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WORLD'S 50 BEST VENUE UNVEILED

THE World's 50 Best Restaurants awards will be hosted at one of the world's oldest venues next year, the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

Held on 05 Apr, the flagship event will see world leading chefs, restaurateurs, sommeliers and media personalities descend on the Victorian capital to celebrate the very best in global gastronomy (**BEN** 16 Jun).

Commenting on the event win, Victoria's Acting Minister for Tourism and Major Events the Hon Philip Dalidakis said, "We are delighted that Melbourne will be the third city in the world to host the prestigious World's 50 Best Restaurants Awards".

"Melbourne's food, bar and coffee culture has a depth



Chefs Ben Shewry and Dan Hunter

and diversity that is second to none...our talent is pioneering and our natural landscapes and urban centres provide the backdrop to outstanding culinary experiences".

Aside from the awards evening, the overall culinary program runs from 01 to 07 Apr and will showcase Australia's food and wine culture to an international audience.

"We could not be more thrilled to be moving to Melbourne,

one of the great food cities of the world, in 2017," said William Drew group editor of The World's 50 Best Restaurants.

"Come April next year, Australia will undoubtedly be the place to be for those passionate about great food and inspired restaurants."

MEANWHILE, the Melbourne food and Wine Festival has agreed to reshuffle its dates to align with the World's 50 Best Restaurants program.

The festival will now be scheduled to run from 31 Mar to 09 Apr and will debut a new MasterClass series celebrating the gastronomy event featuring top chefs from around the world on 01 and 02 Apr.

Visit theworlds50best.com.

Today's issue of BEN

Business Events News today has two pages of news.

Bistro Remy debut

THE Langham Sydney has opened a new onsite eatery, Bistro Remy.

Situated within strolling distance from The Rocks, the menu has been handcrafted by chef Dave Whitting who explains he likes to "juxtapose the familiar with the unexpected".

Signature dishes include black ash totellini filled with potato creme and dressed with Pecorino and watercress and the Golden Plains pork belly.



SWISS-Belhotel Brisbane opens

THE newly built, SWISS-Belhotel Brisbane officially opened its doors over the weekend in South Brisbane.

The full service, 134-room hotel has views of the Brisbane River, city skyline or Story Bridge and Kangaroo Point cliffs.

The contemporary interiors feature full mini-bars, galley kitchens, marble desks and LED lighting accents.

Hotel facilities include a large corporate lounge, two meeting rooms, an indoor pool, gym and secure on-site parking for 40 cars.

The hotel's Café 63 will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner daily from a menu featuring local produce.

Zadro scores AIME PR contract

SYDNEY based public relations firm Zadro has secured the contract for the Asia-Pacific Incentives & Meetings Expo (AIME) in Melbourne for the second consecutive year.

AIME will be held at the MCEC between 21-22 Feb next year.

NEW APPOINTMENT

SCARLETT Restaurant in Sydney has appointed Joey Dela Victoria as its executive chef.

Dela Victoria, along with his team, will serve up a vibrant new spring menu at Scarlett Restaurant, which will be made up of modern Australian dishes with an Asian twist.

The new executive chef has enjoyed a stellar career in some of Australia's most prestigious restaurants including former two-hatted eatery Balzac, three-hatted restaurant Quay and Michelin-star rated restaurant Maze (by Gordon Ramsay).



■ **FANCY** a slithering snake with your latte?

Reptile-lovers can now get up close with nonvenomous snakes at Tokyo's new Snake Center Cafe.

The snakes sit on the tables inside class cages (**pictured**) but customers are allowed to release them for a cuddle if they please.

The cafe's owners want to help reduce the negative stigma surrounding snakes.





Events Calendar

WELCOME to the **BEN** events calendar.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@businesseventsnews.com.au

19-21 OCT

ITB Asia; Marina Bay Sands; Singapore; for details and to register visit: www.itb-asia.com

24 OCT

ConveNTions Walkabout '16 Road Show; Press Food and Wine; Adelaide; register here: www.ntconventions.com.au

25 OCT

ConveNTions Walkabout '16 Road Show; Stokehouse Restaurant; Brisbane; register here: www.ntconventions.com.au

26 OCT

ConveNTions Walkabout '16 Road Show; Ivy Sunroom; Sydney; register here: www.ntconventions.com.au

27 OCT

ConveNTions Walkabout '16 Road Show; Luminare; Melbourne; register here: www.ntconventions.com.au

27-29 NOV

PCOA Conference and Exhibition; Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre; register here: www.pco.asn.au

21-22 FEB

AIME 2017; Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre; for more info visit www.aime.com.au

ICC SYD TEST EVENTS

A SERIES of test events have been successfully held at the soon to open Sydney International Convention Centre (ICC Sydney).

Last Wed, executive director of Sydney Business Chamber Patricia Forsythe, together with more than 100 other chamber members, were invited along for an exclusive viewing of the centre's 70 event spaces and a taste test of its special 'Feeding Your Performance' menu.

Forsythe described the centre as "truly beautiful" and as a "pride for the state".

"I have enormous confidence that this wonderful venue and its management team will justly promote Sydney to the world as it continues to attract wonderful events for the city, supporting Sydney's knowledge and service economies," she said.

The test events are a key opportunity for the venue's management team, AEG Ogden, to "shake down" the new building and fine tune team member training ahead of its official 20 Dec opening.

CLICK HERE For more information.

Event planners discover Alice



BUSINESS planners 'saw the light' during their recent megafam to the fifth annual Alice Stampede in Alice Springs.

The group of 18 planners (pictured above) took part in off-site dinner locations, business sessions, cultural activities and the inaugural Parrtjima light show staged across the expansive MacDonnell Ranges.

They viewed the 2.5 kilometre display of colourful Indigenous imagery from the vantage point of Alice Springs Desert Park where the Stampede finale dinner was held in the unique setting of the park's Nocturnal House.



with Barry Neame

IT IS fewer than six weeks to the annual PCO Association conference and exhibition, an event at which association president Barry Neame says the key objective is to increase the skills and personal development of the practitioners in the meeting industry sector.

To meet this objective, PCOA program director Peta Moore has designed a program in which a diverse line-up of speakers who will be talking about a wide range of topics.

There will be something for everyone, from GST and tax updates for the industry to what sponsors want and where to find them, social media for events, digital disruption and the events industry, and conference case studies.

Bruce Cotterill, an expert in improving business performance, will be presenting on the Seven Principles of Profit at a keynote session.

Bruce is the creator of the Seven Principles concept and is an expert in improving business performance. He is a regular conference speaker who is based in New Zealand and has delivered keynote presentations to business audiences around the world.

Natasha Doherty, a partner in one of Australia's most recognised economic advisory practices, will be presenting on The Collaborative Economy.

Natasha has worked on a number of projects at Deloitte Access Economics involving future workforce and skill needs in various industries and will examine the collaborative economy's value to the business events sector.

"There will be plenty of networking and collaboration opportunities for business owners, members, and sponsors. Everyone is welcome," says Mr Neame.

The conference is being held from 27 to 29 November at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.



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