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PacificFlier sale

RESERVATIONS on PacificFlier services between Brisbane and Micronesia are still suspended, with a sale of the fledgling carrier believed to be imminent.

It's understood that settlement of the deal, being handled by Coffs Harbour-based Seachange Business Brokers, was due this week but has been delayed due to "final legal processes".



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Worldhotels plots growth

HOTEL marketing group WORLDHOTELS has appointed highly experienced Aussie hotelier Richard Munro as its new Director Hotel Development for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Munro, whose most recent role was as hotel general manager of Star City in Sydney (TD 28 Apr 10) is also former NSW chairman of the Australian Hotels Association and was voted AHA 'General Manager of the Year in 2009'.

Worldhotels recently launched a

new 'global branding solution for upscale independent hotels' (TD 23 Dec), and Munro will oversee a major initiative to lift the group's regional presence.

"Independent four and five-star hotels can now brand themselves as 'Worldhotels' and benefit from the impact, support and strong return on investment of a global brand while still maintaining their unique identity," said Worldhotels Asia-Pacific vp Roland Jegge.

The group's initial branded properties are located in Almaty, Munich and Hamburg, with a target of 50 hotels by 2013.

Worldhotel's affiliate model has been launched as an "innovative alternative to conventional franchise and management contracts with global hospitality brands".

The twelve existing Australasian Worldhotels members include Stamford properties in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Auckland as well as Tabcorp's Star City, Jupiters and Treasury hotel casinos in Sydney, Townsville, the Gold Coast and Brisbane.

QH trip bonuses

QANTAS Holidays is offering 500 bonus Trip loyalty points for every domestic combined air and land package booking, as well as 1000 points for air and land bookings in the Northern Territory or Fiji - details on page nine.

Bumper issue again

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

- AA Appointments career fair
- Qantas Holidays Trip bonus
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XR drops 3 routes

PERTH-based Skywest Airlines is culling three of its regional routes from 28 Feb.

Kalbarri, Monkey Mia/Shark Bay and Carnarvon are all being axed, with passengers holding bookings provided with a full refund.

The change follows a shake-up of govt-subsidised WA routes, with Skippers Aviation named the preferred carrier to these ports.

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Second Egypt flight

THE Federal Government has chartered a second mercy flight to evacuate Australian citizens from Cairo, after the first QF service to Frankfurt was quickly booked out.

DFAT has confirmed that more than 600 Aussies have registered to be evacuated from Egypt, with the department also boosting its consular staff in the strife-torn country to deal with the crisis.

Qantas this afternoon said it would provide free onward carriage for the evacuees from Frankfurt or London to Australia.

EK confirms boost

EMIRATES this morning announced details of its European capacity expansion (*TD* yest.) incl double daily Hamburg services from 01 Sep, new daily flights to Geneva from 01 Jun and the 01 Aug addition of Copenhagen.

The expansion to 11 weekly Vienna flights has been welcomed by Astrid Mulholland-Licht of the Austrian National Tourist Office, who told *TD* the extra capacity and improved connections would "help us to further expand business into 'the Heart of Europe'".

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Webjet drops Delta fares

WEBJET has slammed Delta Air Lines for attempting to "cherry pick" the online agency's revenue production (*TD* breaking news).

This morning Webjet took the "unprecedented step" of removing Delta fares from its Australian and New Zealand websites - in retaliation for a Delta move which has seen the carrier withdraw its inventory from Webjet North America.

"The particularly galling component of Delta's actions in North America is that Delta has acknowledged Webjet has been fully compliant with all of Delta's North American ticketing display and other regulatory processes," said Webjet md David Clarke.

He said the US operation had received notification of the Delta withdrawal "without any sensible reason or appropriate notice."

It's understood that many other online travel agencies in the USA have also received similar termination notices from DL.

Clarke said that in the Australian and NZ markets Webjet contributes "substantial and growing revenue" to Delta, adding

that "of course there is an intense hunger from Delta's competitors for our traffic".

He said that the company was considering all legal options that may be available to the North American operation to reverse the "discriminatory, unfair and unjust decision by Delta".

It's not clear what the impact of the move might be on Webjet's relationship with Virgin Blue, which is currently awaiting US approval of a wide-ranging pact with Delta (*TD* yesterday, p6).

Commenting, Clarke noted that the alliance is not yet approved.

"We will see," he told *TD* today.

Blow to Qld tourism

CYCLONE Yasi which is currently threatening the Qld coast, has been upgraded to a Category 5 storm - larger than Cyclone Tracy which devastated Darwin on Christmas Day 1974.

Resorts up and down the coast have been evacuated and cities and towns are battenning down the hatches for the cyclone which is expected to hit land tonight.

Tourism Queensland has lamented the further impact on the state, stressing that regions such as the Gold and Sunshine Coasts remain unaffected by either the cyclone or floods.

Airbus joins QF-Rolls Royce action

AIRBUS has become involved in the legal action between Qantas and Rolls Royce over the QF32 engine explosion above the Indonesian island of Batam in Nov.

The European manufacturer has filed an affidavit in the Federal Court asking that its contracts with Qantas remain confidential.

QF is seeking damages from Rolls Royce, with some estimates suggesting an impact of more than \$200m in costs and lost revenue, according to the *Age*.

Window Seat

VIRGIN Blue ceo John Borghetti made a blunder today when he announced the carrier's new sponsorship deal with Olympic swimmer Ian Thorpe.

The Thorpedo's comeback will see him attempt to qualify for the 2012 Olympics in London - with his training regime to kick off on 24 Feb in Abu Dhabi.

Unfortunately Borghetti made a bit of a slip during the presentation, telling Thorpe: "You're going to win lots of gold for Qantas".

A number of quick-witted *TD* readers have quipped that the gaffe was a bit of a Virgin blue.

A BRITISH immigration officer was apparently so sick of his wife that he had her added to a terrorism watch list.

According to the UK *Mirror*, the unnamed official had the woman's name added to the list of banned travellers while she was on an overseas trip.

When she wanted to return from visiting family in Pakistan she was denied boarding, and ended up being unable to return home for three years.

In the interim the immigration officer reportedly "had the time of his life".

The underhanded deed was discovered when he applied for a promotion, and a security check revealed his wife was on the watch list.

TD has once again done its duty by the industry, sampling some special cupcakes sent out by the Sebel Pier One Sydney yesterday.

The tasty tidbits were decorated with a tiny chainsaw, hammer, wrench and power drill, all made from icing, to celebrate the completion of renovations which will see the unveiling of new "Hecker & Guthrie designed guestrooms".

We're happy to report that the cupcakes (pictured above) were delicious.



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Here they are - the new AFTA ads

THE industry as a whole yesterday afternoon got its first good look at the long-awaited final artwork for AFTA's planned consumer advertising push (TD breaking news).

AFTA ceo told members the release was the first step in a sustained awareness campaign which will run in the lead up to the NTIA in Jul.

The ads, pictured below, also have the modified tag line "Without an AFTA Travel Agent

you're on your own" which ceo Jayson Westbury said would promote the use of AFTA members.

"We receive numerous calls from consumers, checking if the agencies they are using are AFTA members," he said.

AFTA members are able to use the imagery at no cost for print, brochure or online advertising.

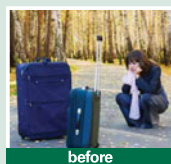
There are also versions of each concept available for co-branding by individual agencies.

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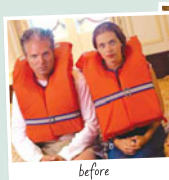


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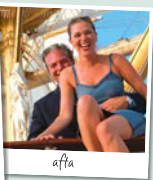
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The corporate version (above) and the humorous cruise ad (right) were both popular with agents when previewed at the various agency conferences last year.

ABOVE: AFTA has updated its standard banner ad, with the previous version still gracing the doors of hundreds of agencies courtesy of the sticker produced by TD in 2005.



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TQ weatherproofing

TOURISM Queensland will host a series of 'Weatherproof your Business' workshops for the trade in parts of the Sunshine State in coming weeks.

The organisation has also put out a workbook on the topic, which provides a step by step guide as to what tourism businesses need to do to ensure they are prepared for a weather related event.

Workshops are planned for Townsville, Cairns, Brisbane, Airlie Beach, Sunshine Coast, Palm Cove, Yeppon, Julia Creek, Gold Coast, Magnetic Island and Bundaberg.

Pacific Sun to go

FIJIAN domestic carrier Pacific Sun will cut its workforce by nearly 70% as part of restructuring of the Air Pacific subsidiary.

According to the *Fiji Times*, just 27 of the carrier's 85 employees have not been made redundant.

ACC MICE focus

ADELAIDE Convention Centre has partnered with Suntec Int'l Convention & Exhibition Services in Singapore in a bid to tap into the MICE market from Asia.

"Lead times in confirming events in our industry can be quite lengthy...so it is crucial we step up our efforts in attracting events from this market now," said ACC chief exec. Alec Gilbert.

CH stocktake sale

CREATIVE Holidays has released a Travel Stocktake sale with new deals to Fiji and Dubai including bonus accommodation, discounted airfares, tours and transfers.

Fiji's Fly and Stay package at Tambua Sands Beach Resort is priced from \$919 ex Brisbane, and includes accom, brekkie, and transfers, on sale until 25 Feb for travel 01 Apr to 31 Aug.

The three night Arabian stopover is priced from \$372ppts.

Deb's off to Vanuatu

CONGRATS to TravelManagers Debra Deane who has been named as the winner of last month's Vanuatu competition, which featured exclusively in TD.

Debra has won a five-night trip for two to Vanuatu courtesy of Vanuatu Tourism Office, staying at the Warwick Le Lagon Resort & Spa and including return economy class flights with Air Vanuatu.

To win, she simply correctly answered the five questions that featured in the past month, and submitted this response as to how "Vanuatu will help her *Discover what Matters?*"

Debra said - "To discover what truly matters, strip away the ephemera of daily life and step into the exciting unknown: Vanuatu - adventure or relaxation - it's your choice!"



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AW roadshows

ADVENTURE World will hold its invitation only travel trade event series nationally during Mar.

Wholesalers in attendance will include Gap Adventures, Acacia Africa, TrekAmerica, Fez Travel Turkey, Rocky Mountaineer Vacations and more.

Sydney will hold the first series on 09 Mar followed by Brisbane 14, Melbourne 15, Adelaide 16 and Perth 17.

BKH appointment

BROOME and The Kimberley Holidays recently welcomed Karen Castiglioni to the newly created role of National Marketing and Product Manager.

JetBlue LAX/FLL

US LOW-COST carrier JetBlue Airways has switched its coast-to-coast operation base from Long Beach to Los Angeles in California, for flights to Fort Lauderdale in Florida, effective 11 May.

The move has been made due to "popular demand".

JetBlue will continue to operate services from Long Beach to other destinations, and will bump up frequencies to Las Vegas as well as launch a new Anchorage service from the hub on 23 May.

Strategic axes route

STRATEGIC Airlines says capacity restrictions are behind the demise of its direct Port Hedland-Bali service, which are to be wound up on 22 Mar, after six months operation.

Head of commercial, Damien Vasta said late last month: "Due to infrastructure constraints at the airport (in Port Hedland) that impact on the efficiency of border control processing, we are prevented from selling any more than 100 seats per flight on our 156 seat aircraft."

Vasta said Strategic was hopeful when it launched the regional route that Port Hedland would improve its infrastructure to handle a greater number of international pax, but the airline's review had identified that "this is not possible at this point in time."

Strategic's Port Hedland-Brisbane domestic service is not impacted by the move, however improved arrival and departure times will be adopted to cater for the resources sector.

Pax affected by the service pull out are being deferred to WA's Skywest Airlines.

YUL Sheraton hotel

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts will open its third Sheraton branded property in Apr, with the Sheraton Montreal Airport Hotel.

The 476-room property joins Starwood's Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel and Sheraton Laval Hotel in Canada's second largest city.

Pandaw adds 8th

PANDAW River Cruises has announced it will launch its 8th vessel by next Jan, with the *RV Katha Pandaw* (to be based on the Irrawaddy Flotilla class of ship), to feature just 16 staterooms.

The 'safari ship' will feature an informal open deck for "wining and dining", and will operate 10- and 14-night sailings, which are now available to book.

MEANWHILE, the cruiseline says it plans to operate voyages to Laos in 2012, but is awaiting final permission from the Laos gov't.

10% off Spain tours

TEMPO Holidays is reminding agents that its 10% discount on three of its popular Spain tours is due to end on 28 Feb.

The six day Fascinating Andalucia, Seven day Spanish Heritage and nine day Flavours of Spain and Portugal itineraries are now priced from \$847ppts for departures from 01 Mar to 31 Oct.

Priority Pass apps

INDEPENDENT airport lounge program Priority Pass has announced the launch of an App for the Apple iPhone and iPad.

As well as a GPS-based 'Find Nearest Lounge' tool it also allows users to see details of all 600+ global airport lounges in the program.

Rail Tickets brox

STELLA'S wholesale train division Rail Tickets has launched its 2011 Train Travel Guide, with new products including a Rail Protection Plan and new Scenic Journeys in Canada, Spain and Switzerland.

Explore treks

EXPLORE Worldwide has a range of Adventure Treks on offer in Europe, China, South America and Africa.

The walking and trekking tours vary in levels, contain a maximum of 16 people on each trek and offer a number of accom options including chalets, family-run-hotels and camp sites - see exploreworldwide.com.au.

WIN A MOVIE DOUBLE PASS

Congratulations to **Vicky Steele** from **Infinity Holidays**, who was yesterday's lucky winner.

Travel Daily has teamed up with **Coco Palm Resorts** this week and is giving readers the chance to win one of five Event Cinemas double movie passes.

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Capricorn courts NZ

TOURISM representatives from Queensland's Capricorn region are this week touring New Zealand in a move to entice a greater number of Kiwi's to the region.

Capricorn Tourism & Economic Development will participate in travel shows in Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington in Feb.

"Promoting our magnificent Southern Great Barrier Reef further afield is critical to increasing our tourism visitation to our destination," CTED ceo, Mary Carroll.

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TCF additions

THE Travel Compensation Fund admitted six new head offices in the second half of Jan 2011, all located in New South Wales.

New additions include *Keating Tours* of Gunnedah (ABN: 74 003 580 265); *Aussie Jolly Holiday* of Roseville (ABN: 46 135 383 372); *SP Oceanic* of Wentworthville (ABN: 25 146 891 849) and *Himalayan Experience* of Sapphire Beach (ABN: 26 147 310 969).

A restructure at JTG has also seen the group register two new head office locations for Jetset Pty Ltd, trading as jetset.com.au, and Travelworld Pty Ltd, trading as travelworld.com.au.

The Jetset and Travelworld head offices are located at Level 28, Australia Square Tower, at 264 George Street, Sydney 2000.

Pearl special at sea

PEARL Sea Coastal Cruises is offering group discounts when purchasing two or more cabins on its seven- and 13-day Kimberley coast cruises in 2011 and 2012, onboard the *Kimberley Quest II*.

Bookings of two or three cabins will save 5%, while a 10% discount is offered on four or more cabins.

Prices for the seven-day cruise start from \$8,345pp and the 13 day itineraries are \$12,095pp - see www.kimberleyquest.com.au.

Scenic Royal tour

SCENIC Tours is offering a 16-day Great Britain Royal Wedding Experience with special hosts Kerri-Anne Kennerley and Deborah Thomas.

Priced from \$8,495pp the tour departs 27 Apr and takes in London, Scotland and Wales.

First Aussie brox

INDIAN travel operator, Peirce and Leslie, has released its first dedicated Australian brochure.

'Circle of Life - Journey through India' features six boutique luxury tours including the 12 day 'A Royal Romance' itinerary taking in Delhi, Agra and Rajasthan.

Gray Line free ride

SEAWORLD San Diego and Southern California Gray Line has reintroduced free round trip transportation between Anaheim and SeaWorld, when purchasing tickets to the theme park.

50 Degrees tour

50 DEGREES North has a 50-day rail journey 'Around the World on 50 Degrees' that travels from Beijing to Mongolia, across Siberia to Moscow and onto St Petersburg.

For more details on the trip visit fiftydegreesnorth.com/tours.

Expedia/WS pact

ONLINE travel company Expedia has renewed its distribution deal with Canadian low-cost carrier WestJet, which provides the firm with access to the carrier's full schedule of fares and inventory.

The multi-year agreement covers the Expedia, Egcencia and Hotwire portals in the US/Canada.

DJ tells NZ 'no reason to refuse'

VIRGIN Blue and Delta Air Lines have told the NZ Minister of Transport that there is "no reason to refuse to authorise" their proposed trans-Pacific Alliance, which is planned to cover select services across the Tasman.

Last month, Australia's Int'l Air Services Commission gave Delta the green light to codeshare on Pacific Blue Australia services between points in Australia and Auckland and Christchurch.

However this application seeks to "exemplify to the US regulator the applicants' intention to expand to New Zealand" (TD yesterday).

In their joint application to Steven Joyce, DJ/DL reiterated that their pact would result in "significant public benefits".

They told the NZ authority the tie-up would enable the carriers "to better maintain existing routes" and allow them to raise trans-Pacific routes & frequencies "faster than (what) would occur absent the Alliance." Other benefits highlighted incl greater choice of routes and lower fares across the Pacific that "will facilitate increased tourism and employment in aviation and other sectors".

"Declining authorisation would have an undesirable effect on international comity between New

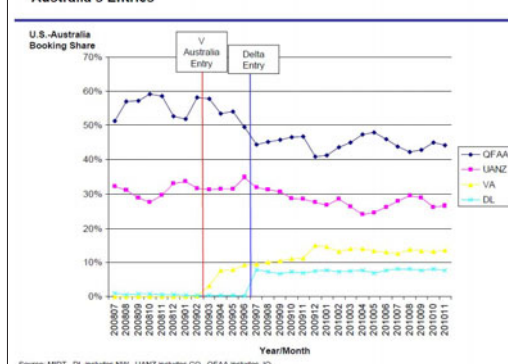
Zealand and the United States," the carriers claimed.

Virgin and Delta also flagged that their alliance is "anticipated" to serve NZ as a 'beyond' point, via DJ's gateways in Australia, but this could mean the airlines are considering direct NZ/US services sometime in the future.

The carriers also revealed that along with the much mooted new routes across the Pacific they will also boost the number of services on existing Australia-US routes.

MEANWHILE, Virgin and Delta have provided the US Dept of Transportation with further details as to market share stabilisation on

U.S.-Australia Market Shares Have Stabilized in the Wake of Delta and V Australia's Entries



the trans-Pacific route (TD yest).

The Applicants used the above graph to highlight that airline market share across the Pacific "changed instantly and significantly" when VA and Delta began ops in Feb and Jul 2009.

Over the past 12 months the graph indicates that QF/AA have held a 41-46% market share, UA/NZ have a 26-30% cut, VA has a 13-15% slice and DL has a 7-8% share.

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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.



Fiji's newest five star luxury resort has begun construction on the northern side of Mana Island, with the building of **TADRAI ISLAND RESORT** to be completed by Sep 2011. The property will consist of five villas with

outdoor plunge pools and private decks overlooking the ocean. It will also feature a restaurant, bar and fresh water pool.



The **W RETREAT & SPA BALI SEMINYAK** will open its doors on 01 Mar, unveiling an "uber-cool and trendy beachfront enclave of the hotel". The hotel has been redesigned to exude an exhilarating look and feel, offering

158 retreat and suites and another 79 villa retreats, featuring their own private entrances and pool.



AQUA HOTELS & RESORTS will introduce a new 'beach boutique' concept at its Hawaii properties over the next few months. A new design has been created for the guest amenities items which will be rolled out throughout the year including the first item which will be a custom beach towel. A sand chair will also be launched. The hotelier says it's offering lifestyle services and amenities, without the luxury price tag.



The **GRAND MILLENNIUM AL WAHDA** is a new five star property for Abu Dhabi. Located in the business district and positioned adjacent to Al Wahda Mall, only a 30 minute drive from the International Airport. The hotel is made up of two golden towers containing 588 rooms and 262 serviced apartments. The 33rd floor is the rooftop pool & health club.



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Inside Sales Support Co-ordinator NSW/ACT Based in Sydney

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and Mr. Aryo Wijoseno - aryo.wijoseno@garuda.com.au
by the 14th of February 2011.

Only applicants of interest will be contacted.

Insight Forum tour

INSIGHT Vacations will this year runs its 3rd Travel Forum Member tour, an itinerary that's been exclusively designed by members of the tour operator's online travel forum, on 10 Sep.

The 16-day exclusive Treasures of the Balkans trip departs London and visits England's southern coast, West Country and the Channel Is.

It's priced from \$4,136ppts, with bookings made by 07 Feb receiving a 10% discount.

TM expo details

TRAVELMANAGERS will offer prospective home based agents the opportunity to find out more about the network's technology, training and remuneration, and speak with other personal travel managers as part of its first ever information evenings being held in Syd, Mel, Bne and Per (TD24 Jan).

AF Euronews switch

PASSENGERS on Air France long-haul services will be able to catch up with the latest news inflight via Euronews, after the carrier announced a new deal with the broadcaster to air content over its in-flight entertainment system.

Universal appoints

UNIVERSAL Studios Hollywood has appointed Gate 7 as its Australian based sales and communication representatives.

Former Delta Air Lines and Air New Zealand employee, Danielle Tuffield will manage the account nationally.

IR more product

INTERNATIONAL Rail has expanded its product throughout the UK and Europe to include private car transfers and ferry bookings on crossings between popular European ports.

Agents can book the add-on services with a range of accommodation options online at agent.internationalrail.com.au.

DriveMyCar GPS

DRIVEMYCAR Rentals has added GPSs to vehicles of members who provide their cars to the service, so they can track their vehicles when hired.

The company already has a list of 5,000 members across the nation, with vehicles including Ferraris and Porsches - for details see drivemycarrentals.com.au.

Indo E-passports

INDONESIA is cracking down on Passport fraud with the country trialing the electronic E-passport in Central, South and West Jakarta since late last month.

2 new Kirra brox's

KIRRA Holidays has launched two of its 2011 programs dedicated to driving holidays and Ski and Snowboarding - for more info see www.kirraholidays.com.

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New job for Vince

FORMER Korean Airlines NSW/ACT sales mgr Vince Arnone has taken up a new role as National Sales & Marketing Manager for The World Travel Group, which incorporates brands including Honeymoon Worldwide Holidays.

Can you ID these people?



AVID *Travel Daily* reader Bill Lee from MTA Travel Air Product is asking for the industry's help to identify the people in this photo.

The nostalgia began when Lee walked into Travelscene North Sydney recently - right into the path of TSAX's National Training Manager Robyn Willis Inglis.

Both said 'I know you', but it was Inglis who was the first to recall that the pair had met in Hong Kong in 1977 when Lee was working as a tour manager for Cathay Pacific, along with a group of wholesalers.

The visit to Hong Kong was for the group to set the new year's hotel rates and sample potential

Syd F&B stands out

SYDNEY International Airport has been given top honours for its food and beverage offerings at the Airport Food and Beverage Conference held in the UK.

QF 9th A380 arrival

QANTAS is adding its ninth Airbus A380 to its fleet, with the arrival of VH-OQH (dubbed Reginald Ansett) flying in from Toulouse and Singapore tonight.

new sightseeing tours.

Lee and Inglis have identified the following people from the picture but would like *TD*'s help in picking the rest.

On the far left is: Bob Jefferies from Sachi Tours; far right: Col Harding, Westpac Travel; Bill Lee is the other guy standing at the back; and the 'emperor' in the centre is Brian King from Kings Tours; Robyn is the gorgeous female far right; and the laughing lady is Meredith Dymond.

Help us fill in the gaps by emailing your identifications to info@traveldaily.com.au.

PT Pacific Royale

A NEW low-cost carrier is set to launch flights from Jakarta to Chennai and Mumbai.

Applications for PT Pacific Royale services have been lodged in both Indonesia and India.

South Africa floods

THE Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade is advising travellers to South Africa that a state of disaster has been declared by the government there due to floods in a number of provinces.

AFTA lifts training standards

ALL educational institutions offering training in tourism, hospitality and events in Australia will be required to include significant new industry-relevant elements, under changes announced yesterday by Service Skills Australia.

The enhancements follow three years of lobbying by Rick Myatt from AFTA Education and Training, and will see "several core aspects" of the Certificate III Tourism (Retail Travel Sales) course reinstated to the package.

These core elements include travel sales, operations and customer service; destination knowledge; travel product knowledge; and air fares knowledge.

AFTA pointed out that each of these required elements meets the current registration criteria for those wishing to obtain a travel agency licence in most states of Australia.

"The changes announced today will ensure that ALL colleges

around Australia who are training the travel course will have to include these important minimum elements," said AFTA ceo Jayson Westbury.

He said the changes would ensure that everyone involved in educating people wanting to get into the travel industry "will have a baseline of consistency in the most essential criteria, in order to be able to move from the classroom to the workforce".

Myatt said the changes would come into effect immediately, with all colleges delivering the course required to ensure the new core elements are included.

"It's been a long road to travel, but in the end everyone wins with this change," Myatt said.

TCF reinstates Mea

THE Travel Compensation Fund has today announced the reinstatement of JAD & Co Enterprises Pty Ltd trading as *Mea Travel* (ABN: 21 130 725 754) of Greenacre in NSW.

WIN A 5-NIGHT HOLIDAY FOR TWO AT ANANTARA PHUKET



Throughout February, *Travel Daily* is giving travel consultant readers the chance to win an indulgent Phuket holiday package for two, courtesy of **Anantara Phuket Villas** and **Strategic Airlines**.

The prize includes Strategic Airlines return business class flights for two from Brisbane or Melbourne to Phuket; five nights accommodation in a luxurious one bedroom pool villa at Anantara Phuket Villas; daily buffet breakfast and return transfers.

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Every week *Travel Daily* will ask a different question relating to either Strategic Airlines or Anantara Phuket Villas – just read the issue and email us your answer.

There will be four questions in total. 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 stunning Phuket escape.

Email your answer to: anantaracomp@traveldaily.com.au

Q.1: What is the launch date of Strategic Airlines' services to Phuket from Melbourne and Brisbane?



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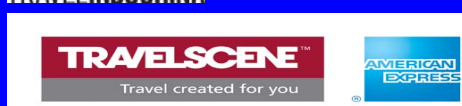
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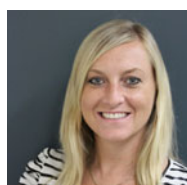
Ben Carnegie

Business Development Mgr

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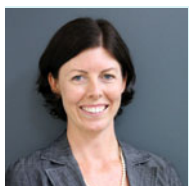
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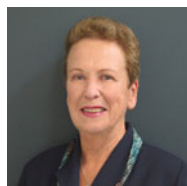
Kristi Gomm

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