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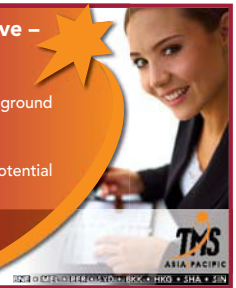
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## Big Jewel screen

P&O Cruises today announced the installation of a gigantic 4x7m pool deck entertainment screen on its Sydney-based *Pacific Jewel* during a planned Nov drydock.

Carnival Australia said the move followed overwhelming enthusiasm for the big screen which will be fitted on P&O's new *Pacific Pearl* when she debuts in Australian waters during Dec.

More details in today's *Cruise Weekly* - [cruiseweekly.com.au](http://cruiseweekly.com.au).

## South Africa fares soar

THE withdrawal of V Australia's Melbourne-Johannesburg flights (TD 26 Aug) has seen Qantas already boost fares on the route by 31% after Feb next year, once VA's services cease operation.

The figures are contained in a submission from an anonymous member of the public to the International Air Services Commission probe into the proposed continuation of the Qantas/South African Airways codeshare (TD 01 Sep).

The IASC has proposed a one year renewal of the pact - but the draft determination came just before the announcement that V Australia was pulling out.

Since then, the submission says, Qantas fares from MEL to JNB for the period from the end of Feb 2011 have jumped to be \$597 more expensive than those available in Feb, increasing to \$803 more expensive from Apr.

"By April 2011 Qantas will be charging more than double what VA charge now, and I have no doubt that this situation will

deteriorate if Qantas and SAA are permitted to continue with their arrangement," the unnamed complainant said.

The submission also suggests that although QF and SAA have flagged increased capacity on the South Africa route (including an extra weekly QF SYD-JNB flight planned from this month), "there is no obligation for either of them to maintain all of this" on the codeshare route which has been the subject of "chronic under capacity" in the past.

The fare increases are a "clear indication that Qantas intend to abuse the lack of competition on the route," the submission said.

### Arrivederci Enzo!

THE Sydney-based head of the Italian Government Tourist Office in Australia and New Zealand, Enzo Luongo, has announced his return to Rome to take up a new role in the ENIT head office.

Luongo has been in Australia for three years, which have seen strong growth in visitation by Aussies and Kiwis to Italy.

The Italian govt is restructuring ENIT's operations around the globe, with the move meaning that Luongo's position (and others like it around the globe) will be filled by local candidates.

Luongo will leave his Sydney post on 16 Nov.

### Bumper issue today

*Travel Daily* today has eight pages of news and photos, including a full round-up of last night's French Tourism extravaganza in Sydney (see page 8) plus full pages of jobs from:

- TMS Asia Pacific
- AA Appointments

## CHC operational

TOURISM New Zealand is advising international travellers to check with agents or accom providers before arriving in earthquake-hit Christchurch which is still in "recovery mode".

TNZ is working to get reliable information to travel sellers, but the city's airport is up and running with travellers able to connect with other cities and regions.

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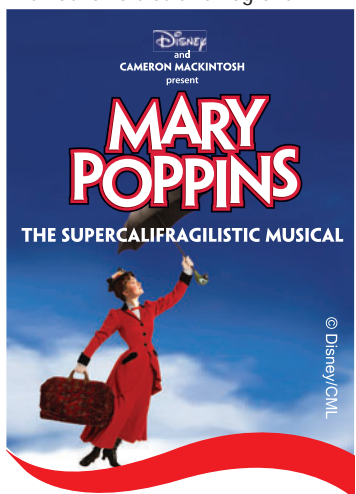
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## JQ looking at BME

JETSTAR is reportedly "looking closely at starting services to Broome," with flights from both Perth and the east coast, according to today's *Australian*.

CEO Bruce Buchanan also said further new route announcements are likely which will see more direct overlap between QF and JQ.

## NTA looks for new chief

PEAK tourism lobby group the National Tourism Alliance is looking for a new ceo, following the resignation of incumbent Jenny Lambert after three years.

During her stint at the NTA Lambert has been involved with a range of government issues including the development of the National Long Term Tourism Strategy and the Jackson Report.

The NTA, which has members including AFTA, the Australian Hotels Association, ATEC, Restaurant and Catering Australia, the Business Events Council, HMAA, the Winemakers' Federation, and the various state tourism industry councils, is said to represent more than 40,000 or 90% of tourism operators.

Applicants are required to have ten years of tourism experience leading either an industry association or business, with a proven track record in the

development of policy and preparation of govt submissions.

The role also includes overseeing the operation of the National Tourism Awards plus being the NTA's chief spokesperson.

A salary package of up to \$120,000 is on offer, based on a minimum of three full time days per week, and a fully equipped city office is provided.

Lambert's departure is the latest in a series of top level changes within tourism lobby groups in Australia, including the resignation of ATEC md Matt Hingerty and the retirement of Australian Airports Association chief Ken Keech, who will be replaced by Caroline Wilkie from TTF Australia (*TD* yesterday).

## JTG-Stella deal rubber stamped

JETSET Travelworld shareholders yesterday gave the official go-ahead to the proposed takeover of Stella Travel (*TD* breaking news), with one insider at the meeting telling *TD* that the move was passed without any dissent or even comment.

In fact the only person to speak at the special general meeting apart from JTG chairman Tom Dery was Stella ceo Peter Lacaze, who just said "Hello" when introduced to the attendees.

More than 99% of JTG shareholders voted in favour of the deal, with the only remaining hurdle being approval by the Foreign Investment Review Board.

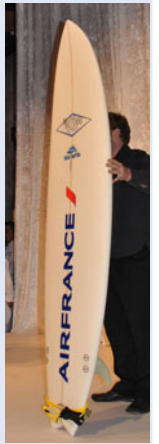
Stella told *TD* yesterday that executives are still focussed on completing the merger by the end of the month.

## Window Seat

THERE could be some sore heads in the Qantas offices today, after last night's French Tourism extravaganza in Sydney (see page 3) saw QF mgr Australia Steve Limbrick presented with a fairly large bottle of Bollinger Champagne (below).

French Tourism's Australian chief Patrick Benhamou honoured QF and Air France for their contribution

to bilateral visitation between Australia and France, also giving the new Air France country manager Australia, Thomas Reeves a special new surfboard (right) so he can really become part of the Aussie beach scene during his posting down under.



Let's hope he didn't drink it all at once! Steve Limbrick accepts the Bolly from Atout France's Herve Le Feuvre.

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## Jetpack attraction

THE latest addition to NZ's adventure tourism offering is a "space-age theme park" near Christchurch Airport, where visitors will be able to pay NZ\$300 for a jetpack ride.

It's the brainchild of Glen Martin, the Kiwi inventor of a one-man jetpack, who says he also plans further JetPack Experience parks in Queenstown, Auckland and Rotorua, according to the *NZ Herald*.

The proposal is currently the subject of a submission to the NZ Civil Aviation Authority, with the jetpacks able to be remotely controlled in the event of a passenger having difficulties.

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## Qantas on British Airways hit list

QANTAS has downplayed suggestions of an expanded alliance with British Airways, after BA and Iberia drew up a list of possible carriers that the expanded group could target for mergers in the future.

UK newspapers have reported

statements by BA ceo Willie Walsh about future acquisitions by the expanded carrier once its deal with Spanish flag carrier Iberia is settled later this year.

"Qantas is a very strong global airline with a great brand, but I'm not sure that they share our view on consolidation at this point," Walsh said, according to the *Financial Review* today.

"We know there's a strong case there - it's definitely something that would be interesting in the future if Qantas were like-minded," he added.

QF corporate affairs chief David Epstein said yesterday that the carrier hasn't had any further merger discussions with BA since Dec 2008, when a proposal fell by the wayside (*TD* 19 Dec).

## EK online push

EMIRATES is offering members of its loyalty program Skywards savings of up to 10% on airfares booked online before 15 Sep.

The promo is part of Skywards' 10th anniversary, with the actual discount based on the length of time a member has been registered with the program.

The minimum discount is 5% for members who signed up between 2005 and 31 Aug 2009, and goes up to 10% for those who joined in 2000 when Skywards debuted.

The deal is valid for travel between 01 Oct - 30 Nov.

## QH HK/Bali product

QANTAS Holidays has announced the release of its 2011-2012 product range for Hong Kong and Bali, valid for travel between 01 Apr 2011 and 31 Mar 2012.

See [qantas.com.au/agents](http://qantas.com.au/agents).

## Cooks entry change

THE Cook Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Immigration has announced changes to its policy for Australian and Kiwi passport holders, meaning it is no longer necessary for visitors to seek authority to visit the nation.

The change came into effect on 30 Aug, and means Aussies don't have to gain approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rarotonga, prior to arrival.

The amendment applies to Australian and NZ passport holders who have at least seven days on their document beyond their intended period of stay in the Cook Islands.

Cook Island Tourism acting NZ manager Kelly Hansen said: "We are very pleased with the amendment as this should make future bookings and travel to the Cook Islands hassle free."

MEANWHILE, Australian arrivals to the Cook Islands soared 63% during Jul, compared to the same month last year - the highest ever figure for the month.

Aussie visitor numbers tallied to 1,584 people, a figure which was likely fueled by Air New Zealand's new seasonal direct Sydney-Rarotonga service.

The local result was a long way off New Zealand's arrivals figure in the Cook Islands, which was up 878 people on last Jul, to 8,554 during the period.

## Peppers Broadbeach to open in Nov

PEPPERS Retreats, Resorts and Hotels will open its new build Peppers Broadbeach property on the Gold Coast in Nov, ahead of its "fully operational" opening scheduled for Mar next year.

The 505-room property has a special opening rate of \$265 per room in a one-bedroom suite for stays from Nov to 01 Mar, which includes a gourmet hamper, unlimited new-release in-room movies, internet and parking.  
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## Bali visits up 51%

IT'S no wonder Qantas, Pacific Blue Airlines and Strategic Airlines are vying for an extra allocation of seating on services to Denpasar, Indonesia (*TD* 20 Aug).

Recent arrivals figures from Bali's Provincial Statistics Office show a 51% surge in Aussie visitors from Jan to Jul 2010, compared to the same time last year.

## China Air to Sky?

TAIPEI-based China Airlines will sign a Letter of Intent to join the SkyTeam airline alliance later this month, boosting the network's number of destinations covered by 93 to 898 locations.

It's expected that negotiations will take at least six months to finalise before a deal is struck.

## Don't forget to enter our ski issue competition!



EXCLUSIVE to the 2010 Northern Hemisphere Ski Issue, *Travel Daily* is giving readers the chance to win an amazing ski holiday in Switzerland.

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The NTA is looking for a strategic thinker, and a person who can add value, provide leadership and demonstrate an experience that will deliver for the NTA into the future.

The NTA Board seeks Expressions of Interest from suitable candidates who should first obtain an application information pack by emailing an enquiry to [EOI@tourismalliance.org](mailto:EOI@tourismalliance.org) or download the information pack at <http://www.tourismalliance.org/eoi>.



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### German tax OK'd

THE controversial new German 'ecological air travel levy' (TD 09 Jun) has been approved by the German government, according to *Air Transport World*.

The new variable departure tax will apply to passengers on flights ticketed after 01 Jan 2011, and is based on a flight's noise level and fuel consumption distances flown.

Pax flying on short-haul flights (up to 2,500kms) will be slugged €8 (AU\$11), pax on mid-haul flights (2,500 to 6,000kms) will be hit with a €25 charge (AU\$35), and those on long-haul services (over 6,000kms) will need to pay a €45 levy (AU\$63).

The tax is expected to raise about \$1 billion Euro each year.

### QF contacting pax

QANTAS is today advising agents it will be contacting all customers with existing codeshare bookings on Mexicana flights about re-booking on alternative services, following MX's suspension of all services, including MexicanaClick and MexicanaLink, as flagged by TD last month (TD 30 Aug).

Alternatives include flying with American or Alaska Airlines.

### Sterling Thai signing

THE Preferred Hotel Group's Sterling Hotels brand has added its first property in Thailand, the ShaSa Resort & Residences in Koh Samui.

The 31-suite property is PHG's 19th hotel in Thailand.

### Hilton appointment

HILTON Worldwide has appointed Celina Low as Senior Director, Corporate Communications for Asia Pacific, based in Singapore.

The role will see Low promote Hilton as it continues to expand in the Asia Pacific region.



### Globus drives it home

YESTERDAY the Globus Family of Brands hosted its annual golf day at the prestigious Elanora Country Club in Sydney's northern suburbs.

More than 100 industry guests took part in the keenly contested event which Globus ceo Stewart Williams and his staff hold to thank the company's key partners, including airlines and travel agents, for their ongoing support throughout the year.

A sparkling spring day saw many go home with rosy complexions, while the event also provided a relaxed atmosphere for some high

level networking.

The overall winners were lucky enough to be offered places on next May's inaugural sailing of Avalon Waterways' new *Avalon Panorama*, while there were lots of other generous prizes on offer too.

The winning group is pictured above with Avalon Waterways ambassador Steve Liebmann (left) and Globus chief Stewart Williams (third from right): Stefano Teghini and Glen Welsh of Offset Alpine Printing; and Gary Mangesdorf and Roger Sussmann of Osman Insurance Brokers.



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## Jetset Midland collects 9



ABOVE: Jetset Midland in Western Australia collected nine awards, including the Jetset WA Agency of the Year for the third consecutive time at the recent Jetset Travelworld Group awards.

The event coincided with JTG's WA state conference late last month, held at the Sheraton Hotel Perth, drawing over 180 people.

Pictured here are the staff from Jetset Midland accepting the award from JTG's Julie Primmer and Warwick Blackler.

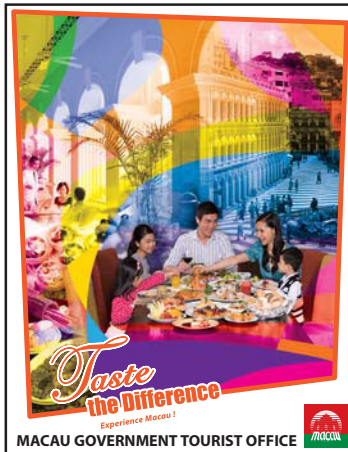
From left are: Pat Christie, Lisa Klemm, Geoff Malthouse, Ashley Baker, Julie Primmer JTG, Ronnie Malthouse, Dave Ahlhauser (in front), Warwick Blackler JTG and Esther McNeil.

## Malaysia freebies

VENTURE Holidays is offering free nights in Kuala Lumpur when booking a four-night air and land package flying with Malaysia Airlines, priced from \$1,089ppts.

Deals at the Dorsett Regency in KUL are priced from \$1089ppts ex Adelaide, while a four-night Kuching/two-night Royal Mulu Resort package is available for \$1779ppts, for travel on various dates to 14 Jun, on sale till 20 Sep.

Packages ex MEL and SYD are priced from \$1085, and \$1099 respectively.



## Delhi dengue

JUST in time for the upcoming Commonwealth Games, DFAT has issued an updated travel advice for India, with new information including a warning about a seasonal outbreak of dengue fever which is "more significant than in recent years" with cases expected to rise in Sep and Oct.

## CZ Prem Economy

CHINA Southern Airlines has rolled out its Premium Economy seating to the Australian market, with the commencement of the cabin service on flights from Guangzhou to Sydney on Fri.

CZ plans to introduce the seats, which feature a 40% increase in pitch in Economy class, on both Brisbane and Melbourne services on 31 Oct.

## Bay of Fires walk

LIFE'S An Adventure says its the only adventure company to now offer a walking trip that takes in the complete 37kms of the Bay of Fires Track in Tasmania.

The three-day guided walk costs \$799 per person.

## Alex joins Insight

INSIGHT Vacations has added The Alex hotel in New York City to its list of accommodation options in 'The Big Apple', featured in its 2011 USA & Canada program.

The property is located in Midtown Manhattan and is offered to guests on Insight's 16-day Best of Eastern Canada & USA tour as part of the tour, or as extra accom, priced from \$219ppts.

## EU Ghana blacklist

GHANA'S Meridian Airways has been added to the list of airlines banned from flying into the European Union, imposed by the European Commission.

Meridian was included on the blacklist due to poor results from inspections of its aircraft and facilities used by the airline.

Airlift International, also from Ghana, has been slapped with an operating restriction too, which means it can now only operate one of its aircraft into the EU.

Four other individual airlines remain on the EU blacklist - they are Ariana Afghan Airlines, Blue Wing Airlines, Siem Reap Airways International and Silverback Cargo Freighters.

## BA/Fisher c'share

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## Tahiti winner delay

TRAVEL Daily will announce the name of the winner of last month's Tahiti comp in tomorrow's issue.

## JAL connect times

JAPAN Airlines says it will be able to trim 10 minutes off the minimum connection times needed on JAL Group flights when it moves to Tokyo Haneda Airport in Oct.

The new minimum connection times required will be: domestic to international - 70 mins; int'l to domestic - 60 mins; and int'l to int'l - 50 mins.

JAL is also introducing a direct eight minute shuttle bus between its domestic flight Terminal and the new int'l terminal, for JAL and partner airlines passengers.

## AFTA UPDATE

the latest insights from AFTA's Chief Executive, Jayson Westbury



*Well we should know who is to be the next Prime Minister of Australia today. By the time TD hits you and you are reading this column we may well know which way the independents have gone and who they have decided to support to form a government.*

*Some might say the last few weeks have been refreshing. That is that we have not been constantly reminded of every sniff and sneeze that the Prime Minister has made and every little bit of irrelevant policy reported on radio, in print and on the television. But, in real terms all we have been doing is treading water.*

*Meanwhile, on both a local and global front, we are fast becoming irrelevant. Countries need a government and a stable government. This is central to all of our success, so let's hope that the outcome is known. Either way, this week will mean that we get back to business in terms of working with government on policy development.*

*The announcement will also mean that we can now seek further clarification about the outcomes of the review of consumer protection and confirmed what the plan is going forward and the timetable.*

*You will also notice in today's Travel Daily that the National Tourism Alliance has advertised the role of Chief Executive. As you would be aware, I am the Deputy Chairman of the NTA and will be involved in the selection process for this new person.*

*Jenny Lambert, who has been the CEO of NTA for the past three years, has done an outstanding job. Jenny has been extremely involved in the many tourism related working groups, the Jackson report and now the National Long Term Tourism Strategy.*

*Jenny has served the entire tourism industry very well and while she will be working until a replacement is found, her time at the NTA will be remembered well and her efforts acknowledged with great thanks.*

*Whatever her next adventure is, I am sure Jenny will go on to contribute as she has contributed so well in the advancement of the National Tourism Alliance and more broadly the various policy agenda's put forward by the Australian Tourism Industry.*



## Eurotunnel record

THE Eurotunnel achieved a record number of pax vehicles being carried in both directions in one day last month, at 14,825 cars and 150 coaches.

The 14 Aug 2010 result exceeded the previous highest daily result recorded back in 1999.

## Ascott in Bali

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This fantastic prize includes return economy airfares from Sydney to Honolulu with Hawaiian Airlines, six nights accommodation at your choice of an Aqua property in Waikiki and return transfers with a lei greeting.

Each day *Travel Daily* will ask a Hawaii-related question – just read the issue and email us your answer. At the end of the month the subscriber with the most correct entries and the most creative response to the final question will win this fantastic Hawaii holiday.

## Q.5: What is Hawaiian Airlines luggage allowance?

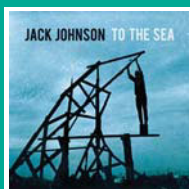
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Hint! Visit [www.hawaii-tourism.com.au](http://www.hawaii-tourism.com.au)

Plus, a daily prize of the new Jack Johnson CD - To The Sea (pictured to the right) will be awarded for the first correct entry received, thanks to **Universal Music Australia.**

Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner: **Joanne Gatus from Wotif Group.**

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## Qantas turnaround

A MANILA-bound Qantas Boeing 767 with 158 passengers onboard was forced to return to Sydney midway through its journey on Mon, after an indicator light came on in the cockpit, alerting pilots of a possible issue with its wet weather anti-skidding gear.

Due to bad weather forecasts in Manila, the pilots made the decision to return to their origin.

Upon landing safely back in Sydney the passengers reboarded a replacement aircraft, and departed for Manila around seven hours after their initial time.

"Our engineers will have a look at the aircraft and determine if there is a problem with the aircraft," a QF spokesman said.

## Starwood SPG app

STARWOOD Hotels and Resorts Worldwide has launched its Starwood Preferred Guest App for Blackberry phones, allowing users to browse and make reservations at 1000 properties globally.

## Air crash odds

THE odds of being killed on a scheduled passenger air service in a developing country is 13 times more likely than a First World country, according to professor and researcher Arnold Barnett.

Barnett calculated that the odds of dying on a scheduled flight in a First World country, such as Japan or Canada, are one in 14 million where developing countries, such as Brazil or India, are as low as one in 2 million.

## Japan trade shop

THE Japan Australia Mission Downunder international travel trade forum will for the first time in Australia be hosted on the Gold Coast.

The week long forum will attract 40 Japanese buyers from Sapporo, Tokyo, Nagoyo, Osaka and Fukuoka, who will be involved in activities to familiarise themselves with the Gold Coast experience.

In Dec 2009, 115,000 Japanese travellers visited the region spending more than \$89million, making it the second largest international source market.

## Paris temptations

TEMPO Holidays is offering four nights in Paris for the price of three at the Hotel Le Royal or Hotel Park Lane Paris, valid for select dates from 01 Dec to 25 Feb.

Prices start at \$354ppts at Le Royal - [www.tempoholidays.com](http://www.tempoholidays.com).

## QF adds BNE/BME

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# French Tourism splashes out

LAST night hundreds of travel agents, suppliers, celebrities, media and representatives of French companies gathered in the ballroom of the Sydney Sofitel Wentworth Hotel for an "Elegant French Soiree" wine-themed function to showcase the tourism product of the Bordeaux-Aquitaine region.

The event was part of this year's French Tourism Workshops which are on today in Sydney, tomorrow at the Sofitel Melbourne and on Fri at the Hyatt Regency in Auckland featuring over 60 exhibitors.

TD's exclusive photos on this page were taken during last night's gala event, which was titled 'A wine-and-only Rendezvous' - and it certainly lived up to its name, with guests treated to exceptional French cuisine and matching Bordeaux-Aquitaine regional wines.



ABOVE: Major sponsors included Sofitel, Qantas and Air France, and Patrick Benhamou from Atout France is pictured above with Kylie Menzies from Qantas and Fanny Mauchien of Air France - in front of the giant 'wine wall' fountain at the event.

RIGHT: Guests were welcomed by beret-clad children treading out the harvest in the foyer of the Sydney Sofitel Wentworth.

RIGHT: Christian Blondeau of France @ Leisure and Greg McCallum of Rail Plus were among the many agents and suppliers at the event.



ABOVE: The event included the official establishment of the 826th Chapter of the Confrere des Piliers Chablisiens (Brotherhood of the Wine Pillars) - an ancient Burgundian organisation whose members are dedicated to promoting Chablis and the wines of Burgundy.

The new Atout France Sydney branch of the organisation was created through an arcane ritual, with curiously dressed officials from the brotherhood (pictured right) inducting eight new members in a mysterious ceremony which involved the reading of an official proclamation, group singing of a special French song, the quaffing of some Chablis by the inductees and lots of general merriment.

Four of the new members of the not-so-secret brotherhood are pictured above from left after pledging their eternal devotion to Burgundian alcoholic beverages: Aussie

culinary icon Tony Bilson, Tourism Australia chief Andrew McEvoy (who seemed to be quite thirsty), Melissa Doyle from Channel 7's *Sunrise* show, and former Sydney Lord Mayor Lucy Turnbull.

The other inductees included Aussie coffee king Les Schirato from Vittoria Coffee, Trimex Australia ceo Jean-Marc Carriol, celebrity foodie Maeve O'Mara and the one and only Patrick Benhamou from French Tourism.



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### Corporate Travel Consultant

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