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Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today features nine pages of industry news, including a photo page from **Collette** and our **Sustainability** page, plus a product profile from **Tourism Solomons** and a full page from **Ponant**.

Discover Ponant

TRAVEL advisors are invited to take part in Ponant's next tranche of Discovery Sessions, taking place in Jun in Adelaide, Perth, Noosa, Brisbane and Sydney. See **page 10** for details.

Surfing more gold

VISITING the Solomon Islands from Nov to Apr is the perfect time to catch a wave, especially at surfing paradises, Papatutura Island Retreat & Vavaghio Guesthouse, at Santa Isabel Province.

Surfing experts Surf the Earth is offering special deals on both properties now - see **page 11**.

QF links with Hawaiian

HAWAIIAN Airlines and Qantas are planning to launch a reciprocal codeshare partnership, which will cover routes within Australia and Hawaii, as well as between the American state and the mainland of United States.

From 07 May, the Flying Kangaroo and the US carrier plan to share codes on a range of routes out of Sydney and Honolulu, according to an update on Aeroroutes.

Outbound Qantas flights will share codes from the Hawaiian capital to onward destinations such as Kahului and Kona, and US cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego.

HA will also be able to share Qantas-operated flights inbound from Sydney to most capitals.

The move follows HA and VA opting to end a reciprocal loyalty deal from 30 Jun (**TD** 10 Mar).

MEANWHILE, American Airlines will return seasonal

services between Los Angeles and Brisbane in partnership with Qantas from 05 Dec through to Jan 2026, flying thrice weekly.

Qantas will also increase frequencies between Dallas and Melbourne from Dec to Jan, with the carrier shifting all services on the route to A380s in Jan.

Additionally, AA will resume seasonal service from Dallas to Brisbane in Oct using newly-designed B787-9 aircraft. **AB**

New Virtuoso VP

VIRTUOSO has welcomed Una O'Leary as VP Global Partnerships, who will oversee the expansion of the business' preferred partners globally.

Based in Toronto, O'Leary joined Virtuoso as its first general manager in Canada, and played a significant role in establishing the market within the luxury travel network.

PER upgrade plans

THE Federal Government will inject \$24.2 million to deliver additional border services at airports across the country, including a major infrastructure boost at Perth Airport.

Funds will be used to recruit additional staff and increase border and biosecurity capacity, in turn allowing the WA hub to host more international flights.

In Jan, Perth Airport saw 515,581 international passengers pass through the gates, breaking the record set only a month prior.

Perth has invested heavily in the past to position the city as a major international gateway from Asia, successfully courting major carriers in recent years, such as Indonesian airline TransNusa and Guangzhou-headquartered China Southern Airlines.

The airport announcement also coincided with the formal reveal of Qantas flights from Perth to Auckland and Johannesburg, flagged by **TD** in Apr (**TD** 17 Apr).

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QR expands in Jun

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The carrier will also expand frequencies linking Sao Paulo to 17 weekly flights from 25 Jun.



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Trafalgar docks in Europe

TRAFALGAR has cast off on a major expansion into the river cruise segment, with a duo of 128-passenger ships to operate sailings in Europe next year.

The Travel Corporation brand listed its debut voyages for sale today to travel advisors ahead of a wider general public launch, featuring cruises that will take passengers along the Rhine and Danube from 11 Apr 2026.

An eight-day Danube sailing aboard *Trafalgar Reverie* and a 10-day cruise on the Rhine on *Trafalgar Verity* are the two debut itineraries, with highlights of the former including visits to Budapest's landmarks, Vienna cafes, and an exclusive dining experience at one of Austria's oldest wineries.

Meanwhile, sailings on the Rhine from Basel to Amsterdam will include a tour of UNESCO-listed Cologne Cathedral, the Middle Rhine Gorge, as well as Strasbourg's old town area.

Prices for the voyages lead in from \$4,399ppts.

Speaking about Trafalgar's first foray into cruising, TTC Tour Brands Deputy CEO Melissa DaSilva said the motivation behind the move was simple - to unlock the best of Europe's rivers through the brand's trusted touchpoints, such as 'Make Travel Matter' experiences.

"We've always been about making it easy for travellers to connect with the heart and soul of every destination, and



now we're bringing that same philosophy and unmatched experience...to Europe's iconic rivers," DaSilva said.

It is unclear at this stage whether Trafalgar's debut vessels will be chartered, constructed or purchased from another line.

Trafalgar is now the second TTC brand alongside Uniworld Boutique River Cruises in offering dedicated river cruise holidays, with the latest development following comments from TTC Chair Carl Leaver last year that Apollo would look to invest and value-add in the suite of brands.

"[Apollo] is very interested to explore other businesses they can buy and put together with TTC, so they're quite acquisitive in that sense," Leaver told *Travel Daily* last Nov (**TD** 18 Nov 2024).

"I think it's a great opportunity to consolidate the market, to create a scale player," he said. **AB**

Hyde brand debuts

ENNISMORE'S Hyde lifestyle hotel brand has debuted in Melbourne this week.

The former Melbourne Place hotel has been refurbished and relaunched as Hyde Melbourne Place by Ennismore, offering guests a vibrant live music feel.

Many happy returns

TO MARK its 21st birthday, Jetstar is offering 95,000 free return fares across 80 routes.

For 48 hours, fares bought on select routes will earn free returns for travel between Sep to Mar 2026 (domestic) and May through to late Mar 2026 (int'l).

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MH expands FCTG deal

MALAYSIA Airlines has inked an expanded strategic agreement with Flight Centre Travel Group's (FCTG) StudentUniverse brand, making the Asian carrier the division's preferred air partner.

Under the terms of the deal, Malaysia Airlines will offer exclusive fares, discounts, and value packages through the youth brand, which caters to student travellers aged 18-25.

"As the world's leading student travel platform, [our deal with] StudentUniverse will...boost brand visibility and we will provide full marketing support," the airline said.

"This collaboration combines both brands' strengths to deliver top-tier, tailored travel options, while promoting cultural exchange and accessible travel for the next generation of global explorers," MH added.

Since first forming a strategic collaboration last year, the



airline said StudentUniverse has significantly contributed to its revenue growth, particularly in key markets such as Australia.

Interestingly, the student travel marketplace has recently been under scrutiny by FCTG, with the company flagging the loss-making brand may be merged with other divisions like BYOJet and Aunt Betty, pending a final review on 30 Jun (**TD** 28 Apr).

FCTG acquired StudentUniverse for \$28 million in 2015, part of a strategy to expand its presence in the youth travel market. **AB**

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CATO agent leaders

THE Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO) has launched a new monthly recognition program celebrating the achievements of travel advisors who demonstrate exceptional product knowledge within the industry body's Touring Academy.

Apart from earning CATO Touring Academy Certification, agents will now be recognised through a special leaderboard, casting a light on those who have completed the largest volume and variety of modules, while also creating some friendly rivalry.

The top-performing agent at the moment is Samantha Mclean from Flight Centre Carindale in Qld, who has earned a whopping 545 points to date.

"This new recognition will highlight those agents that represent the gold standard in touring knowledge," said CATO Managing Director Brett Jardine.

Check out the full list of top performing leaders **HERE**.

Workplace webinar

THE Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA) is running an exclusive webinar this month to offer members practical advice on how to prevent sexual harassment, and create a more respectful workplace.

Under new laws, businesses are required to take proactive steps to prevent harassment and those who are not compliant face penalties of up to \$1.5 million, uncapped damages and serious reputational damages, said ATIA.

The online event will be delivered in conjunction with workplace law specialists ABLA to deliver tailored content, featuring ready-to-use policies and materials, risk assessment and prevention plan templates, and direct access to legal experts to answer participants' questions.

Each session is limited to 25 participants and the first event runs at 12pm AEST on 22 May.

CLICK HERE for more information on the sessions.

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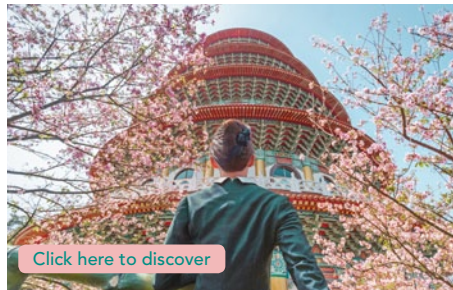
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Air NZ all in on premium

AIR New Zealand's fully redesigned Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner (**TD** yesterday) is an aggressive push from the carrier on the premium market, CCO Jeremy O'Brien told **TD**.

The retrofitted aircraft, the first of which was unveiled yesterday in Auckland, will feature all-new business premier luxe seats, which O'Brien hops will increase Air New Zealand's share of front-of-plane travellers.

This will also see Air NZ increase the premium density on board its fleet, allowing it to offer a higher-end product at greater scale.

"By the time we've done all 14 [retrofitted] aircraft, it'll be 27% in our premium cabin capacity," O'Brien declared.

"When we bring in our new ultra-long-haul aircraft, over 50% of it is either premium economy or business premium...we're really going after the premium leisure traveller.

O'Brien said this renewed focus allows Air NZ to capture a breed of guests more insulated to the macroeconomic effects which plague mezzanine-level travellers.

"Over time, it has been shown that the travel segment is a lot more resistant to cycles, and so in terms of having a really strong customer base that can ride the ups and downs of economic changes, we believe that gives us a whole lot more stability."

O'Brien is confident Air New Zealand's future premium cabins can stand out from the crowd, in a highly competitive luxury air travel sector.

"We believe we can compete with the best in the market," O'Brien enthused.

"Over the years, we have a great reputation for fantastic crew and service, for really good food and beverage, and so the ability for us to elevate the hard product is the last part of that mix for us." *MS*

The travelling chairs



AUSTRALIAN Travel Industry Association (ATIA) Chair Christian Hunter and Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO) Chairman Dennis Bunnik recently escorted a Travellers Choice reward trip through Slovenia.

CATO and ATIA cooperate closely on a range of industry and

government initiatives, with the latest trip abroad providing plenty of opportunities to share ideas over some quality local food and wine in the Vipava Valley, Novo Mesto, Bled and Ljubljana.

Pictured: Hunter and Bunnik enjoying a tippie with Slovenian wine-maker Davorin Mesesnel.

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It's all Greek to EK

A **RECIPROCAL** frequent flyer partnership has been signed by Emirates and Aegean Airlines, unlocking the ability for Skywards members to earn and burn points on the Greek carrier's network.

The agreement also opens 162 destinations in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East across Aegean's subsidiary Olympic Air.

Members of Aegean's Miles+Bonus loyalty program will gain access to the Emirates route network from 21 May to redeem points on EK operated flights.

The partnership was formalised last week at Arabian Travel Market by Skywards SVP Nejib Ben Khedher and Aegean Deputy CCO Elias Mandroukas (pictured).



Personal interaction key for Pearl

EXPEDITIONS to Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Borneo will feature in the maiden season for Pearl Expeditions, according to the boutique line's maiden e-brochure, now available.

The guide, accessible via the brand's new trade distribution partner La Collection, covers operations of the 30-pax *Paspaley Pearl* through to Mar 2026, as well as stateroom pricing, ship deck plans and ports of call.

Itineraries beyond Mar 2026 through to the end of 2027 are currently in development.

The line's maiden itinerary will be a 10-night adventure in the Kimberley departing Wyndham on 31 Jul and bound for Broome.

Departures in this region will include an exclusive opportunity for guests to visit the Paspaley pearl farm and gain an insight into the brand's various business interests, which also include wine and engineering.



"There is a big focus on our guests being able to interact with their pearling vessels, with their pearl farms and the plethora of industries they're involved in," Pearl Expeditions Executive Chair Sarina Bratton told *Travel Daily*.

Pearl Expeditions GM and Head of Sustainability, Mick Fogg, said a unique feature of the brand will be the dedicated naturalists on board who can better interact with guests, as each voyage caters to only 30 passengers.

"When we go ashore, there will be so much more time to be immersed in the locations.

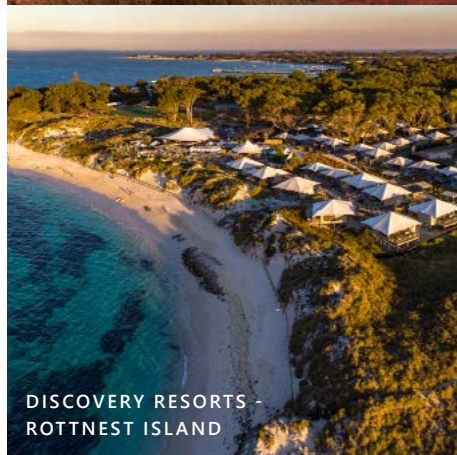
"We won't need to rush to get the next group through or to get back to the ship to meet a deadline for the next location because, with just 30 guests, we will have so much more flexibility available to you," Fogg added.

"I look at what we're going to be doing in eastern Indonesia and pioneering some more areas there, as well as what we're looking at in Papua New Guinea, and making it a more personal experience for our guests.

While it is still early days, Bratton left the door open for the brand to expand and add more ships if demand warrants.

"If it's a roaring success, we'll certainly be looking at what our options are," Bratton said.

Bookings with Pearl Expeditions are now available through the line's two Expedition Concierges Nicci Foulsham and Joanna Schuetz, with a website due to go live for the brand next week. *ML*



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ATIA UPDATE

from Richard Taylor, Director of Membership and Industry Affairs



THE federal election has dominated this column in recent weeks, and for very good reasons, but I'm certain you'll appreciate a break now that things are done and dusted.

This will particularly be the case if you were on Clive Palmer's SMS contact list. That said, I'm starting with - yep, the federal election!

ATIA's very sincere thanks are due to the many members who got involved by contacting their local representatives with the industry's key messages.

We must never forget the importance of ensuring that politicians of all persuasions understand the nuances of our important industry.

The advocacy doesn't stop following an election, but after all the recent late nights and early mornings I will certainly be pushing LJ, Dean and Ingrid - especially Ingrid - to plan their next holiday with an ATIA-accredited travel provider.

There's no doubt it will be thoroughly deserved.

Back in normal world, we're holding our Pulse meetings across several categories of members this week.

Some of the topics up for discussion include airline baggage issues, hiring offshore workers, currency fluctuations, advice for travellers visiting the United States, and feedback to the Australian Taxation Office on members' needs.

These meetings play a critical role in ensuring all voices are heard - and you can register

your interest in future Pulse meetings by **CLICKING HERE**.

By registering you're simply putting up your hand to be invited to the meetings, which aren't compulsory.

Next week is National Careers Week. It's no secret that our industry can do better at attracting and retaining talent, and we'll be making an announcement that speaks to exactly this - watch this space for more information.

You may have missed that we're taking Beyond Borders 'on the road'.

Preparation is underway for the main event in Brisbane on 17 Oct, but in the meantime we're holding two evening events that will be held in Adelaide on 28 Jul and Perth on the 30 Jul.

Dean, Ingrid and myself will attend from ATIA and the events will contain great content, speakers and plenty of networking time.

Tickets for 'BB On The Road' will be announced tomorrow.

This Wed is Global Travel Advisor Day, which I believe originates over in the US.

I think that this is something we should embrace here, and so I heartily encourage everyone to hug their nearest travel advisor, tell them how much they're appreciated and then send a picture to **Travel Daily**.

But do you know how else you can recognise a great travel advisor, or indeed any other person or company that has impressed you over the last 12 months? That's right - nominate them for an NTIA!

It takes mere seconds, so visit **THIS LINK** before nominations close on 21 May, and in return, I promise to not add you to my own SMS contact list.

PONANT EXPLORATIONS FAMIL: ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN



WELCOME back to Ponant Explorations' Famil in Focus series, as we journey through the Ancient Wonders of the Mediterranean, hosted by Kristina Sambaher, State Manager NSW & ACT aboard *Le Dumont-D'Urville*.

The group enjoyed their only day at sea en route to Reggio di Calabria, with a full program of activities including trivia, aqua gym, alfresco lunch with live music, dance classes, movies, and some relaxing spa treatments.

The evening concluded with an iconic Ponant Moment: an elegant white-themed cocktail party on deck, featuring local delicacies and a traditional Greek tsipouro drink, shared with the Captain and officers before dinner and dancing continued.

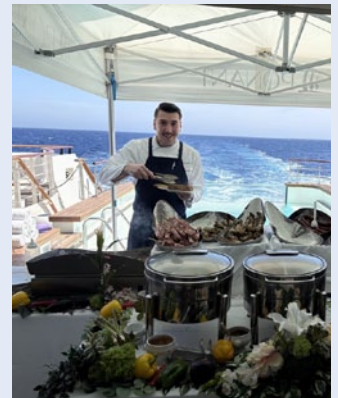
With a variety of included shore excursions, the guests could choose to explore Reggio di Calabria at their own pace or join guided small-group visits to key sites.

Located at the toe of Italy, the city offers sweeping views across the Strait of Messina to Sicily and Mt Etna.

Known for its Art Nouveau charm and the scent of bergamot, Reggio is also home to the National Archaeological Museum, where renowned Riace Bronzes from the 5th century BC are on display.

With the insight of expert local hosts, guests gained a deeper understanding and a greater appreciation of this captivating and lesser visited destination.

Stay tuned for our final edition tomorrow as this inspiring famil concludes, highlighting the excellence of PONANT's small-ship luxury voyages.



TOP: Kristina Sambaher with Lindy Hill, TravelManagers; Ebony Manwaring, Ponant; Emily Pearson and Jenna Lewis, Travel Associates.

MIDDLE: Lunch served at sea, featuring fresh ingredients from the Greek Islands visited.

BOTTOM: A small-group excursion with an expert local guide taking in panoramic views of Reggio di Calabria.



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Collette makes memories in Türkiye

THE Collette Australia team is wrapping up an incredible week with their global colleagues experiencing the beauty of Türkiye as part of their 2025 Sales Conference. Hosted by President and CEO Jaclyn Leibl-Cote and EVP of Global Sales, Christian Leibl-Cote, the conference was a mix of education, travel experiences and awards.

"Sales of 'Treasures of Türkiye' have been on the rise out of Australia and no wonder - the trip is the perfect example of Collette Explorations - a tour designed for the modern traveller," said Karen Deveson, Managing Director Australia.

"The tour is a great combination of cultural experiences, homestyle dining, free time, and ideal pacing. The team spent time in Istanbul, Ephesus and Cappadocia. The hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia at sunrise will be a memory to hold forever".

A highlight of the Gala Awards was the announcement of Jacquie Roberts as winner of the highest growth in accounts globally for 2024. Collette congratulates Jacquie for her achievement.

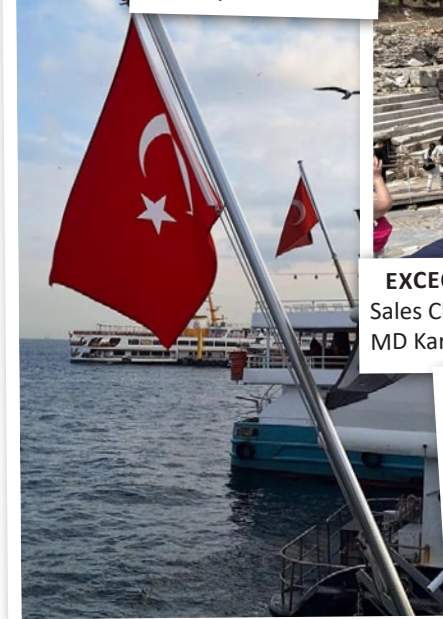


KAREN Deveson; Jacquie Roberts; Samantha Tamba; Nichole Steadman; Jess Banovic; Anita Lea Dearle.

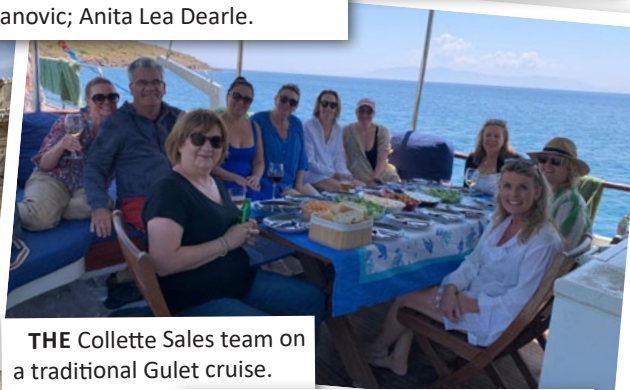


HEAD of Sales David Farrar and Business Development Manager Kylie Wilson.

MAKING memories in Türkiye.



EXECUTIVE VP of Global Sales Christian Leibl-Cote and MD Karen Deveson in Ephesus.



THE Collette Sales team on a traditional Gulet cruise.

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MANAGING Director Karen Deveson; Director of Marketing Narelle Riley; Head of Sales David Farrar and Director of Commercial Partnerships, Amanda McCann- Wilson.





SUSTAINABILITY NOW FRONT OF MIND FOR MOST

TRAVELLERS are now more conscious of the environmental and social impact of their trips and are keen to put sustainability front and centre in their travel choices, a new Booking.com study has determined.

The OTA's 10th annual Sustainable Travel Research poll has highlighted the growing awareness travellers have of their individual impact on a destination beyond environmental concerns.

Opinions of nearly 32,000 travellers in 34 markets were canvassed for the report, including 1,000 from Australia, with the data showing a shift in what defines modern sustainability.

More than half of Australians surveyed said they are now cognizant of how their travels impact local communities, with 67% saying they want to leave places better than how they



found them - up from only 40% a decade earlier.

The survey asked respondents to consider the impact of tourism from a local's eyes, with 62% of Aussies believing tourism has a positive effect on where they live.

Aussies say the tourists they see in their hometown always respect local customs, traditions and behaviours, with a strong support of local businesses.

However, the same contingent felt adjustments are needed to

guarantee destinations can grow at a healthy pace and continue to be enjoyed by new generations.

Despite tourism-related challenges such as traffic, rising cost of living, overcrowding and littering, most Aussie travellers feel their hometowns have the right amount of tourists.

The report found only a very small number of Australians believe capping the number of visitors to their hometown is the answer to these social issues.

Travellers are clearly making changes to their travel goals, with the consumer and economic impact now on level terms of importance with sustainability.

More conscious efforts are going into how travellers can curb their impact on destinations, with 38% looking at departing other times of the year or avoiding major cities and overcrowding.

Booking.com Regional Manager Oceania, Todd Lacey, said tourism infrastructure and innovation needs to keep pace with travellers' good intent.

"We ultimately want to make it easier for travellers to connect with a more diverse range of local communities across Australia, from far-flung regions to Indigenous tourism operators so we help spread the positive benefits of tourism more broadly," Lacey added. *ML*

Ponant embarks on mission with non-profit OzHarvest to eliminate food waste

PONANT is giving back to the community through a new partnership with food rescue organisation OzHarvest.

"We look forward to contributing to OzHarvest's success in creating a sustainable future for many, the same way Ponant has led the way towards a more sustainable form of tourism," said Deb Corbett, CEO of Ponant for Asia Pacific.

"This alignment is an

opportunity for our two organisations to make a great impact," she concluded.

As part of the alliance, Ponant is supporting OzHarvest's team in the NT to run a pop-up store and deliver food hampers to those living in remote communities.

The luxury cruise line will also support OzHarvest's 10-week Feast program, aimed at educating more than 4,400 students about the



environmental impact of food waste, the benefits of healthy

eating and how to get hands-on in the kitchen.

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

AU\$1 = US\$0.645

THE Australian dollar is slowly creeping up against the Greenback as the Trump Administration tariffs and other US political hot potatoes continue to have an impact on its value.

NAB has gone so far as to revise its end-of-year target to 0.70c, citing a "multi-year bear market in place" for the USD.

That's good news for travellers looking to book in trips to the US now for the fourth quarter of the calendar year if it comes to fruition.

Against the GBP, the AUD is also heading north less dramatically, reaching 0.485.

Lately, the Japanese Yen has been the hero for travellers, presenting Australians with favourable exchange rates, and that continues after a small blip at the start of April, bouncing back to 92.86 JPY to 1 AUD, having dipped as low as 86.84 JPY on 8 Apr.

However, 1 AUD on 10 Jul last year was netting 109.11 JPY.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.645
UK	£0.486
NZ	\$1.084
Euro	€0.572
Japan	¥92.961
Thailand	฿21.260
China	¥4.694
South Africa	11.805
Canada	\$0.893
Bitcoin	0.0000068

Accor gets Bayview



ACCOR will add three key properties to its portfolio in Australia and NZ, thanks to a new deal with Bayview International Hotels & Resorts.

It will see The Sydney Boulevard Hotel in East Sydney, Bayview Geographe Resort in Busselton WA, and Wairakei Resort Taupo in New Zealand fall under management of Accor.

The strategic expansion will see the trip of properties undergo extensive refurbishment before being relaunched as Accor-branded properties.

Adrian Williams, COO for Accor in the Pacific, said: "This is an exciting milestone for Accor as we continue to expand our presence in the Pacific.

"These three properties are well-loved by locals and visitors alike, and we are thrilled to bring them into the Accor family.

"Our vision is to elevate their guest experiences through our powerful brands, ALL loyalty program, and world-class service offering," he said.

Derek Yan, Vice President Projects & Product Development for Bayview International Hotel

& Resorts added, "Partnering with Accor represents an exciting new era for Bayview International Hotels & Resorts... this collaboration will allow us to elevate these three properties to new heights."

The three properties join a group that includes Sofitel, Mantra, ibis and other brands. *DF*

SIXT and Waru join

MAJORITY Aboriginal-owned commercial vehicle rental company Waru has announced a partnership with SIXT Australia.

Based in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, Waru generally serves the mining, defence, private, and government sectors.

SIXT Australia Chief Executive Officer Matthew Beattie said in a statement, "Waru is the first franchise partner we have welcomed since launching SIXT in Australia in 2021...my team and I are delighted to have Waru join Team Orange."

Waru Vehicle Hire Chief Executive Officer Shakira Grasso added that both brands' "values and visions aligned".



Window Seat

"**FLYING** the coop" has taken on an all-new meaning across the ditch at Wellington Airport as the Weta Workshop-created two eagles and Gandalf sculptures have been confirmed to depart this Fri, 09 May.

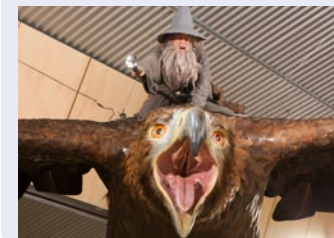
The sculptures have been an iconic part of the airport for more than 11 years, significantly outlasting the movies themselves.

While *Travel Daily* would like to see Wellington Airport attempt to send them off down the runway and see how far they can fly, it seems that professional removalists will be used instead.

Perhaps the risk of a bird strike with two large eagles and Gandalf was too great - imagine the ATC message.

Wellington Airport's Chief Executive Matt Clarke revealed that "the whole terminal is going to have a spectacular new look with the new multi-level hospitality venue open as well".

Weta Workshop co-founder and Chief Creative Officer Richard Taylor added, "We're looking forward to working with Wellington Airport on bringing a new chapter to life."



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