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## Philippines holiday!

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For all the comp inclusions and how to enter, see **page 8**.

## Club Med '18 sale

**ALL-INCLUSIVE** holiday specialist Club Med is providing earlybird savings of up to 30% and a "Best Offer Guaranteed" for 2018 stays booked between May-Oct in a new sale that goes live tomorrow - see **page 10**.

Club Med has also announced its first 5-Trident resort in the Mediterranean, Club Med Cefalu in Sicily, Italy, will open next Jun as its new flagship property.

## MH lifts on trade support

**MALAYSIA** Airlines is seeing strong growth in its Australian yields and passenger load factors, with ceo Peter Bellew attributing the performance to engagement with local travel agents.

Bellew is in Sydney to speak at the CAPA Centre for Aviation Summit today, and told **Travel Daily** since he took over as MH ceo a year ago the company had undergone a "180-degree switch" in its approach to the trade.

"The strategy of my predecessor was to target direct bookings and unbundle fares... now we have gone to the marketplace to work very closely with travel agents."

Bellew said MH had no intention

whatsoever of unbundling its offering and would continue to offer baggage, food and in-flight entertainment at no additional cost, adding "we're not going to skim people for these things".

He said the carrier aimed to regain its position as a "five star premium airline," with travel agents a key part of the strategy.

Since making the changes the carrier has seen a double-digit increase in Revenue per Available Seat Km out of Australia and a 9% lift in load factor, while business class revenue is also up 9%.

Bellew said the carrier was working on relaunching flights to Brisbane, but was constrained by aircraft availability as it pursues rapid expansion in China where MH will this year launch a whopping 11 new destinations.

A return to Darwin is definitely off the agenda, Bellew added, saying the DRW-KUL route had not been profitable.

## VA syncs Honkers

**VIRGIN** Australia has updated the schedule of its Melbourne-Hong Kong route, "ensuring a consistent departure time for each flight".

VA currently has three different push back times on the MEL-HKG route, with Tue, Thu & Sat flights departing at 0035, Wed at 0940 and Mon at 1025.

Effective 30 Oct, the outbound flight VA87 from MEL will depart at 1055 and touchdown in HKG at 1735, while the return flight ex HKG remains unchanged at 1950.

Schedules beyond Mar will continue to be reviewed.

## Wu joins CLIA

**WENDY** Wu Tours has joined Cruise Lines International Assoc as an executive partner.

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## PCMA acquires ICESAP

**BUSINESS** events industry veteran Nigel Gaunt has confirmed the acquisition of the Incentive, Conference & Event Society Asia Pacific (ICESAP), four years after he founded the organisation in a bid to boost standards in the sector.

ICESAP will become a division of the Chicago-based Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA), with the deal seeing the group significantly boost its global footprint.

PCMA has 17 chapters across North America and Melbourne Convention Bureau chief Karen Bolinger is on its advisory board.

PCMA also provided the educational stream for the Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Expo (AIME) in 2015 and 2016.

Gaunt told **TD** he was delighted at the acquisition of ICESAP by PCMA, saying the deal "represents the best possible future for our Society".

"ICESAP will continue on delivering on our commitment to agency accreditation, member education and most importantly, advocacy for the benefits the

sector brings to the businesses and economies of Asia Pacific".

ICESAP is now based in Singapore and has an Asia-Pacific wide focus on strengthening the role of intermediary agencies.

The organisation launched an Agency Accreditation Scheme earlier this year and also offers industry education in partnership with William Angliss Institute.

Gaunt said the acquisition by PCMA was a validation of the investment of time and money he had made since 2013 "in establishing what I felt was needed for our industry".

Prior to founding ICESAP, Gaunt had an extensive career in the sector as founder and md of The MINT Organisation, acquired by BI Worldwide in 2007.

He will continue to lead ICESAP, saying the tie-up with PCMA is likely to see the organisation increase its presence in "all key markets" including Australia.

Further details will be revealed at the upcoming ICESAP conference at the newly opened W Shanghai from 06-08 Sep.

See [icesap.org/conference](http://icesap.org/conference).



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## Flight Centre NZ move

**FLIGHT** Centre Travel Group (FCTG) has bolstered its New Zealand presence with the acquisition of two local companies, the leisure-focussed Travel Managers Group and corporate independent Executive Travel Group.

Announced late yesterday, FCTG said the purchases strengthened its position as one of NZ's largest corporate travel management companies and gave it a strong broker and franchise network.

Travel Managers Group (TMG) - unrelated to Australia's TravelManagers home-based network - offers systems and support services to over 180 individual travel brokers, as well as a 22-store franchise network with 12 TravelSmart shops and 10 unbranded stores.

Executive Travel Group (ETG) is NZ's largest independent corporate travel management

company, established in 1978.

Flight Centre md Graham Turner said NZ was now the company's fifth largest business globally by sales, behind Australia, the USA, the UK and Canada.

"Executive Travel and Travel Managers are profitable businesses, generating earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation in excess of NZ\$3 million annually, with solid growth trajectories and good track records of success," he said.

"With their addition, Flight Centre New Zealand will go close to becoming a \$NZ1.5 billion-per-year sales company during the 2018 fiscal year.

Turner said ETG would enhance "our already strong corporate travel offering in NZ" and give additional scale and expertise.

He said TMG would provide new business models and leisure revenue streams.

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## Intrepid ups Canada

**INTREPID** Travel has launched new trips to Canada for 2018 in response to growing demand for the North American country.

The adventure travel specialist said it has witnessed sales on popular trips increase by more than 150% in the past year, however US sales had slumped about 20% since the start of the year, "almost immediately after Trump's inauguration".

Three new itineraries have been added for 2018 including a new 12-day US and Canada Discovery Winter departure.

The trip includes Christmas in New York, ice skating on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa and a snowshoe hike in Vermont, with prices starting at \$4,649pp.

Intrepid's new North America program offers more than 34 itineraries from Chicago to Calgary including the first dedicated tour of Victoria Island.

See [www.intrepidtravel.com/au](http://www.intrepidtravel.com/au).



## Window Seat

**IF YOU'VE** ever winced at the price of drinks at Australian airports, take a moment to admire the fine work of travel bloggers Collette and Scott Stohler who pushed the boundaries of big spending at San Francisco Airport recently - all at United Airlines' expense.

The husband and wife team managed to blow more than US\$111 on two drinks using UA meal vouchers granted after their flight was cancelled.

In a video posted on YouTube, the pair are seen trawling the airport for its most expensive offerings, at one point trying to use their vouchers at a day spa.

They eventually settle on two shots of Macallan 18-year-old single malt whisky - **CLICK HERE** to join them at the bar.

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## Bronze extension

**TOURISM** New Zealand has extended its Bronze Specialist comp celebrating the launch of the upgraded 100% Pure New Zealand Specialist Program by an extra week, until 07 Aug.

Agents can attain a 100% Pure New Zealand Specialist status by completing 10 online training modules, which TNZ says gains them credibility with clients and provides access to incentives & benefits, famil opportunities and more - **CLICK HERE** for details.

## Tjapukai appoints

**TJAPUKAI** Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns has promoted Shirley Hollingsworth to the role of deputy general manager after two decades with the attraction.

Hollingsworth is a Djabugay descendant of the Buluwai Clan.

GM Bryce Madgwick said the long-term goal was to see the operation of Tjapukai handed over to the traditional owners.

## Paris 2024 Olympics

**LOS** Angeles has struck a deal with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to withdraw from the race to host the 2024 Olympic Games, with the lure of US\$1.8 billion in funding to hold the 2028 edition instead.

The arrangement paves the way for Paris to be the host city for the 2024 edition of the sporting spectacular, though the deal still needs to be rubber-stamped by the IOC next month.

"In comparison to the Host City Contract 2024, the IOC is making two major changes: the IOC will advance funds to the Los Angeles Organising Committee in view of the longer planning period and to increase participation and access to youth sports programs in the City of Los Angeles in the years leading up to the Games," it said.

IOC president Thomas Bach said the organisation was confident of reaching a tripartite agreement with LA and Paris this month.

Experience the beautiful walk on Maria Island in the August issue of *travelBulletin*.

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## Googling travel's future

**TECH** giant Google has come to dominate virtually every corner of the online world and shows no sign of easing back its phenomenal pace - and this month's *travelBulletin* provides an insight into what that means for travel.

The Aug issue charts Google's vision across all areas of the travel cycle, from dreaming and planning through to booking and the experience, with details on its latest products and developments, what they mean for the travel industry, and what's in the future.

*travelBulletin's* latest issue is out now and also features special coverage of the 2017 National Travel Industry Awards, with 14 pages of photos, stories and a full list of all the winners.

Plus, there are special features on Europe, Australia, India &



Sri Lanka, and Sports Travel, as well as insightful industry news, comment and analysis.

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## Chimu fly free offer

A SELECTION of fly free deals on a range of Latin America tours and Antarctica charters have been released by Chimu Adventures for reservations made by 21 Aug.

A fly free return Economy class fare to South America with LATAM is available ex SYD, BNE or MEL when booking the 33-day South American Icons; 20-day Collections of South America; 18-day Shkelton's Antarctica and 11-day Frozen Frontier.

There's also a special \$500 return fare on offer if booking the 11-day Ultimate Peru Experience - for more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Dubai H1 visits soar

DUBAI welcomed a record 8.06m international overnight visitors during the first six months of 2017, up 10.6% year-on-year, Dubai's Department of Tourism & Commerce Marketing reports.

China and Russia fuelled growth following the introduction of free visa-on-arrival access to the UAE, with visitor numbers soaring 55% and a whopping 97% respectively.

Western Europe was the top int'l market for overnight stays in Dubai, accounting for 21%.

Dubai Tourism is targeting 20m annual tourist arrivals under its Tourism Vision 2020 strategy.



As HRG continues to grow and increase our footprint in the Meetings Groups and Events segments in Australia, we have openings for the following two positions.

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#### SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Venue sourcing or events experience (minimum 2 years)
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#### SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Travel consulting experience - required
- Coordinate and book individual and group travel including flights, accommodation, transfers
- Process supplier payments and invoices for clients
- Knowledge and experience of GDS (TravelPort advantageous Strong fares knowledge - international and domestic)
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Please contact Laura Cozzi on 03 9604 3478 e-mail your details and resume to [laura.cozzi@hrgworldwide.com](mailto:laura.cozzi@hrgworldwide.com)

Both positions provide a strong opportunity for career growth within the HRG Australia family.

## Sri Lankan pre-launch festivities



TRAVEL trade staff were given a taste of Sri Lanka last week ahead of the launch in Oct of Sri Lankan Airlines' flights to Australia when it begins daily services between Colombo and Melbourne.

Held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Sydney, the event included Sri Lankan drummers who got the

event off with a bang, followed by a traditional candle lighting ceremony hosted by a local Sri Lankan dance troupe.

Attending the historic event was the Consul General of Sri Lanka, Lal Wickrematunge.

Guests had the chance to win return flights to the country, plus there were also prize packages given away to the Maldives, India and Sri Lanka, while enjoying Sri Lankan cuisine and hospitality.

Media personality and travel writer Glenn A Baker shared his travel experiences in Sri Lanka with the audience.

Baker is pictured above with some of the entertainers.

## Excite DC push

THE US capital, Washington DC, will be the focus of a new campaign by Excite Holidays over the next two weeks as part of a collaboration with Destination DC and Brand USA.

The wholesaler is highlighting the experiences, architecture, street art and eateries on offer in Washington DC & has produced a downloadable destination guide of the city's six neighbourhoods, available [HERE](#).

For agents, every night booked in Washington DC between now and 13 Aug will see them receive 500 Excite Hols reward points.

## Qatar Biz specials

QATAR Airways has released a Business class special, with fares from Perth, via Doha, to Dublin priced from \$5,909, to Rome from \$5,949, to Paris from \$6,029 and to London from \$6,199.

The sale is valid for travel until 31 Mar when booked by 09 Aug - more at [qatarairways.com/au](http://qatarairways.com/au).

## Waldorf Chengdu

HILTON has opened the 289-room Waldorf Astoria Chengdu in China, the company's 200th hotel in Asia Pacific.

The property is part of the 52-storey 99Plaza mixed-used development which comprises a retail shopping centre, office towers and apartments.

## SKAL MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

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## Langham flags KI resort

**LANGHAM** Hospitality Group is set to further expand its Australian footprint, with ceo Robert Warman this morning confirming the company is looking at a new Langham Resort on South Australia's iconic Kangaroo Island.



It's early days yet for the project, with Warman telling **Travel Daily** nothing is confirmed at this stage, but if the project proceeded it would be the first Langham Resort in the country.

Other developments announced by Warman today include the \$120 million renovation of the Langham Melbourne.

The upgrade will take place beginning next year and will "completely transform the hotel into one of the best in the world," Warman promised.

The company's previously announced development in Adelaide's Glenelg (**TD** 20 Jan) will

be branded as a Langham Hotel, he confirmed, rather than the previously announced Langham Place brand.

Also new for Langham in the region is the major makeover of the Langham Auckland, which will become the Cordis Auckland when it relaunches on 01 Nov 17.

The Cordis brand is described as a "new generation of selected upper upscale modern hotels" catering to both business and leisure travellers.

Warman is pictured above at a breakfast event at the Sydney Langham this morning with Chris Tyrrell of Tyrrell's Wines.



**WE ARE** among the lucky ones it would seem with this latest terror plot set to impact upon the travelling public being foiled by our protective services. I talk of the weekend's news of a plan to unleash terror on an aircraft in Australia being stopped before it could happen. The knock-on impact is clearly showing with the necessary increase to security at our airports meaning travellers are delayed during the security screening process. This is mainly due to a heightened level of screening and the border forces being more acutely tuned into issues that may raise flags to the safety of travellers.

I am sure there are plenty of travel clients not happy about this, but let's face it, even as an impatient frequent traveller, I would rather be slowed down while the authorities are diligent to keep everyone as safe as they can and also to continue to give the confidence that the travelling public need to feel safe when flying. The last thing anyone would want would be an incident of the likes being reported as a potential terrorist attack in Australia.

Curiously the Australian Government, even with this foiled plot over the weekend, has not lifted its terror threat warning from PROBABLE. There are five threat warning levels. These threat levels in order from the lowest level of concern are - NOT EXPECTED, POSSIBLE, PROBABLE (the current level), EXPECTED and CERTAIN - and give an indication as to the Commonwealth Government's expedition of potential terrorist attacks in Australia. Again this is good news as it would seem that this plot, which was stopped, does not present at this stage in any event, a need to lift the threat level.

Of course this is not a warning level that people in the travel industry want to be watching every day and it is clearly not necessary to do this. But for clients who express concern, it may be a reasonable way to give confidence to them based upon the Commonwealth government's threat warning level. The Australian National Terrorism Threat Advisory System threat level has been unchanged at PROBABLE since 2014. If you are interested to know more you can **CLICK HERE** to get access to the Advisory System.

For now, while people are going to have an increased level of screening at airports (and I would suggest this may continue for a while), the important message is that we need to be thankful for the work done by our various government agencies to keep us as safe as possible in times that present continued threats to the freedom of travel and the freedom to feel safe.

It's not a great start to August, but hopefully this situation is contained and it will not be long before things return to whatever is now a normal state.

## BITRE int'l up & up

**NEW** Govt data for May 2017 shows international passenger traffic for the month climbed 6.7% compared to May 2016.

Qantas remained the largest int'l carrier with a 16.2% market share, with Jetstar in second on 9.6%, an increase of 0.7% from Apr 2017.

Emirates (8.1%), Singapore Airlines (7.9%) and Air NZ on 6.6% made up the top five.

The QF Group's share accounts for 26.5% of total pax carried, down from 27.0% in 2016.

In May, the total number of seats available on international flights increased by 3.9% from May 2016 to 4.04 million.

JQ had the highest inbound seat use on its HNL flight at 94.1%, while its outbound Bali flights had the highest load factors at 92.2%.

## QF Club increase

**QANTAS** has increased the price of a Qantas Club Membership effective today with a one-year membership fee climbing from \$510 to \$540.

Joining fees for an individual memberships will jump from \$385 to \$399.

It will be the first time since 2014 the airline has increase membership fees for the popular Qantas Club.

Qantas said the price increase reflected the investment the airline had made in a number of its lounge facilities.

Along with the price increase, Bronze and Silver QFF members will now be able to earn three QF points for ever dollar they spend on their Qantas Club joining and annual fees.

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## Marketing Representative

United Airlines is looking for an energetic Marketing Representative with exceptional communication and collaboration skills to join the sales team, based in Sydney.

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## Travel Daily

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Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of CAPA Centre for Aviation, which is hosting over 800 delegates at its 2017 Aviation Summit in Sydney.

**CAPA'S** conference has become a fixture on the global aviation calendar, and this year's event is no exception with a host of airline CEOs on the agenda.

Jetstar CEO Jayne Hrdlicka, Christopher Luxon from Air New Zealand, SriLankan Airlines' Suren Ratwatte, Peter Bellew of Malaysia Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines chief Mark Dunkerley are all presenting today, along with senior executives from Fiji Airways, AccorHotels, Qantas and Amex Global Business Travel.

The event also includes streams covering aviation outlook, airport innovation, corporate travel, payments innovation, Western Sydney Airport and more.

Delegates will celebrate at a gala dinner before the conference continues tomorrow. See [capaevents.com](http://capaevents.com).

## VA China strategy

**VIRGIN** Australia chief executive John Borghetti has confirmed the carrier aims to add two mainland China routes in support of HNA Group's investment in the carrier.

Speaking to *Bloomberg*, Borghetti said over the next five years Virgin Australia planned to take advantage of flights of HNA owned or affiliate airlines Hainan & Tianjin Airlines and Lucky Air.

Each of the Chinese carriers has already sought approval to commence services to Australia, most recently Lucky Air to Melbourne (*TD* 06 Jul).

In addition to two unnamed cities in China, Borghetti said VA would probably add one more port city in Asia within five years.

He also confirmed there were no intentions to fly to Europe, the Middle East or extend Virgin Australia's reach in the United States beyond Los Angeles.

**MEANWHILE**, VA has applied to the US transport regulator to renew an exemption authority to display Delta Air Lines flight code on all domestic Australian flights for a minimum two year term.

VA said the renewal is in the public interest.

## Si's Happy Hour

**SI HOLIDAYS** will this week begin a program of Happy Hour travel deals, with 10 discounted offers to be released each Fri at noon.

The week-long deals will cover Si's Freestyle Holidays, The Collection and Rosie Holidays.

## Party on the Nile

**THERE** are two weeks left for travel agents to qualify for Bunnik Tours' first mega faml in Egypt.

The 10-day faml for 45 agents will be hosted by owners Dennis, Marion and Sacha Bunnik in Oct/Nov - [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

## Events professionals gather



**LAST** week's inaugural Get Global exhibition in Sydney provided the backdrop for an event at Doltone House Hyde Park on Thu night, with events industry professionals gathering to discuss the state of play in the sector at a function organised by ICESAP (see [page 2](#)).

A panel discussion revealed insights courtesy of Avril Northridge from Marriott; Fran Barlow of Microsoft; Lisa Hopkins

from BCD Meetings & Events; Natalie Simmons of CiEvents and Rita Perivolarys of Ernst & Young.

**Pictured** above at the event are, from left: Leanne Zeid and Nicole Kolotas from BCD Meetings & Events with ICESAP regional vice president Australia Joanne Hancock of Directions CIM and Sharon Auld of Conventions Incentives New Zealand (CINZ).

## Five Badge Fun

**BRAND** USA has introduced a new trade incentive called Five Badges Fun, marking the introduction of five new specialist badges on its training site.

Agents can win a two-night mystery flight package for two in Australia by completing all five new badges by 01 Oct.

New badges cover Wyoming, Chicago, Fort Myers & Sanibel, Illinois, and Alamo.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details.

## Pan Pac Melb open

**THE** Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts brand has returned to Australia's east coast with the debut of Pan Pacific Melbourne on Fri (*TD* 29 Jun).

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## Uluru astronomy

**VOYAGES** is offering astro-photography sessions at its Uluru Astronomy Weekend at Ayers Rock Resort on 20-22 Oct.

The event will be run in partnership with the Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics (CAASTRO).

Other activities include an outdoor cinema, talks and discussions, Aboriginal astronomy, Astro trivia lunch and much more.

## LHR T6 scrapped

**HEATHROW** Airport has confirmed it will not be building a new terminal as part of its expansion plans, which include a controversial third runway.

The cost-cutting decision drops plans for a new terminal, baggage facilities and underground train, and emerged from the airport's half-year results last week.

It is expected to knock billions of dollars off the costs of the new runway project.

Last year Grimshaw won a competition to draw up designs for a 'hub airport of the future' as part of Heathrow's ambitious £16 billion growth plans.

## CCC family deal

**CAPTAIN** Cook Cruises Fiji is offering savings of up to \$4,668 for a family of four with its 'Kids Eat, Play and Cruise for free' deal.

The special is valid on all three-, four-, seven- and eleven-night Yasawa Island and Northern Discovery Fiji cruises.

The deal needs to be booked by 01 Oct and is valid for travel until 31 Mar 2018.

## Sample Food Fest

**MORE** than 17,000 food lovers are expected to gather on 02 Sep at the largest gastronomic celebration on the northern NSW event calendar.

More than 25 of the region's best restaurants and caterers will produce \$5 and \$10 tasting plates inspired by their signature dishes.

Entry into the festival at Bangalow Showground will be \$5 for adults and children are free.

Television chefs Paul West and Matt Golinski will feature.



## THE PRIZE

This month Travel Daily together with Philippine Airlines, The Peninsula Manila and Henann Regency Resort and Spa Boracay are giving readers the chance to win an island getaway to the Philippines.

The prize for two people includes:

Return economy class tickets from Sydney to Manila flying with Philippine Airlines

Two nights accommodation at The Peninsula Manila

Three nights accommodation at Henann Regency Resort and Spa Boracay



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And remember, you don't have to have been to the Philippines yet, just be creative!



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## Money

**WELCOME** to Money, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

## \$1AUD = US0.801

**THE** Aus dollar has continued to its purple patch thanks to strong gains in commodity prices.

Iron ore prices were 10% after Chinese construction activity remained strong.

The AUD/USD climbed 0.3% to finish at its highest closing level since May 2015.

However the dollar dropped against the GBP, but gained against the NZD.

Today the Reserve Bank is expected to keep interest rates on hold.

*Wholesale rates this morning.*

US	\$0.801
UK	£0.607
NZ	\$1.066
Euro	€0.677
Japan	¥88.41
Thailand	฿26.68
China	¥5.390
South Africa	R10.557
Canada	\$1.001
Crude oil	US\$50.17

## Qld pleads for funds

**QUEENSLAND** Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk has written to the Prime Minister after the Federal Government failed to match the Qld Gov's disaster funding for Cyclone Debbie (**TD** 19 Jul).

In her letter, she said Qld's \$23b tourism industry was vital to the economy, "it's important to ensure key tourist areas impacted by TC Debbie, like the Whitsundays, are back up and running".

## DL axe Venezuela

**DELTA** Air Lines has axed its once a week service from Atlanta to Caracas, Venezuela.

DL will end the route on 16 Sep and is the latest in a string of airlines to cut operations with the troubled nation.

IATA said Venezuela owes airlines more than US\$3.8 billion.

## Europe in a new RV

**DRIVEAWAY** Holidays has received brand new Italian styled motorhomes available now for clients to explore Europe.

For a limited time, DriveAway is offering the Just go Euro lease for pick ups from Mar through until May 2018 at half price.

The new vehicles cater for groups of two, four or six people and feature toilets and showers.

Prices for a Tuscany to UK trip start from \$44.90 per day.

## Courtyard Changsha

**MARRIOTT** has announced the opening of the 260-room Courtyard by Marriott Changsha South in Changsha, Hunan.

It will be the first Courtyard branded property in Hunan and is located in central Changsha.

The hotel is a 5-minute walk from Taskin City Plaza.





## Get to know our team; Susan Chand In the spotlight this week!

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Susan Chand

### Team Leader/ Corporate Manager

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Specialist role arranging itineraries throughout Canada and Alaska. You will be dealing with direct clients as well travel agents and overseas operators. A great role for a passionate North American travel expert! Spectacular famils included!

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### Coordinator - Events Industry

**Sydney, Salary \$45 - 50K + super**

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