



## DOLTONE TAKES ON TECH PARK

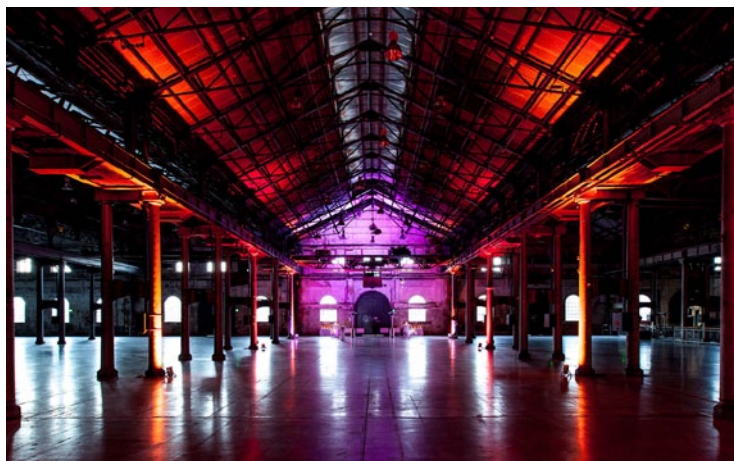
**DOLTONE** House has made its biggest expansion yet, adding Sydney's Australian Technology Park (ATP) to its portfolio.

The Eveleigh venue will be named Doltone House Australian Technology Park and joins other Doltone facilities at Jones Bay Wharf, Darling Island, Hyde Park and Sylvania Waters.

Doltone House executive chairman Paul Signorelli said the company was thrilled by the opportunity to provide increased capacity for clients.

The venue will be operated on behalf of the Mirvac group and becomes the largest in the Doltone portfolio, with space to seat 2,080 guests banquet style in the main exhibition hall and a further 520 guests in the purpose-built theatre.

Its dining room can host a further 440 guests while a large atrium provides space to stage



break-out sessions.

The main hall offers a total of 7,050m<sup>2</sup> of floor space for events and exhibitions.

Mirvac group executive for office and industrial, Andrew Butler, said the company was committed to delivering "an activated and engaging public domain and business mix at Australian Technology Park."

"The calibre of Doltone House and the diverse range of clients and events they work across will be a great addition to the ATP precinct and the surrounding neighbourhood," he said.

### Today's issue of BEN

*Business Events News* today has two pages of news.



**WHAT** a tasty surprise!

The International Convention Centre Sydney spread the Easter cheer to our office this morning with some beautifully crafted chocolates, toadstools, shortbread bunny rabbits and eggs.



Lucky we got a snap before we devoured them and slipped into a sugar coma.

We also got a cute card which said the chocolates are made in-house which makes them even better!

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## TEDX SYDNEY LINE UP

**TEDXSydney** has announced its initial line-up of Australian speakers for the event on 15 Jun at ICC Sydney.

The first 10 speakers and three performers include a self-made billionaire, an Aboriginal elder, an actor and performer and an expert on male eating disorders, to name a few.

The co-founder and co-ceo of software company Atlassian, Mike Cannon-Brookes, will lead the speaker line-up, talking from both a personal and big

business point of view.

Multi-award winning singer and songwriter Sarah Blasko will be headline music performer at TEDxSydney 2017, which will also feature Papua New Guinean singer NGaiire.

Award-winning actor and Aboriginal elder Uncle Jack Charles is another speaker, along with Australian author David Hunt who will talk about Australia's history.

More speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Get Global registrations

**REGISTRATIONS** for the Get Global MICE trade event have opened ahead of its debut at the ICC Sydney on Fri Jul 28.

The first 40 delegates to register will receive a free place at the Zoom School "smartphoneography" workshop at the event. For details **CLICK HERE**.

## NSW regional event manager

**DESTINATION NSW** is looking for a Regional Conferencing Manager in its Sydney Office.

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Applications for the role close on 26 Apr.

## Confessions of a compulsive conference-goer

Andrew Klein, professional MC and presentation skills speaker and director of SPIKE Presentations, presents his front line observations on conferences in a regular feature in *BEN*.

### The Death of Delegate Doodling:

**REMEMBER** Doodling? That creative thing we once did on the edges of our note-pad in the middle of a boring school class, Uni lecture or conference presentation? Our attention would wander from the teacher, lecturer or presenter's monotone, we'd click our pen a few times before putting pen to paper and creating a swirling Da-Vinci-esque artwork.

I recently discovered some notes I'd taken from a conference I'd attended 15 years ago and I must admit I was impressed at how productive I'd been in the conference room! The notes themselves were dull and irrelevant (I still don't know why I hung on to them?) but my doodles looked like they were in a professional, fresh-from-the-shop Adult Colouring Book.

It was such a different world back then. Flowers, boxes, mazes, cartoon faces, arrows, cats, dogs, fish....whatever and wherever our meandering minds would take us. Dare I use the new-age phrase du jour, but it was, back then, 'mindfulness' in action, writ large (or small) on the A4 pages on our laps.

But not anymore. Due to digital and mobile technology,

these days we rarely get taxis, make old style phone calls, stay in hotels, listen to a CD (millennials, ask your parents), watch free to air TV or (frustrated parent alert) go outside and kick a ball.

And technology has now thrown the art (or lost art) of doodling on to the scrap-heap of Uber-ised, disrupted behaviours.

Sad, but true - even something as simple, creative and soothing as doodling has been virtually rendered redundant by mobile phones. In 2017, if you find yourself sitting in a boring conference session, you simply, yet subtly (turn the screen brightness to low, keep the phone down below the seat in front of you, at lap level) start to flick through your emails, send a text or two, update Facebook or Tweet, Snap or Insta.

15 years ago, we had no choice but to doodle, there was nothing else to do if the speaker was boring us senseless. Yet now (sigh) delegates no longer doodle because technology has allowed us to simply get on with our lives. Doodling has been disrupted.

If you are looking for an MC for your next conference or a speaker/trainer on presentation skills or pitching skills, email [andrew@lunch.com.au](mailto:andrew@lunch.com.au) or visit his website at [www.andrewklein.com.au](http://www.andrewklein.com.au).



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