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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news and a full page from **CruiseAgents**.

Sherry marks 10 years

EXECUTIVE chairman Ann Sherry has celebrated ten years at the helm of Carnival Australia.

Sherry is **pictured** with Sture Myrmell and the Carnival Australia team at a special morning tea today, where she was presented with her 10-year certificate and congratulated her team for their commitment and good humour.



Collins looks to Garden Is

HIGH-PROFILE Navy Reserve Captain and former NSW Opposition Leader Peter Collins has pinpointed potential sites for new cruise facilities at Sydney's Garden Island naval base.

Collins was last week appointed to lead a cruise industry reference group to report on solutions to Sydney's berthing constraints, and has tipped Garden Island as the most likely candidate for new facilities despite the misgivings of the Royal Australian Navy.

Speaking on *ABC* radio on Fri, Collins said a lot of work had already been done to identify potential sites for future cruise berths around the harbour, and that it was possible to accommodate both the Navy and the cruise industry successfully.

"We can have a win-win situation," Collins said.

"It's not about how you can bump the Navy out of Garden

Island, there are a number of locations the reference group will have to look at.

"Top of the list and the obvious one is where the main crane used to be at Garden Island but there are other options as well."

Other little-used sites including the point and eastern side of Garden Island could also be utilised to allow shared facilities between the Navy and cruise industry, Collins said.

The cruise industry reference group includes members of government and the cruise sector and is due to report to the NSW Government in Sep.

Cruise operators including Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise Line have recently directed ships away from Sydney, with its existing Overseas Passenger Terminal running at capacity and the White Bay Cruise Terminal inaccessible to larger ships.

Eden wharf go-ahead

THE NSW Government has approved a \$44m upgrade of the wharf at the south coast's Port of Eden, which will enable cruise ships of up to 325 metres to berth (**CW** 17 Nov 16).

After the upgrade, the port will be able to receive 40-60 cruise ship visits per annum, substantially increasing the 20,000 cruise ship visitors who arrived in the region during the 2016/17 financial year.

The project has been funded by a \$32m contribution from NSW, \$10m from the Commonwealth and \$2m from the Bega Valley Shire Council.

The upgrade is expected to be completed in 2019.

Member for Bega Andrew Constance said the Port of Eden was the "third deepest natural harbour in the Southern Hemisphere, making it ideal for large vessels" and was a premier location for whale watching.

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Majestic Princess named



PRINCESS Cruises' ship tailor-made for China, *Majestic Princess*, has been officially named by its naming ambassadors, Chinese basketballers Yao Ming and Ye Li.

The occasion was marked with a ceremony held over the weekend in Shanghai.

"*Majestic Princess*, our new flagship, is a perfect demonstration of an 'East meets West' international cruise vacation experience," said Jan Swartz, group president, Princess Cruises and Carnival Australia.

"Representing over 50 years of experience, we are confident *Majestic Princess* has redefined the luxury cruising experience."

Majestic Princess boasts nearly 1,100m² of boutiques and a range of entertainment offerings including musical and cinematic experience *Fantastic Journey*, private karaoke, a water fountain and multi-media light show and movies under the stars.

In the dining department there's a restaurant from three Michelin-star chef Emmanuel Renaut called

La Mer and a specialty Cantonese restaurant with a dinner menu designed by Michelin-star chef Richard Chen named Harmony.

In addition, there is the World Fresh Marketplace with flavours from around the globe, The Bakery offering Chinese bakery favourites, Gong Cha (the bubble milk tea brand), American steakhouse Crown Grill, Lobster Grill and Dim Sum Bar and Italian restaurant, Alfredo's Pizzeria.

A new youth program, "Camp Discovery" is also on board.

Yao Ming and Ye Li are pictured naming *Majestic Princess*.

Cruise360 MC returns

RADIO host and business commentator Ross Greenwood will return again as MC for Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia's 2017 Cruise360 conference on 25 Aug.

Joel Katz, md CLIA Australasia, said Greenwood's contribution to Cruise360 2016 was very well received and many delegates requested his return.

NCL adds Sun to Cuba

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line will deploy a second ship, *Norwegian Sun*, to Cuba.

From May 2018, *Norwegian Sun* will offer four-day cruises to Havana, Cuba and Key West, and three-day cruises to the Bahamas from Port Canaveral, Florida.

Following a two-and-a-half week dry dock in Victoria, British Columbia, the vessel will reposition to Port Canaveral where it will berth at the port's Cruise Terminal 10, which underwent more than \$35m in renovations last year.

Norwegian Cruise Line will introduce its all-inclusive program to *Norwegian Sun* on all of its Cuba and Bahamas cruises.

"Our all-inclusive model aboard *Norwegian Sky* has been very well-received and as we evaluated the opportunity to

expand upon that concept, we felt that Port Canaveral was the ideal location to offer our guests a value-rich on board experience," said Andy Stuart, president and ceo for NCL.

Norwegian Sun's four-day cruises to Cuba will depart Port Canaveral each Mon from 07 May, and include a call to Key West, Florida and an overnight stay in Havana, before returning each Fri.

Vista steel cutting

THE steel cutting ceremony for the third Vista class cruise ship for Carnival Cruise Line took place last week at Fincantieri's shipyard in Marghera, Italy.

To be delivered in 2019, the yet-to-be-named vessel will be a sister ship of *Carnival Vista*, and *Carnival Horizon*, which is also under construction in Marghera with delivery slated for the beginning of 2018.

The 323m ship will have 1,987 passenger cabins and capacity for 3,934 passengers.

In keeping with the Vista class, the new addition will feature the Havana Area, a private space exclusively available for guests in select cabins featuring open bars and an infinity pool.



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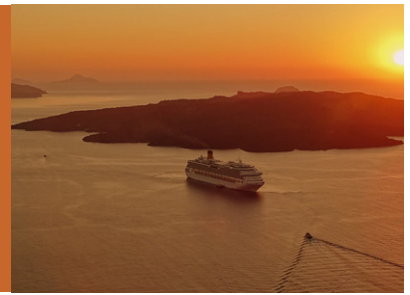
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Find out the latest results of the cruise survey in the July issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Pacific Princess refit

PRINCESS Cruises' *Pacific Princess* has arrived in Fort Lauderdale following a two-week multi-million dollar renovation.

The vessel now sports the new livery hull design, 700 Princess Luxury Beds and 336 refreshed staterooms including the new Club Class Mini-Suites.

Four dining venues have been refreshed - the Sterling Steakhouse, Sabatini's Restaurant, The Club Restaurant and The Panorama Buffet - while the pool deck now has a garden-like atmosphere and the Atrium has been updated.

Pacific Princess will sail European itineraries through Dec.

CCL agnt commission

CARNIVAL Cruise Line's Miami office revealed it will pay travel agents commission on future cruise credits applied to new bookings, effective yesterday.

The new structure calculates commission based on the value of the cruise prior to the application of the future cruise credit.

Previously commission was calculated after a future cruise credit was applied.

Carnival Cruise Line said the new commission program added "incremental earning opportunities for the line's valued travel agent partners".

Carnival Australia was contacted by **Cruise Weekly** but by the time of publishing, was unable to confirm if the new structure would apply to Australian agents.

P&O's new ship name

P&O Cruises UK is challenging the public to suggest a name for its new ship, with the winner to receive two places at the naming ceremony in 2020.

The cruise line said there were no rules or parameters and the comp would run until 31 Jul.

MEANWHILE P&O UK has revealed details of its new 5,200-passenger ship, which will be the largest cruise vessel ever built for the British market.

It will have an entertainment hub called The Dome, which will be a place for relaxation and informal dining by day and at night will host aerial performances and shows.

The Atrium will have glass walls spanning three decks and there will be eight specialty restaurants and more than 10 places to enjoy a drink on board.

CLICK HERE for more.

Sanctuary's addition

SANCTUARY Retreat is introducing a four-night cruise on *Sanctuary Ananda* in 2018.

The new addition will sail between Mandalay and Bagan on select dates in Aug and Sep.

For more information, see sanctuaryretreats.com.

Scenic Eclipse update

THE steel construction of Scenic's discovery yacht, *Scenic Eclipse*, was 60% complete as of Fri and the vessel will soon be taking shape on the slipway.

Ocean Atlantic's new look



QUARK Expeditions' 195-passenger *Ocean Atlantic* has revealed a new look ahead of the Antarctic season.

All berths have been transformed and a range of new cabins introduced, along with a renovation of the common areas including the restaurant, Veranda bar, and the lecture hall.

"We're so pleased to see one of our favourite Antarctica vessels bring guest experience to new heights" said Greg Carter, co-



founder of Polar Specialist Chimu Adventures, which charts the vessel for a 10-day Discover Antarctica Cruise.

The ship's new Category A cabin is **pictured** above, a premium suite is inset and the Vindland Restaurant below.



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Jewel to sail Alaska

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line will deploy *Norwegian Jewel* on Alaskan itineraries in the Northern summer 2018 season and conduct a range of seven- and nine-day sailings from Seattle, Seward and Vancouver.

Following its 2017/2018 season in the Australasian region, *Norwegian Jewel* will journey from Tokyo to Seattle and replace *Norwegian Sun* as Norwegian Cruise Line's third ship sailing in Alaska next year.

On 26 May *Jewel* will reposition to Vancouver for a seven-day roundtrip to Alaska and from 11 Jun will offer seven-day cruises from Vancouver and Seward.

Silversea leadership

A **NEW** leadership training academy has been introduced by Silversea aimed at recruiting and developing talent globally to join its expedition teams, using webinars & practical experience.



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

SYDNEY	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	12 Jul
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	17 Jul
BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	15 Jul
DARWIN	
<i>Coral Expeditions 1</i>	13 Jul
FREMANTLE	
<i>Sun Princess</i>	16 Jul

Two Queens meet



CUNARD'S *Queen Elizabeth* met *HMS Queen Elizabeth* for the first time last week off the coast of Scotland.

The rendezvous between the cruise ship and the aircraft carrier, who are both named after Queen Elizabeth II, met while *Queen Elizabeth* was on a 13-night tour of the British Isles.

Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth* captain Inger Klein Thorhauge said it was an honour for his crew to meet their counterpart during the Royal Navy's lead ship undergoing sea tests.

RCI new bev package

ROYAL Caribbean will reportedly test a new beverage policy which would see all passengers 21 years and older required to purchase a drink package, if at least one other person in their cabin has one.

According to an unofficial Royal Caribbean blog, the change will be trialled on *Harmony of the Seas* on a few sailings scheduled from 30 Sep to 18 Nov.

Carnival Aus research

CARNIVAL Cruise line has noted an 80% increase in couples enjoying a holiday together once their children are less reliant.

A poll from Carnival Cruise Line of 1,000 Australians (couples with children aged 13+) found over three quarters of respondents said they missed having fun with their partner.

The study showed a third of participants believed a child-free holiday would "help them remember why they fell in love".

Costa Mercy program

THE first Costa Group volunteer, Tomislav Zubovic, has boarded *Mercy Ships' Africa Mercy* under a volunteer program for employees and crew and will serve as an engineer.

The *Africa Mercy* is the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world and houses 400 crew and provides free surgeries and dental care to patients with urgent medical needs.

P&O UK responds

P&O Cruises UK has responded to a report by UK TV show *Dispatches*, which tested air pollution on board *Oceana*.

The cruise line said it was "actively engaging scientists and independent third party groups to carry out similar studies using accredited equipment and methods and once complete we will share these results with the industry in order to understand and execute best practice".

It also noted P&O fully complied with all IMO and EU regulation relating to emissions and that *Oceana* was scheduled to be fitted with exhaust gas cleaning systems in drydock this year.



IMAGINE sailing down a river in a decked out wood-fired hot tub.

HotTug has made the dream a reality, offering the world's first wood-fired hot tub set to launch this month in central London.

Up to seven people will be able to take a 90 minute dip in a 38 degree celsius tub, which comes equipped with a wine ice bucket and an electric motor.

The HotTug is pictured.





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