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Avis calls on 2012 scholars

REGISTRATIONS for the 2012 Avis Travel Agent Scholarship have opened today, supported by a new guide aimed to encourage more travel consultants, from all walks of life, to participate.

The 24-page booklet provides info on how to apply, sample questions, tips, testimonials from past winners & judging processes.

This year's prize is valued at over \$40,000, incl Business class Qantas flights for two to New York, six nights accom, admission into TIME, Polonious Resources coaching, a first year tourism scholarship at Southern Cross University, and much more.

Avis Travel Industry Manager Russell Butler says the guide was created to inspire a broader range of travel agents to apply, whether

leisure, corporate or home-based, regardless of position, experience or commercial affiliation.

The guide is available to agents registering for the Scholarship at avisscholarship.com, via Avis travel account managers or by emailing scholarship@avis.com.au.

CATO mulls cruise tack

THE Council of Australian Tour Operators has suggested a need to emulate formulas used by the local cruise industry to encourage consumers to travel abroad.

Speaking last night at the CATO AGM, re-elected chairman Rod Eather said lessons can be learnt from the Australian cruise sector which has flourished over the last 9 years, with pax numbers up 30% in 2011 on the prior year alone.

"They are doing something right so it might be an area we can look at to determine what they are doing well and what we are doing wrong, and how can we get some of those people to travel back overseas rather than on the seas."

APT small ship brox

APT will introduce a small ship ocean cruising brochure in Aug to showcase the product of its latest investment - a "significant stake" in UK-based Noble Caledonia.

The program will feature about five Noble Caledonia itineraries that will be available between the Philippines and Darwin and from Darwin to Broome in Sep next year, APT ceo Chris Hall told *TD*.

He said the 30-odd page 2013 Noble Caledonia brochure (see **pg three**) would be launched to "test the water" from the local market.

Insight Vac names md

THE Travel Corporation's ceo John Weeks yesterday confirmed the appointment of Joost Timmer as managing director for Insight Vacations Australia, effective 02 Jul 2012, replacing the departing Lorraine Sharp.

Weeks said Timmer possessed "impressive credentials" within & outside the travel industry.

His past career includes roles at Abercrombie & Kent, Gray Line and Oz Experience.



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Sydney cruise tax farce

THE Tourism & Transport Forum says plans by the NSW govt to hike ship turnaround costs in Sydney, from approx \$5,000 today to \$70,000 by 2015, as "excessive".

"It is regrettable that one of the bright spots for the Australian tourism industry is being hit this way - it's a tax on success," said TTF chief exec. John Lee - more on the NSW budget on [page six](#).

Novotel St Kilda sale

THE newly refurbished Novotel Melbourne St Kilda has been listed for sale by CBRE, with interest expected from "traditional and non-traditional, national and international investors."

Accor has a management deal with the 211-room hotel for a further nine years.

Domestic travel heading up

FEDERAL tourism minister Martin Ferguson has hailed figures from Tourism Research Australia released today which reveal a strong rebound in spending by domestic tourists.

Almost \$50 billion was spent by Aussies holidaying at home in the last 12 months, with the figures up 15% over the last quarter pushing the result for the year into double digits at 10.4%.

Domestic overnight trips were up 8% in the Jan-Mar quarter, and 5% up for the 12 months to Mar, while holidays also increased in length resulting in a healthy 12% boost in visitor nights.

TA md Andrew McEvoy said the results were "further evidence that a resurgence in our domestic offering is occurring - reinforcing the focus of Tourism Australia's

latest marketing initiative both abroad and here at home [that] *There's nothing like Australia*".

Ferguson said that the results are approaching pre-GFC levels, and are a "positive sign that Australia's \$73.3 billion tourism industry is recovering from last year's natural disasters".

The strong economy saw the growth driven by a 10% lift in business trips, but overnight leisure travel also increased 2%.

VA/VX fast-track pact

VIRGIN Australia and Virgin America are hoping to implement a proposed codeshare agreement on US domestic services (**TD** yest) by as early this Sun.

In a 56-page submission to the US Department of Transportation, VA & VX outlined the "operational period" of the codeshare deal will commence for first travel on 17 Jun 2012, calling for "expedited treatment."

Within the detailed application, the carriers also revealed they agreed to engage in codeshare services on 30 May, and planned to initiate the tighter relationship "on or about July 3, 2012."

The document further indicates Virgin Australia has a dedicated flight number range for use on VX services, ranging from 6001 to 6039, on multiple departures from LAX to IAD, PHL, ORD, FLL, BOS, DFW, SEA and PDX.

Joyce takes IATA chair

QANTAS chief Alan Joyce has taken up the post as chairman of the IATA Board of Governors this week at the IATA AGM, replacing KLM head Peter Hartman.

Following his one-year term in the position, Joyce will be replaced by Delta Air Lines ceo Richard Anderson.

"I am confident that Alan is the right person to lead IATA's Board of Governors as the Association strives to deliver even greater value for our members," IATA boss Tony Tyler said.

Scoot OOL inaugural

SINGAPORE Airlines low cost offshoot Scoot has commenced its new five weekly services to the Gold Coast, with the inaugural Boeing 777-200 flight on 'Barry' (**TD** 01 Jun) touching down today.

Excite London boom

EXCITE Holidays has reported a "significant" swell in enquiry levels for UK destinations ahead of the London Olympic Games, up 55% on the same time last year.

CEO George Papiroannou said interest in the 2012 Olympics, which begin in 43 days, has been steadily building since Jan, with interest high from travel agents for 4- & 5-star properties.

"We have plenty of rooms still available in many city hotels across London," he added.

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No to excess card fees

EXCESSIVE credit card surcharges, such as booking fees charged by airlines, will be banned from 01 Jan next year in an announcement by the Reserve Bank yesterday.

Merchants will soon only be able to charge customers the cost to themselves of accepting credit cards as a payment method.

Consumer advocate Choice said it "welcomes the RBA's message that the credit card surcharge cash cow can no longer be milked".

Noble APT deal turning heads



THE APT Group has become a part owner of UK-based company Noble Caledonia, after taking a "significant stake" in the 21 year-old business which specialises in expedition, river and small ship cruising and land touring.

Noble Caledonia itself owns two ocean-going vessels - the 116-pax *Island Sky* & 114-pax *Caledonian Sky* - and operates long-term charters on 5 others ships.

A third Noble Caledonia-owned vessel is also under consideration.

The ships are unique in that they can provide access to more remote locations, or drop anchor and offer zodiac runs into hard to reach ports not accessible by large cruise liners.

Itineraries are offered in the UK, Greenland, Iceland, Arctic Circle, Asia Pacific, PNG, Alaska, Canada Maritime region, Cuba and numerous other locations.

The Noble Caledonia product already features in APT's Botanica garden tours, Europe and Canada & Alaska programs.

Announcing the deal yesterday, APT owner Geoff McGeary said Noble was the next evolution for the Australian cruise market, who are seeking more "experiential"

cruising and touring options, and would rival Orion & SeaDream.

"It's what the new age baby boomer wants - an experiential product," he said.

The deal will see APT take a number of exclusive Noble sailings, incl an 85th anniversary voyage led by McGeary late next year.

McGeary said the company was continually evaluating "brands that suit the Australian market."

APT has interests in a range of firms incl The Captains Choice Tour, AmaWaterways, Topdeck, Intrepid and Croydon Travel.

Noble Caledonia has a database of 250,000 which, under the deal, APT will be able to tap into.

Although the specific purchase price has not been disclosed, McGeary told **TD** it was a "major stake", but less than 50%.

Managing director Barry Matters said cruising is a "critical" part of the APT business, making up 70% of revenue for the firm.

APT gm marketing Debra Fox told **TD** the Noble product would not compete with APT's existing river cruise product, sold under its tie-up with AmaWaterways.

APT's Fox, McGeary, Matters and ceo Chris Hall are **pictured** above.

Langham Observatory

LANGHAM Hospitality Group has this afternoon confirmed the acquisition of The Observatory Hotel in Sydney, effective 08 Aug.

"Strategically, this purchase signals the group's plans for long-term expansion in the Pacific region," said LHG ceo Brett Butcher.

Within the Pacific region, Langham has properties in both Melbourne and Auckland.

The Observatory Hotel was put on the market by current owner Orient Express in Feb (**TD** 01 Feb).



Window Seat

NOW this is monkey business.

An Air China jet scheduled to depart recently from New York's JFK airport was delayed by four hours after a monkey that was in the aircraft's cargo hold escaped from its enclosure.

While the ape never escaped from the plane itself, it still required several Port Authority officials and airport crew to work together to capture it and return it to its crate.

A police source described the monkey as "a slippery little beast".

VIRGIN Group founder Richard Branson has issued an apology to Vancouver Premier Christy Clark, via Twitter, over a recent invitation issued to the city leader to go kite-surfing, while naked, on the billionaire's back.

While maintaining the request was disrespectful, Premier Clark accepted the apology, saying "Light-hearted jokes often have a place, but I don't think that this was appropriate".



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Today's issue of TD is coming to you from Disneyland Resort in California, where Cars Land will officially open tomorrow.

DISNEY is holding a massive celebration this week after the completion of the second biggest expansion project in the resort's 57 year history.

Events will include the official reopening of Disney's California Adventure Park, including two highly anticipated new themed areas: Cars Land (based on the popular animated movies) and Buena Vista Street, which creates a new entrance to the park.

The expansion features four new attractions: Radiator Springs Racers; Luigi's Flying Tires; Mater's Junkyard Jamboree; and the Red Car Trolley, and there's also a new Carthay Circle Theatre.

Cars Land, which covers 12 acres formerly occupied by a car park, is a highly detailed recreation of Radiator Springs which featured in the popular Pixar movies *Cars* and *Cars II*.

Tomorrow night will see a huge party take place at the relaunched park, including a range of celebrities appearing at a special red carpet event.

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Today Show at Disney

THE Channel 9 *Today Show* will be broadcast from Disneyland Resort in California later this month, with the week-long event sponsored by Disney, Qantas Holidays and Harvey World Travel.

The crew will start arriving next week and the broadcast by hosts Karl Stefanovic and Lisa Wilkinson will take place from various locations around the park including the new Cars Land over a five day period from 25 Jun.

More Disney expansion

IT'S not just the California Adventure Disney theme park which is undergoing an upgrade - the iconic Matterhorn Bobsleds at the original Disneyland Park is also set to reopen on Fri.

The attraction has been refreshed inside and out, while new three-person bobsleds allow guests to be seated individually.

Other Disneyland changes include new Pixie Hollow characters and a new Merida-themed attraction based on the upcoming Pixar/Disney film *Brave*.

Beyond infinity!

RIGHT: Sean Harrigan from Disney and Quentin Vos of Air New Zealand are currently escorting a large group of Australasian media at the global launch of the new Cars Land at Disneyland Resort in California.

Disney is pulling out all stops to promote the new attraction, with around 800 media visiting from around the globe also including groups from Japan, Canada and Mexico as well as a large US-based contingent.

Australia is the second biggest international market for Disney, and executive vice president of Disney worldwide sales & travel operations, Randy Garfield, told *TD* that the recent boost to consumer direct marketing in the Aussie market had seen a "substantial increase in Australian visitors to Disneyland".

The new Cars Land and relaunched California Adventure park are set to further stimulate interest in all things Disney while the park also continues to feature all the old favourites.

Harrigan and Vos are pictured outside the recently renewed Lego Store in the Downtown Disney precinct.



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High above Innsbruck's mountains

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See what's on the ceiling at Sofitel Vienna

Yes, you'll enjoy some great food at the new Gault Millau awarded Le Loft restaurant at Sofitel Vienna - but when a fat goldfish swims across the ceiling or a giant eye blinks back at you, you know even the food has been trumped by some impressively delightful interior design and spectacular views.

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Mirvac benefits count

GLOBAL Hotel Alliance has advised its members they will continue to receive Discovery benefits and status credits on stays at Mirvac properties for the remainder of 2012.

Mirvac, having been acquired by Accor, has announced it will be leaving the Global Hotel Alliance at the end of the year.

Alleged FC agent theft

A **FORMER** agent for Flight Centre in Australia was arrested in New Zealand last weekend, accused of stealing \$20,000 of company money and funnelling it into her own personal accounts.

The 31-year old woman was detained in Queenstown after Flight Centre noticed the discrepancy and alerted police, the *NZ Herald* reported.

FC area leader for Queenstown has said the alleged offender had been fired and that "there will be no customers affected".

EY reveals 787 routes

ETIHAD Airways has announced the routes on which it will operate its B787 *Dreamliner* aircraft upon receipt of the jet, scheduled to be in the fourth quarter of 2014.

The carrier will fly 787 services to Dublin, Frankfurt, Kuala Lumpur, Beijing, Nagoya, Delhi & Istanbul.

EY currently has an order for 41 Dreamliners with an option for a further 25 (**TD** 14 Mar), with EY chief commercial offer Peter Baumgartner revealing its first jet will be configured in three-classes.

SQ Asia/Euro sale

ASIA and Europe special airfares have been released by Singapore Airlines valid for sale until 29 Jun.

Pax can travel ex SYD to Hanoi for \$1078pp and Phuket from \$1085, with both inclusive of taxes.

Departing from Darwin, Hanoi is on sale from \$642 return inclusive of taxes, with Phuket from \$649.

Keith Prowse NRL GF

KEITH Prowse has released its range of travel packages built for the 2012 NRL Grand Final, taking place at ANZ Stadium on 30 Sep.

Two-night packages including accom and a Category A match ticket start from \$566pppts.

See www.keithprorowse.com.au.

Kimberley partnership

A **FUNDING** agreement worth \$2.1m over three years to the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) has been announced by the West Australian state govt as part of the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy.

The funds will be used for a series of projects in collaboration with outback station owners, Indigenous groups and the Dept. of Environment and Conservation.

Time for new TIME members



LAST week saw four new members of the travel industry begin an enlightening mentoring program as part of the eighth intake of the Travel Industry Mentor Experience.

The welcome ceremony took place at the BLUE Sydney, A Taj Hotel at Woollomooloo on 06 Jun.

Greeting the next round of mentees was keynote speaker and Royal Caribbean International managing director Gavin Smith, (**pictured** right), with mentors in the latest round including Bill Calderwood, Fiona Rose, Alan Collingwood and Judith O'Neill - pictured with yellow nametags.

One of the inductees, Grace



Lech, will complete the course as the winner of the first TIME scholarship.

The mentors and their mentees - Tony Soden, Sean King, Grace Lech and Christine Tilston are **pictured** above.

WIN A DINNER FOR FOUR



This week *Travel Daily* has teamed up with **Hawaii Tourism** and is giving one lucky reader the chance to win a table for 4 people at any session during the Flavours of Hawai'i Food Event at the Grace Hotel Sydney from 15-30th June 2012.

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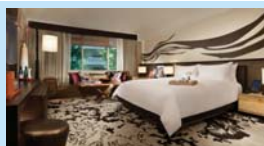
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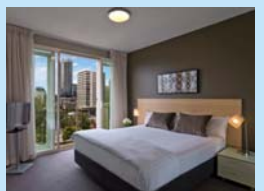
WELCOME to *Accommodation Updates*, *Travel Daily's* Wednesday feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description to accomupdates@traveldaily.com.au.



Scheduled to open late this year in Las Vegas, the first **Nobu Hotel** based on the fine Japanese sushi restaurant has released an image of the interior design of its rooms. Although housed inside the Caesars Palace complex, the 181-room and suite hotel aims to be notably different to the Caesars decor and will feature a distinct Japanese theme, with patterned carpets to reflect cherry blossoms, zen gardens and origami-inspired fixtures. Bookings for the new hotel will be opened on 01 Oct.



A multi-million dollar refurbishment has commenced at the **Parkroyal Darling Harbour**, Sydney, that includes the hotel's guest rooms, club lounge and lobby. A fresh, new colour palette including neutral greys, fresh blues and greens as well as the rollout of new technology will be showcased throughout the hotel. The refurb is due for completion in late Sep.



A new colour palette, soft furnishings and artwork has been added during a recent refurbishment of the **Medina Executive South Yarra**. The apartment hotel has two striking fuchsia pink front doors, the Lobby Lounge known as the 'Drawing Room' has been created into a relaxing area for guests to check in, featuring dark timber bookcases, a fireplace, ethnic rugs and contemporary pop artworks.

EK keen on working with QF

EMIRATES president Tim Clark has confirmed the Dubai-based carrier is interested in expanding its Oceania network with the help of Qantas.

While Clark admitted EK has extended a hand to work with QF, he denied there was any plan in place to buy a stake in the carrier.

"Let's say we've put feelers out," Clark is quoted as saying at the IATA annual general meeting, currently underway in Beijing.

AAP is reporting any pact between the carriers would be similar to existing agreements with JetBlue in the US and be a

UTracks in Romania

UTRACKS has released a brand new 8-night guided walking tour entitled "Monasteries & Villages of Romania, featuring fields and forests of the Transylvanian Alps.

Mercure into Russia

ACCOR has opened the Mercure Arbat Moscow, its first Mercure branded property in Russia.

The 109-room hotel is located in Moscow's historic district.

codeshare deal on existing flights.

Clark reaffirmed denials that Emirates were looking at buying a stake in Australia's national carrier.

"We are looking at over the next five or 10 years, at how do we improve the value proposition in the markets that we are serving," Clark added.

New American Cruise

AMERICAN Cruise Lines has built further on its newly launched Pacific Northwest range with the release of a new voyage for 2013.

The Puget Sound and San Juan Islands itinerary will be operated by the 100-pax *American Spirit* vessel with the inaugural voyage departing Seattle on 06 Apr 2013.

TVIC sign Next Digital

TOURISM Victoria has resigned Next Digital as its digital marketing partner, to assist in the creation and rollout of new websites to target China & other int'l markets.

Tahiti bungalow deal

SAVINGS of up to \$2,000 per couple on accom and meals in a Tahitian overwater Bungalow in Bora Bora can be enjoyed through Tahiti Travel Connection, if booked by 13 Jul for travel to 20 Dec.

See tahititravel.com.au/kiss.

QT Hotels with Parker

PARKER Travel Collection has been appointed by QT Hotels to market its artistic designer hotels in the QT Gold Coast and the newly-opened QT Port Douglas to the international travel trade.

EK Skywards bonus

EMIRATES has announced it will offer double Skywards Miles on any First and Business class airfare booked by 30 Jun for travel before 16 Aug this year.

The offer is available to new and existing Skywards members, with no cap on the number of miles earned during the period.

Details at skywards.com.au.

NSW Budget strength

A COMMITMENT of \$125m per year for the next four years by the Barry O'Farrell NSW State Govt to Destination NSW for continued state tourism development has been welcomed by Richard Munro, ceo of the Accommodation Association of Australia.

Tourism Industry Council NSW gm Andrew Jefferies was equally positive, saying yesterday's budget "delivers real commitment for tourism and major events".

The government also announced a 12-month extension to the \$5.1m regional tourism partnership program, offering additional support to regional hotels while recommendations on future tourism direction from the Visitor Economy Taskforce are considered.

Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW director Carol Giuseppi said industry leaders had reacted positively to the budget and especially its focus on building demand in the sector.

"The \$125 million earmarked for Destination NSW in this Budget together with the \$45 million investment in major events, will ensure that much needed demand is built in the market".

Canberra HSR facility

CANBERRA Airport is planning to build a \$140m high speed rail (HSR) facility adjacent to the new airport terminal, should the project be given a green light.

CBR Airport md Stephen Byron said the facility would take two years to build and be operational by 2020, with the transfer from plane-to-train taking less than five minutes, without baggage.

The proposed \$10.9b Canberra to Sydney CBD HSR trip would take 57 minutes, the High Speed Rail Study (Stage 1) found.

New Creative SA rep

CREATIVE Holidays has welcomed Sally McCallum as its new sales manager for South Australia.

Sally brings experience from Phil Hoffmann Travel, Visit Ireland and STA Travel to her new role.

KLM Europe special

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has launched an economy fare sale for travel ex SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, PER, DRW and CNS to Amsterdam, Rome, Barcelona, Prague & Paris starting at \$1617 PER-AMS return.



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Where is Roger today?

US launch DCA route

US AIRWAYS has commenced operations on its newest nonstop route, with direct flights available between San Diego and Ronald Reagan Airport in Washington DC.

St Regis MRU launch

SPECIAL launch rates of 50% off new bookings are on offer for the St Regis Mauritius if booked by 31 Oct for stays up to Mar 2013, with the hotel opening on 15 Sep.

Cathay increasing Bali

CATHAY Pacific will operate 11 flights weekly between Hong Kong and Denpasar instead of daily services between 05 Jul and 31 Jul, utilising Airbus A330 aircraft.

qualia appeals to FC agents



PREMIUM luxury was on show for this group of nine Flight Centre agents, who each received their own Windward Pavilion, complete with private plunge pool for a recent Hamilton Island famil trip.

Dining in style with an 8-course degustation dinner, the group also enjoyed a helicopter ride to Whitehaven Beach where bottles of French champagne were waiting. Lovingly pampered and relaxed,

the group, **pictured** above at Hamilton Island Golf Club, from left are Nicole Bettles, FC Wangaratta; Melinda O'Sullivan, ET Top Ryde; Kristie Albrecht, ET Northlakes; Carolyn Ives-Perrin, FC Product Manager; Tanya Ilkin, FC Kirribilli; Karina Petrovics, FC Mittagong; Julie-Anne Keane, FC Glenelg; Elisha Davies FC Stanhope Gardens and Stephanie Murphy from FC Mt Hawthorn.

Accor's Race around Melbourne



ACCOR held its second annual "Accor Great Race" around the streets of the Melbourne CBD.

Ten teams comprised of PCO's from a variety of companies sprinted between city landmarks and six different Accor hotels, taking on a host of challenges over two action-packed days.

From negotiating their way out

of tangled handcuffs to solving encrypted codes and even finding themselves busking on the street, teams tested their physical and mental limits, with FCm Travel wound up as eventual winners, taking home the trophy & medals.

All race participants gathered prior to the start to be **pictured** for the above group photo.

QRT calls on some QLD stars

THEY may be retired, but they can still take a wicket or two if needed.

Queensland Rail Travel are the naming rights sponsors of the Qld Rail Bulls Masters, a team of legendary former cricketers and sportsmen who travel around the state promoting sports and fundraising for a variety of charities.

The team consists of former Qld Bulls and Australian players Allan Border, Jeff Thomson, Matt Hayden, Jimmy Maher, Michael Kasprowicz, Andy Bichel, Ian Healy, rugby league legend Wendell Sailor and



professional golfer Wayne Grady.

Allan Border and Jimmy Maher are **pictured** above with QRT's Susan Crockford at a sportsman's dinner at the Sebel Hotel in Cairns.

Corks pop at Concorde forum



VEUVE champagne was on ice for these lucky door prize winners at a packed Concorde Agency Network social member forum in Melbourne recently.

Members were introduced to Readyrooms.com.au as well as being updated by key suppliers

including Qantas Airways, Air Tickets, Travel Indochina and Cover-More insurance.

Pictured at the event, from left, is Michelle Ryan, Laura Haverkamp, Gul Korpe, Daniel Fitcher, William Yao, Nick Pearson, Saskia Van Dongen and Fiona Dalton.

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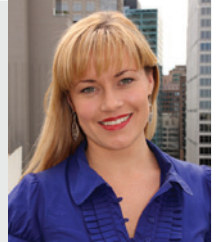
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