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QF/EK alliance push-back

QANTAS and Emirates have urged the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission not to proceed with a requirement that would see them forced to report average fares, revenue, seats and passenger numbers on trans-Tasman services.

The reporting is a proposed condition for the approval of the re-authorisation of the Qantas-Emirates alliance, which was lodged last year (**TD** 11 Oct).

The Restated Master Coordination Agreement would see QF and EK continue to cooperate extensively across their global networks for a further period of five years.

However the ACCC has warned that the updated pact will "significantly impact competition" on the Sydney-Christchurch route.

In a response made public this

week, QF and EK say they don't agree, with the Tasman market as a whole "characterised by intense competition" including the strong presence of Air NZ & Virgin Aust.

The alliance partners say they do not have the ability to artificially increase fares or restrict capacity on the Tasman, with Qantas and Jetstar "inherently incentivised to invest in this market" which they treat as an extension of their Australian domestic networks and vital to provide feeder traffic.

The airlines welcomed the key conclusions of the ACCC draft determination (**TD** 16 Feb) which said the continuation of the alliance would generate "significant public benefits that outweigh any competitive detriment".

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news and photos, a front cover wrap for **Dream Cruises** plus full pages from:

- Albatross Tours
- Travel Trade Recruitment

Dream's suite life

DREAM Cruises is highlighting the features of the exclusive Dream Palace enclave aboard *Genting Dream* and *World Dream* with butler service, wifi, specialty restaurants, city transfers and more perks - see the **cover page**.

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McArthur new Tiger ceo

VIRGIN Australia Group has today named Merren McArthur as chief executive of the company's low-cost subsidiary, Tigerair Australia, effective 07 May.

McArthur joined the group 10 years ago and has held a number of key executive positions within the business, most recently the dual role of group executive of Virgin Australia Regional Airlines (VARA) & Virgin Australia Cargo.

Virgin Australia group ceo and managing director John Borghetti said McArthur had a "wealth of experience in leading teams in complex environments, running

a customer-focused business and strengthening the operational capacity of an airline".

"Merryn has done an outstanding job in transforming & strengthening both the VARA and Cargo businesses and I am confident that she will make an invaluable contribution in this new role," Borghetti remarked.

Current head of flight operations at VARA, Mark Davey, has been promoted to the position of VARA executive general manager.

The airline also announced that Rob Sharp, Virgin Australia Airlines group executive, will also now assume responsibility for Virgin Australia Cargo.

TD Touring Survey

TRAVEL Daily's annual Touring Survey is underway as we prepare to publish detailed industry views on all the big group touring brands operating within the Australian market.

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QF questions PNG claim

QANTAS has rejected claims by Virgin Australia that its codeshare with Air Niugini has damaged Virgin's performance on flights to Port Moresby.

In a fresh submission to the International Air Services Commission (IASC), Qantas has questioned Virgin's assertion that the existing codeshare arrangement has had a detrimental impact on its

performance (**TD** 06 Mar).

"Virgin Australia's submission attributed the deterioration of its performance on the Brisbane sector to support the codeshare services are providing to Qantas and Air Niugini," the Qantas submission says.

"However, it is by no means clear that the codeshare arrangements rather than the entry of Qantas' operated services between Brisbane and Port Moresby or commercial considerations unrelated to the codeshare arrangements have influenced Virgin Australia's current position."

Qantas has applied to the IASC to expand its codeshare agreement to allow its QF code on Air Niugini flights from Cairns and Townsville to Port Moresby (**TD** 19 Feb), in addition to existing arrangements on flights from Sydney and Brisbane.

AF strikes, again

AIR France is facing strike action from several unions on Fri (23 Mar) and is allowing customers to rebook flights on other days.

The carrier has warned of delays and cancellations, though long-haul services will continue.

Customers flying 23 or 24 Mar can rebook without cost on days either side, or postpone in return for a voucher valid one year.



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SkySea jv collapse

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises (RCL) and Ctrip have called off their Chinese joint venture SkySea Cruise Line and announced the sale of their ship, *Golden Era*.

The vessel has operated close to 300 cruises for the Chinese market since its introduction in May 2015 and will be purchased by TUI's Marella Cruises.

SkySea Cruise Line will continue operations until its final voyage is confirmed in coming weeks.

RCL says it will continue to serve the Chinese market through its Royal Caribbean International brand, in collaboration with Ctrip.

Serko appointment

SERKO has announced the appointment of former Concur executive Murray Warner to lead its Australasian business and has promoted John Challis to head of business development to focus on global expansion.

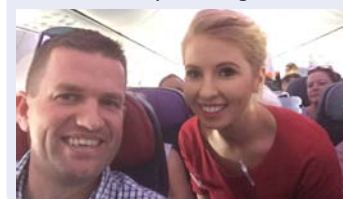


Window Seat

TRAVEL Daily is always at the centre of the action - and no more so than yesterday when our esteemed editor Guy Dundas came face-to-face with none other than Ashley Irvin.

Ashley has become famous in recent weeks as one of the key players in Channel 9's *Married at First Sight* which has captivated reality TV audiences.

Just in time for tonight's grand finale, Dundas managed to snap a selfie with the Virgin Australia flight attendant - who is now single after splitting with TV 'husband' Troy Delmege.



Congratulations to our Nominees!

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Young Agent of the Year:
Meg Blakey - Jetsetter Travel

Best Agency Support Service:
Express Ticketing

Best Sales Executive/Industry Supplier:
Jason Starling - Express Travel Group

We would love you to support our NTIA 2018 Nominees!



BNE urges jv tick

THE US Dept of Transportation (DOT) has received a submission from Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) in response to the proposed joint business agreement between American Airlines and Qantas.

BAC's head of corp relations Rachel Crowley told the DOT that codeshare arrangements on the transPacific route "provide real benefits to consumers and encourage repeat travel".

Crowley also expressed Brisbane Airport's concerns if the Qantas/American Airlines tie-up was knocked back, saying "denial of this proposal may have the effect of limiting growth and denying travellers the opportunity to easily and seamlessly travel to and from the United States."

"Indeed we also would be concerned at the possibility of a decline in the existing capacity which would ensure not only the loss of growth potential, but decline from current levels".

Venture Thai brox

ADELAIDE travel wholesaler Venture Far has added its 2018/19 Thailand brochure to its stable of travel guides.

In addition to all the staple destinations, highlights of the new brochure include a range of cycling trips, river cruising on the Chao Phaya River, an extensive selection of homestay, hill tribe and trekking opportunities.

There's also a glamping option at Khao Sok National Park and Thai cooking school in various locales around the country.

View the Thai brochure [HERE](#).

Viking now at TIFS

VIKING Cruises ANZ is advising travel agents that it has moved its Australian brochure stock from Brochure Flow to TIFS.

"All brochure orders moving forward will be processed through TIFS and sent out via their distribution channels," the cruise company said.

LA Insider program

A NEW training tool for travel trade professionals released in the US & Canada by Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board will also be rolled out in Australia.

Called 'L.A. Insider', the mobile and tablet-friendly program is a first of its kind for LA Tourism and has been designed to assist travel trade better promote the city, while staying up-to-date with the latest offerings in Los Angeles.

L.A. Insider provides agents with access to a sales toolbox including links to videos and images.

Agents successfully completing the program will receive an LA specialist certificate, will have access to discounts and specials from LA members, will qualify to participate in destination famils & have access to self-famil tours.

Launched this week in North America, LATCB plans to expand L.A. Insider to Australia, India, UK/Ireland and Scandinavian markets in Apr and May.

Hodges drives away

EUROPEAN self drive and car leasing executive Paul Hodges is departing DriveAway Holidays, effective 29 Mar.

Hodges joined DriveAway in Aug 2015 when Auto Europe bought the Australian and New Zealand sales agreement of the Renault Eurodrive product from the French car maker.

Previously, Hodges had been the md of Renault Eurodrive Australia, a French-owned subsidiary responsible for the markets of Australia, NZ, Singapore & South Africa since 2001.

He also developed an online reservations & payment solution for the European Car Leasing biz.

Hodges told **TD** he had been honoured to share some "great achievements at Driveaway" over the past 2.5 years.

"The ride has been an extremely rewarding one and the time has now arrived to move on and seek new opportunities," he said.



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GMTC takes agents to Croatia



GREECE and Mediterranean Travel Centre sent this group of travel agents to Croatia recently, visiting key sites such as Dubrovnik, Split and Plitvice Lakes.

The consultants experienced Qatar Airways Business class to Sarajevo, returning from Zagreb.

Pictured from left are: Jenny Mellios, Travel Sense; Milka Sekulovski, Avio Travel; Matthew Sammut, QR; Lewina Evans, APT; Rosie Crnic, Adria Travel; Carla Jammal, Tadros Travel; Sue Ann Simmons, Cousins Connections;

Alexandros Karakos, Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre; Marija Novakovic, BEO Travel; Jaqueline Brown, Helloworld Wollongong; Jeannette Khoury, Helloworld Merrylands; Magdalena Gulabovska, Millenium Travel; Ljubica Bulovic, Modica Travel; Danielle Stucki, Hampton Travel & Cruise; Sarah Young, Helloworld Bonnyrigg; Tina Ruhs, Mega Travel; Malley Angharad & Tracey Lowry, Travel Managers and Ljupco Ilievski from Sun Travel.

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First Group shuffle

NEW Zealand's First Travel Group this morning announced the departure of long-time managing director Andrew Bowman, who is stepping down effective 31 Mar.

Bowman has led the independent agency consortium for 12 years, and will be replaced by Malcolm MacLeod in the newly-created role of chief executive officer.

First Travel Group comprises 67 independently owned businesses across NZ, with a collective TTV in excess of NZ\$500m.

The group's chairman, Don Menzies, said Bowman had steered the company through difficult times, at the same time achieving outstanding results.

"He, the rest of the management team and our incredible shareholder members have had unparalleled success for an independent travel group," Menzies added.

United Bid for WC

TWENTY-THREE cities across the US, Canada and Mexico have been enlisted in a joint-nations bid for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

If successful, the united bidding group will be reduced to 16 host cities selected by FIFA.

Among the cities is Washington DC, whose promotional body Events DC said it stood to gain an economic windfall of up to US\$600 million as a cup host.

Other cities include Toronto, Montreal, Boston, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco.

EK peak warning

EMIRATES has warned passengers to factor in extra time ahead of departures from Dubai during the northern spring break holiday period.

The carrier says the busiest days will be this coming Fri, Sat and Sun, and that passengers should arrive at Dubai Int'l at least three hours ahead of departure.

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Darwin resilience

DESPITE being belted recently by severe weather conditions caused by Cyclone Marcus, The Northern Territory's Department of Tourism and Culture has stated today that "Darwin is very much open for business."

"Currently, more than 500 tourism operators are open for business and the remaining few should be back online within a day or so when the last of the power lines are restored," said the general manager for Tourism Top End, Trevor Cox.

It was back to business as usual too for cruise operators in the area, with both *Azamara Journey* and *Seven Seas Voyager* docking in the top end's capital over the weekend with no issues.

Darwin's tourism advocates are keen to ensure travellers are aware that the city is resilient to this type of weather event and should not discourage visitation.

"While cyclones are a natural phenomenon of the tropics, they are not a regular occurrence in Darwin," said ceo of the NT's Department of Trade, Business and Innovation, Michael Tennant. Clean up efforts are continuing.

Schengen Visa changes proposed

THE European Commission has put forward a list of visa reform proposals that could see travel to Schengen Member States in Europe made more flexible and faster to obtain.

Proposals include: reducing waiting times for visas from 15 days to 10, submissions for visas pushed out to six months in advance instead of three, the issuance of multiple entry visas to trusted regular travellers, and the provision of short-term visas at external borders.

The reforms are designed to cater for growth in Chinese and Indian visitors to the continent.

KLM podcast

KLM has launched a podcast called "The Journey", designed to inspire travellers to take on unique travel experiences.

Episodes focus on a single journey with KLM the first airline to use the podcast medium.

"This podcast adds a unique aspect to KLM's existing comms channels," said Natasha van Roode, head of KLM marketing.

TravelManagers are a godsend



SEVEN lucky personal travel managers (PTMs) were recently treated to a divine experience in Argentina and Brazil thanks to a TravelManagers famil run in partnership with Air New Zealand and Chimu Adventures.

The 10-day trip saw the group touch down in the Argentinian capital of Buenos Aires, where they spent two nights exploring the city before checking out the world's largest waterfall system, the breathtaking Iguacu Falls.

"I will forever recommend strongly to any clients touching down in South America that they must visit Iguacu Falls - it will blow their minds," boasted Lyndall Hewitt, a representative for North Fremantle in WA.

From there the agents were able to spend some time in the picturesque coastal town of Paraty, before hitting up all of the colour and bustle of Rio de Janeiro for two nights.

The famil was offered to agents who achieved top sales results or who completed a series of training exercises online.

"They returned home with fresh insight into these unique parts of the continent," said TravelManagers' executive general manager Michael Gazal.

Pictured: TravelManagers bids farewell to Rio - John Gartner, Timo Bohlender, Simon Tinkler, Gina Passfield, Anne Marie Selmo, Janelle Philpott, Annalize Troost, Anita Medcalf & Lyndall Hewitt.

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In attendance were representatives of the Perth travel industry who were shown the carrier's award-winning Business Class seat in the flesh.

Former Miss World Australia, Erin Holland, hosted the swanky affair which was also attended by Qatar Airways' senior manager of Australasia Adam Radwanski, Perth Airport's chief executive, Kevin Brown and chief

commercial officer Stevie Holden.

Pictured above are: Nicole Bennett, senior sales executive; Jina Sisaath, cabin crew; Pan Pan, sales exec; Yen Kho, commercial manager Perth; Adam Radwanski senior manager Australasia; Dianne Biviano, marketing manager Australasia; Suzanne Yip, senior sales support agent; Danielle Murnane, cabin crew and Albina Obilinovich, sales exec

Pictured below test driving QR's Business class product is Andrew Pitt, Bicton Travel flanked by Jina Sisaath, cabin crew; Chris Briones, engineer and Danielle Murnane, cabin crew.



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Orbitz data incident

TRAVEL fare aggregator Orbitz has announced it has identified and neutralised a data security incident affecting a legacy travel booking platform.

The company stated that while conducting security checks earlier this month it found evidence of a security breach between 01 Oct and 22 Dec last year that may have compromised the personal details of some users.

"We took immediate steps to investigate the incident and enhance security and monitoring of the affected platform," the statement read.

Biometric benefits

SITA has released a report suggesting Biometric technology will play an increasingly important role in automating identity checks at airports.

The report, titled *Biometrics for Better Travel: An ID Management Revolution*, states that the new tech will be crucial in catering to a rapidly growing travel market which is predicted to almost double to 7.8 billion by 2036.

The study follows a major contract win by Unisys Australia to provide biometric services to Australia's Department of Home Affairs (**TD** yesterday).

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The salary range for both positions will be between \$50,462 pa to \$60,428 pa.

Please forward written applications, including copy of CV, to Area Manager Queensland & Northern Territory, Jacki D'Antonio, via email to marnie_scrogings@singaporeair.com.sg. Applications should be received by COB 04APR18. Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

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Ayers fills up in Santa Monica



MTA – Mobile Travel Agents' Kelly Ayers is **pictured** soaking up a California sunset at the Onyx Rooftop Bar at the Hotel Shangri-La Santa Monica during a Santa Monica Tourism study tour.

Ayers visited the US West Coast to update her knowledge of the area's first-class accommodation offerings and sightseeing with a major emphasis on food.

Highlights included visits to fine dining venues such as Shutters on the beach, The Curious Palate, a Gourmandise Cooking Experience and a Taste of Santa Monica Walking Food Tour.

Disney HK takeover

HONG Kong Disneyland Resort has opened bookings for corporate buyout events for Halloween 2018.

Last northern autumn, HKDL hosted eight Halloween buyout events, including a Bank of China function which saw more than 25,000 staff and their families take part in the largest single-day whole-park buyout.

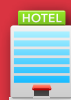
This year's event will see Jack Skellington from *The Nightmare before Christmas* "turn the park upside down".

oOh! Qantas deal

QANTAS has awarded oOh!media the advertising rights for its inflight entertainment.

The deal includes video on demand on seatbacks, the Qantas Entertainment App, onboard free wifi and inflight news bulletins.

OOH!media already had the contract for advertising in Qantas Domestic terminals, clubs and Business lounges (**TD** yesterday).



Accommodation Updates

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



two-bedroom suites, each with a fully equipped gourmet kitchen.

Aqua-Aston Hospitality has rebranded Aston Waikiki Beach Tower as **The Residences at Waikiki Beach Tower** following a refurb. The hotel now offers new and improved spaces and "residences" and higher-end services and amenities. The property has one- and



There is also a boutique on the ground floor.

Halcyon House on NSW's Cabarita Beach has opened a multi-level day spa. The wellness space has treatment rooms catering to solo visitors and couples, a relaxation area with an undercover balcony, a small courtyard and a dome-shaped steam bath.



which will screen major tournaments.

The lobby bar at **The Mira, Hong Kong** has put on its "game face" and opened as Room One - Sports Bar in anticipation of the upcoming World Cup series. The bar is now equipped with three HD TVs which can be seen from every angle of the venue and

Vivid Syd 2018

THE 2018 program for festival of light, music and ideas, Vivid Sydney, has been released.

This year's edition will feature a new precinct at Luna Park, with the amusement park to be fitted with a large-scale projection for the facade of Coney Island and the Ferris Wheel will be lit up.

Vivid Sydney 2018 will see the return of Customs House while a blend of everyday objects and Australian-inspired motifs will light up the Sydney Opera House.

Other precincts to take part in the event include Taronga Zoo, Darling Harbour, Chatswood, Barangaroo and Kings Cross.

The festival will run over 23 nights from 25 May to 16 Jun and last year attracted 2.33m attendees, delivering \$143m of visitor expenditure.

Costly LAX layovers

LOS Angeles, Paris and New York have been crowned the most expensive international airports for a stopover by Mozo.com.au.

The portal compared the costs associated with a layover at 15 major int'l airports, including the price of a stay at an airport hotel as well the cost of water, coffee, a sandwich, a beer and toiletries.

The most affordable int'l airports were pinpointed in Seoul, Bangkok, Johannesburg, Singapore and Moscow.

"The highest cost was airport accommodation with a night's sleep setting you back \$206 AUD in Los Angeles compared to \$64 AUD in South Korea," says Kirsty La-mont, Mozo director.

The price of a sandwich varied from \$2.87 in Bangkok to \$15.57 at Heathrow.



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Syd top destination

SYDNEY has been crowned Australia's top destination for the second year running, according to TripAdvisor's 2018 Traveller's Choice awards.

The Gold Coast climbed two spots on its performance last year to nab second place, and was followed by Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart and Perth.

South Australia's Adelaide was number seven, tailed by Queensland's Cairns, Port Douglas and Noosa.

On the global list, Paris took out the top spot, while London came in at second, then Rome, Bali, Crete, Barcelona and Prague.

Marrakech claimed eighth place, tailed by Istanbul and in 10th place, New York City.

Sofitel Myanmar

MYANMAR'S first Sofitel address, Sofitel Inle Lake Myat Min has opened this month on the shores of its namesake.

Sofitel Inle Lake Myat Min's 101 rooms include 36 Luxury Rooms, 25 Junior Suites, 12 Prestige Suites, 27 Opera Suites and one Imperial Suite.

DL adds BOS/LAS

DELTA Air Lines has added Las Vegas as its 50th nonstop route from Boston Logan Int'l Airport.

The daily service is scheduled to depart the Massachusetts capital at 0815, and the return service pushed back from LAS at 1115.

DL will deploy Boeing 737-800 aircraft on the new service.

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Polo sponsor pulled

SUNRAYSIA, sponsor for the Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort's 2018 King's Cup Elephant Polo Tournament in Thailand, has backed out following the release of footage by PETA Asia showing handlers beating elephants.

The footage was shot from nearby hotel and apartment windows and showed handlers in a holding area next to the polo grounds repeatedly beating and jabbing the captive elephants' heads with bullhooks.

In a letter to PETA, Sunraysia ceo Anthony Davie stated, "We are distressed by the footage and strongly condemn the mistreatment of elephants that it shows...Now that you have brought this matter to our attention, we will be discontinuing our sponsorship".

SYD int'l traffic up

OVERSEAS passenger traffic at Sydney Airport jumped 7.4% year-on-year in Feb to 1.31 million visitors, the facility has reported.

Domestic passengers were also up 3.8% at SYD to 2.14 million.

Sydney Airport ceo Geoff Culbert said the international growth was driven by a 6.4% increase in capacity and a 0.7% boost of airline load factors.

Chinese nationals lead the charge into Sydney during the month - which coincided with the Lunar New Year period - accounting for 28% of arrivals.

Visitor numbers from the USA also spiked 14% compared to the same time last year, while Canadian figures were up 10% and Indian numbers rose 6.3%.

New Zealander entries slipped 1.1% year-on-year.

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- Ride on a thrilling bobsled down the Olympic run in Igls
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- Enjoy a walking tour of Dresden's old town and visit the Royal Palace
- Stay 3 nights in Berlin, close to the Brandenburg Gate
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