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Today's issue of BEN

Business Events News today has two pages of news plus the latest *BEN* Christmas Venue Guide on **page three** and a front cover wrap from **Travel Tech Summit**.

Tourism Noosa

TOURISM Noosa has welcomed local tourism leader and destination advocate, Steve McPharlin, to the position of ceo, effective from 29 Oct.

McPharlin has been working as chair of Tourism Noosa for the past seven years, and in various management roles across the tourism, hospitality and accommodation sectors.

The Ritz Stellar



THE Ritz-Carlton has launched its first Stellar Dining Series, where Michelin-star chefs, mixologists and patissiers will tour four of Asia Pacific's gourmet cities from 01 Nov until 01 Dec.

Destinations include Singapore, Osaka, Hong Kong and Beijing where chefs will collaborate to present signature and new dishes, cocktails and exclusive masterclasses.

"The Stellar Dining Series allows us to take our star teams and share their creations in some of the most iconic dining destinations in the region today," said Marriott Int'l vp F&B operations Asia Pacific Petr Raba.

For more visit **HERE**.

GOLD COAST AIRPORT HOTEL

THE Federal Government has approved Queensland Airports Limited's (QAL) plans for a new \$50 million Rydges-branded hotel and convention facility at the Gold Coast Airport precinct, with work expected to start before the end of the year.

"An airport hotel is something that has been missing at Gold Coast Airport and now that we have the approval, we can move ahead with another important part of our development plan designed to further activate the precinct and accommodate growth," said QAL chief executive officer Chris Mills.

The planned 4- to 4.5-star hotel will feature 192 rooms in addition to conference facilities for up to 200 people, views over Kirra Beach, a rooftop bar and viewing deck.

According to QAL by 2020 the airport will contribute \$818



million annually to the region and support about 20,000 full time jobs.

Passenger numbers are also expected to reach 16.6 million annually by 2037 and contribute \$2.3 billion to the gross regional product.

Moncrieff MP and Defence Industry Minister Steven Ciobo said "tourism is the backbone of our city's economy so it



is essential we provide the infrastructure for the growing demand so our local tourism operators can thrive".

Pictured are renders of the Rydges hotel.

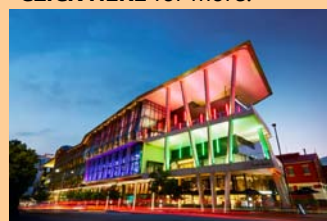
MEA Conf 2019

MEETINGS & Events Australia's (MEA) conference held at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre will shift from annual themes to one name - Evolve.

The new look marketplace and meeting zone will bridge traditional with the new with the inclusion of pop-up displays and presentations.

The event is set to "focus on supporting, educating, inspiring, challenging and engaging delegates," said MEA's ceo Robyn Johnson.

Registrations opened today, **CLICK HERE** for more.



Tourism NZ science boost

TOURISM New Zealand has recently teamed with the Kudos Science Awards Trust, based in Hamilton, to promote the science community and scientific business events potential in the region.

Tourism NZ's global manager Business Events Anna Fennessy said Hamilton was gaining an international reputation for scientific research and was the fourth largest region for business events behind Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

The city will host the International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology from 04-08 Feb and is anticipating registrations from more than 20 countries.

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SYD ALIBABA RECORD

A RECORD number of delegates attended the Alibaba Group's flagship eCommerce expo last weekend, with 9,100 visitors arriving at the International Convention Centre (ICC) to learn how to tap into the eCommerce-enabled Chinese economy.

The two-day event featured a full day conference on Sat, with keynote speakers including

Janine Allis, founder and director of Boost Juice Bars and Retail Zoo, Oliver Horn, managing director of Suisse Wellness and Rachael Gorman, global strategy director for Seafolly.

The event also gave attendees the

chance to experience Alibaba's augmented reality retail technology, the Alibaba Cloud, as well as the opportunity to meet with Chinese buyers.

The conference heads to Melbourne next month, taking place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 18-20 Oct.

For info, see aliexpo.com.au.



FANS of the fabulous feline will be more excited than a kitty on catnip when the USA city of Tampa hosts its inaugural cat convention.

Taking place on 27 Oct at the Holiday Inn Westmore, KittyCon is promoted as "a fan convention devoted solely to the love and rescue of cats, for people crazy about cats", and aims to raise money for the St Francis Society Cat Rescue.

The expo will feature vendors, a "Meow Ween" costume contest, plus a meet and greet with Adam "The Cat Man" Myatt, a local photographer who launched the first Cat Town Cafe.

What a purrrfect event.

Barzaari opens

EASTERN Mediterranean restaurant, Barzaari is set to take over the former Kensington Street Social space within The Old Clare Hotel in Sydney's Chippendale from 30 Oct.

The restaurant will seat up to 120 guests and offer a modern take on the cuisine from Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.

Darryl Martin and Andrew Jordanou, owners of Barzaari Marrickville, teamed with Loh Lik Peng, founder of Unlisted Collection, to open the eatery.



Pan Pacific's new Smart Meetings

PAN Pacific Hotels Group has launched a new Smart Meetings offer, where meeting organisers can save 5% on every meeting booked at Pan Pacific and PARKROYAL properties worldwide until 31 Mar 2019.

In addition, Smart Organisers will receive benefits according to the size of their group, with privileges including complimentary airport transfers, room upgrades, cocktail receptions, as well as photobooths and tickets to popular attractions.

For further information **CLICK HERE**.

New rooftop bar at Emporium Hotel

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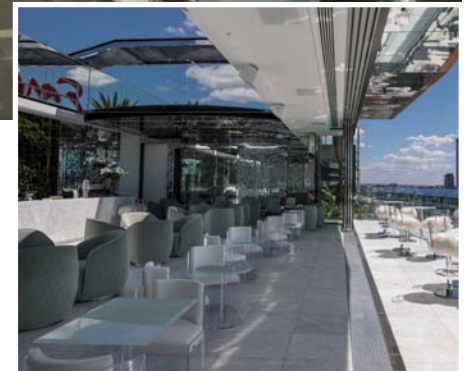
Hotel South Bank has unveiled its new rooftop bar and dining venue, The Terrace (pictured) which will be open on 03 Oct.

The Terrace is located on the 21st floor of the hotel and offers panoramic views across the Brisbane River to the city skyline and a 23m edge pool.


The venue also features floor-to-ceiling glass doors that open onto an expansive balcony, along with two retractable roofs offering full, partial or no exposure to the weather.

An extensive drinks menu includes classic and signature cocktails as well as a wide range of local and international wines and spirits.

The all-day dining menu, created by executive chef Chris Norman, caters for breakfast, shared plates and snacks.



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