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We need 80%: Premier

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has weighed in on the debate over the international border reopening, stating that overseas travel could be possible to resume once 80% of Australian adults are vaccinated.

Berejiklian noted that NSW would need to administer around 10 million doses before international travel could be entertained, with just shy of one million administered to date.

"Once NSW has managed to undertake around that number, we can start considering those policy issues and I'd like to see that happen sooner rather than the middle of next year," the Premier said.

"There's no doubt the vaccine program is key to our freedom."

The comments coincide with a Virgin Australia statement released overnight, which stated the question was not "if, but when" will sufficient vaccination

enable int'l borders to reopen.

"We must learn to live with COVID-19 in the community in a way that protects the health and safety of our people but also opens Australia up to the rest of the world," VA said.

In further news, the Federal Govt has hinted fully vaccinated travellers could soon be exempt from domestic travel restrictions.

Health Minister Greg Hunt yesterday confirmed the government would strongly support a decision by the National Cabinet to make that a reality and that the policy is supported by medical advice.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has six pages of news including our PUZZLE page, a front cover page from South Australian Tourism Commission and a full page for Singapore Travel Specialist.

Singapore experts

WITH Singapore likely to be the next green lane with Australia, the time is ripe to become a destination specialist and complete training via Singapore Airlines, Changi Airport Group & Singapore Tourism Board - see the **back page** for more details.



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Singapore bubble blow

IN A significant blow to Australia's plan to add Singapore as its next green lane destination, the Asian nation has announced a 30-day lockdown amid a steep rise in COVID cases.

Often referred to as the bastion of COVID security, Singapore recorded 38 new cases of community transmission on Sun, 18 of which were unlinked, casting doubt on the timeline for Australia to open up a bubble anytime soon.

Only in the last week, Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison confirmed Australia was looking forward to entering discussions with Singapore about forming quarantine-free travel, flagging the destination as the most likely country to be added to its travel road map after New Zealand.

However, Singapore is now rethinking its vaccine strategy from double vaccinating the most vulnerable citizens, to

making sure as many residents as possible get at least one shot as soon as possible to deliver at least moderate protection.

Singapore's rise in cases has also pushed back Singapore and Hong Kong's planned travel bubble, with the agreement now delayed from the planned launch date of 26 May to at least 13 Jun.

QF adds to loyalty

IN A bid to incentivise Qantas Frequent Flyer members to redeem thousands of unclaimed travel benefits, Qantas has added new ways for travellers to redeem points until 20 May.

Points Club members can now claim \$50 Qantas Hotels vouchers, \$50 Qantas Wine birthday vouchers, a reward of 2,500 points for earning 250,000 eligible Qantas Points, as well as access to flying benefits such as Double Status Credit offers.

Eclipse II lays keel

SCENIC'S *Eclipse II's* official keel-laying ceremony took place at the Maj 3 shipyard in Rijeka, Croatia last week.

The occasion marked the build of the first of five custom-built vessels to be delivered over the next six years in Croatia.

The second Discovery Yacht from Scenic's ocean fleet, *Eclipse II* is a sister to *Scenic Eclipse* which was launched in 2018, and aims to "raise the benchmark within the ultra-luxury expedition cruising market".

With its ability to navigate both polar and tropical regions, *Eclipse II* will accommodate 228 guests, and will have an on-board staff-to-passenger ratio of almost 1:1.

The ship is due to launch in the Mediterranean in the Q1 2023, with Scenic founder Glenn Moroney saying the cruise line was proud to continue to invest in new ventures, demonstrating its "unwavering belief in the future of the industry".

P&O pivots local

P&O Cruises Australia has made the decision to replace all of its remaining international itineraries scheduled in 2021 with Australian domestic sailings.

The cruise line said "continued uncertainty" had prompted the move, with affected travellers having the option of remaining booked on their new local cruise or receiving a full refund in the amount paid without penalty.

If a future cruise credit was used, the full value will be reapplied for future use.

More details on this story in tomorrow's edition of **CW**.

Cook bubble open

COOK Islands international tourism restarts today with the first two-way quarantine free flight from NZ, ending a record 14-month closure of its borders to non-residents (**CW** 04 May).

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Tennessee tunes

AGENTS are invited to attend a special online education event specialising in the music of Memphis and Nashville.

The session is the third in Travel South USA's Authentic South webinar series and includes an appearance by Mark Ezell from the Tennessee Department of Tourism Development, who will help agents gain a deeper insight into why Tennessee is a must-see American destination.

Register **HERE** for the event running 26 May at 10am (AEST).

Tourism WA change

TOURISM WA Chairman Nathan Harding has tendered his resignation, citing a desire to spend more energy on a "once in a lifetime" business opportunity.

The tenure of the current board ends on 30 Jun, with John O'Sullivan, Karen Priest and Valerie Davies all indicating they will not be seeking re-election.

Overseas Mar arrivals up

OVERSEAS visitor arrivals to Australia increased by 32.9% from Feb to Mar, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures show.

Australian resident returns from overseas also increased 10.3% in Mar compared to the previous month, confirming a slight uptick in the country's inbound sector.

Unfortunately, the visitor arrival numbers were still a decrease of 97.5% when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

New Zealand was the largest source country, accounting for a quarter of all visitor arrivals - a figure likely to jump for the next statistical month, with the opening of the travel bubble in Apr (**TD** 19 Apr).

Year-on-year statistics were similar regarding resident returns, with a drop of 98.3% when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

New Zealand was again the most-represented country in this metric, accounting for 19% of all resident returns.

All states and territories also witnessed a decrease of more than 96% in travellers when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, except for the NT, which saw a 78.4% reduction.

The ABS noted 97% of visitor arrivals last year occurred prior to travel restrictions implemented by the Australian Government on 20 Mar 2020 (**TD** 20 Mar 2020), meaning the next statistical month should hopefully provide a more accurate picture of how far the Australian travel industry has advanced since the dog days of the pandemic.

More than nine in 10 (92%) resident returns last year also occurred prior to travel cuts, with 2020 the lowest since 1996.



Window Seat

IT WAS a nice thought but some Aer Lingus crew members have been scolded for getting COVID-19 vaccine jabs while on stopovers in the United States.

The airline has warned its staff against getting the vaccine after it emerged some crew members were taking advantage of the abundance of American supply, with the jabs ubiquitous in many locations such as shopping malls and drive through clinics.

So what's the big issue with staff getting vaccinated?

Well, according to the carrier getting the jab on a stopover presents too high a risk to passengers in the rare event of someone developing an adverse side effect to the shot, rendering them unfit for duty.



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Sunshine Coast expo kicks off



TOURISM Noosa and Visit Sunshine Coast commenced their four-city trade expo series last night in Canberra.

Tonight, they meet the trade in Adelaide, with Sydney following on Wed and Cairns on Thu.

Building on a record number of direct flights to Sunshine Coast Airport, the team, which includes

13 major operators, is presenting new product while offering two travel advisors at each expo the chance to win a holiday to the Sunshine Coast.

Agents can still register to attend by **CLICKING HERE**.

Pictured: back row: Karen Davis, Mary Valley Rattler; Erina Kilmore, Australia Zoo; Shell Rodney, Misty View Cottages; Lisa McCoy, Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort; Mark Baker, Coast to Hinterland Tours; Xochi Lindholm, Narrows Escape; Josh Donohoe, Creative Tours and Events; Cathy Mitchell, Tourism Noosa; Scott Rollinson, Go Ride a Wave; Abbey Feutrill, Noosa International, and in the front row: Vynka Hutton, Tourism Noosa; Darien Brown, Visit Sunshine Coast and Emily Zinowki, Visit Sunshine Coast.

Southern Ocean Lodge hurdles

THE rebuilding of Kangaroo Island's Southern Ocean Lodge has hit a snag, with the resort facing exorbitant insurance premiums if it wants to relaunch as a major tourist draw.

The resort was badly damaged by bushfires in early 2020 (**TD** 06 Jan 2020), with the owners this week given the green light to start restoration of the site, but founder James Baillie has conceded that negotiations with insurance companies over high premiums is still ongoing.

When it reemerges, the property will have its own helipad and emergency fire trail access.

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AFTA UPDATE

from the Australian Federation of Travel Agents

GREAT to see this week that the push for Australians to get travel ready and for a sensible return to international travel is being picked up on a number of fronts including by NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian.

AFTA's advocacy focus in Canberra during Budget Week included:

- The need for ongoing support for our members until international travel resumes including extension and expansion of the grants program
- The urgent need for Safe Travel Zones
- Business Lending and Small Business Loans
- COVID passports and vaccination rollout
- Consumer and Corporate Australia Confidence
- Chargebacks
- The value of agents now and for Australia's future
- Keeping skills in our sector
- The importance of our sector to Australia's economy.

AFTA met with and briefed a range of political, bureaucratic and industry stakeholders including Dan Tehan, Minister for Tourism; Senator the Hon



Dan Farrell, Shadow Minister for Tourism; ALP Senator Glenn Sterle, Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport (RRAT) Senate References Committee; Nationals Senator

Susan McDonald, Deputy Chair of the RRAT; Liberal Senator Slade Brockman, Chair of Senate Economics Legislation Committee; and ALP Senator Tony Sheldon, Chair of the Select Committee on Job Security.

We continue to work with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Australian Airports Association, Minerals Council, the Association of Australian Convention Bureaux (AACB), the Business Council of Australia and other peak bodies in Canberra for Budget.

As part of our ongoing push to advance Safe Travel Zones, AFTA met with a number of key diplomatic partners including the Singapore High Commission, the Embassy of Korea, the US Embassy, and the EU delegation to Australia.

These meetings were in addition to our ongoing dialogue with Austrade, the ACCC, Reserve Bank & the Australian Banking Association.

Rex flags new route

REX Airlines has announced it will launch flights between Melbourne and Canberra from 10 Jun, operating twice-daily and priced at \$69 Economy one-way.

The service will add 200,000 yearly seats to the route.

MEANWHILE, Rex has paid a fine of \$66,000 on a no-admission basis for allegedly failing to lodge material information with ASX prior to informing the public.

Escorted tours

MURRAY River Paddlesteamers' *Emmylou* will offer four new escorted tours in 2021/22.

Hosted by Botanica World Discoveries, Zeppelin Travel, Ballarat Lifestyle Travel and Mariner Boating Holidays, the tours will depart from Apr through to Nov, with options from seven nights through to 10.

For more information on the trips, call 5482 5244.

Unscramble

HOW many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the centre letter, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once.

R	E	P
M	W	D
E	O	E

Good – 13 words
 Very good – 19 words
 Excellent – 25 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

Famous faces



THERE are three different faces that make up this picture. They are a mixture of famous celebrities and travel names. Can you figure out who the

eyes, nose and mouth in this picture belong to? And don't worry if you can't guess them all, two out of three ain't bad!

Eyes on the pies



TODAY'S pie recipe comes to us from the US state of Virginia, thanks to Gate 7.

Pecan pie is a staple of many American Thanksgivings but is delicious enjoyed anytime.

This recipe comes from Chef Rose Moot of Pico Taqueria, a casual island restaurant serving gourmet tacos in creative combinations.

If you have a pie recipe you'd like featured, send it to pie@traveldaily.com.au.

xx *Jenny*

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Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

INGREDIENTS

- Pre-baked 9 inch pie crusts
- 3 eggs
- 250g sugar
- 30g butter
- 340g corn syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 60mL bourbon (such as Jack Daniels)
- 65g semisweet chocolate chips
- 125g pecan halves

METHOD

Whisk together eggs and sugar. Melt the butter and add to the egg mixture. Whisk in corn syrup, vanilla, and bourbon. Arrange pecans and chocolate chips in the bottom of pre-baked 9-inch pie crusts. Pour in the liquid and bake at 150°C for about 45 minutes to 1 hour or until set.

ANSWERS 17 MAY

Where in the world: El Jem, Tunisia

Pick the nation: Kenya

Whose mascot is this: Blue - Indianapolis Colts (NFL)

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QR resumes Greece

FLIGHTS between Doha and Mykonos have resumed with Qatar Airways, with quarantine-free holidays in Greece now possible following the relaxation of restrictions.

The flight schedule will see Mykonos served Mon, Fri and Sat with a 120-seat A320 aircraft, with Qatar Airways Holidays offering three-night packages from QAR4,410 (A\$1,562) inclusive of breakfast and transfers.

The Sydney Solstice is coming...

THE new Sydney Solstice event program has been released, with highlights including a country music festival in Newtown, a celebration of Aboriginal song & astrology at Sydney Observatory, a flash-mob style dance program at the Museum of Contemporary Art, and night-time kayaking on Darling Harbour.

Launching in Jun, New South Wales Minister for Tourism Stuart Ayres said more than 200 events would showcase the state's world-class food, drink, music, creative industries and Sydney's night-time economy.

AIR New Zealand's Koru Care flight departed on the weekend, carrying 50 of the charity's kids.

The Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner took off toward New Zealand's West Coast, looped up and around to pass over Taranaki and with a few extra creative turns

along the way, then headed back to Christchurch to reveal its mystery flight path – the country's iconic kiwi bird (inset).

Pictured are Chief Pilot Captain David Morgan with Lilly and Annie at the pre-flight party in Christchurch.

MONEY

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

AU\$1 = US\$0.774

THE Australian dollar has started the week lower, with American shares also off to a sluggish beginning to the week.

Technology stocks weighed on United States sentiment as last week's inflation shock continued to pile on even more pressure.

A sharp drop in cryptocurrencies also pressured technology stocks, with Bitcoin falling to a more than three-month low.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.774
UK	£0.548
NZ	\$1.069
Euro	€0.637
Japan	¥84.74
Thailand	฿24.27
China	¥4.943
South Africa	10.88
Canada	\$0.931
Crude oil	US\$69.46

A new Odyssey

A NEW Kimberley and NT program has been announced for Sep by Odyssey Traveller.

The small group tour includes other popular destinations in Western Australia and the NT, with two scheduled departures of the 19-day program.

It provides the opportunity to see Purnululu National Park the Kimberley & Mitchell Falls, Kakadu, Arnhem Land and the Tiwi Islands - **CLICK HERE** for info.

DL crew need job

DELTA Air Lines will require new hires in the United States to be vaccinated against coronavirus.

With more than 60% of its employees already vaccinated, Delta said the decision, effective this week, was the best tool available to the airline in protecting passengers & crew bringing an end to the pandemic.

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