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IF YOU'VE ever wanted to don a crown and carry around a sceptre while laughing maniacally alone in your very own castle - now's your chance.

Bli Bli Castle located on Queensland's Sunshine Coast is being offered for sale.

The iconic tourist attraction and function venue business comes complete with a moat, turrets and a drawbridge.

"We have already had a large number of enquiries about the Bli Bli Castle from across Australia and around the world," said Ray White North's Michael Shadforth.



OCEC Correction

OMAN Convention and Exhibitions Centre (OCEC) is Oman-based, not 'Dubai-based', as reported by **BEN** on Mon.

Amora makeover

AMORA Hotel Riverwalk Melbourne has refurbished its meeting and conference offerings to "provide a larger and more enticing space for delegates".

New ceilings and mood lighting have been added to the two largest function rooms, with new operable 45DB walls and AV equipment installed.

The two rooms combined can now accommodate 220 guests theatre-style and 250 for cocktail functions.

EEAA: exciting year ahead

THE Exhibition and Event Association of Australasia (EEAA) is predicting a cracker of a year ahead for the MICE industry, kickstarted by the Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Expo (AIME) in Feb.

"We have a lot to look forward to this year as the value of exhibitions and events to economic development, trade and export, visitation and knowledge sharing becomes more widely recognised," said EEAA chief executive, Joyce DiMascio.

"There has been more

infrastructure to support exhibitions and events, the overall Australian economy is healthy and the Association's new partnership with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) will help to position our sector within a highly influential industry network in the lead-up to the 2016 Federal election," she continued.

The EEAA will debut a series of talks dubbed "Leading Lights from Leading Events" on the show floor at AIME in Melbourne next month, which will be open to all attendees.

MCEC appointments

THE Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) has welcomed four new faces to its team of industry experts.

Recent staff appointments include: Neil Mather, senior manager food and beverage; Grant Padula, senior manager operations; Elissa Duke, planning manager and Samantha Kent, business development manager.

Meanwhile, Prue Rogers & Paul Rumble have been promoted to senior roles in customer service and technology services.

David Bowie tribute

LOVEGROVE Entertainment will host a concert Fundraiser in celebration of singer-songwriter David Bowie's life, with proceeds to go to charity group 'Hands Across the Water'.

The event will take place 27 Jan at the Eternity Playhouse Theatre in Darlinghurst, Sydney.

Doors open at 6:30pm.

To book tickets, **CLICK HERE**.

Emirates aces the tennis



EARLIER this week Emirates Airline hosted a cocktail party in conjunction with its sponsorship of the Australian Open Tennis at Melbourne Park.

Along with key partners including travel agents and business events specialists there was plenty of star power, with celebrities a-plenty enjoying fine wines and canapes before the hard-fought all-Aussie match between Lleyton Hewitt and

James Duckworth.

Radio personality Andy Lee, Melbourne Cup-winning jockey Michelle Payne, tennis great Henri Laconte and TV star Gary Sweet were just some of the big names, along with Olympic swimming champion Michael Klim, who's pictured **above right** with Dean Cleaver from Emirates and Joe Wojcik, managing director of incentive and reward program provider 212°F.

Today's issue of BEN

Business Events News today has one page of news, plus a full page from AIME.

Canberra looks afield

SINGAPORE Airlines is set to make Canberra Airport an international facility, yesterday announcing non-stop flights from Singapore to the nation's capital.

The 'Capital Express' flights also continue onto Wellington, making access to NZ, Singapore and the rest of the world much easier for Canberrans - as well as making the ACT much more attractive for business events.

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