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## Virgo kids free offer

STAR Cruises is offering kids free deals on *Superstar Virgo* - see p9.

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## Australia's newest resort

**A-LISTERS** from around the world will now have Queensland's Noosa Heads firmly in their sights, with the launch of the new Makepeace Island Resort by Sir Richard Branson and Virgin Blue co-founder Brett Godfrey.

Initially purchased about 8 years ago and billed as a retreat for the pair's family and friends as well as Virgin staff, Makepeace Island is located on the Noosa River, a few minutes by luxury launch from the resort town's main street.

Now it's being opened up to a wider market, with Branson saying that "when neither Brett nor myself are visiting Makepeace we will make the island and its facilities available for others to enjoy the tranquillity of what is a very special place".

The property is sure to be in demand from the incentive market, offering fully inclusive whole-island packages including accommodation for up to 22 people plus meals and activities.

It's got everything you would expect - a massive pool (which will be the site of a special launch party hosted by Branson himself tomorrow), spa and sporting facilities, a theatre and an "expansive indoor bar designed for entertaining on a grand scale".

A website promoting packages has gone live from today at [www.makepeaceisland.com](http://www.makepeaceisland.com), which shows low season daily rates starting at \$7900 (1-8 guests) including all meals, transfers, non-alcoholic beverages and even water skiing.

For pics from Makepeace and tomorrow's launch event see [traveldaily.com.au/photos](http://traveldaily.com.au/photos).

## Tiffany's winners

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the gutsy entrants in last month's Tiffany's Show competition, in which **TD** readers were invited to send in video auditions to participate in an upcoming Thailand famil courtesy of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Thai Airways International, Siam Hotels and Tiffany's show.

The winners, who will all be heading off later in the year, were Lisa Evans from Travelscene Engadine as well as Jessica Bennett-Griffiths and Clinton Griffiths from Flight Centre.

To relive their immortal performances, see [traveldaily.com.au/videos](http://traveldaily.com.au/videos).



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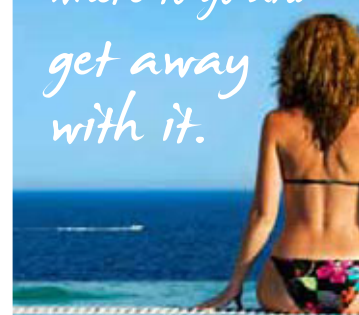
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## Stonhill underwater

**RECENTLY** departed Blue Lagoon Cruises gm Tim Stonhill (**TD** 01 Jul) has been appointed as general manager of Underwater World at Mooloolaba on the Gold Coast, taking up his new role from the start of next month.

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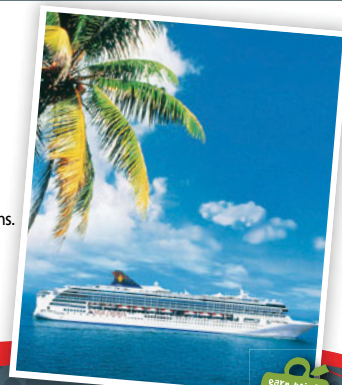
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## Real snow falls in NZ

QUEENSTOWN's ski resorts are rejoicing with the first decent natural snow falls coming down in the past few days, which left about 10cm at Coronet Peak and The Remarkables - see our ski column on **pg 5** for more details.



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## RCI 2012/13 Oz program out

ROYAL Caribbean International today released details of its 49 Australasian sailings in 2012/13 on the newly revitalised *Radiance of the Seas*, *Rhapsody of the Seas* and *Voyager of the Seas*, which debuts in Australia and NZ.

The new season will offer cruises ranging from one to 18 nights with calls into 46 ports in 12 countries.

*Voyager* and *Radiance* will offer sailings ex Sydney and Fremantle from 23 Nov, while *Rhapsody* will homeport in Sydney in Oct.

In her first season Down Under, *Voyager* will feature 12 summer cruises, and among those are a 14-nt school holidays sailing to New Zealand, New Caledonia and Fiji, plus there's a 1-nt Sampler Cruise and short duration Tasmania and Fiji options.

Some of the all new itineraries onboard *Radiance* include a 10-nt Tropical Queensland sailing over the Christmas & Easter holidays, three 14-night NZ voyages, a new 5-nt Sampler Cruise to Newcastle

## Origin tipping winner

CONGRATULATIONS to Amanda Washington of Jetset Travel MLC Sydney, who was the winner of our exclusive travel industry State of Origin tipping competition.

Amanda scored the closest to perfect results from the hundreds of travel industry participants who entered the comp to win a 4-day Blue Lagoon Cruise in Fiji.

and Brisbane and more sailings to New Caledonia and Vanuatu.

Earlybird savings of up to \$1000 per person are being offered off the normal brochure price for bookings made by 31 Dec, and some prices are 10% cheaper than the same time last year.

## CASA files Tiger case

THE Civil Aviation Safety Authority yesterday formally lodged its application with the Federal Court seeking an order that Tiger Airways Australia not fly until 01 Aug 2011.

CASA said the suspension of Tiger's operating certificate continues in the meantime, with the Court listing Fri 22 Jul for a directions hearing.

MEANWHILE the Australian Transport Safety Bureau has also released its preliminary report into the "operational non-compliance" of a Tiger flight as it landed at Melbourne Airport on 07 Jun - one of the incidents which led to the grounding.

During the approach to the runway the flight was cleared to descend to 2500 feet, but shortly afterwards the plane's track was seen via air traffic control radar to descend to 2000 feet.

"ATC notified the flight crew, who climbed the aircraft to 2500 ft, continued the approach and landed," the report says.

The investigation into the A320 incident is continuing.

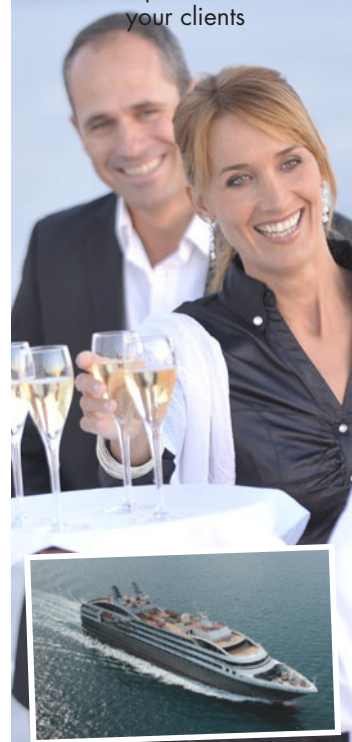
## Magellan addition

THE Magellan Travel Group has added another new member, with Complete Travel Services of South Yarra, Victoria joining the network as of 01 Jul 2011.

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## Travel Daily on location on Makepeace Island

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from Sir Richard Branson and Brett Godfrey's new Makepeace Island resort on the Qld Sunshine Coast.

AFTER a special charter flight from Sydney this morning, *TD* has now arrived in paradise.

Under development for some years by the Virgin Australia founders, and completed in 2009 as a private retreat, Makepeace Island on the Noosa River is this weekend officially becoming available for lease.

Just a few minutes from Noosa Heads' famous Hastings Street, Makepeace Island comprises 25 acres of tranquility offering luxurious accommodation for 22 guests.

In typically flamboyant style, Sir Richard Branson will tomorrow host a barbecue and a pool party here to officially launch the resort to the world.

Makepeace will be available on an exclusive, whole of island basis - [makepeaceisland.com](http://makepeaceisland.com).

## ACCC to oppose Airservices

THE Australian Competition and Consumer Commission says it will not support cost increases proposed by Airservices Australia.

The organisation has suggested higher prices for terminal navigation as well as aviation rescue and fire fighting services over the next five years - with the charges levied on airlines and flowing through to passengers.

"The ACCC's preliminary view is that the proposed prices are higher than required to cover costs and provide a reasonable return," said the ACCC.

ACCC chairman Graeme Samuel said it appeared that Airservices

had not provided its clients with enough information to allow them to assess the costs and benefits of some "major capital projects" being proposed.

The ACCC's analysis is that the suggested increases would see Airservices over-recover its costs by \$101m through to 2016.

## All smiles at Reho

REHO Travel managing director Karsten Horne is very popular with his staff this month, after unveiling a new range of benefits to celebrate a 'fantastic end of financial year result'.

"In a difficult year, our 9% growth in turnover and 19% profit increase is largely due to the commitment shown by our team and I feel it's time for the company to reward them accordingly," he said.

As well as bonuses, the new benefits include having a day off for your birthday, a \$1000 honeymoon bonus and one day's extra leave for every year over five years of service.

Reho also gives staff two days off a year to volunteer with a charity of their choice, in line with its 'rehope' philosophy.

## Indian DMC for Oz

BTS India, a Destination Management Company which claims to have pioneered incentive travel to India, has announced the appointment of Gorman Leisure Group as its new Market Representative in Australia.

Lisa Gorman will be the firm's local face responsible for sales and marketing activities, with the move effective from 01 Jul.



## Window Seat

HERE'S a way to generate huge interest in new US air services.

To kick start its new flights to Chicago that launch on 01 Sep, Cathay Pacific Airways is offering citizens of the Windy City all inclusive fares of just US\$100 roundtrip to Hong Kong.

Of course it's a limited offer - there are just 100 of the bargain economy fares available, offered in lots of 25 every Thu this month.

The tickets go on sale at 3.25pm Chicago time - the same time as the scheduled departure of the new services.

THE former Russian separatist republic of Chechnya looks to be targeting medical tourism, after the apparent miracle cure of a nine year old girl suffering from a rare sleeping disease.

Sasha Pisarenko is claimed to have been the only child in Russia with narcolepsy, and her plight was noticed by Ramzan Kadyrov, the charismatic leader of the Muslim enclave.

Kadyrov arranged for the girl to spend six months with her family in a luxury flat in the Chechen capital, Grozny.

"During her stay, Sasha suffered only one sleeping attack and her migraines stopped," according to an official statement on the government website, which attributed her amazing recovery to the region's "sun, smiles and hospitality".

GUESTS who like the comfort of the beds at the luxury Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney can now take them home with them.

The iconic property is offering an indulgent 'Celebrity Bed' package which costs \$3500 for a night's accom in a premier room, a bottle of Champagne on arrival, breakfast for two in Kable's Restaurant - and home delivery of a king size Four Seasons bed, made by Sealy. It also includes free internet.

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## Behind the Royal Caribbean scenes

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises has this week launched a new All Access Tour, offering a peek behind the scenes of its ships.

The three hour-plus tour costs US\$150 per person and takes guests through various vessel areas including backstage in the theatre, through the galleys, the engine control room and even up onto the bridge,

Seven night sailings will offer at least one All Access Tour, while longer voyages will offer two or more depending on demand.

The All Access Tour can be bought on board Royal Caribbean voyages from this month.

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## Snow conditions

THIS column provides a snapshot of the current snow falls, the depth and the number of lifts operating across Australian and New Zealand ski-fields.

Here's the latest snow reports from across the region:

- Falls Creek - 98cm / 11 lifts
- Perisher - 1.6m / 47 lifts
- Thredbo - 1.6m / all lifts
- Charlotte Pass - 1.6m / 3 lifts
- Mt Selwyn - 37cm / 9 lifts
- Mt Hotham - 52cm / 9 lifts
- Mt Baw Baw - 25cm / 4 lifts
- Mt Buller - 53cm / 13 lifts
- Coronet Peak - 20cm / 6 lifts
- The Remarkables - 20cm / 3
- Mt Hutt - 45cm / 3 lifts

## Getaway on Sat night

**TOMORROW** night's episode of Channel Nine's dedicated travel program, *Getaway*, features stories on a culinary tour in South America, a volunteer program at a Vietnamese orphanage, a European river cruise and a Chinese theme park.

## Ice cold on Bondi Beach??



**ABOVE:** Air Canada recently gave a group of their top Sydney-based agents a chance to experience the quintessential Canadian pastime of ice skating at Bondi Beach last week.

30 agents strapped on their

skates on Canada Day and took to the ice while admiring the surf go by at the iconic Sydney landmark.

**Pictured** here from left on the night are Air Canada's Suzie Goumas, Judith Metcalf (front), Neil Ford and Melanie Passman.

## Silversea 10% sgl supp

**SOLO** cruise passengers can take advantage of a special deal with Silversea Cruise on 5 select sailings next year, with the single supplement revised to just 10% of the double-occupancy rate.

The deal applies to voyages 1212, 3213, 3227, 4225 and 1228 and also includes a US\$500 Passport to Luxury onboard credit - see [silversea.com/specialoffers](http://silversea.com/specialoffers).

## Gap Adv. eco initiative

**GAP** Adventures is calling on the industry to show its 'green-credo' by supporting the PlanetARK's National Tree Day on 31 Jul.

The adventure tour operator will be assisting with planting trees along the Yarra River in Burnley, Richmond from 10am.

Participant's friends and family are also invited - register at [gapadventures.com/store/melbourne](http://gapadventures.com/store/melbourne).

## WIN A 1 NIGHT STAY AT THE SEBEL PARRAMATTA

Congratulations to **Alex Smyth** of **Corporate Travel Sydney**, who was yesterday's lucky winner of an accommodation package at **The Quay West Suites Sydney**.

Today, **Mirvac Hotels & Resorts** is giving one lucky **TD** subscriber the chance to win one night's accommodation in a Superior King Room including full buffet breakfast for two at **The Sebel Parramatta**, valued at \$296\*.

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## Cable Beach Club deal

**GARDEN** View Studios at Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa are \$349 per room per night during Sep.

The special is available during a five-day sale that starts on Mon.

## Bunnik beds down Egypt product



**ABOVE:** Bunnik Tours hosted a VIP travel agent famil recently with the group visiting Cairo, Abu Simbel, Alexandria & El Alemein. Pictured above onboard the MV

*Royal Lilly* sailing down the Nile, back row **from left** are: Julie, Port to Port Travel; Lorna, Albury Travel; Craig Owens, Bunnik Tours and Diane, TravelManagers.

Middle: Lisa, TravelManagers; Maree, Bunnik Tours and Carolyn, TravelManagers.

Front: Rebecca, Travelscene Twin Towns and Bunnik's Medhet.

## Floriade Crowne deal

**CROWNE** Plaza Canberra has released a Celebrate Spring package timed to coincide with this year's Floriade flower festival priced from \$250 per room/night.

The deal includes brekkie, free car parking, a welcome pack and more, valid for stays between 17 Sep-16 Oct - phone 02 6247 8999.

## Art & Design incentive

**TEMPO** Holidays has launched an incentive for agents, offering two tickets to the Vienna: Art & Design Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria when booking its Classic Vienna - Art & Design three-night package.

The experience is priced at \$457pp and includes entrance to the Belvedere Palace, Leopold Museum and Wiener Werkstatte Museum, transfers and accom at Hotel Johann Strauss.

The promo, run in partnership with the Austrian National Tourist Office, is valid for sale to 31 Oct.



## Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to *Travel Specials*, *Travel Daily's* Fri feature. If your firm has released a travel special you'd like to make the industry aware of send the details to [specials@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:specials@traveldaily.com.au).

**Virgin Australia** has unveiled airfares between Sydney and Gold Coast from just \$59 one way on select flights departing between 02 Aug and 14 Sep, on sale until 12 Jul. Other specials are also available between HBA and MEL; CBR and TSV and DRW to PER - see [virginaustralia.com](http://virginaustralia.com).

**Hawaiian Airlines** has released a new range of Business Class airfares priced from \$2,483 including taxes, based on low season for roundtrip flights between Sydney and Honolulu. Flights to the outer islands are priced from \$2,828. Low season is from 01 Feb-31 Mar and 01 Nov-09 Dec. To make a booking see [www.hawaiianairlines.com.au](http://www.hawaiianairlines.com.au).

**Qantas** has launched new year round one way prices for domestic routes including Sydney to Melbourne and Brisbane-Sydney \$112; Adelaide-Melbourne from \$109; Brisbane-Melbourne from \$155 & Melbourne to Perth at \$219. For more specials visit [www.qantas.com](http://www.qantas.com).

## Tahiti still looks nice!!

**IT'S** over 30 years since Cussons Imperial Leather immortalised the line "Tahiti looks nice".

Still cherished by those with long memories, the soap brand produced a classic TV commercial where a fantastically wealthy couple ask the pilot of their private jet to fly to Tahiti after browsing a travel brochure from the on-board marble bathroom.

A remake, tweaked to include modern technology but retaining the same memorable dialogue, will debut on Australian television this weekend.

And don't worry, once again the directions to the pilot are the very succinct "Simon, Tahiti!".

A trip for four to Tahiti is up for grabs in an associated promotion - for a sneak peek at the ad see [traveldaily.com.au/videos](http://traveldaily.com.au/videos).



## NCL 24/7 pizza delivery

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line will introduce its 24/7 pizza delivery service fleetwide by Aug due to it's popularity on *Norwegian Epic*.

The concept enables passengers to order a 16-inch pizza delivered to virtually any point on the ship, charged at US\$5 each.

NCL is also adopting *Epic's* room service menu fleetwide, available for free during the day or charged at US\$3.95 from midnight til 5am.

## NASA tourism hole

**FLORIDA's** Space Coast Office of Tourism says today's final ever NASA space shuttle program launch will leave a 5% dent in the region's tourism business.

Around 1,000,000 people are expected to gather at points around Port Canaveral to see Atlantis' lift off.

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## Air NZ off the US hook

THE US Dept of Justice has ceased its investigation into Air New Zealand's involvement in a cargo cartel, which the airline has defended itself from since 2005.

## GetFlight adds RebookMyFlight site

GETFLIGHT says the grounding of Tiger Airways by CASA is the basis for its launch of a micro-site called [RebookMyFlight.com.au](http://RebookMyFlight.com.au).

Rolled out today, the portal enables Australian travellers to find available flights on domestic carriers, including Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin Australia or Rex.

RebookMyFlight allows pax to find alternative flights of other airlines in one search, which have

actual seats available to book.

"Like GetFlight, this site will not charge any fees and redirects the customer directly to the airlines' websites, ensuring they get the lowest airfare possible for the dates they are required to fly," said GetFlight principal founder, Ian Cumming.

GetFlight.com.au was launched earlier this year (TD 25 May).

## PER arrivals soar

PERTH Airport's international arrival numbers rose 16.6% year on year in May, while domestic numbers increased 15.9%.

## HA ups HND capacity

HAWAIIAN Airlines has raised its capacity on flights between Honolulu and Tokyo Haneda by 30 seats, using its A330 aircraft, adding nearly 11,000 seats/year.

# Travelport celebrates with HWT



ABOVE: Travelport surprised the team at Harvey World Travel with cakes and champagne earlier this week to celebrate the network's 60th year in operation.

2011 is significant for Travelport too, which is this year celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Pictured above from left, are Paula Farrell, Customer Service Manager, Pacific, Travelport; Robert Clark, National Account Mgr, Travelport; Sean Cummins, GM Aus/NZ, Travelport; & David Rivers, Managing Director, HWT.

## Dubai early check-in

EMIRATES has introduced a new early check-in facility at Dubai International Airport.

Located next to the Terminal 3 car park, the new operation has 16 counters where passengers can check in and drop off their luggage up to 24 hours before departure to all destinations except for the USA.

The facility operates from 5pm to 10am, to service passengers in the peak overnight travel period.

MEANWHILE EK is offering First and Business class passengers a free hotel stay & 96-hour transfer visa following an agreement with leading hotels in Dubai.

The deal is valid for travel from 01 Aug to 30 Sep at The Armani Hotel, Jumeirah Zabeel Saray, The Address Dubai Marina and Jumerirah Emirates Towers Hotel, when booked by 31 Jul.

## KUL demonstrations

THE Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade is advising travellers bound for Malaysia of possible civil unrest in the capital, Kuala Lumpur, with a demonstration planned for tomorrow.

The level of advice for Malaysia remains at 'Exercise caution'.

## Malay firm's hotel plan for Sydney

A MALAYSIAN group has paid \$36 million for an office building in Hunter Street Sydney, with plans to convert it into a hotel.

Cititel Hotel Management (CHM) is a division of publicly listed IGB Corporation, and currently operates ten hotels in Malaysia including Kuala Lumpur, Kota Kinabalu and Penang, as well as a property in Burma and one in the Philippines.

The 12 storey building at 34 Hunter St is likely to be renovated under the St Giles or Cititel brand,

the company said.

The Sydney hotel market is starting to become more attractive to hoteliers, with ABS figures released last week showing an 89.2% occupancy rate for the last quarter.

Yields are also improving, with room rates up 9.6% and total revenues increasing 12.5%.

## Mr&Mrs Smith app

BOUTIQUE hotel firm Mr & Mrs Smith has unveiled its free iPhone application that offers two modes to access real time availability, book, use maps and store info.

The 'Plan & Play' app offers over 800 boutique hotels globally, insider descriptions, on top of photos, games and gadgets.

## MK launch Shanghai

AIR Mauritius has commenced services to its first Chinese city this week, with its inaugural flight to Shanghai touching down Tue.

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To celebrate the release of Rocky Mountaineer's 2012 brochure we are giving one *Travel Daily* reader and a friend the opportunity to win a trip to spectacular Western Canada.

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For the first time, the Rocky Mountaineer brochure includes pricing in Australian dollars. To order your copy of the 2012 brochure, visit: [www.rockymountaineer.com](http://www.rockymountaineer.com)

To enter, compile all 21 answers and send by July 31, 2011 to: [RockyMountaineer@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:RockyMountaineer@traveldaily.com.au).

Reader with the most correct answers and the most creative response to the final question will win this fantastic prize.

**Question 6: Which deluxe hotel brand do passengers stay with throughout Western Canada when they book a Rocky Mountaineer package?**



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## ecruising loads Rocky

**ECRUISING's** Cruiseagent.travel has now loaded its entire Rocky Mountaineer product range, and is available to book 7 days a week.

## Wimdu Aus launch

**ANOTHER** internet-based accom bookings site is now available locally, offering users the chance to rent houses and spare rooms.

Aimed at short and long term visitors, Wimdu is using Australia as its launch gateway to the South East Asia Market.

Wimdu.com.au says it uses a similar system to Ebay and is driven by reviews.

Last month (**TD 07 Jun**) a similar accom booking portal called wheretosleep.com.au debuted, which allowed sofa rentals.

## Aer Lingus additions

**IRISH** carrier Aer Lingus has announced its winter schedule for 2011/12 with 10 new routes including a weekly service between Cork to Las Palmas, Gran Canaria beginning on 30 Oct.

Other routes include thrice weekly Cork to Barcelona and twice weekly Cork to Rome flights, as well as four weekly services from Dublin to Milan Kalpensa and Stuttgart.

## Pan Pac Exposition

**PAN** Pacific Hotels Group will hold an invitation only Customer Connections Exposition in Perth (25 Jul), Melbourne (26 Jul), Sydney (28 Jul), Brisbane (02 Aug) and Auckland (03 Aug), offering a chance to network with the group.

## Cover-More giveaway

**COVER-MORE** Travel Insurance has given away the last \$5k of its cash pool incentive of \$150,000 that's been on offer to travel agents since Feb.

400 agents were lucky enough to win of a slice of the total amount with those selling a policy ending in 000 winning \$250 and those with a policy ending in 0000 receiving \$1,000.

## Excite 100% for agents

**EXCITE** Holidays is assuring its commitment to travel agents, saying it "has no plans now or in the future" to deal directly with the consumer.

George Papaioannou, md of Excite Hols said the dedication to agents only means the firm can provide "a unique product and exceptional customer service" to compete with the internet and win over more clients.

"If wholesalers are to be a true partner to travel agents, they shouldn't be 'double dipping' and competing with the same travel agents for business," he said.

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## Sun appointment

**AFRICAN** tourism giant Sun International has appointed the Unique Tourism Collection as its Australian representative.

UTC will promote the group's hotels, resorts and casinos in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Nigeria, Namibia and Zambia as well as in Chile.

One of Sun's best known resorts is Sun City in South Africa.

Sun International group sales mgr Alison McKie said Australia was a key international market for the company, which "continues to deliver in both the leisure and MICE sectors".

## Sydney summer gong

**700,000** Lonely Planet Facebook and Twitter followers have rated Sydney as one of the world's best summer cities, Tourism NSW said.

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