



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, including a photo page from **P&O Cruises**.

Kiribati is back

KIRIBATI welcomed its first cruise ship visit since the pandemic on the weekend.

Phoenix Reisen's chartered ship *Amadea* dropped 523 passengers off in Kiribati on Sat, who were welcomed to the country with entertainment from the Police Services Brass Band, a local choir, and traditional dancers.

The guests were treated to a showcase of Kiribati's unique and vibrant culture through dance, song, and art, while some took the opportunity for a swim before embarking.

Kiribati is expected to receive its next cruise ship in Mar.

RCI to sail short Caribbean getaways

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) has revealed a line up of short Caribbean getaways, with eight ships to set sail on weekend and mid-week cruises, beginning later this year.

The season will see *Allure of the Seas* (**pictured**), the first Oasis Class ship to sail three-to-four-night cruises, home port from Florida year-round, cruising to the Bahamas and Perfect Day at CocoCay from Orlando until Jul, and then settling in Miami for the remainder of the year.

Mariner of the Seas set sail from RCI's new terminal in Texas for the first time on four- and five-night escapes visiting tropical destinations like Costa Maya and Cozumel.

The two headline ships will be joined by *Independence of the Seas*, *Navigator of the Seas*, *Enchantment of the Seas*, *Grandeur of the Seas*, *Liberty*



of the Seas, and *Voyager of the Seas* from four different cities in Florida, Texas, and California.

Travellers can have their pick of one-of-a-kind vacations that feature stops at idyllic locales in the Eastern and Western Caribbean, including destinations like Puerto Plata, Roatan, Puerto Vallarta, and more.

The short Caribbean cruises in 2024-2025 are now open for bookings on RCI's website **HERE**.

RCI also recently began construction of its second Icon-class ship, which is officially underway (**CW 17 Feb**).

Arriving in 2025, the start of the vessel's production was marked in Turku last week.

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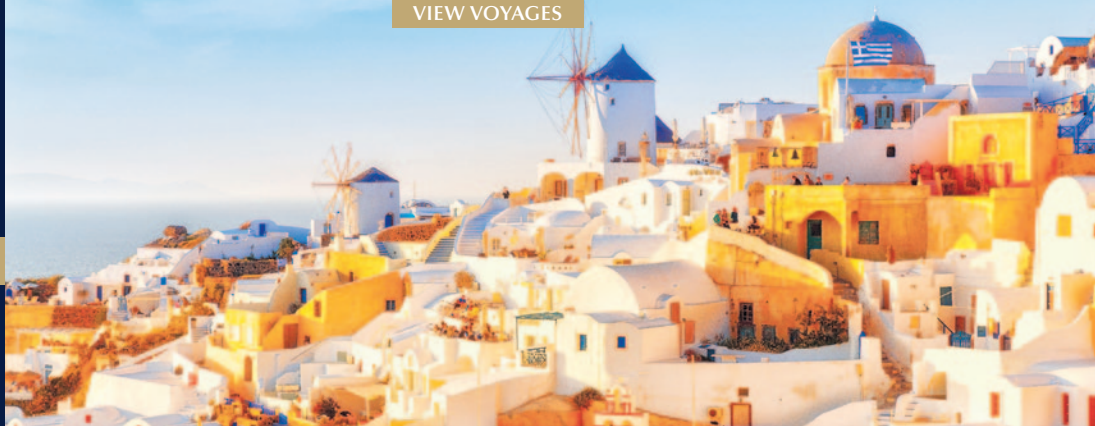
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P&O Cruises celebrated with its 2022 Top 10 Achiever agents last week - with the P&O Sales team hosting them at Sydney restaurant 6head, a hotel stay at the Sheraton Grand Hyde Park and a four-night cruise to Moreton Island onboard their flagship *Pacific Adventure*.

P&O's Top 10 Achievers for 2022 included Mark Smith, Let's Cruise; Benice Parkinson, Clean Cruising; Robyn Shields, I Love Cruising; Kerrie Chapman, Barrow and Bear Travel; Daryl Muspratt, eSeaCruising; Angie Reilly, Flight Centre Brisbane Cruise; Barry Warner, Planetdwellers Travel; Anita Oliver, Cruiseaway; Lynelle Lucas, Just Cruises; and Leanne Russell, Cruise Holidays.

Present at the dinner last Wed night, was the entire head office based P&O Sales team, including VP of Sales and Partnerships Ryan Taibel, and Head of Sales Andrew Thwaites.

Both men made speeches and congratulated the winning agents, thanking them for all their support during 2022.

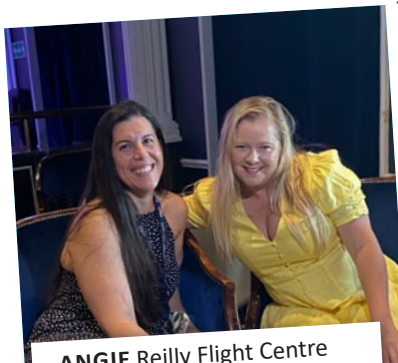
"This is the first Flagship Achievers prize package we have been able to hold since Jan 2020, and we're very excited to be back offering the prize package, celebrating all the hard work of our top 10 consultants of 2022," Thwaites said.

The top achiever agents were hosted onboard by Angus Mackay, Key Account Manager; Erin King, newly appointed Key Account Manager; Dylan Mckechnie, Flagship Concierge Executive; and Lusía Futialo, Trade Engagement Coordinator.

Once onboard the group was able to live the "VIP Life" with access to the Byron Beach Club, P&O's exclusive retreat onboard boasting a private outdoor pool, whirlpool spas and comfy seating situated on the top deck of the ship, as well as a special dolphin feeding in Moreton Island, courtesy of P&O and the team from Tangalooma Resort.

P&O's 2023 Flagship Achiever program is now live, with the 2023 cruise prize package being a four-night cruise to the Whitsundays onboard Pacific Encounter departing Brisbane in Feb 2024.

Travel Agents must be registered to win in P&O's 2023 Flagship Achiever program - for registrations and to find out more, [CLICK HERE](#).



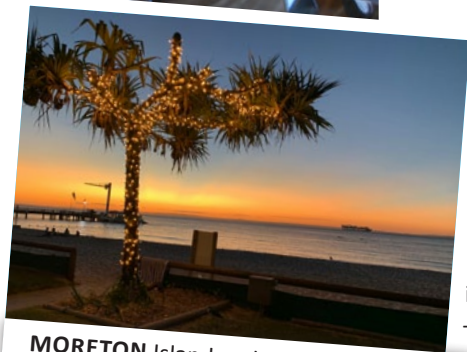
ANGIE Reilly Flight Centre with P&O's Erin King.



CELEBRATING with a Gatsby Night onboard.



ANGUS Mackay, P&O and Benice Parkinson, Clean Cruising.

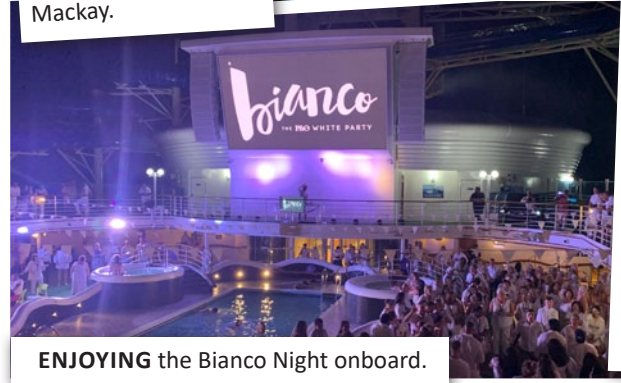


MORETON Island and Pacific Adventure.

BACK - Daryl & Karen Muspratt, Benice & Alesha Parkinson, Erin King, Robyn Shields, Angie Reilly, Dylan Mckechnie. **Front** - Lusía Futialo, Paige Seton, Mark Smith, Kerrie Chapman, Julie Parsons & Angus Mackay.



MARK Smith, Lets Cruise NZ and Daryl Muspratt, eSeaCruising.



ENJOYING the Bianco Night onboard.

THE group at the Byron Beach Club: Angus, Lusía, Benice, Paige, Robyn, Dylan, Mark, Angie, Julie, Kerrie, Erin, Alesha, Karen, and Daryl.





ALTHOUGH his days of standing to attention are long over, a retired United States Army service dog has just earned "VIFP" status with Carnival Cruise Line.

The 14-year-old Malinois named Sarge (pictured below with his best friend Justin), joined the top ranks of Carnival's "Very Important Fun Person" loyalty club recently aboard *Carnival Celebration* - although in this case, "p" could stand for "puppy".

Sarge reached Diamond status aboard his latest cruise, which was his 55th.



Encounter-ing a waterslide



IT'S no mean feat installing a 142-metre-long Twin-Racer waterslide and a 55-metre zipline on a cruise ship, however works are well underway on P&O Cruises Australia's *Pacific Encounter*, during her current dry dock in Singapore (**CW** 31 Jan).

According to P&O Australia's Maritime Operations Technical Director Ken O'Callaghan, progress is swift and steady.

"We're just over halfway through our statutory dry dock and everything is going to schedule," O'Callaghan reported.

"Together with the incredible team at Sembcorp, we have over 500 people working across the

ship at any one time to ensure we get *Pacific Encounter* back to Australia in perfect order, ready for our guests".

In addition to the installation of the slides and Edge Adventure Park, there are many other enhancements also underway, including a new outdoor movie screen and sound system, satellite dishes for improved wi-fi, automation systems, stabilisers, navigation systems & life saving appliance upgrades.

Encounter will recommence her full program of itineraries from Brisbane next month, visiting 24 destinations within Australia and the South Pacific.

Crystal returnees

CRYSTAL Cruises has announced the return of a number of its hotel directors.

The cruise line's *Crystal Symphony* will once again be led by Herbert Jaeger and Josef Matt, while *Crystal Serenity* will be under the guidance of Hubert Buelacher and Scott Peterson.

Crystal officially relaunched under Abercrombie & Kent's ownership this Feb, with the line also announcing its return to Australia (**CW** 02 Feb).

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in
Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	22 Feb
MELBOURNE	<i>Silver Whisper</i>	21 Feb
PORT LINCOLN	<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	21 Feb
BRISBANE	<i>Arcadia</i>	22 Feb
AIRLIE BEACH	<i>Island Princess</i>	22 Feb
CAIRNS	<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	21 Feb
	<i>Viking Neptune</i>	22 Feb
FREMANTLE	<i>Zuiderdam</i>	21 Feb
HOBART	<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	21 Feb
CHRISTCHURCH	<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	21 Feb
	<i>Viking Orion</i>	21 Feb
WELLINGTON	<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	21 Feb
	<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	22 Feb
DUNEDIN	<i>Viking Orion</i>	22 Feb
KAIKOURA	<i>Nat Geo Orion</i>	21 Feb
MARLBOROUGH	<i>Nat Geo Orion</i>	22 Feb
NAPIER	<i>ms Noordam</i>	21 Feb
	<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	22 Feb
	<i>Oceania Regatta</i>	22 Feb
TAURANGA	<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	21 Feb
	<i>ms Noordam</i>	22 Feb
WAIHEKE	<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	22 Feb