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Fiji Airways record profit

FIJI Airways has announced its highest ever pre-tax profit of FJ\$95.8 million (A\$60.7 million) in the year to 31 Dec, amid increasing passenger numbers and an expanding network.

The carrier's profit was up 13.4% over 2016, while its group revenue grew 12.5% to F\$929 million (A\$589 million).

The group carried 1.6 million passengers during 2017, up 14.3% on the previous year.

"To achieve a fourth year of successive record profits is a massive achievement by the entire team of the Fiji Airways Group," said the airline's md & ceo Andre Viljoen.

"I couldn't be more proud of the way the team surpassed all key metrics for revenue, passenger and network growth, efficiently navigating through a challenging operating period in which cost control was crucial," he said.

During the year Fiji Airways launched new services from Nadi to Adelaide and announced flights to Tokyo Narita would begin on 03 Jul.

It also revealed plans to replace its Boeing 737 fleet with five new 737 MAX 8 aircraft and opened a new Premier Lounge in Nadi.

SQ Broome charter

SINGAPORE Airlines is planning a series of charter services to Broome later this year, GDS displays show.

Two weekly flights will operate between Singapore and Broome using Boeing 737-800 aircraft from 22 May to 02 Jun.

What a whopper!

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news and photos, a cover wrap for **The Travel Corporation** plus a full page from:

- inPlace Recruitment

TTC gives thanks

THE Travel Corporation is "going for gold" in this year's NTIA awards where the group's sales executives are among those in the running to win.

The team is taking inspiration from the upcoming C'wealth Games - see today's **cover wrap**.

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Expedia alters name

ONLINE travel juggernaut Expedia Inc has announced it is changing its corporate identity & branding as Expedia Group Inc.

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HLO's Tango enhanced

TRAVEL agents using the online booking system of Helloworld Travel's wholesale arms Qantas Holidays and Viva! Holidays are now able to book multi-city flight itineraries through Tango.

The upgrade comes after the successful implementation of the latest version of Tango, Helloworld gm of operations wholesale Nigel Brohier said.

“Among the enhancements deployed, the key feature was around multi flight itineraries being available for both domestic and international bookings,” Brohier told *Travel Daily*.

Consultants using the online platform will be able to book a maximum of eight sectors.

Other modifications to Tango include improved and “more intuitive functionality when adding alternative components on itineraries.

“This means agents can hold ‘on request’ their preferred



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component while also holding a confirmed alternative,” he said.

“This latest upgrade will enable increased efficiencies and a better user experience for agents booking domestic and int'l travel,” Brohier concluded.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

WA, STA p'ship

TOURISM Western Australia has inked a new cooperative marketing agreement with STA Travel to target the youth market in the UK and Germany.

The five-month alliance builds on the recent Working Holiday Maker campaign in the UK.

WA Premier Mark McGowan said the push was aimed at pumping up the state's market share of travellers aged between 18-35 under a long-term strategy.

WA Tourism Minister Paul Papalia said the campaign would showcase Perth and the state's “many regional attractions”.

EK MEL, SYD A380s

EMIRATES has this week begun deploying its flagship Airbus A380 on all services between Dubai and both Sydney and Melbourne.

The deployment sees EK offer the superjumbo on its four daily flights to/from SYD and its current thrice daily frequencies to MEL.

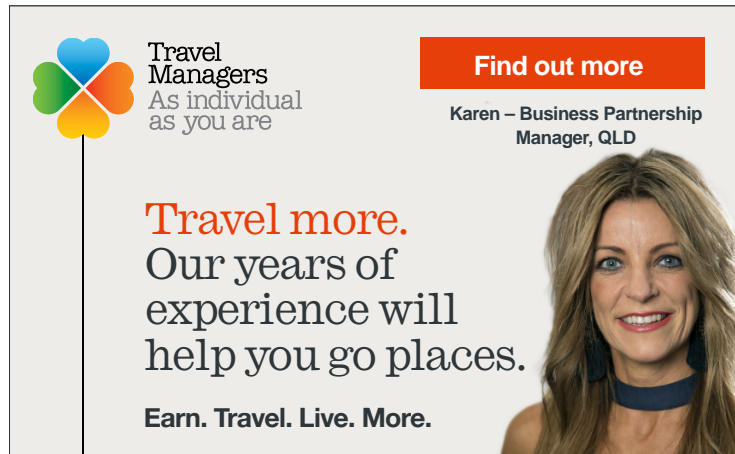



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PayPal backs TIME scholar

THE Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) has a massive new supporter, with global online payments company PayPal to fund a placement in the 32nd (05 Sep 2018) intake of the program.

TIME founder Penny Spencer said the not-for-profit mentoring program was aware some aspiring applicants might not be able to fund their own participation.

"As an organisation we work really hard to keep program costs down through sponsorships and the like. We encourage our

supporters to consider funding a placement in the program to open it up to more leaders of the future," Spencer commented.

TIME fees cover six months of dedicated tailored mentoring for a selected senior industry exec.

PayPal ANZ director, head of enterprise business Anthony Drury said the payment solution firm was increasing its focus in the travel space.

"Coupled with PayPal's belief in professional development, the TIME program is a perfect fit for us," Drury remarked.

"It's a great opportunity for me to give something back and help advance the career of a young professional. I hope to share not only from my current experience at PayPal, but also from my 20+ years' experience in aviation and travel management across both JAPA and EMEA," Drury said.

CLICK HERE to access TIME's PayPal scholarship application.

Abu Dhabi promo

THE UAE emirate of Abu Dhabi is the latest destination under the spotlight with Excite Holidays.

The wholesaler has partnered with the Dept of Culture & Tourism - Abu Dhabi to promote five of the top must-see attractions and is giving eight agents a chance to win a famil - all the details **HERE**.

Mumbrella TD deal

TRAVEL Daily readers can save \$150 on their ticket to Mumbrella's Travel Marketing Summit on 12 Apr.

To be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney, the lineup includes speakers from Google, Destination Melbourne & Gate 7.

More than 12 sessions across two streams have been revealed.

Access the discount by using the code "TD150OFF" - **CLICK HERE**.

Extra Scenic Japan

SCENIC has released an additional departure for its 17-day Essential Japan tour.

The extra date on 17 Mar 2019 is in response to demand from guests and is timed with cherry blossom season.

The tour departs Tokyo and travels to Osaka, visiting Hakone, Five Lakes, Takayama, Nagoya, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, Miyajima Island and Himeji.

See scenic.com.au for more.



Window Seat

WHEN it comes to champagne, TRAVEL Daily always recommends an all-or-nothing approach and a willingness to seize the opportunity with both hands.

Which is why we're intrigued by Hilton Sydney's latest venture created in conjunction with Veuve Clicquot.

In the interests of general wellbeing, the hotel is offering a Yellow Suite for connoisseurs of the life-giving fizz, available in a package priced at \$809 for two.

It includes an overnight stay in the Yellow Suite, a bottle of Veuve Clicquot, breakfast and a 1pm check-out.

The room features a double spa bath and three LED TVs, and thanks to Philips the room can be lit in vibrant yellow with a touch of the in-room iPad.



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Route inaugural junkies on QF9



THEY'VE done it again! Serial inaugural air service testers Luke Chittock, Isabelle Chu and Brian Conway were all onboard Qantas' maiden commercial flight from Perth to London last weekend.

The trio, who also happen to be Perth-based travel agents

from Amity Travel (Chittock) and Bonaventure Travel, made the most of the 17-hour history-making service, flight QF9.

They are **pictured** in the Qantas 787-9 Dreamliner with Captain Lisa Norman (left) and Chittock in his designer Qantas pyjamas.

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Sanjana checks out

QUEST Apartment Hotels has confirmed current chief executive officer Zed Sanjana will depart the company on 06 Apr, with executive chair Paul Constantinou to take on a "more visible role in guiding the business forward".

Sanjana has been with Quest for a decade and was appointed ceo about five years ago.

"Zed transformed a successfully family run business into a corporate structure that allowed us to build value for all our investors and stakeholders," Constantinou said.

"With the strong pipeline of growth ahead and exciting future opportunities presented by the alignment with the Ascott Group, Quest is uniquely positioned to take advantage of some tremendous opportunities."

Constantinou plans to mentor his leadership team as Quest continues its journey towards full integration with The Ascott Grp.

TIA backs QF/AA

TOURISM Industry Aoterea has thrown its support behind a pact between American Airlines and Qantas on transPacific routes, saying it could lower fares to NZ and "provide better connections and improved route offerings".

However TIA urged the US Dept of Transportation to "test the applicants' statements" that without the proposed joint business, AA/QF will have no choice but to further reduce codesharing on their networks and potentially wind back or axe some services (*TD* 27 Feb).

Hilton Mandalay

HILTON has opened its newest property in Myanmar, the 231-room Hilton Mandalay in the country's second-largest city.

The dwelling is a conversion of Sedona Hotel Mandalay and is located approx 4kms from cultural attractions such as Mandalay Hill and Mahamuni Palace.

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Apollo UK purchase

APOLLO Tourism & Leisure has acquired UK motorhome rental company Camperco Group for £4.5 million (A\$8.27 million).

The company is the parent of Bunk Campers, one of the largest independent motorhome rental operators in the UK and Ireland with a fleet of 200 vehicles.

Bunk has outlets in Belfast, Dublin, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Birmingham and Leeds, with plans to expand in 2019.

Apollo says the purchase is part of its strategy to develop "a global RV solution", adding to its operations in Australia, New Zealand and North America.

Tastalk 2018 EOI

TOURISM Tasmania is seeking expressions of interest from local tourism operators to connect with inbound tour operators and specialist agents at Tastalk 2018 on 28 and 29 Jun.

CLICK HERE for more details.

Paradise reborn

CARNIVAL Paradise has returned to service after a month-long dry dock that has involved the addition of a water park, 38 new staterooms, 98 extra balconies and an array of food and beverage concepts.

The ship yesterday sailed from Port Tampa Bay on a five-day Caribbean cruise to Cozumel and Grand Cayman as part of a year-round deployment in the region.

Aussies hopping to Bali for Easter

BALI has retained its crown as Australia's most popular overseas Easter destination this year, according to data from agoda.

The online booking service says Tokyo is the overall most popular Easter destination among Asia-Pacific travellers this year.

Easter's timing with cherry blossom festivities has helped lift Tokyo from 7th place in 2017.

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 NATIONAL TRAVEL INDUSTRY AWARDS



BOEING has delivered its first 787-10 aircraft to Singapore Airlines, marking the debut of the newest and largest member of the *Dreamliner* family.

With a longer fuselage, the lightweight composite aircraft can carry 40 more passengers than its cousins, or a total of 330 people in a two-class configuration.

It will take to the skies in May, operating routes to Osaka in Japan and to Perth (**TD** 23 Feb).

Boeing says the 787-10 provides the lowest operating cost per

seat of any widebody aircraft in service and that it has drawn particular interest from Asia where it has the ability to connect with all points in the region.

Through its subsidiary Scoot, Singapore Airlines already operates the Boeing 787-8 and 787-9 aircraft.

The addition of the 787-10 makes it the first airline group to operate all three variants, with a total of 48 on order as part of a fleet upgrade that also includes 20 new 777-9s.



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Hitting the roads of Oregon



TRAVEL agents from nine countries including Australia were last week treated to a seven-day tour of the US state of Oregon thanks to semi-independent agency Travel Oregon.

The group embarked on the famil to gain a better knowledge of the US beyond major gateway cities and capitalise on a growing

appetite for less traditional itineraries to the country.

The trip kicked off and ended in Portland, with agents able to taste test the famous Portland craft beer, watch the Portland Blazers NBA team shoot some hoops and participate in the unusual craze of goat yoga, an activity that sees the bovidae animal balance on the pressure points of humans as they stretch.

Further explorations included checking out the state's southern coastline and trekking through the Crater Lake National Park.

Australian reps included Bradly Baldwin, Helloworld Travel; Melanie Landick, Travel Utopia; Rebecca Healy, Echuca Travel Centre; Belinda Condon, United Airlines and Corey Marshall, account director Australia/New Zealand, Travel Oregon.

Pictured: The group saluting the views in Oregon during the trip.

Quest Midland

QUEST Apartment Hotels has announced the opening of the Quest Midland in Perth.

The 102-room property opens its doors as part of the Midland Oval Redevelopment project which includes 1,000 new dwellings, 25,000m² of new retail space and 12,000m² of restaurants.

Quest Midland is the second property for the brand to open in WA in the last five months.

SeaLink completes KBRG takeover

SEALINK Travel Group has formally completed its acquisition of the Fraser Island Kingfisher Bay Resort (**TD** 21 Feb).

SeaLink forked out \$43 million to purchase of the resort from Cosmos Australia.

Speaking about the acquisition, SeaLink's managing director Jeff Ellison said he had desires on further developing and growing the property.

"We are very much looking forward to...further developing the full potential of this truly iconic location," Ellison said.

"We are all systems go and are ready for the Easter break."

Langham for events

LANGHAM Hospitality Group has introduced further incentives for event planners by bringing back its "No Strings Attached PLUS" promotion.

The new deal offers meeting planners benefits such as: no cancellation terms, complimentary internet, room upgrades, no minimum spend on food, 30 minute cocktail reception, and one round trip airport transfer.

The offer is valid 01 Apr to 31 Aug for events 01 Apr to 31 Dec.



Money

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

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DEVELOPMENTS in the Chinese property market will play a key role in determining if the Aussie dollar can retain its value, with a predicted slowdown in Chinese construction likely to put a strain on the local currency if it comes to fruition.

Bouncing between 75 and 80 US cents, the AUD is forecast by analysts to fall steadily over the next week, with that dip potentially sharper if Chinese demand for iron ore shipments continues to fall.

The outlook for the AUD versus the British pound also looks bleak, with predictions it will slip by 6% by the year's completion.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.775
UK	£0.544
NZ	\$1.062
Euro	€0.622
Japan	¥81.84
Thailand	฿24.13
China	¥4.864
South Africa	R9.027
Canada	\$0.995
Crude oil	US\$65.55

If we've served you well this year, may we have your vote?

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Paris alive for Rendez-vous



GREATER Paris has notched a record 23.6 million hotel stays during 2017 - an increase of 11% on 2016.

The president of the Paris region, Valerie Pecresse, announced the figures to almost 1,000 guests at the

Rendez-vous en France trade mart welcome soirée last night.

Buyers and media from around the world gathered at Les Puce de Saint Ouen - the biggest antique market in the world - for the lavish event in the French capital.

Raucous cancan dancers thrilled the crowd packed into the market, where stallholders interacted with those wandering through the eclectic stalls of antiques, collectables, retro furniture and vintage wear.

As Pecresse revealed the latest visitor numbers, she also briefly reflected on past terror incidents. "I want to carry on enforcing the



safety message in favour of our tourists," she said.

"In coming months, mobile police stations will be deployed at several tourists sites across Greater Paris."

In all, 979 buyers and trade from 69 countries will meet with local operators over the next two days of Rendez-vous en France, with close to 25,000 meetings due to be held.

Pictured at the event are Laura Hadfield of French Travel Connection with Jaclyn Lofts of UTracks and Martyn Paterson of Outdoor Travel, while **inset** are some of the cancan entertainers.



LIKE almost all Australians, I am a patriot. I believe in this country, I believe in our values and I am proud whenever I am travelling all over the world to be Australian. It is in fact one of the things that the world loves about our country, our pride, our vigour for life, our freedoms and our values.

Then there are those idiots who think it is a good idea to destroy our international reputation by tampering with a cricket ball. Watching the news services over the past few days reminds me of my childhood (I am 50), which is a long time ago, when all those unbelievable images of bad cricket stories were being told. Now we have an international incident of catastrophic proportions because a few ill-conceived non thinking Australian cricketers thought it would be a good idea to cheat. It is so un-Australian. Every taxi driver, Uber driver and person sitting on the train who loves their cricket can't stop talking about this and holding their hand to their mouth in disbelief that this is real news and not fake news. Sadly, the story is true and one thing is for sure - the Australian Cricket team, and more than likely Australian Cricket, has changed forever as a result of these actions.

Trying to explain to an eight-year-old boy who loves his cricket what has happened is almost impossible. It is impossible for two reasons. The first because eight-year-old boys worship these guys who they watch on the TV making history and representing Australia and think of one day being just like them. And the second is to explain how cheating is not only just "not cool", is so wrong and inappropriate and that these guys responsible will have to be punished and more than likely will never play international cricket again.

This is hard going and while this is the case in my house right now, I am sure there are conversations like this going on all over the world. Cricket is one of the true international sports. It is aspirational and inspirational for young people and when they are shocked like the rest of us that something like this can happen, it leaves a bad taste in everyone's mouth and what is worst of all it was Australians. We just don't do this.

Hopefully, for Australia the people in charge of the game will do the right thing and act swiftly to ensure that this does not happen again and can bring with that sound and reasonable explanations so that people around the world don't think poorly of our country, but also to provide some hope for the those young people who have been thinking of wearing the baggy green, that it is not a saggy green, and that the reputation and status of Australian Cricket can be restored to deliver on the dreams and aspirations of so many who love the game.

Shame on those who dare cheat.

Air NZ traffic boost

AIR New Zealand had a 5.3% surge in passengers during Feb, boosted by strong numbers on Tasman and Pacific routes.

The airline carried 1.3 million pax in Feb, up from 1.6 million in Feb last year, while Tasman/Pacific pax grew 8.3% to 275,000.

Hilton cuts comm

HILTON has followed the move of Marriott International by cutting commissions for group bookings in the US and Canada.

The move is effective 01 Oct and reduces commission to 7%, however there will be no changes in the Australian market.




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Sky Club biometrics

DELTA Air Lines is now enabling Sky Club members to use their finger prints to access all 50 of the carrier's lounges in the USA.

The biometric check-in option provides a secure single touch point to DL's domestic network.

Dubbed Delta Biometrics, the experience is made possible through CLEAR, a leading US biometric identity platform which also uses iris ID tech at airports.

It is available to Sky Club members who are US citizens or permanent residents.

New BET chief

THE Board of Business Events Tasmania has announced that Marnie Craig will assume the role of chief executive officer, taking over from Stuart Nettleford who has held the post for eight years.

"We are very pleased that this appointment will see another woman being added to the ranks of Tasmanian ceos," BET said.

Dubbo lion exhibit

TARONGA Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo, NSW, is opening a new lion experience this Easter.

Guests will be able to explore a replica African Maasai village, including walk-through goat pens, and learn about what it's like to live in close proximity to lions.

For an additional cost, visitors can hop on board a purpose-built, fully enclosed safari truck which goes inside the Lion's den.

The pride were transferred from their old exhibit to their new 3.5-hectare home in mid-Feb.

For details, [CLICK HERE](#).

CA adds Panama

AIR China has announced a new route from Beijing to Panama City via Houston, which will take to the skies on 05 Apr.

The twice weekly flights will depart Beijing on Thu and Sun and will be operated by Boeing 777-300 ER wide-body aircraft with First & Business class cabins.

Skal honours TAFE students



SKAL International Sydney recognised two TAFE NSW Ultimo graduates with awards this week as part of its TAFE Student Sponsorship Program.

The initiative was part of the club's fundraising initiative for 2017 and saw one accolade presented to a Tourism graduate and another to a Hospitality graduate.

Sue Francis, who championed the program, presented the Tourism student award to Edwin Ail while Skal International president Walter Nand awarded the hospitality accolade, which went to Michael Chen.

Both Ail and Chen received a Skal International Sydney

Certificate of Achievement, \$500.00 each to assist with their studies and an invitation to sit at the President's Table at the next Skal International Sydney event.

Pictured are: Skal International Sydney's Sue Francis and TAFE NSW student Michael Chen.

\$1 Oaks super stay

OAKS Hotels & Resorts has released a deal offering a Sat night stay at Oaks Metropole Hotel in Townsville from \$1.

The offer applies to a minimum two-night stay over a weekend up until 31 May.

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Boeing invests in Adelaide business

AN ADELAIDE-BASED communications startup has received funding from Boeing HorizonX, the aircraft manufacturer's investment arm.

Myriota specialises in nanosatellite communications technology with the aim of providing low-cost access to high-value data in remote locations.

The latest investment by Boeing HorizonX, which was formed in Apr last year, represents the first investment outside of the US and the 10th since its inception.

"Myriota's technology influences how we think about space-based communications and connectivity in remote locations," said vice president of Boeing HorizonX Steve Nordlund.

Boeing declined to disclose the amount of its investment.

Bupa Velocity deal

VIRGIN'S Velocity Frequent Flyer program has teamed up with Bupa to offer 80,000 bonus Velocity points to customers who switch their health insurance provider to Bupa.

The deal is valid until 30 Apr and offers up to 80,000 points for families & couples with singles able to pick up 40,000 points.

CI A350 BNE touch down



Credit: Lance Broad.

CHINA Airlines has upgraded the aircraft used on its daily Taipei to Brisbane to Auckland operation with Airbus A350s.

The new model touched down in Brisbane yesterday for the first time, with the carrier marking the moment by deploying its aircraft featuring Mikado Pheasant livery.

The upgrade means travellers out of Brisbane can expect an improvement in products and amenities on board.

Local plane spotters were stationed close by to capture the

moment the updated aircraft landed in the Sunshine State.

China Airlines' new A350 boasts 306 seats with 243 in Economy, 32 Premium Business, and 31 Premium Economy and has won several design awards since its introduction to the fleet.

The airline operates evening departures from BNE to its hub in Taipei with connections across Asia, North America and several Europe destinations.

Pictured: CI's new plane touches down at BNE yesterday.

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Amex debuts Melb lounge



AMERICAN Express and Plaza Premium Grp have collaborated to introduce two new airport lounges at Melbourne Airport.

Located in Terminal 2 at Satellite Level Departures, the facility from American Express is operated by Plaza Premium Group, who also opened the Plaza Premium Lounge in an adjacent space.

The Amex lounge is open from 6am to 11pm, seven days a week.

To celebrate the opening, American Express has released the results of research it conducted into traveller stress levels, concluding that 89% of respondents find international

travel stressful while 30% state the lack of quiet areas in airports is particularly aggravating.

To view more images of the lounge, check out **Travel Daily's** Facebook page gallery [HERE](#).

AVANI addition

AVANI Hotels & Resort has announced it will open a new property in Dubai in 2020.

The new 527-room AVANI Hotel Suites & Branded Residences will be located adjacent to the Dubai Marina, joining AVANI Deira Dubai and AVANI Ibn Battuba Dubai (under development).

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Tathra funding

THE NSW South Coast town of Tathra will receive a tourism support package of \$100k from the NSW Government following devastating bushfires which destroyed 70 homes last week.

The state's Premier Gladys Berejiklian made the funding announcement yesterday which includes money for marketing and publicity initiatives to help the local tourism industry get back on its feet.

Marketing will include digital, social and breakfast TV spots.

Spicers ballet pact

SPICERS Retreats has formed a partnership with Queensland Ballet to host a series of ballet performances at three of its luxury retreats.

The events will take place at Spicers Hidden Vale Retreat in Grandchester, Spicers Tamarind Retreat in Maleny and Spicers Peak Lodge in Maryvale between Aug and Dec this year and will feature adaptations of La Bayadere, Swan Lake, The Nutcracker & Romeo and Juliet.

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