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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

ATSB report on Star

AN INITIAL investigation by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) has found Norwegian Star suffered three separate propulsion unit failures over a period of about nine weeks between Dec last year and Feb 2017.

In line with Norwegian Cruise Line's statements at the time of the malfunctions, the ATSB said one azipod system broke down in Dec and the other in Jan.

Rather than pulling the ship from service to replace the units, Norwegian Cruise Line decided to modify and repair them.

The third failure was due to a modification made to the unit which broke down first.

The investigation is ongoing.

NZ\$56m Lyttelton berth

A NEW NZ\$56m cruise ship berth capable of hosting the world's largest cruise ship, *Oasis of the Seas*, will be built in Lyttelton, close to Christchurch.

Lyttelton has been unable to host cruise ships for the last few years and ships have instead been berthing in Akaroa.

"Before the earthquakes, cruise ships were able to berth in Lyttelton, and bringing this facility back to Lyttelton by way of a custom built cruise pier will provide an attractive arrival experience for cruise ship visitors and a boost for Canterbury's tourism industry as well as retail businesses in Christchurch," Cruise New Zealand board member Tony Petrie said.

Lyttelton Port Company board chair Trevor Burt said the "huge project" would see ships return to Lyttelton in time for the 2019/20 season.

"The berth will future proof Christchurch as a cruise destination of choice for the next few decades, with the capacity to accommodate the largest ships coming to our part of the world," he explained.

Syd "loved to death"

A SPOKESPERSON for the NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey, said "Sydney harbour has been loved to death" with the growth in the cruise industry.

The spokesperson said the government was "continuing to work with industry to look at solutions for expanding short, medium & longer term capacity".

Solutions include making greater use of existing capacity by means of a double turnaround and to use Garden Island & share facilities with the navy.

MSC Bellissima sales

MSC Cruises has opened sales for the inaugural season of *MSC Bellissima*, but only to MSC Voyages Club Members.

Everyone else will be able to lock in reservations for the new ship from 15 May.

MSC Bellissima is MSC Cruises' second Meraviglia-generation ship & will set sail in the Western Mediterranean from Mar 2019.

A seven-night cruise on the new vessel is priced from \$863ppts.

Cruiseabout gm

FLIGHT Centre Travel Group (FCTG) has confirmed Sandra Cavallin has taken up the role of general manager for Cruiseabout.

Cavallin replaced Jarrod Pask who was promoted to general manager, Queensland and Northern NSW, Flight Centre earlier this year (CW 07 Feb).

She was most recently national leader for Infinity Holidays.

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HAL Navigator app

HOLLAND America Line has launched a free tool, Holland America Line Navigator.

The mobile-friendly app allows guests to plan their daily activities, explore and book shore excursions, view restaurant menus and make reservations, browse spa treatments, connect to paid internet and see their shipboard account balance.

Wonder Panama locks

DISNEY *Wonder* became the first passenger vessel to go through the Panama Canal's new set of locks over the weekend.

The 2,713-passenger ship is **pictured** achieving the milestone.



Edge godmother

CELEBRITY Cruises has named 19-year-old Nobel Laureate and UN Messenger of Peace Malala Yousafzai as godmother of *Celebrity Edge*.

The cruise line has entered into a two-year partnership with Malala Fund, the charity co-founded by Yousafzai with the goal to secure 12 years of safe, free education for every girl.

Yousafzai started her work as an activist at age 11, writing a blog about life under the Taliban and at 15, was shot on her school bus and survived.

Royal \$1 flights offer

ROYAL Caribbean International is throwing in return domestic flights to Sydney from nine destinations for \$1 when combined with a booking on select sailings this coming season.

Offer applies to bookings made from now through to 5pm 31 May and for travel on a selection of sailings departing 29 Oct-13 Dec.

CTC Green Hills official opening



THE third Cruise Travel Centre store, Cruise Travel Centre Green Hills, officially opened on Sat in the Hunter Valley of NSW.

Marking Hunter Travel Group's 17th store, the team celebrated with special guests from DreamWorks thanks to Royal Caribbean, and the local radio station NEWFM broadcast live from outside the store.

Cruise Travel Centre Green Hills is located in the Stockland Green Hills Shopping Centre, which is undergoing a \$412 million redevelopment.

The Cruise Travel Centre Green Hills team **pictured** with Skipper & Alex from *Madagascar* and Po from *Kung Fu Panda* are:

Catherine Bell, cruise specialist; Jackie Wasley, cruise specialist; Madeleine Dann, team leader and Jade Ashton, cruise specialist.

Carnival Barcelona

CARNIVAL Corporation has unveiled renderings of its second cruise terminal for the Port of Barcelona, set to open in 2018.

The 12,500m², €30m facility (**pictured**) will serve cruise ships fully operated by LNG.



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Regent wellness prog

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has introduced a new program aimed at wellbeing and "nurturing" the body and soul.

The program will debut on *Seven Seas Voyager* this month.



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

SYDNEY
Pacific Jewel 04 May
Golden Princess 04 May
Carnival Spirit 05 May
Sun Princess 07 May
Pacific Jewel 08 May

BRISBANE
Pacific Aria 05 May
Pacific Dawn 06 May
Golden Princess 06 May
Pacific Jewel 06 May

CAIRNS
Dawn Princess 02 May

DARWIN
Silver Discoverer 06 May
Dawn Princess 07 May

FREMANTLE
Pacific Eden 03 May

Joy delivered to NCL



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has taken delivery of *Norwegian Joy*, the brand's 15th ship and the first custom-designed for the Chinese cruise market.

A ceremony for the vessel was held at Meyer Werft's shipbuilding yard in Bremerhaven, Germany. *Norwegian Joy* can accommodate 3,883 guests and features large balcony staterooms, connecting rooms and virtual balconies as well as a racetrack and laser tag.

While *Norwegian Joy* makes her way to China, she will conduct inaugural calls to Asian cities

featuring one-day events.

Pictured are: NCL president and chief executive officer Andy Stuart and Meyer Werft managing partner Bernard Meyer.

AIDAprera delivered

AIDA Cruises took delivery of *AIDAprera* in Nagasaki, Japan from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, ahead of its christening in Palma de Mallorca, Spain on 30 Jun.

Before her maiden voyage, there will be a number of introduction cruises in Jun, priced from €549 per person (\$794) in an interior stateroom.

Breeze additions

FOLLOWING a recent refurbishment in The Bahamas, *Carnival Breeze* has added the Guy Fieri-designed Pig & Anchor Bar-B-Que Smokehouse and cocktail pharmacy-themed Alchemy Bar as its latest food and beverage offerings.

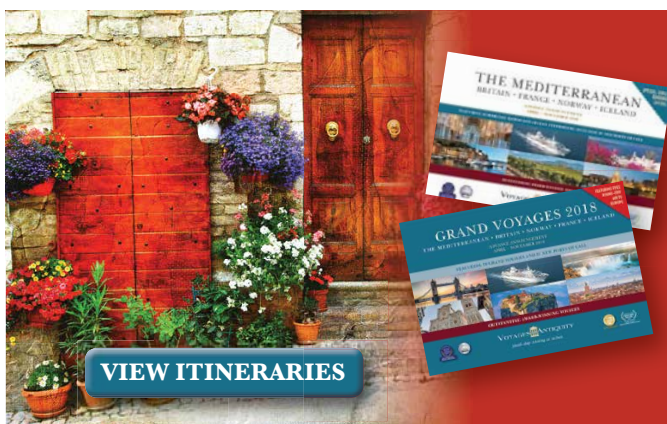
The additions join *Carnival Breeze's* WaterWorks park, the SportSquare outdoor recreation area and other eateries.



LOVE going on a cruise and a road trip?

Then the amphibious Aquada (pictured below) might just be the thing for you.

Designed by New Zealander Alan Gibbs, it carried Richard Branson across the English Channel in 2004, but now it's on show in Wellington as part of the MTA centenary Car Show this weekend.



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