ACMI director; Alessandra Higgins, Tourism Victoria; Sophie Falkner, MC; Don Richter, Tourism Vic, director of marketing; Sue Coffey, NGV communication manager; and Dr Gerard Vaughan, NGV director.



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Quadbiking in South Africa



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THAI celebrates fifty years

LAST night THAI Airways International hosted the industry at a fabulous celebration at the Sydney Opera House as part of the commemoration of its 50th birthday (*TD* yesterday). The evening saw many senior industry figures join with the carrier looking back over the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and this decade.

A specially produced video featured cameo performances from key supporters reminiscing about THAI through the years, including interviews with Darren Burgess from Flight Centre, Tom Manwaring of Orient Express, Jetset Travelworld's Warwick Blacker, Justin Montgomery from Creative Holidays, Stella Travel ceo Peter Lacaze; and Dennis Alysandratos of Consolidated Travel.

Travel Daily was lucky enough to be included in the event, and took the exclusive pics on this page. At right are TG marketing manager Sue Marr with the carrier's general manager for Australia, Mr Korakot Chatasingha.



LEFT: Peter Lacaze from Stella Travel enjoying the night with Emma Dean from TG in Perth and Paul Millan, Travelscene.

BELOW: Birgit Eisbrenner from Discover The World with outgoing THL chief Carl Frier.



BELOW: Dean Wicks from Zuji/Travelocity; Karena Noble of World Expeditions; Rail Europe's Richard Leonard and Sue Badyari of World Expeditions.

BELOW: Melissa Watt (left) and Rohan Moss from Stella Wholesale catch up with STA Travel managing director Michelle Cox.



BELOW: The Jetset Travelworld crew: Warwick Blacker, Catherine Allison and ceo Peter Collins.



ABOVE: A still smiling Dale Woodhouse from Singapore Airlines with AFTA ceo Jayson Westbury.

RIGHT: Melanie Passman from Air Canada and Fiona Watson of American Express.



RIGHT: Dougall Bain of Infinity Holidays; a clearly excited Tom Manwaring of Orient Express; Flight Centre's Darren Burgess; and Steve Heinrich of Consolidated Travel.



LEFT: Also enjoying the evening: Melvyn Almeida of Consolidated Travel; Webjet ceo Richard Noon; and Dennis Alysandratos of Consolidated Travel.





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