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## Auckland to accommodate larger ships

**LARGE** cruise ships calling into Auckland will be able to call into Queens Wharf following the Auckland Council giving the development of two outer dolphin mooring structures the green light.

The dolphin mooring structures will be available for the 2019/20 cruise season and allow ships over 300m to berth - such as the 348m-long *Ovation of the Seas*.

Following an independent study, Auckland Council decided to use outer dolphins located between 80 and 85 metres off the northern edge of Queens wharf, connected by a walkway.

They will also allow larger ships to berth to the east of Queens Wharf and cruise ships to berth on the west of the wharf.

The assessments also recommended "future proofing cruise infrastructure for future growth in accommodating the



new Oasis class cruise ships of 362 metre long cruise ships expected to visit Auckland in five to 10 years".

The move is part of a phased solution to cruise infrastructure which the council said "may eventually see Captain Cook wharf used as a cruise ship terminal and will support the growing cruise industry and its importance to Auckland's economy".

The estimated cost of the outer

dolphins is \$10 million and Ports of Auckland Limited will recover the capital cost over time through cruise ship passenger levies it imposes and collects.

Currently *Ovation of the Seas* is required to drop anchor in Auckland harbour and tender its 4,000 passengers to land, a move Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) chief exec Chris Roberts told **CW** in May was "not a sustainable solution" (**CW** 11 May).

### Cruise Weekly today

**CRUISE Weekly** today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front full page wrap from **Coral Expeditions**.

### Cruise Industry Awards sponsors

**WE ARE** thrilled to announce that **Cruise Weekly** has been appointed as the exclusive media partner for the 2018 Cruise Lines International Association gala awards.

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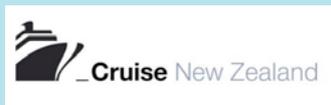
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## CLIA, ACA strengthen ties



**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia has signed two Memorandums of Understanding with the Australian Cruise Association (ACA) & New Zealand Cruise Association (NZCA - formerly known as Cruise New Zealand) in a bid to improve the growth prospects of the cruise sector.

The agreements will see CLIA work closely with the two industry bodies and use knowledge sharing and

cooperation to ensure all viable opportunities to strengthen cruising are exploited.

"In line with CLIA's motto of One Industry, One Voice, these MoUs are a positive step forward in the development of the industry in this region," CLIA Australasia managing director, Joel Katz said.

The thrust of the MoUs is to cultivate more destination development for cruise lines in Australia & NZ.

## Carnival Cruise Line into 7Travel

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line is the launch cruise brand for Channel 7's new 7travel ecommerce platform, which aims to leverage the broadcaster's media assets in TV, publishing and online.

With aspirations to be Australia's 'go-to' travel destination site for inspiration, planning and booking, other 7travel "foundation marketing partners" are New Caledonia Tourism, Tourism & Events Qld, Destination Gold Coast, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia and the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

Seven West Media said its research indicated that its audience included a "high proportion of travel intenders," whom it would reach through advertising, editorial, integration and influencers.

A Carnival spokesperson told **CW** CCL was currently the only Carnival Corporation brand to participate in the initiative.

"Carnival is not taking direct bookings through their website - this works like any other travel agent partnership," the company said.

## Adventure begins

**CORAL** Expeditions is today highlighting the itineraries on offer aboard its brand new *Coral Adventurer* (**CW** 07 Nov).

The intimate Australian-flagged ship is set to explore the Kimberley on her inaugural season from May-Sep 2019 between Broome and Darwin.

*Adventurer* features 60 cabins, 'Xplorer' tenders on an easily-boarded hydraulic platform, a curated wine list and more - see the **cover page**.

## CCL "Faster to Fun"

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line has revealed it will introduce a "Faster to the Fun" package from Dec offering perks such as priority check-in.

Guests who purchase the offering will have access to their room as soon as they board, a dedicated number for Guest Services, be the first to jump on board the tender to shore and can choose between early or late disembarkation.

A limited number of packages will be available for bookings made through Polar from *Spirit's* 02 Dec departure.

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## Agents' taste of Solstice



**CELEBRITY** Cruises invited a group of trade and media on board *Celebrity Solstice* on Fri for a culinary showcase.

The experience started with a tour of the galley of the main dining room (bottom left) with executive chef, Karl Dufeil, who explained how 162 chefs make around 4,000 meals three times a day.

Guest then settled in for a cooking showcase in Blu Restaurant from Dufeil, accompanied by TV presenter, Lyndey Milan, (above inset) who has hosted three Celebrity Cruises' sailings in Europe.



The next culinary delight was at the Lawn Club where guests settled in to sample A Taste of Film - an outdoor cinema experience added to the ship last year, where dishes served (below) match those created onscreen.



Attendees then tucked in to a generous dinner at Tuscan Grille before sampling the nightlife.

Celebrity also revealed from 09 Dec, *Solstice* will offer a refreshed Aquaspa menu - more pics [HERE](#).



## Ahoy to Torres Strait Is



**AHOY** Buccaneers has revealed it will make its debut beyond the Kimberley in 2018.

The low-cost operator will introduce a new, six-night cruise through the Torres Strait Islands off the top of Cape York in Oct

and Nov next year.

The 19-guest motor yacht, *Oceanic*, will sail roundtrip from Horn Island, exploring Thursday Island, Friday Island & Prince of Wales Island with prices form \$2,800 - [ahoybuccaneers.com.au](http://ahoybuccaneers.com.au).



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Learn the highlights of the cruise summer season in the November 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>Golden Princess</i>	28 Nov
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	29 Nov
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	30 Nov
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	30 Nov
<i>Astor</i>	30 Nov
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	01 Dec
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	01 Dec
<i>Carnival Spirit</i>	02 Dec
<i>Voyager of the Seas</i>	03 Dec
<i>Seabourn Encore</i>	04 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	04 Dec

MELBOURNE	
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	28 Nov
<i>Golden Princess</i>	01 Dec
<i>Norwegian Jewel</i>	02 Dec
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	03 Dec

BRISBANE	
<i>Pacific Aria</i>	29 Nov
<i>Pacific Dawn</i>	02 Dec
<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	02 Dec
<i>Sea Princess</i>	03 Dec
<i>Silver Shadow</i>	03 Dec

CAIRNS	
<i>Sea Princess</i>	28 Nov
<i>Silver Shadow</i>	30 Nov

FREMANTLE	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	29 Nov

ADELAIDE	
<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	03 Dec
<i>Astor</i>	04 Dec

HOBART	
<i>Celebrity Solstice</i>	29 Nov
<i>Pacific Jewel</i>	30 Nov
<i>Pacific Eden</i>	04 Dec

AUCKLAND	
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	28 Nov
<i>Amsterdam</i>	01 Dec
<i>Radiance of the Seas</i>	04 Dec

## Silversea's "rare pearls"



SILVERSEA Cruises has launched nine new expedition voyages as part of its 'The Rarest Pearls' collection, a series of cruise options with an emphasis on remote & immersive experiences.

All taking place aboard *Silver Discoverer* (pictured), the first trip listed in the itineraries departs 24 Jan next year, with the final voyage of the series hitting the water on 07 Jun.

Destinations featured in the new collection boast a diverse range of locations, including cruises from Vietnam to China, Japan to The Philippines and Solomon Islands to Vanuatu, to

name just a few.

The carefully curated list of destinations incorporated into The Rarest Pearls collection are part of Silverseas' efforts to create cruising holidays far away from traditionally tourist routes.

"My team and I have researched the most authentic cultural experiences and fascinating historical sites," said Conrad Combrink, senior vice president of expedition & experience product development, Silversea.

Bookings for the new collection include free economy class flights, or a business class air upgrade roundtrip for A\$1,999.

## Townsville's cruise outfits

THE Port of Townsville is getting set for its biggest cruise season ever, unveiling a new "cruise-welcome" uniform for staff.

Designed in collaboration with local artist Pip Earl - pictured with Port of Townsville corporate affairs officer Nyree Bolton - the design features silk panels and scarves inspired by the tropics and the Reef.

The Port of Townsville team has set itself a goal of having the "best welcome experience" of any cruise destination in Australia," with the imminent arrival of *Seabourn Encore* followed by a further 20 or so cruise visits over the next year.



## Viking extension

VIKING Cruises has launched a new six day pre and post cruise extension for its 21-day 'Passage to India' itinerary and 16-day 'Across the Bay of Bengal' voyage.

The India's Golden Triangle extension takes in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur and is priced from \$2,539 per person.

The Passage to India voyage departs from Athens on 19 Aug 2018 and includes nine guided tours in six countries - more info on 138 747.



EVERYTHING is going to be different on the new Virgin Voyages ships (*CW 02 Nov*) - even the vessels' funnels.

Super yacht design firm Redman Whitely Dixon has been contracted to create the funnel, with initial sketches (below) revealing what is being described as a "non-funnel".

"Traditionally the funnel has been a bit of an afterthought.. on top of the boat," said project manager Adrian Chisnell.

The design brief for the Virgin funnel is to be "luxurious and iconic while being different, exciting and new".



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