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Chinese visa reforms

FEDERAL Minister representing Tourism Andrew Robb says the launch of a new 3-year multiple entry visitor visa for Chinese business travellers increases the prospect of repeat visitors.

Announced jointly late last week with Minister for Immigration & Border Protection Scott Morrison, the changes "would bring flow-on economic benefits to our tourism industry, including airlines, hotels, restaurants, the business events sector and other providers catering to Chinese visitors," Robb commented.





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Sydney's OPT to expand

THE NSW Govt has confirmed a major expansion to Sydney Harbour's cruise facilities, with the Overseas Passenger Terminal to undergo a \$49m upgrade.

Foreshadowed late last year (*Cruise Weekly* 28 Nov), works involve a \$12 million extension of the wharf which will allow it to handle larger vessels such as Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth*.

Sydney Ports Authority chairman Nicholas Whitlam confirmed the move at Fri's inaugural Cruise3Sixty Australasia



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The Concierge Travel Group operates a number of businesses including Concierge Business Travel, Concierge Traveller, Elegant Resorts and Villas, Swiss & Europe Travel and Freighter Travel.

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If you would like to be part of our team indicate your interest to Astute HR Consulting, - via email to Louise Weatherman - lw@astutehrconsulting.com.au, or forward your application to Concierge Recruitment at Astute HR Consulting GPO Box Q186 QVB NSW 1230. Applications close 21 February 2014. conference in Sydney.

Whitlam also gave an indication of down-under ship deployments, saying the expanded offering would allow the OPT to "even handle the 5000 passenger *Quantum* ships that will visit sometime in the near future".

NSW Ports Minister Duncan Gay told **TD** that while ships of this size haven't visited yet, "with the strong growth in the Asian market their arrival is expected".

The OPT building will be extended with a new mezzanine floor, while roadways around the terminal will also be adjusted to improve transport access.

MEANWHILE, CLIA's sold-out Cruise3Sixty Australasia event has been hailed as a major success, with a range of presentations on cruise distribution, marketing and destination development complemented by a wellattended trade exhibition.

A surprise appearance by *The Love Boat* captain Gavin McLeod brought the house down - lots more news in tomorrow's *TD Cruise Update* - for videos of the presentations CLICK HERE.

CLIA 2013 winners list

FOURTEEN members of the Australia and New Zealand cruise industry today have a new plaque to show for a year of achievement, crowned as winners in the 2013 CLIA Cruise Industry Awards on the weekend.

In a ceremony presided over by Seven Network celebrity emcees Hamish McLachlan and Melanie Vallejo, the night saw the best of the trade recognised & honoured.

WA's Bicton Travel added to two previous Cruise Agency of the Year - Australia gongs by claiming its third, while Deborah Long from Weston Cruise & Travel in the ACT's took home Cruise Consultant of the Year - Australia.

The Rising Star - Australia award was won by Kerri Anderson from Just Cruises in Brisbane, with many initiatives over the year also lauded for their success. More awards coverage on **pg 4**.

Today's issue of TD

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

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- Consolidated Travel
- NTIA Nominations



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Sofitel repositioning

ACCOR has repositioned Sofitel from a standalone brand to be part of a newly created "luxury and upscale segment" geographybased organisation.

Sofitel will join Accor's other brands Pullman, MGallery, Grand Mercure and The Sebel within the division, the group announced.

As part of the realignment, the segment's marketing and design functions will relocate to Singapore in the first quarter of this year.



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Rex tips 60% HY profit dip

Abbott Government for failing to

vet again make significant changes

to regional aviation since taking

office (TD 13 Dec), saying delays

to election promises may "spell

Express Group has baulked at

to Cobar and Mudgee in NSW

for subsidiary Air Link, saying

the hubs present "significant

Quest Easter promo

QUEST Serviced Apartments

has today launched an Easter Sale

offering discounts of up to 30% at

participating properties for stays

The sale aims to communicate

to corporate guests that Quest is

an option for leisure travel needs,

"We want to remind guests that

Quest is a great accommodation

looking for spacious, self-catering

apartments & facilities," he said.

The promo runs until 31 Mar.

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option, particularly for families

said gm of brand, Tony Gauci.

between 01 Apr and 31 May.

commercial risk."

plans to apply for route licences

regional hubs] forever." **MEANWHILE**, the Regional

the end of regular air services [to

A SLUMP in corporate travel

has been cited as the root cause

for Regional Express forecasting

compared to the corresponding

Group's chief operating officer

Garry Filmer, the profit warning

follows predictions made in Nov

of "significantly deteriorated"

results for the regional airline.

"Leisure & other discretionary

travel registered a slight decline,

however it was business related

He said Australia's major carriers,

travel that really plummeted,"

Qantas & Virgin Australia, were

also "financially haemorrhaging"

in the current economic climate.

"Regional aviation is even

are slimmer," he explained,

the past 12 months.

will likely follow suit."

harder hit as the profit margins

citing the demise of two other

regional airlines - Aeropelican and

Brindabella - which collapsed in

Filmer warned that "in today's

toxic aviation environment, more

Once again, Rex hit out at the

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Filmer said on Fri.

Announced by Regional Express

half-year profits to fall by 60%

period of FY 2012/13.



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FTC Anzac action call

FRENCH Travel Connection is urging clients to book now to lock in a place on a three-day sidetrip from Paris at the 2014 Anzac Day dawn service on the Somme.

Guests who pre-book ensure participation in the ceremony in Villers-Brettoneux in France.

The \$1,095ppts package incl two nights three-star accom near Amiens, a guided tour of the Somme war sites and entry to the Franco Australian Museum.

See www.frenchtravel.com.au.



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NTIA '14 nominations open

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AFTA this morning opened nominations for the 2014 National Travel Industry Awards (*TD* breaking news Fri), with the formal nomination period running from 9am today through until 5pm on Fri 28 Feb 2014.

Once again travel agents will nominate their favourite suppliers, while suppliers can nominate agencies and consultants - and for the first time there's a self-nomination

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category for the new Emirates Travel Consultant Scholarship.

EK has also been confirmed as a gold sponsor of the event, with the scholarship including a five day business class trip for two to Dubai plus up to \$10,000 towards career-enhancing education.

The nominations are the first stage of this year's NTIA judging process which culminates in the industry night of nights, to be held on Sat 19 Jul 2014.

AFTA event manager Alex Cook said that there are still a limited number of opportunities for Lucky Door Prize sponsors.

For the first time, the 2014 NTIA will follow the Travel Industry Exhibition taking place over two days prior to the NTIA gala dinner.

Qantas is once again the NTIA major sponsor, while all tickets include access to the Singapore Airlines-sponsored AFTA party.

Travel Daily is the official media sponsor of the NTIA, alongside *TravelBulletin*, so keep reading **TD** for all of your NTIA updates. **CLICK HERE** for nominations.

Not a LOT of comm

WORLD Aviation Systems is advising that base commission for all full published fares for point of sale & ticketing in Australia for LOT Polish Airlines - ticketed on 080 plate via BSP - will be 0%, effective 01 Mar.

Convex Travel claims

THE Travel Compensation Fund non-voluntarily terminated Victorian agent Convex Travel (ABN: 76 546 618 007) of Brunswick on Fri after claims were received.

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Sunshine Coast boom

TWO months of stellar weather has given Sunshine Coast tourism suppliers a reason to be happy, with business surging 20-30% over the summer holidays.

Sunshine Coast Destination Ltd chief executive Simon Ambrose said the "bumper" summer season follows three periods of struggle for suppliers at the hands of mother-nature as well as "uncertain & political conditions."

The region's tourism sector is on the up with upgrades at major attractions such as Underwater World, new accommodation options including Seahaven on Hastings Street in Noosa (*TD* 08 Jan) and a hoard of new festivals.

Airport traffic on the Sunshine Coast rose 16% in Dec, with SDCL forecasting the figure could be exceeded for Jan.

Ambrose said SCDL would be looking to increase awareness of the Sunshine Coast across SE Asia, China, Japan and India.

MEANWHILE, the Queensland Govt's third DestinationQ twoday tourism event will be held on the Sunshine Coast later this year, with around 400 attendees expected to participate.

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The Online

ROYAL Caribbean International has taken a dive...of a different kind - signing up three of the world's elite athletes to compete in a special "Challenge Cup" aboard *Allure of the Seas* to promote its new season of Caribbean sailings.

The challenge will see Aussie swimming legend Ian Thorpe pitted against British highdiver Tom Daley and American gymnast Gabby Douglas in a series of light-hearted events.

Contests will all take place onboard and will include surfing, rock climbing and dodgeball.

AIN'T love grand?

Qantas has reciprocated the affections of the townspeople of Moree with a video of its own, following one made last month by Moree residents (*TD* 17 Jan).

In the film, the national carrier thanks the town for its ongoing support and patronage, which it confirmed last week by officially tendering to operate services on a long-term basis - **CLICK HERE**.



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Foreign shores still popular

DOMESTIC travel continued its gradual decline in popularity for the Dec quarter, with one in ten Aussies now planning an int'l trip for their next holiday, according to Roy Morgan Research.

The analyst firm's latest Holiday Tracking Survey showed more than two thirds of Australians are planning a holiday this year, however the preference for int'l

Nanuku resort debut

FIJI'S first all-suite boutique resort on the main island will open to guests from 01 Mar 2014.

Nanuku Resort & Spa is located on Vitu Levu's Pacific Coast and consists of Beachfront & Vunikau (Treehouse) Residences, catering for up to 100 guests.

All suites and residences offer floor-to-ceiling windows & bi-fold doors, plunge pools, spa baths, expansive decks and outdoor living spaces.

Personal butlers, chefs and private nannies are on call to cater for guest needs, and there is also a dedicated spa - the Lomana Spa & Wellness Centre.

More at www.nanukufiji.com.

destinations over domestic ports reversed 1% from the same poll taken one year earlier.

According to the research, highearning "Blue Chip" individuals are still seeking a domestic holiday, preferably in NSW coastal destinations and wine regions including the Hunter Valley, Blue Mountains and ski destinations.

"Over the past few years Australians have been taking fewer holidays by cutting back on domestic travel," Roy Morgan's int'l director of tourism, travel and leisure Jane Ianniello said.

Single visa for cricket

OVERSEAS visitors heading to Australia and New Zealand for the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup will be issued a single visa for entry to both countries.

Announced late last week by the respective Prime Minister's Tony Abbott & John Key, the single visa was welcomed by industry bodies on both sides of the Tasman.

Tourism & Transport Forum chief executive Ken Morrison said both economies will benefit from the now simpler and cheaper process.

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Cruise stars shine at CLIA Awards

SYDNEY'S Doltone House at Hyde Park provided an elegant setting for the CLIA Australasia Cruise Industry Awards for 2013.

Top achievers for the year were formally recognised, including Deborah Long from Weston Cruise & Travel, ACT, winner of Cruise Consultant of the Year - Australia.

Phil Smethurst praised the efforts of his entire team in his acceptance speech after winning Cruise Agency of the Year - Australia.





Honoured for his 45 years in the travel industry, CLIA was proud to welcome the newest member of the prestigious Hall of Fame in Steve Lloyd from Cruiseco.

Long is **pictured** above with CLIA global CEO Christine Duffy and CLIA Australasia general mgr Brett Jardine, while Lloyd is **pictured** left with Compagnie Du Ponant Australasian chairwoman and advisor Sarina Bratton.

Much more from the awards in *Travel Daily Cruise Update* tomorrow - **SUBSCRIBE HERE**.



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McLachlan Tours is a leading niche tour operator based in Manly, NSW, operating three brands: Mat McLachlan Battlefield Tours, McLachlan Experiences and Discover Asia. We are looking for an experienced consultant to join our dynamic team. As a tailor-made tours consultant, you will consult with travel agents and members of the public and design customised tour itineraries to destinations in Africa, Asia, South America and Europe. You will be active in every stage of the selling process, from the initial consultation, through to liaising with ground operators, to producing itineraries and documentation. This is a challenging and rewarding position for an organised self-starter who has experience in a similar role. High attention to detail and excellent sales and customer service skills essential. Salary commensurate with experience.

Send CV to Mat McLachlan, Managing Director: mat@mclachlantours.com.au



G Adventure marketers in Egypt



ABOVE: G Adventures recently held its annual Global Marketing Summit in Egypt where the firm's marketing gurus from around the world met with chief experience officers (ceos).

Participants enjoyed great Egyptian food (pigeon!), visited the Pyramids of Giza and rode camels through the desert.

Representing G Adventures Australia was Natalie Whiston, marketing manager Australia/NZ, **pictured** above third from right with her company counterparts.

AAT Kings 2014/15 NZ

TRANS-TASMAN touring firm AAT Kings has celebrated last week's Waitangi Day by launching its new 2014/15 New Zealand touring program and brochure.

Strong demand for new product has seen the guide released two months early to capitalise on the firm's recent brand relaunch.

The guide features a selection of experiential itineraries, many of which carry niche focuses including food and wine, nature, wildlife, activity & winter escapes.



KEY ACCOUNT MANAGER

Hertz started as a 12 car operation in Chicago in 1918, and has since grown into the world's leading car rental company with offices in 150 countries around the world.The company's success is a testament to the calibre of people it employs and we are looking for a Key Account Manager to join our Sales team, located at Melbourne – Head Office.

The incumbent will be responsible for the strategic growth and retention of the major national accounts and focus on the long term partnerships and a key focus on profitable growth through maximizing the value of the relationships.

To succeed in this role you will have a minimum of 4 years' experience in Key Account Management and demonstrate a proven track record of developing and implementing account management strategies. You will be highly motivated, enthusiastic and have the ability to work in a team and build relationships.

In return, Hertz provides great career opportunities worldwide, development opportunities, staff discounts and a company car.

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UA previously made the seats available to agents in Aug 2011 b

available to agents in Aug 2011 but suspended sales in 2012 to much furore (and subsequent court action), electing to push sales for the seats via its own website.

UA Econ+ back on GDS TRAVELPORT has become the

first global distribution system to enable travel agents in the United

States to once again sell United's

Economy Plus seats.

The Star Alliance carrier plans to offer Economy Plus seats across all GDSs later this year.

Irrawaddy addition

SCENIC Tours has secured an additional departure aboard the *Irrawaddy Navigator* in Burma for the 2014 season.

Departing on 05 Nov, the 10-day Irrawaddy Cruise ex Mandalay to Yangon is priced from \$4,185ppts.

Bookings made prior to 31 Mar will receive a \$700 airfare credit per couple.

Europcar mobile app

EUROPCAR has introduced a mobile app to take advantage of an upswing in the number of Australian customers using smartphones and tablets when booking car rentals.

The new app streamlines the booking process for customers in three steps: 1) choose the time and place of rental; 2) choose the vehicle; 3) pay now or when collecting the vehicle.

More ADL parking

CONSTRUCTION will begin this month on expanding the number of aircraft parking spaces at Adelaide Airport as a result of increased traffic at the South Australian capital.

Four new spaces will be made available on the southern apron.



DNSW Plonk now on

WINE regions of NSW will be on show from today as part of a new online episodic series supported by Destination NSW and creatively entitled *"Plonk"*.

The Hunter Valley, Mudgee and the Murrumbateman all feature in the five 10-minute programs, which star Chris Taylor and Joshua Tyler - view the first episode **HERE**.

Jetstar Japan taxis

QANTAS Group offshoot Jetstar Japan has today launched a new low-cost taxi service in Japan to help passengers get to Tokyo Narita for early morning flights.

The taxis pick up passengers in the Narita prefecture between 3am-6am, with fares priced at up to 40% less than normal costs.

It marks the first time a low-cost carrier in Japan has offered such a service to its passengers.



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Brochures of the Week

WELCOME to Brochures of the Week, *Travel Daily*'s Monday feature. If your firm is releasing a new brochure you'd like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description summarising its features and itineraries, including a PDF of the front cover, and contact details to brochures@traveldaily.com.au.



AAT Kings - 52 Brilliant Breaks in Australia & NZ A range of experiential holidays across Australia and New Zealand feature throughout this new guide, ranging from 2-9 days in duration. A variety of new experiences have been sourced and implemented including dot painting lessons, beach camping, scenic walks from the Great Walks of Australia range and cooking classes using fresh ingredients sourced from growers at the Adelaide Central markets. More

inclusions have been packed into itineraries such as transfers and meals.



Young at Heart Holidays - The Big Book for 2014 Aimed at the mature age traveller, the latest guide from Young at Heart Holidays offers a range of easy 5-14 day adventures with lots of activities but taken at an easy pace. Small groups allow for more time at destinations, with many visits to special events and activities including relaxing cruises. Itineraries are inclusive of meals, return airfares, admittances and more, with destinations available including Broome,

Hervey Bay, the Top End and also now introducing Queenstown in NZ.



Sun Island Tours - Egypt 2014

The best of the Middle East is on show, with pax able to tick a number of items off their bucket list through the new Sun Island Tours guide. Activities and sights on show include the Pyramids and Abu Simbel, plus many more in Israel and the booming metropolis city that is modern Dubai. Passengers can enjoy floating in the Dead Sea, travel deep into Jordan's highlights, including the ancient city of Petra & much more. Many

hotels in the region now offer 24-hour check-in for extra convenience.



Infinity Holidays - Hong Kong & China 2014

Hong Kong and China continue to show unrestrained growth and prosperity, a factor evident in the newest brochure for the region from Infinity Holidays. Boosted by eight additional pages this year, the guide features four brand new sections with Xi'an, Chengdu, Guilin and Guangzhou, each offering a range of hotels from budget through to luxury. China has been enhanced by far, with many new tours and experiences on offer to

customers, taking in new attractions as well as time-honoured drawcards.



Sno N Ski - Southern Hemisphere 2014

Preparations for the southern winter season are well underway ahead of another bumper year, with a huge selection of accommodations in Australia, New Zealand and South America featured. Product available include lift passes, equipment rentals, ski and snowboard lessons to be packaged up into one price, with live rates able to be sourced. Also on offer are transport options and a number of special earlybird deals.



G Adventures - Local Living 2014

A significant range of tours across the world which allow passengers to go in-depth in local communities are featured in this new guide. Guests can meander through villages large and small and enjoy experiences such as renting a small isolated villa, staying in Tuscan farmhouses, on French barges or in a community homestay deep in the Amazon. While getting to know the locals, customers have the added comforts of a

local Chief Experience Officer, always on hand to help as & when needed.



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PC Tours roadshow

ASIAN destination management company PC Tours & Travel has embarked on a four city roadshow of Australia kicking off today in Sydney.

Three senior officials are here to update Australian wholesalers of new services and facilities for FIT leisure touring, MICE activities and sports events in Hong Kong, China and Indochina.

The marketing exercise includes visits to Melbourne for next week's AIME, Adelaide and Perth.

\$700 Canton fare

CHINA Southern Airlines has return Economy class fares under \$700 (including taxes) between Perth and Guangzhou to celebrate Chinese New Year.

The short-life promo is valid for travel between 14 Feb-18 Jun and 08 Jul-24 Nov when booked before tomorrow (11 Feb).

More info at www.csair.com.au.

Delta names new coo

GIL West has been appointed as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Delta Air Lines effective 01 Mar, succeeding Stephen E. Gorman.

West has been with Delta since 2008 when he joined as senior vp of Airport Customer Service.

He played an instrumental role in the integration of Northwest Airlines into Delta's operation.

WIN TICKETS TO BAZ LUHRMANN's STRICTLY BALLROOM THE MUSICAL

Everyday this week **Travel Daily** is giving away double passes to Baz Luhrmann's Strictly Ballroom The Musical

playing at the Sydney Lyric in March. Strictly Ballroom The Musical is the inspiring story of



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Who is directing Strictly Ballroom The Musical?

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PEAK appointment

INTREPID Group owner PEAK Travel Group has appointed Chris Welch as vp of sales, national accounts, tasked to help expand the company's corporate clients.

Quest Wodonga goodwill



ABOVE: On Fri, Quest Wodonga franchisees Noel & Madeleine Wood and Jason & Natasha Callewaert presented the Wodonga Country Fire Authority of Vic with a \$2,000 donation.

Funds will go towards a mobile cool room to allow the Wodonga CFA to provide cool drinking water to firefighters in the field.

Pictured presenting the cheque to the CFA from left are Amy van de Ven, bde Quest Wodonga with owners Noel Wood and Jason & Natasha Callewaert.

EWR-Manhattan rail

PLANNED upgrades to the trans-Hudson PATH rail system in New York City will see the creation of a link between Newark Airport and lower Manhattan, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has announced.

The link will come as part of a ten-year state-wide US\$30 billion project announced by the Authority, which will also see new airport terminals at Newark and LaGuardia (**TD** 22 Jan).

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ON-J at Flamingos

TICKETS have gone on sale to see Olivia Newton-John perform at the Flamingo Las Vegas as part of her residency at the resort between 08 Apr and 30 Aug.

'Summer Nights' tickets start at US\$69 while meet & greet packages are available for US\$249.

Conrad debut in India

HILTON Worldwide will launch its fifth brand into the Indian market, with the luxury Conrad Hotels & Resorts name to make its debut in Pune, Maharastra.

Conrad Pune will feature 310 rooms, six restaurants and a variety of event spaces and marks the company's 12th property in India and 24th globally.

Concierge aboard AM

AEROMEXICO is introducing an exclusive concierge service to provide assistance to pax both in Mexico and while in foreign cities.

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Passengers may use the services up to 48 hours prior to their flight and for three months afterwards.

ET considering 777X

ETHIOPIAN Airlines chief exec Tewolde Gebremariam says the carrier is mulling an order for up to 10 Boeing 777X aircraft.

WIN A TRIP TO THAILAND



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Thoughout February **Travel Daily** will ask 20 questions. The subscriber with the most correct entries and the most creative response to the final question will win this amazing Thailand holiday.

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