

## Today's issue of TD

*Travel Daily* today has six pages of news including our PUZZLE page plus a full page from **Get Local**.

## Get Local speakers

**THE** line-up for next month's Get Local expo, scheduled for 24-25 Aug at ICC Sydney, has been released - see **page seven** for details and to register.

## ATAS cancellation

**HELLOWORLD** Travel Plenty Valley (ABN 60 627 253 516) has had its participation in the AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme cancelled, due to a breach of s2.5(d) of the ATAS charter.

The agency's parent company was placed into liquidation earlier this month (**TD** 16 Jul).

## Tucan Travel IP For Sale



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## Baillie Lodges SA purchase

**LUXURY** Barossa Valley Lodge The Louise has been acquired by Baillie Lodges for an undisclosed sum, with the 15-suite property to join the collection in Sep.

The company's founder James Baillie said The Louise was a natural fit within the Baillie brand portfolio, "representing the culmination of many years of industry association, collaboration, and shared friendship".

All staff members will be

## Excite debt proofs

**THE** Administrators of the collapsed Excite Holidays and associated companies (**TD** 09 Jan 2020) have given notice that creditors whose debts or claims have not already been admitted have until 12 Aug to make submissions.

The companies, which are subject to a Deed of Company Arrangement, will have a dividend from the administration process declared on 27 Aug, according to the KPMG administrators, Phil Quinlan, Morgan Kelly and Amanda Coneyworth.

Impacted companies include Excite Holidays (Australia) Pty Ltd, Global Travel Specialists, Events NG and Travel Serv Co.

## MH A380 sell-off

**CASH-STRAPPED** carrier Malaysia Airlines is in the process of selling all six of its A380 aircraft, according to the company's LinkedIn page.

The open tender to sell the planes invites interested parties to submit a proposal by 12 Aug, and follows similar sales decisions made by airlines like Air France and Etihad to phase out the large passenger aircraft.

In Apr, British Airways was one of only a few major carriers to back the A380, with CEO Sean Doyle confirming it had the up-to-853-passenger jets firmly in BA's future plans (**TD** 16 Apr).

retained for a "seamless transfer" Baillie confirmed, with the lodge to continue being led by General Manager, Kylie Mansfield.

The property joins a host of luxury Baillie properties in Australia, including Longitude 131° at Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island and the Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island, which is currently being rebuilt after bushfire damage 18 months ago.

Baillie also owns the iconic Huka Lodge in New Zealand and the Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge on Vancouver Island, Canada, with purchase of The Louise the latest step in the company's acquisition which follows a "substantial investment" in the business by US private equity group KSL Capital Partners (**TD** 20 Dec 2018).

The group's co-founder Hayley Baillie is also on the Tourism Australia Board.

## UK "Freedom Day"

**TODAY** marks a major shift in policy within the United Kingdom, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson significantly easing COVID-19 restrictions, including opening up the nation's borders.

The changes reflect increasing vaccination levels across the country, with UK-based Aussie travel executive Joe Karbo providing an exclusive insight into the situation on **page four** of today's *Travel Daily*.

## G Adv confidence

**G ADVENTURES** is celebrating its 250th trip since the pandemic began with a new Book with Confidence policy for Australians.

With 165 trips scheduled to operate in Jul, and over 200 Aug departures planned, the operator is encouraging Australian travellers to "book their own comeback tour" to beat the inevitable rush of bookings when restrictions are lifted.

The updated policy enables travellers to cancel and rebook their trip up to 14 days before departure - call 1300 853 325.

## Air NZ boosts Board

**AIR** New Zealand has appointed Alison Gerry, Claudia Batten and Paul Goulter as directors.

The carrier said the trio would add further digital, strategic and employment relations expertise to its leadership team.

Gerry is currently a Director at ANZ Bank New Zealand, Goulter is a Director of the Co-operative Bank, while Batten is the Chair of listed travel tech firm Serko.

## Victoria extension

**APPLICATIONS** for support under the Vic Government's Sustainable Business Events Program can now be lodged up to 23 Jul, with the scheme offering up to \$250,000 to organisers of events significantly affected by the restrictions that began in late May - [business.vic.gov.au](https://business.vic.gov.au).

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