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Brisbane terminal deal questioned

TWO submissions to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) have voiced concerns over the proposed priority berthing deal between Carnival plc and the Port of Brisbane (PBPL).

The deal would see Carnival and PBPL enter into a "take or pay" agreement, whereby Carnival would receive 100 berthing days at the planned Brisbane cruise facility to help underwrite its development (**CW** 02 Nov).

Both submissions are from unnamed interested parties, with one declaring the deal would "result in serious anticompetitive detriment because it makes it unlikely that any competing cruise operator will be able to successfully enter the Brisbane-based cruise market".

It said mega ships' access to the new terminal would "be effectively blocked by the



proposed agreement".

The submission claimed the deal would see insufficient berthing days provided to other operators, preventing them from building viable deployments over summer.

It also argued the agreement would likely result in the closure of the existing Portside cruise facility, if Carnival's midsized and smaller ships went to the new facility, and since "no other cruise operator has ships of a size which can dock at Portside".

The second document outlined "considerable uncertainty" regarding competition between

the proposed development and cruise terminal facilities other than Portside, calling for a justification for an 18-year authorisation and proposing a five-year maximum authorisation.

Carnival told the ACCC it would not be bound by any exclusivity provisions, noting it may continue to use other terminals "from time to time, if they are suited to its commercial requirements".

It also emphasised that the total number of days proposed as priority berthing days are fewer than Carnival's anticipated berthing requirements.



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Four Galapagos yachts



Princess policy

PRINCESS Cruises bookings made by a retail store are no longer eligible to be transferred to a travel wholesale agency.

To be access wholesale benefits, reservations must now be created and managed by a wholesale agent.

The change came into effect 01 Dec and the cruise line said the move was in response to "changing business requirements/environment".

CCL ups Charleston

CARNIVAL Cruise Line will add capacity to Charleston, Sth Carolina, when *Carnival Sunshine* kicks off a year-round schedule of four- & five-day departures in May 2019.

All itineraries will sail to the Bahamas, with four-day cruises stopping at the Caribbean country's capital of Nassau.

Five-day voyages will stop at Nassau & private Bahamian island Half Moon Cay.

NCLH stock move

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) has announced a pending transfer of its ordinary shares from the Nasdaq Global Select Market (Nasdaq) to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

It expects to begin trading on the NYSE on 19 Dec.

New MSC Miami hub

PORTMIAMI and MSC Cruises have celebrated the completion of Terminal F.

The customised terminal will serve ships including *MSC Seaside* from 21 Dec.

The facility includes an expanded waiting area for up to 1,500 people and a hall with 60 check-in positions.

US-BASED tour operator VIP Journeys Latin America has revealed details of its four new luxury yachts set to launch in the Galapagos Islands in 2018.

The ships - *Infinity*, *Origin*, *Endemic* and *Camila Trimaran* - will have capacity for groups of between 16-20 passengers.

They will operate seven-night itineraries throughout the year, and a number of three- and four-night options.

VIP Journeys has revealed *Infinity* (**pictured**) will offer private balconies, eight cabins and two suites, while the *Origin* will lay claim to the lowest ratio of guests to guides in the area, with two on board expert naturalist guides to its 20 passengers.

Endemic will debut in Jul 2018 with eight Golden Panoramic Suites and a crew to guest ratio of close to 1:1.

The fourth addition, *Camila Trimaran*, features eight cabins, each with a balcony and jacuzzi.

Michael Eiseman, co-founder of VIP Journeys, said, "Every year the cruise ships and yachts that venture around the Galapagos islands get nicer but our newest yachts to take to the water add something even more special.

"Benefitting from a semi-private experience, our guests get the exclusive, personal feel of the old rustic schooners that were popular in the past combined with the elegance and indulgence of modern cruise ships."

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Catch up with Jennifer Vanderkreeke as Carnival celebrates 5 years in Australia in the December issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Cruise Calendar

This week's port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY

<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	12 Dec
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	13 Dec
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	14 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	14 Dec
<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	15 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	15 Dec
<i>Carnival Legend</i>	16 Dec
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	17 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	17 Dec
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	18 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	18 Dec

MELBOURNE

<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	12 Dec
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	13 Dec
<i>Golden Princess</i>	15 Dec
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	16 Dec
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	17 Dec
<i>Regatta</i>	17 Dec
<i>Noordam</i>	18 Dec

BRISBANE

<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	12 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	15 Dec
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	16 Dec
<i>Sea Princess</i>	17 Dec
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	18 Dec

FREMANTLE

<i>Astor</i>	15 Dec
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ADELAIDE

<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	18 Dec
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HOBART

<i>Explorer of the Seas</i>	13 Dec
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	15 Dec
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	16 Dec
<i>Noordam</i>	16 Dec
<i>Golden Princess</i>	17 Dec

AUCKLAND

<i>Sea Princess</i>	13 Dec
<i>AIDAcara</i>	16 Dec
<i>Sun Princess</i>	18 Dec

Cloud's Antarctic debut



SILVERSEA'S *Silver Cloud* successfully completed its maiden voyage to Antarctica yesterday, after the vessel's initial attempt was turned around last month.

The ship had encountered a mechanical failure and returned to Puerto Madryn for repairs (**CW** 23 Nov) but has now finished its first 10-day Antarctic Peninsula expedition roundtrip itinerary from Ushuaia.

Cloud will offer 10-day roundtrip voyages to Antarctica through to

Feb and spend summers in the High Arctic before returning to Antarctica in Nov.

"As the first ship which launched the Silversea fleet in 1994, it makes sense that she should continue to push the boundaries in innovation, becoming our first vessel to truly bridge the gap between luxury and expedition cruising," said Silversea chairman Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio.

Silver Cloud is **pictured** arriving in Antarctica.

European Opera

EUROPEAN Waterways has announced a new seven-night Italy Opera Cruise launching 26 Aug next year on board the *La Bella Vita*.

Tickets for the musical experience are priced at \$6,400ppts with highlights including a full day of sight-seeing in Venice, premium seats at a world class opera, as well as guided tours of Verona before cruising along the Giudecca Canal.

Further booking details can be viewed by **CLICKING HERE**.

SA's cruise push

SOUTH Australian Minister for Tourism Leon Bignell has declared cruise ship visitors to Adelaide will receive a warmer welcome following the major upgrade of the Port Adelaide Passenger Terminal.

Cruise ship visits to South Australia contributed nearly \$100m to a record \$6.3 billion visitor economy in 2016/17.

"We've set an even higher target for 2017/18 to ensure we are maximising the potential of this growing industry," Bignell said.

SPTC brox is here

SPAIN & Portugal Travel Connection has launched its new 84-page 2018 brochure featuring an array of new offerings for clients.

The program features the chance to explore Northern Portugal on a barge-style cruise along the Douro River on board the 15-cabin luxury barge *Spirit of Chartwell*.

The eight-day cruise has five departures between Apr and Oct 2018.

To view the digital brochure online, **CLICK HERE**.

PORTHOLE



SOME say the *Titanic* is known for its romance, however come Valentine's Day in 2018, the Manly Ferry will become the epicentre of love.

The NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages is offering 24 lucky couples the chance to tie the knot on one of Sydney's iconic ferries.

The nautical nuptials will take place on three vessels bedecked with ribbons and bows, with the couple to either board at Circular Quay or Manly with the wedding to occur en route.

If a harbour wedding doesn't float your boat, the NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages is also offering ceremonies at a CBD wine bar.

The Manly Ferry package is exclusive to Valentine's Day and priced at \$572.

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