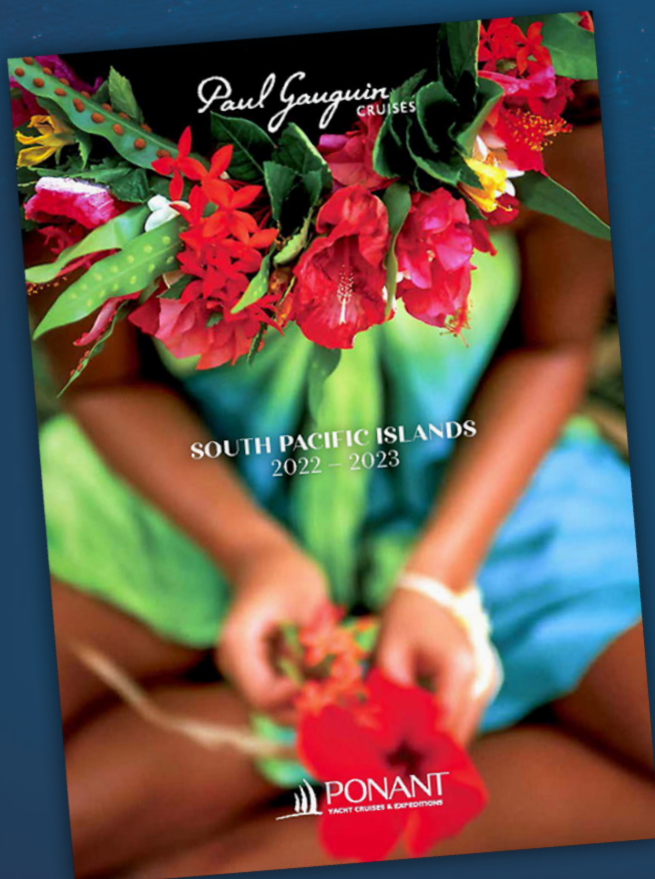


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ACA confirms conference speakers

THE Australian Cruise Association (ACA) has announced its new speaker line-up for this year's conference, due to be held 07-09 Sep in Townsville.

Numerous cruise line executives will be among the keynote speakers, including Marguerite Fitzgerald (**pictured**, Carnival Corporation), Stuart Allison (Princess Cruises), Gavin Smith (Royal Caribbean International), Tim Jones (Celebrity Cruises) and Sarina Bratton (Ponant).

They will be joined by other industry experts including Phillipa Harrison (Tourism Australia) and Adele Labine-Romain (Deloitte Access Economics) who will round out the two-day program, to be held at The Ville Resort-Casino.

The conference will provide a great opportunity for the industry to regroup and plan for the future, and will follow on from a series of successful workshops



hosted by ACA across the country.

The final day of the conference will be spent at Peppers Blue on Blue Resort Magnetic Island, with a motivational breakfast followed by the annual general meeting and members' workshops.

"This is such an exciting time for the cruise industry, globally and

within Australia," commented Chief Executive Officer Jill Abel.

"It is opportune that we all come together in Sep to develop a clear roadmap of recovery for the cruise sector."

The event was first scheduled for 2020, but was cancelled due to COVID lockdowns (**CW** 01 Oct).

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise news plus a **cover page** from **Paul Gauguin Cruises**.

PGC 22-23 brochure

PAUL Gauguin Cruises' (PGC) new brochure is now available, featuring South Pacific 2022 & 2023 itineraries.

A tempting selection of escapes is available, exploring the islands of French Polynesia and the wider South Pacific: Tahiti & the Society Islands, the Tuamotus, the Marquesas, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Bali, and more.

There will also be trips to Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.

For more information on PGC's 2022 & 2023 itineraries, see the **cover page**.

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MURRAY River paddlesteamer *Canally* has made her first voyage in 81 years, heading from Morgan to Mannum in South Australia.

The vessel was used to trade dried fruits between Berri and Morgan before being put to work on the construction of the lock and weir system on the Murray in the early 1920s.

After changing hands and locations in the following years, *Canally* was left at a mooring at Boundary Bend in Victoria and eventually sank.

Canally was raised back in 1998, and her restoration began in 2010.

MSC Gala Night to return



MSC Cruises has relaunched its popular Gala Night, complementing its rich entertainment programming across its fleet.

The return of Gala Night is set to be the highlight of an MSC cruise, inviting guests to don their most elegant outfit and enjoy a variety of activities.

The night will start with special spa services available for guests to pamper themselves and prepare for the evening.

The shops and boutiques on board will also host a Sparkle with Swarovski Glamour event showcasing unique jewellery pieces available for purchase.

After a pampering, there will be photo opportunities throughout the ship for guests, including the chance to get a professional photo as a memento of the evening - either with the Captain or on the glamorous Swarovski stairs.

Guests will then enjoy a Captain's Welcome Cocktail and

presentation honouring the crew and kicking off the officialdom of the night.

After the Welcome Cocktail, a special Gala Dinner menu will be served in the main restaurant, giving guests an opportunity to toast their waiters.

The dinner will include live entertainment, a special dessert offering, and a thanks from the Captain to the dining staff.

The best production show of the cruise will also take place on Gala Night, and along with the show, live music will be available in various venues and activities throughout the ship.

In addition to Gala Night, this northern hemisphere summer sees the return of MSC's full entertainment program, with abundant and varied activities and events for guests to enjoy throughout their cruise.

Other iconic MSC-themed evenings returning include the White Party, Sunshine Party, Retro Party, and more.

CLIA UPDATE



with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

Lock in Cruise360 now

IF EVER our industry needed a time to come together and unite around cruising's recovery, it's now.

This year's Cruise360 Australasia conference on 25 Aug is going to provide just that opportunity, and I don't think there's ever been a more important time for travel agents to get involved.

Not only will it provide a chance to reconnect with industry colleagues face-to-face, it will also deliver important insight into our re-emerging sector.

With a packed program of local and international speakers, we'll look at the state of the industry in the post-COVID era.

There'll be discussion on the latest market insight, consumer trends, generational changes, and new opportunities to grow sales.

As well as a rewarding day of keynote speakers and panel sessions, Cruise360 will also see the return of our extensive Trade Show with more than 40 exhibitors including cruise lines, destinations, and attractions.

We're also planning a #LoveCruise welcome cocktail party on 24 Aug, to help celebrate our industry's revival and reunite our cruise community.

If you're planning those last minute EOFY expenses, your Cruise360 ticket could be the best tax deduction you make this year.



Sun hit an iceberg

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's *Norwegian Sun* made contact with a growler - an iceberg less than two metres across - while transiting to Hubbard Glacier in Alaska on the weekend.

The cruise line said after the incident, *Sun* sailed to Juneau for further assessment, where it was decided that her present voyage would be shortened.

Sun was then given clearance by the United States Coast Guard and other local maritime authorities to return to Seattle at reduced speed.

All guests currently onboard will disembark in Seattle as originally planned, and Norwegian is communicating with all impacted passengers.