



Today's issue of BEN

Business Events News today has one page of news.

DCC new menu

THE Darwin Convention Centre has launched a menu compendium inspired by local product and Asian influences. "The new menu is all about local seafood, fresh produce, delicious flavours and mouth-watering presentation to ensure guests to our Centre have an outstanding dining experience" said executive chef Toby Beaton.

Over the next few months, the chefs will showcase the refreshed menu to guests attending events such as the 2016 NAIDOC Awards, the NT Brolga Awards as well as delegates attending conferences at the centre.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the menu.



RUNNING late for an event? Why not hail a helicopter!

Ride-share innovators, Uber, has unveiled its latest product offering: UberCopter.

The service is currently being piloted in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with the app updated to include the new offering.

Similar to UberPool, UberCopter allows users to also share the scenic flight with others going a similar way.



SITE responds to Brexit

THE Society of Incentive Travel Excellence (SITE) is urging the industry to "keep calm" in the wake of the Brexit outcome.

"It is critical that our industry maintain a keep calm and carry on approach in order to minimise any potential impact on incentive travel programs and other business events," cautioned Paul Miller, SITE past president and managing director.

"It's really business as usual and, in fact we are already seeing an increase in RFPs from both the US and Europe," he said.

Citing predictions from travel experts, Miller remarked travel between Europe and the UK is

not expected to change until the breakup is formalised two years from now.

"Britain will work through this and will find a way to work with the EU and vice versa."

Fraser's fitbit promo

HOLD an event at Fraser's Hospitality before 30 Sep and receive a bonus Fitbit Charge.

Until the end of Sep, Fraser's will be offering a range of incentives for new MICE bookings such as training sessions, complimentary AV, fruit baskets and more.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more about the promotion.



New Blu \$12m revamp complete

RADISSON Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney's director of sales Terry Oomens gave *Business Events News* a tour of the property's new \$12 million redevelopment.

The major revamp of the five-star, heritage-listed hotel was officially completed this month, seeing a total refresh of all 336 guest rooms and 28 suites.

The first phase of the 'new Blu' redesign which was completed in the second half of 2015 and

saw meeting and function rooms renovated to provide over 500m² of space, ideal for events hosting up to 200 guests.

The meeting spaces also include the two restored heritage rooms Sir James and Sir Warwick along with The Lady Fairfax room which is popular for high tea but can also serve as an events space.

Pictured above is the freshly refurbished Sir Warwick Fairfax meeting room.

Ben on BEN



Each month Business Manager for inPlace Recruitment, Ben Carnegie, writes his observations from the recruiter's perspective to help job hunters find the perfect job. Ben has over 15 years working in five star hotels and the MICE industry and has worked on some of Australia's biggest events.

EOFY market update

A NEW financial year has dawned upon us. The results are in and a new chapter in our country's leadership begins. The last quarter for 2015/16 really picked up the pace in the employment market for events. The growth that we saw in April continued right through to the end of the quarter. The growth areas have been strongest in the agencies. Not only operationally with new hires being made from Event Coordinators right through to Senior Event Managers and Directors, but also in business development. One of the most challenging positions to find those good quality and experienced candidates remains in business development but there is also a growing skills shortage in group travel management. This seems to be the one position that constantly plagues our industry. The time is here to train staff into these roles and look at the transferrable skills of the travel industry to help fill this gap.



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