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AC 787-9s to Brissie

AIR Canada is ramping up capacity on its vet-to-launch new Brisbane-Vancouver service, with the Canadian carrier to deploy its larger Dreamliner aircraft to the Queensland capital.

AC is set to commence flights to Brisbane, the carriers second hub in Australia, on 03 Jun using the smaller Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner.

Frequencies creep up from thrice weekly to daily beginning 17 Jun and will now move to Air Canada's higher density 787-9 on 01 Nov (ex Brisbane), according to Air Canada's website.

Heinemann SYD T1

HEINEMANN Tax & Duty Free has unveiled the final phase of the transformation of its largest standalone airport duty free store in the world at Sydney Airport.

The final section of the store offers fashion and accessories.

Heinemann has five stores at SYD T1 with a sixth outlet coming.

ABS addresses missing cards

THE Australian Bureau of Statistics has made changes to its calculation of overseas movement data, after a significant increase in missing departure cards.

According to notes accompanying the release of the monthly arrival and departure figures for Mar, the introduction of Departure SmartGates at Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne airports had seen an "increase in outgoing passenger cards not being collected due to passengers failing to place their cards into the drop boxes".

For Mar 2016 the ABS added a whopping 137,282 records to its data to account for missing passenger cards, as well as 692 records relating to a higher level of missing incoming passenger cards than expected from Coolangatta, Cairns, Darwin and Tullamarine airports.

To accommodate for the higher levels of missing passenger cards the ABS has upgraded its systems "to introduce new methods and maintain data quality".

A revision of data has been undertaken from Oct 2014 onwards based on the new methods, adjusting for missing passenger card data each month.

The upgrade uses additional sources of data including retrieving information from other systems such as flight data and the Department of Immigration's Travel and Immigration Processing System (TRIPS).

MEANWHILE, the Mar departure figures showed a 0.4% increase in short term resident departures.

The top outbound destination was New Zealand with 123,000, followed by Indonesia at 97,300 and then the USA at 47,200.

The only top ten destination to decline was Thailand, down 5.7%.

Arrivals were up 0.3%, with NZ the top source market at 104,200 followed by China at 99,100.

Etihad debuts new Melbourne lounge

ETIHAD Airways has today formally opened its new Melbourne Premium lounge, featuring an in-house mixologist, Etihad Chefs, showers and more.

It's the airline's largest lounge outside Abu Dhabi, with capacity for up to 133 guests including an intimate 26-seat dining area offering restaurant-style a la carte dining and an international buffet.

The commencement of A380 services from 01 Jun will also see guests in The Residence enjoy an exclusive private lounge.

For full details see the cover page of today's Travel Daily.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news and photos, a front cover wrap for **Etihad** Airways plus full pages from:

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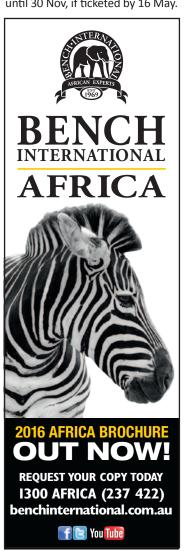
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ANA Europe promo

ALL Nippon Airways has return Economy class fares from Sydney to Europe priced from \$1,676 to destinations including Paris.

Flights operate via Tokyo & are valid for travel at select periods until 30 Nov, if ticketed by 16 May.



World Journeys 18 pax max

THE definition of "small groups" continues to be redefined with World Journeys scaling back its hosted number of passengers in 2017 from 24 to just 18 guests.

Director of the New Zealand based tour operator Chris Lyons told *Travel Daily* the company's decision to reduce its participant numbers was market driven.

"Feedback from the market is this number is more attractive to those clients wanting all the social benefits of travelling with company, without feeling like they're travelling 'en masse'," Lyons told *Travel Daily*.

"We want clients to enjoy the conviviality of group travel, but also to travel more easily and comfortably.

"With a smaller group it's just that much more easy to get around; there's more space on a coach transfer or chartered boat, transit through airports is quicker, and we can dine out in more

Tempo coach deals

TEMPO Holidays, in conjunction with CIE Coach Tours, is this month offering savings of up to \$627 per person on a range of UK and Ireland coach tours departing between May and Dec.

Options include the 24-day Grand Tour of Britain & Ireland which traverses five capital cities and is now priced from \$5,643 per person twin share.

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intimate restaurants and cafes," Lyons explained.

The World Journeys boss said cost benefits of group travel are still retained.

Lyons said travel agents should be conscious the smaller numbers will mean seats on 2017 departures will sell quickly, with all small group hosted trips guaranteed to operate with no minimum group size.

Destinations for 2017 include some annual favourites such as Cuba, Southern America and the Mediterranean, while there's new options to Burma & Bhutan, Madagascar and 'Persia & the Silk Road itinerary.

See worldjourneys.com.au.

VLI rehab progress

VANUATU is moving forward to finalise negotiations with the World Bank loan for the second phase of repairs to commence on the runway at Bauerfield Airport in Port Vila.

The move comes as phase one of VLI's runway rehabilitation was officially completed.

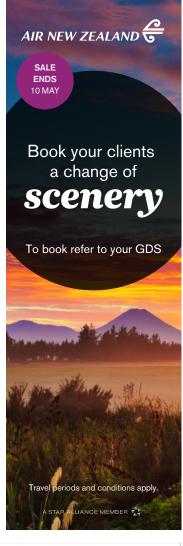
Phase two will see the airport meet code E specifications which allow it to cater for long-haul flights from wide-body aircraft.

Vanuato Tourism Office general manager Linda Kalpoi said the completion of the first phase of repairs is a "launching point for the next exciting stage of tourism for the country".

FlyPelican NTL/DBO

NEWCASTLE-BASED regional carrier FlyPelican will launch flights to Dubbo from 18 Jul using 19-seat Jetstream 32 aircraft, subject to regulatory approval.

The service will operate twice daily on weekdays.











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Air NZ settles US cargo case

AIR New Zealand has agreed to settle a long-running class action compensation claim in the US, with the decade-long case filed on behalf of several freight forwarders naming many global airlines including Air NZ for "alleged conspiracy involving air cargo fuel and security surcharges between 2000 and 2006".

Air NZ has already successfully defended its position with the US Department of Justice in 2011 and was released from the criminal investigation.

However "after ten years of arguing the validity of the civil compensation lawsuit in US courts, Air New Zealand elected to pursue settlement," this morning confirming an agreement on 07 May which is subject to approval by a court in New York.

Despite the settlement Air NZ is not admitting to being part of the alleged conspiracy.

"This is purely a question of mitigating an unacceptable risk created by the US class action system which creates enormous pressure to settle such matters commercially," said Air NZ general counsel John Blair.

Details of the financial impact of the settlement have not been provided at this stage.

In Australia the case continues, with the ACCC earlier this year winning an appeal in relation to alleged price fixing conduct by Garuda and Air NZ (*TD* 21 Mar).

Nauru Air BNE cut

NAURU Airlines is reducing capacity on its Brisbane-Nauru flights, with frequencies reduced from four to three weekly effective from 23 May.

The triangular Boeing 737-300 service also operates via Honiara on some days, with the Mon Nauru-Brisbane sector cancelled.

Wasps cause MAYDAY

AN EMERGENCY landing of an Etihad Airways flight at Brisbane Airport in Nov 2013 was found to have been caused by wasps, according to a report from the Australian Transportation Safety Bureau released on Fri.

The Etihad A330 registered as A6-EYJ attempted two take-offs, and during the second successful attempt the crew noted an airspeed discrepancy.

Once airborne they declared a MAYDAY and returned to Brisbane where an overweight landing was undertaken.

An engineering inspection then found that the Captain's "pitot probe" was almost totally obstructed by an insect nest.

The 'mud-dauber wasp' blockage had occurred during a two hour period that the aircraft was on the ground in Brisbane after arriving from Singapore, with the ATSB advising operators to ensure they use pitot covers even during short transits.



Window Seat

SECURITY paranoia appears to have reached fever pitch in the USA, where a passenger on an AA flight spotted one of her fellow travellers writing out some mathematical equations.

The lady was concerned about the "writing of mysterious formulae" and alerted crew, kicking off a security protocol.

The aircraft returned to the gate where the offending passenger - who turned out to be Professor Carlo Menzio from the University of Pennsylvania - was interviewed about his scribblings which related to a lecture he was about to deliver.

Authorities concluded the calculations were not a "credible threat" and the flight left about two hours behind schedule.





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Lindblad acquistion

COLORADO-BASED adventure travel and eco-tourism company Natural Habitat has had a majority stake acquired by Lindblad Expeditions Holdings.

Natural Habitat offers unique experiences such as adventures to view polar bear tours in Churchill, Alaskan Grizzly bears, small group tours to the Galapagos Islands and African wildlife safaris.

Lindblad Expeditions will pay approximately US\$20 million for the 80.1% stake in 'Nat Hab'.

Gogo on IAG aircraft

INTERNATIONAL Airlines Group (IAG) has struck a deal with in-flight connectivity provider Gogo to instal its '2ku' technology on 118 British Airways, four Aer Lingus and 15 Iberia aircraft.

Gogo said it expects to have the first BA aircraft equipped with the tech by early 2017 and the bulk of installations completed by 2019.

Hurtigruten reprice

HURTIGRUTEN has rejigged its fare structure on its Norway sailings to offer three tiers - Basic, Select and Platinum.

The Basic level includes a cabin and full board, Select includes breakfast, lunch and dinner and Platinum offers A la Carte dinners, excursions and more.

More in Cruise Weekly on Tue.

EY Group shake-up

& ceo James Hogan has been appointed Etihad Aviation Group president and chief executive officer following a new management structure unveiled overnight.

The new ceos of the group companies include Peter Baumgartner, Etihad Airways; Bruno Matheu, Airline Equity Partners; Jeff Wilkinson, Etihad Airways Engineering with the ceo of the newly established Hala Group yet to be announced.

Something exciting is coming....



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Chan takes Entrepreneur title

ACI HR Solutions ceo and founder Andrew Chan has been named 'Entrepreneur of the Year' at the Recruitment International -Australia 2016 Awards

The accolade follows ACI's award for 'Best Newcomer' at the 2015 Recruitment International -Asia 2015 gala held in Aug.

ACI was also recently bestowed

with three trophies at the Human Resources Asia Recruitment Awards 2016 in Singapore where it picked up gongs for 'Best Recruitment Innovation by a Recruitment Agency' category.

Chan said he was honoured to



be recognised by his HR industry peers the award validates his work and passion of the ACI team since the company's launch in 2012.

Chan is **pictured** with the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award with ACI executive consultant (Australia), Kathy Fatseas.

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Viking Sea christened

VIKING Ocean Cruises officially welcomed its second ship, Viking Sea, to its fleet on Thu last week.

The 930-guest vessel was launched on the Thames River in Greenwich, London - the largest ship ever to debut in the city.

Karine Hagen, Viking's senior vice president and daughter of Viking's president and ceo Torstein Hagen served as the ceremonial godmother.

Viking Sea began ops on 03 Apr.

Spirit record on song

THE Tasmanian Govt says the Spirit of Tasmania vessels are on track to achieve a record half year result in terms of passengers numbers carried.

To date, the vessels have carried 377,000 passengers for the first four months of 2016, up nearly 10% compared to the same period the year prior.

Minister for Infrastructure Rene Hidding said operator TT-Line was heading towards cracking the 400,000 mark before 30 Jun.

MH A330-300 means Business



MALAYSIA Airlines hosted key trade partners and Enrich frequent flyers at an event in Sydney recently to mark the launch of the oneworld carrier's new A330 Business Class product.

Sydney was the first destination on Malaysia Airlines' global network to offer the product.

The Biz product features a 43" seat pitch that converts to a fully flat 76" bed, offering 90% more working space, extra stowage for personal items.

Most seats also have direct aisle access due to the 1-2-1 and 1-2-2 cabin configuration.

Seats feature a 19" touch screen in-flight entertainment system.

"This is the start of an exciting roll-out of new, innovative and personalised products & services that we can't wait to share with out guests," chief commercial officer Paul Simmons said.

The revamped seat has been operating on the Sydney route since 23 Mar and will be added to other Australian destinations gradually from now to Sep.

MH's A330 also flies to New Zealand, Japan, Korea, China and

Pictured at the Museum of Contemporary of Art flanked by cabin crew are Malaysia Airlines' Suhailey Alarcon, sales & marketing officer ANZ; Damien Van Eyk, sales manager Vic/ Tas/SA/NT; Laurent Recoura, head of sales; Bennet Stephens, country manager ANZ/SWP; Stan Bennetto, sales manager NZ.

In front are MH's sales managers for NSW/ACT/WA/Queensland; Gabrielle Vicari & Suzanne Hallas.

BELOW: The new Malaysia Airlines A330 Business class seat on static display in Sydney.





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Cherry Blossom tour

A 16-DAY small group hosted tour of Japan in spring has been unveiled by World Journeys.

The 2017 Cherry Blossom Japan trip sets out from Tokyo on 25 Mar, visiting Takayama, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Yudanaka to see the wild snow monkeys bathing.

It's priced at \$9,970ppts for a maximum of just 18 guests, with a \$400 per couple saving for bookings made before 30 Nov. Call 1800 144 055 to book.

Maguk reopens

Gorge) in Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory reopened last weekend, accessible for day trips or overnight stays for just \$6 per adult per night.

ACCESS to Maguk (Barramundi

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Major prize for the 2016 footy tipping competition is return economy class airfares flying with **EMIRATES** to any one of the 39 cities they fly direct to in Europe including Rome



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Carnival ups gratuity

CARNIVAL Cruise Lines in the US is jacking up the price of its daily gratuity charge for staff to US\$12.95 per person per day, up about 8% on the previous charge.

Passengers in suites will pay US\$13.95 per person per day, USA Today reports.

The gratuity is automatically added to passengers' bills but is only a suggested amount.

Free 2nts in Sri Lanka

WENDY Wu Tours is giving away a free two night post-tour beach stay in Sri Lanka when booking its 15-day Pearl of the Indian Ocean journey departing on 22 Oct or Cultural Northern Discovery itinerary on 08 Aug.

The promo is based on the Beach Cabanas Retreat and Spa in Koggala and includes private return transfers from Colombo, daily lunch and breakfast plus lunch and dinner on the first day.

Selection by Europear

EUROPCAR has introduced a new service in Australia designed to satisfy a surge in demand for a premium car rental experience.

The key component of 'Selection by Europear' is customers being able to guarantee a rental vehicle's make and model.

Europcar Australia/New Zealand ceo Ron Santiago said Selection has had an overwhelming response from corporate clients and tourists alike.

It's available on the Luxury and Fun vehicle categories, including the Mercedes-Benz GLE and E250 Cabriolet (Luxury) and SLK Roadster or CLA 200 AMG Pack.

Other benefits include a dedicated enquiry line, priority collection on arrival, refreshments in the car and staff escort to the chosen vehicle to demonstrate features.

'Selection' was rolled out in Europe in Dec and is now available at Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart and Gold Coast city and airport locations and across the ditch at Auckland city & airport depots and Christchurch & Queenstown airport locations.

Europear plans to expand the service further across ANZ.

Aussies shun Europe for Britain



VISITBRITAIN has wrapped up its first UK travel trade mission to Australia in a decade, bringing 19 suppliers to 450 agents across three cities last week.

"We will certainly be looking at how we run a more regular mission," Mark Haynes, VisitBritain regional marketing manager told Travel Daily on Fri.

"We only visited Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney this time and there's hunger for others."

Haynes said the mission has been "a bit of a tester" to see how things were received.

"The enthusiasm from travel agents has been superb, the energy levels from the suppliers has been wonderful...in a few months' time we'll evaluate, see how much business has been generated and we'd love to do more," he said.

VisitBritain has designated Australia as one of seven "GREAT tourism markets" in response to significant growth in the market.

Aussies currently stay longer in Britain than other travellers, with an average of just over 14 nights, is the fourth most valuable market for visitor spend, fifth for the number of nights spent per trip and tenth for number of visits to Britain.

"People are always going to spend four to five days in London, but increasingly, as opposed to going to Europe, they're now exploring Britain," Haynes said.

Growth is predominantly extending from London into the North Country, along with central England, Scotland and Wales.

"It's still a huge fly-drive market, rail is a good growth trend and there's a big love again for all the traditional steam trains that are opening up around the country,"

Haynes added.

As part of its push in the Australian market, VisitBritain is this year rolling out a consumer marketing campaign - #OMGB GREAT Britain 'Home of Amazing Moments' - which will promote 'moments' which can only be found in Britain.

Haynes told **TD** the campaign is designed to drive demand and inspire people about Britain "and we fundamentally believe in the role of the travel agent in the conversion of that".



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To win, be the first agent to send the correct answer to the following question to

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How many wineries can you visit in Sonoma County?

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Wild Borneo experience



ROYAL Brunei Airlines (RBA) and Sabah Tourism recently hosted a famil for Travel Counsellors agents who won a trip to Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia on the Island of Borneo.

Participants jumped on the Coral Coast Experience Zip Line, enjoyed a Wildlife River excursion and watched beautiful sunsets at The Shangri-La Tanjung Aru.

The Travel Counsellor agents are **pictured** at the Mari-Mari Cultural Village (back row) from left are Michelle Hobday, Meagan Patterson, Sandra Botela, Elaine Johnson-Dearnaley, James King, Anton Nicholson (RBA), Kerry Croft, Heidi Smithers, Paayal

DriveAway savings

DRIVEAWAY Holidays is offering discounts of up to 20% on car rentals in Europe from companys including Avis, Hertz, Europcar and Dollar

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A&K Tibet tour

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has added a new 17-day *China, the Yangzi & Tibet's Horse Racing Festival Journey* trip departing on 17 Jul and 02 Aug 2017.

Priced from \$15,495ppts, the trip takes in the Qinghai Yushu Horseracing Festival where more than 10,000 people converge.

The trip also visits Beijing, Xian, Lhasa and Shanghai and features a *Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer* cruise through the Three Gorges.

Chandra, Claire Phillips and Lani Symons-Vaughan.

Kneeling are Travel Counsellors Kirsty Love and Danielle Cutrupi.

NSW events success

THE inaugural NSW Regional Events Conference held in Wagga Wagga last week has been deemed a success.

More than 100 delegates from across the state joined together for the program catering to event organisers and tourism bodies and backed by King Events and Destination NSW.

Keynote speakers included the founder and director of the Woodford Folk Festival Bill Hauritz AM and the director of Bluesfest Peter Noble OAM who provided fascinating insights into the success and challenges of their events.

Networking took place at local venues to highlight the produce in the region.

Sabre lower fares

SABRE Corporation has released a third-party study comparing the efficiency of air shopping platforms.

The study by Dr Fried & Partner found globally that Sabre had lower fares 12% more often than rival Amadeus and 9% more than Travelport.

Sabre fares saved travel buyers, on average, \$20.50 and \$11.40 compared to its competitors, Sabre said of the results.

The study was conducted in the first quarter of 2016, covered 31 countries and included 100 of the top booked city pairs per country.

CLICK HERE for the full report.

Aloft enters Arizona

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts Worldwide has opened the 126-room Aloft Scottsdale, marking the debut of the Aloft brand in the US state of Arizona.



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Brochures

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.



Flavours of Dubai - Dubai Tourism

Dubai Tourism has released a 52-page gastronomy guide to Dubai. The supplement showcases where to eat from alfresco dining, dining with a view, dining options in the desert, fine dining, cheap eats to supper clubs. Also included, five aussies chefs who visited Dubai for the Dubai Food Festival (George Calombaris, Gary Mehigan, Manu Feildel, Matt Moran

& Shannon Bennett) all give their tips on where to go to eat in the city.



APT - Kimberley Coast Cruising 2017

APT has expanded its Kimberley coast cruising offering in 2017, with luxury cruises available aboard *L'Austral*. Three cruise styles - luxury, expedition and boutique - are included in the brochure. There is also the option to explore the region by land and sea with a range of cruise and 4WD Kimberley Wilderness Adventures. Expedition style cruises are available on APT's vessel, *MS Caledonian Sky* and boutique

cruising on board the Coral Discoverer.



Scenic - South East Asia River Cruising booklet
This 16-page booklet details the on board inclusions
of Scenic Spirit and Scenic Aura along with the
itineraries available on the Mekong and Irrawaddy
rivers. It is designed to be used as a selling tool for
agents during consultations to help them decide what
itinerary is right for each client. Included are earlybird
offers such as Fly Free to Asia; fly Premium Economy
to Singapore for \$995pp; and upgrade to Business

class from \$2,995pp.

WA events funding

WESTERN Australia has been allocated \$30 million in funding for business, sporting and entertainment events in the 2016/17 State Budget.

"An extra \$19 million will help attract big events to activate the new Perth stadium; \$3.15 million will be reinstated to the Perth Convention Bureau events budget, and the PCB will also receive an extra \$7.55 million on top of that," said WA Premier and Tourism Minister Colin Barnett.

An additional \$20 million through Royalties for Regions will also see construction start on the Kalbarri Skywalk, a viewing platform overlooking the Murchison River gorge and major upgrades to lookouts, roads and infrastructure is also underway.

QF halt IE codeshare

QANTAS has temporarily suspended its codeshare with Solomon Airlines between Sydney and Melbourne to Honiara for dep from Australia on/after 09 May and on/before 13 May.

Pax can rebook on a alternative flight, change destinations or retain the value of the ticket. For full details, **CLICK HERE**.

French youth push

TOURISM Australia and STA Travel are running a youth campaign in France.

The push prompts travellers to create a list of "ultimate" Australian experiences and is being promoted through online video, social media ads & posts, sales activities in STA shop in Paris.



This month Travel Daily, New Caledonia Tourism and Aircalin are giving agents the chance to win a trip to New Caledonia. The prize includes:

- Two return economy class flights on
- · 5 nights at Ramada Hotel & Suites Noumea staying in a one bedroom apartment
- Daily breakfast
- · One week unlimited golf for two at the Exclusiv Gold de Deva + Garden Gold de Dumbea
- · Return airport transfers

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Virgin ups Tamworth

VIRGIN Australia will operate six additional return services between Sydney and Tamworth between 03 Jul-29 Oct.

The new overnight services doubles Virgin's current operation to the regional NSW city and will mean VA can offer Tamworth residents travelling to Sydney a full day of work in the capital.

The additional capacity will also provide connections to VA's flights to Los Angeles out of SYD.

VIA Rail offers aid

CANADIAN train operator VIA Rail has come to the rescue of residents of Fort McMurray affected by wildfires, offering free transport east- or westbound out of Edmonton over select dates.

Seats on Train #1 and #2 are available on a first served basis with pets also accommodated.

Seasonal work pilot

A NEW Seasonal Worker Programme tourism pilot is giving tourism businesses across Northern Australia the option to employ seasonal workers from nine Pacific Island countries and Timor-Leste.

Accommodation Association of Australia ceo Richard Munro welcomed the move saying at a time when visitor numbers were continuing to grow in Northern Australia maintaining adequate staffing levels in accommodation businesses was integral.

Turkey terror alert

DFAT is warning Australians to exercise a high degree of caution in Turkey with a strong threat of a terrorist attack in tourist destinations around Izmir, Antalya and nearby coastal areas plus tourist hot spots in Istanbul. Ankara and Adana.



TO MANY in the travel industry SKAL is seen as an old man's drinking club but those days have passed and SKAL is attracting new, younger members as people realise the benefits of networking and doing business in person, rather than online.

The professional organisation of tourism leaders has over 15,000 members in 370 clubs across 83 nations.

SKAL Melbourne is excited to have Dianne Smith, chief exec of Victoria Tourism Industry Council as a guest speaker for the next networking Lunch at Sabai Thai Restaurant on 19 May.

An expo where Skalleagues can promote their business and product to members/guests will be held at Radisson Hotel, Flagstaff on 18 Aug.

On 29 Sep a Grand Final lunch will be held at the MCG - just prior to the AFL grand final.

The event attracts members from right across Aus and NZ.

SKAL Melbourne welcomes new members with networking lunches the third Thu of each month, CLICK HERE for more.

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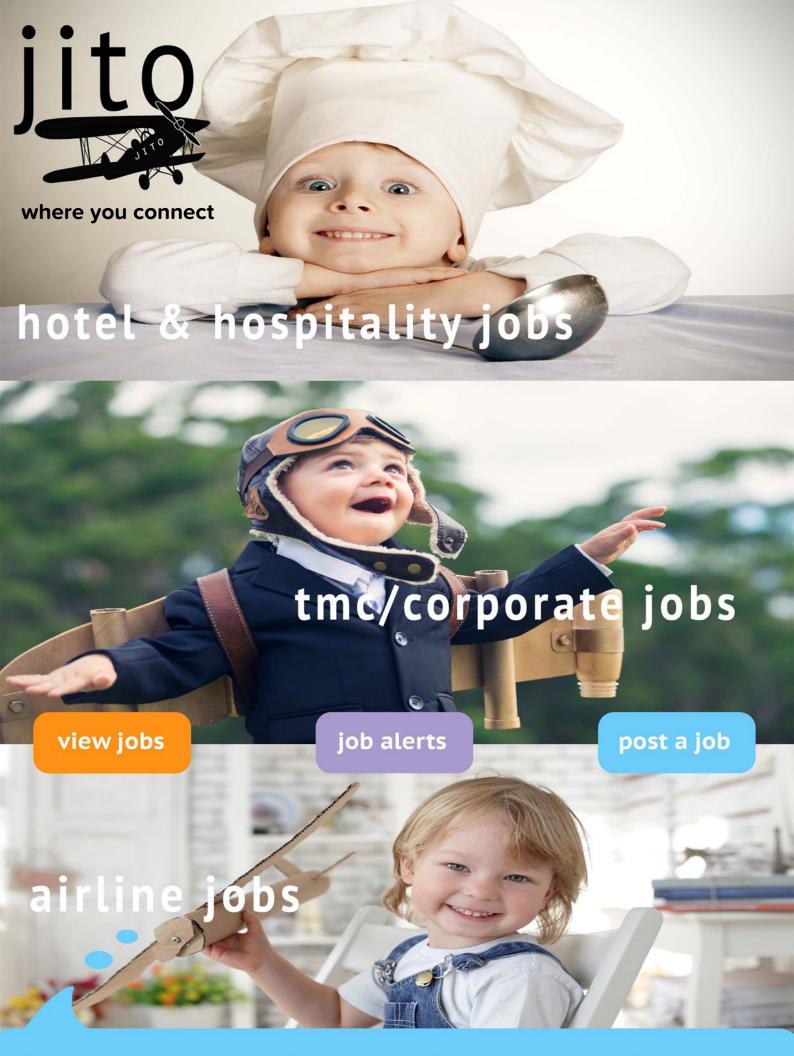












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