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Cruise lines get behind bushfire relief

CARNIVAL Corporation Chairman Micky Arison has pledged a massive \$1.5 million to a range of bushfire relief organisations in Australia.

The charitable donation will see \$1.2 million given to UNICEF Australia to aid in getting children affected by the ongoing disaster back to school, with the remaining funds going towards an undisclosed wildlife project.

Carnival Australia President Sture Myrmell said the generous commitment, made via the Micky and Madeleine Arison Family Foundation, will be greatly appreciated by families preparing to send their kids back to school.

"There are hundreds of children who face the start of the school year in Australia having lost everything in this rolling natural disaster," Myrmell said.

"With only a few weeks to go before school resumes,



the immediate needs of these children will be very specific, including uniforms, textbooks... and electronic learning devices".

Another cruise line making a sizeable commitment is Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, which today allocated \$500,000 to a range of bushfire relief charities.

The funds will be split between several groups, including the Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Appeal, The Salvation Army Emergency Services, State and Country Rural Fire Services, as well as animal welfare

organisation WIRES.

"We are committed to supporting the outstanding work of the many emergency services personnel, community services staff, volunteer firefighters and animal welfare organisations," the cruise line said in a statement.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features five pages of news, a front cover wrap from **Aurora Expeditions** plus a full page from **Tauk**.

Aurora's coolest yet

EARLYBIRD savings are available on Aurora Expeditions' new 2021/22 Antarctica and global voyages.

Up to 30% in savings is on offer for select cruises aboard *Greg Mortimer* and *Sylvia Earle* when bookings are made before 31 Mar.

See the **front cover** for info & **page three** for 21/22 voyages.

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CRUISE WEEKLY

On location in
Los Angeles

Today's issue of *CW* is coming to you from the Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles courtesy of Viking Cruises and Air New Zealand.

VIKING Cruises dropped some hints about its new expedition cruise product late last year, and anticipation has been building since then.

Tomorrow night the cruise company's founder, Torstein Hagen, will unveil full details of the new venture which will sit alongside Viking's extensive river cruise and ocean portfolio.

The event is taking place at the Beverly Hilton right near the famous Rodeo Drive - monitor *CW* for all the details.

No boredom on Noordam



HOLLAND America Line's *Noordam* is currently sailing Australian & New Zealand waters for the first time since undergoing an extensive two-week dry-dock renovation late last year.

New additions for Aussie guests to take advantage of this season include the Billboard Onboard to the Music Walk (pictured),

an area where guests can listen to Billboard hits played by two experienced pianists.

Other new features include the addition of a Microsoft Studio to the Explorations Cafe, offering free lessons on the software with new computer equipment, as well as the Fujifilm Wonder Photo Shop, where passengers can create mementos from the photos taken aboard the cruise.

"*Noordam* looks better than ever with sleek upgrades, fresh decor and the addition of new spaces like the popular Billboard Onboard, which receives rave reviews from guests," said Holland America Line President Orlando Ashford.

All suites and staterooms have also been given a refresh, with a new interactive television system installed in all rooms along with large LED flat-screen TVs.

Regent double deal

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has announced up to 50% off the rates of more than 50 sailings departing 2020/21.

The promotion also includes a reduced deposit of just 10% when bookings are made before 29 Feb.

"As a result of these incredible offers, we expect demand for these voyages will be high, so we advise those with clients considering sailing with us in 2020/21 to book as soon as possible," said the cruise line's Vice President and General Manager, Australia and New Zealand Lisa Pile.

Call 1300 455 200 for further information.

NCL gives credit

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has launched a new fleet-wide promotion which provides up to US\$2,000 of onboard credit per stateroom.

The deal applies to all cabin categories, including Sail Away cabins, with the amount of credit based on a tiered system taking into account category and trip duration.

The onboard credit offer is also combinable with the cruise line's Free at Sea promotion which includes up to five free options.

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P&O Cruises has come up with a creative way to recycle, and it involves dinosaurs, bats, crocodiles and unicorns - all made out of towels!

The Animal Towel Competition saw the *Pacific Dawn* crew use eco-friendly items like boxes, toilet paper rolls, old mop heads, gloves and egg crates to add some extra flair to their animal towel creations, and P&O said they were a hit amongst guests.

The towel displays will now be "rolled out" for special calendar dates throughout the year.



Captain's caution

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises Fiji has stated it is currently monitoring Fiji's weather system in light of a tropical cyclone that may hit the region later in the week.

The Tivua Island Day cruise is currently running as scheduled for today, with short notice disruptions a possibility, while *Reef Endeavour* is expected to sail on 18 Jan.

The Sunset Dinner cruise is cancelled from 14 to 19 Jan.

Hurtigruten deals

HURTIGRUTEN has launched its Explore the World Global Sale today, offering a range of savings across all of its 2020, 2021 and 2022 itineraries.

Guests can save up to \$9,000 per cabin on lead-in suites for selected 2020/21 Antarctica sailings, & discounts on many more - [CLICK HERE](#) for info.



AURORA Expeditions unveiled its 2021/22 program at a media event in Sydney yesterday, with the brochure packing in new destinations and itineraries for the cruise line (**CW** yesterday).

The program features the maiden sailing of Aurora's second new purpose-built expedition ship, *Sylvia Earle*, which will begin sailing in Oct 2021.

The introduction of *Sylvia Earle*, and *Greg Mortimer* in Oct last year, has enabled Aurora to expand its offering and take guests to destinations between the poles, including Ireland.

The 13-day Ireland's West Coast itinerary will venture from Dublin to Cork, stopping in at unique sites that Aurora has gained

access to by working with locals.

"There is no-one connecting these west coast islands like this or accessing some of these regions there, a lot of them are privately owned," Consumer Marketing Executive Martha Behan said.

A highlight is, weather permitting, a landing on Skellig Islands, home to the UNESCO-listed Skellig Michael and thousands of puffins and gannets.

Pictured are: Pete Szyszka, Polar Diving Guide and Expedition Assistant; Annabel Carroll, PR Manager; Alexandra Fayon, Business Development Manager, and Martha Behan, Consumer Marketing Executive.

See the new program [HERE](#).



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Out of the shadows



A SNEAK peek at how the renovations are currently tracking on board *Celebrity Silhouette* has been revealed online by Celebrity Cruises.

The 2,886-passenger vessel was last updated in Jan 2015, with the latest set of upgrades taking place in line with company's Celebrity Revolution initiative, which aims to reimagine its entire fleet, including redesigned entertainment areas, new suite



experiences, as well as upgraded restaurants, bars and spas.

Pictured: Refurbishments taking place inside the theatre space, while **inset** the overhaul of the pool deck area is in full swing.

FACE-2-FACE: Craig Bowen

Managing Director,
Cruise Traveller - GSA for
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1. What is the favourite part of your job?

Working with my team to create amazing small ship travel experiences for our guests.

2. What attracted you to a career in the cruise industry?

I was a tour escort for a luxury travel company on board *Silver Wind* in 1999 and fell in love with small ship cruising.

3. What is the key to success in the cruise industry?

Specialise and aim to offer the best, friendliest service in your market sector.

4. What is the biggest challenge facing the industry?

The impact of large ships on historically or naturally sensitive destinations.

5. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Hopefully continuing to develop the small ship market in Australia to introduce more people to this way of travel.

6. What is your advice for up-

and-comers?

Create a perfect match between your clients' needs and what the product can deliver.

7. What was your best family trip?

Antarctica in 2004 – simply the most pristine, stunning mixture of scenery and wildlife.

8. How do you wind down after a busy week?

It starts with an icy Heineken.

9. Which celebrity would you most like to cruise with?

Sir David Attenborough.

10. What should the cruise ship of the future look like?

New generation ships should be environmentally efficient and deliver a genuine expedition experience to bring the destination alive.

11. When not at work, how do you spend your time?

Every possible spare moment on our boat with my wife Louise, and our rescue Kelpie.



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Crystal in da house

CRYSTAL Cruises Australia & New Zealand will now manage its public relations activity in-house at its Sydney-based corporate office, which is now entering its fourth year of operations.

Crystal's PR activity was formerly managed by the Brandman Agency Australia, who Crystal said will continue on a project-to-project basis.

Destination: Jade Wellness Centre

Be pampered in style on board CMV's *Vasco da Gama*



SHIPS: Cruise & Maritime Voyage's *Vasco da Gama*.

LOCATION: Lido Deck 11.

FROM hair dressing and beauty facilities, to a well-equipped gym and lush spa amenities, CMV's *Vasco da Gama* is ready to pamper its guests from stern to bow.

The opulent wellness centre, **pictured top**, features a range of spa treatments to choose from, with options including luxury facials, rejuvenating body treatments, hairstyling, manicures, pedicures and epilation sessions.

Guests can also whiten their smile with teeth brightening options, treat their eyelashes or eyebrows to an



"enhancement", or book an appointment for a makeup application - the choices to indulge are endless.

For a full wind-down mode, guests can also choose from the Aromatherapy Room or the Relaxation Room with a panoramic sea view, then Zen out on an array of heated daybeds, **inset above**.

For those looking for a more active way to pass the time, the onboard fitness centre, **pictured left**, offers a range of workouts suitable for all fitness levels and interest.

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with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

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AS COMMUNITIES in many parts of Australia prepare to rebuild, the tourism sector is already at work planning for economic recovery after this summer's devastating bushfires.


Among our first challenges is tackling the perception overseas that Australia is unsafe, so CLIA has joined other industry bodies in spreading the message that most of the country remains open and accessible.

Tourism Australia has created an excellent bushfire information resource at Australia.com, accessible via the home page, which details the many regions still open for business and welcoming visitors.

Most cruise destinations are among areas that remain unaffected, and although ports in Eden and Kangaroo Island had to be bypassed at the height of the fires, it is expected they will both be welcoming visitors again soon.

Cruise lines have also joined the many organisations and individuals worldwide providing financial support to those impacted by the fires, having announced contributions of more than \$2 million to organisations like the Australian Red Cross and UNICEF Australia.

It will be a long road ahead for many communities, but the tourism industry is committed to achieving a swift recovery for local economies. Cruise tourism will play an important part in that process.





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