



Today's issue of BEN

Business Events News today has two pages of news plus a full page from Travel Trade Recruitment.

Chipchase leaving

DESTINATION NSW Chief Executive Officer Sandra Chipchase will depart the Organisation in mid-Dec, calling time on her tenure.

Chipchase, who is also the Executive Producer of Vivid Sydney, will assist with transitional arrangements as the destination marketing body recruits for a new boss.

She led Destination NSW for eight years, with state Minister for Tourism Stuart Ayres saying, "we have broken every tourism record for visitor numbers, nights and expenditure every year."

CENTRAL PIER TENANTS TO SUE

TENANTS of Melbourne's beleaguered Central Pier have launched legal action in the Federal Court against landlord Development Victoria over the closure of the precinct earlier this year (BEN 17 Sep).

The suit claims Development Victoria knew when it signed the lease in mid-2015 the Pier was deteriorating "at an increasing rate, despite the repair works it was carrying out."

It also claims Development Victoria led tenants to believe the repairs being undertaken would mean they could continue to do business until the end of their lease in 2026, a claim which they assert was "misleading and deceptive".

In Sep, Development Victoria announced Central Pier would remain closed until Jan.

Business Events News contacted Development Victoria for



comment, with a spokesperson saying, "Development Victoria has acted in good faith and in accordance with the terms of the Central Pier lease.

"Any legal action will be defended."

Upon the pier's abrupt closure, stakeholders from events spaces such as MAIA, Peninsula, Sketch and Suma were left in limbo, as were 1,300 staff members

employed in the area.

"Engineers have advised that it will take approximately 15 weeks to undertake a detailed assessment of Central Pier," Development Victoria said.

"The extent of the work and the time required...will only be known once a detailed assessment has been complete."

Pictured: Melbourne's skyline at night.

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DELEGATE PACKAGE FROM \$77PP

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Read how Arabia is hotting up for conferences and events in the October issue of *travelBulletin*.

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Second AC Hotel

A **SECOND** AC Hotels by Marriott location has been signed in Australia.

To be located in Melbourne's eastern suburbs, the newbuild in Ringwood is set to open in 2024.

The 200-room property will be developed by locally-based Sunstone Projects, and follows on from the first Australian AC Hotels by Marriott, located in downtown Melbourne, in Southbank.

The accommodation will also feature three state-of-the-art meeting venues spanning a total of 354m², as well as an all-day dining European-inspired restaurant

Also available on premises will be a bar, a heated indoor pool and gym.

PCOA next webinar

THE Professional Conference Organisers Association (PCOA) is hosting another Webinar Series on Thu, themed "Interpreting Meeting Trends 2020".

Taking place at 1.30pm AEDT, the webinar will delve into how meetings have changed, and why "meetings are not just about tables and chairs...they are about people."

Presenting will be Antonio Codinach from the Professional Convention Management Association. **CLICK HERE** to register.

MICE in Chadstone

NEW five-star accommodation Hotel Chadstone Melbourne, MGallery by Sofitel is offering a MICE incentive ahead of its opening on 01 Nov.

A spend of \$5,000 or more will receive a signature Hotel Chadstone tote bag to take home with a surprise hotel gift - either Balmain beauty products, luxury bathrobes and champagne, accommodation, dining or spa vouchers.

To qualify for this offer, the meeting or event must be confirmed by the end of the year, and held between 01 Nov and 31 Jul.

Terms and conditions apply, and for enquiries, call (03) 9108 3333.

VIKING INCENT FOCUS



VIKING Cruises is targeting group bookings, introducing a dedicated Groups Coordinator and a range of bonus value-adds.

Amy Swearingen will now deal with those wanting to host a special interest departure on Viking's ocean and river cruise product.

Free travel is also available for one person when five or more staterooms are booked on a China, Europe or Russia

river cruise, or more than eight staterooms on board an ocean, or Portugal river departure.

Past passenger discounts also apply on group bookings, with Viking noting it is the only line with non-commissionable fees paying agents commission on every aspect of bookings including flights, pre-booked beverage packages and more.

CLICK HERE to get in touch, and view the groups toolkit **HERE**.



YOU see a lot of suits having a drink in midtown Sydney, but rarely are they birthday suits.

Stitch Bar on York is about to change all that, hosting an event conceived by the Young Nudists of Australia.

Bottoms Up Sydney offers patrons the chance to throw back a glass while totally bare-assed.

Quite obviously an 18 and over event, Bottoms Up Sydney is scheduled for 27 Oct at 3pm.

If you're feeling game, you can buy tickets **HERE**.

Professional eye for Melb guy

MELBOURNE will host the world's leading eye health professionals in 2021 at the World Congress of Optometry.

Around 2,000 international eye health professionals will converge on the Victorian city to provide local optometrists with exposure to global knowledge, experience and approaches to practice.

To be held in Sep of that year at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, the three-day congress will also welcome leading manufacturers and equipment suppliers.

The event was secured by the Melbourne Convention Bureau in partnership with Optometry Victoria South Australia, the Optical Distributors and Manufacturers Association, the State Government and Tourism Australia's Business Events Bid Fund Program.

It is expected to generate almost \$12 million in economic impact for the State.



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Darwin, \$55-70k DOE, Ref: 5961AW8

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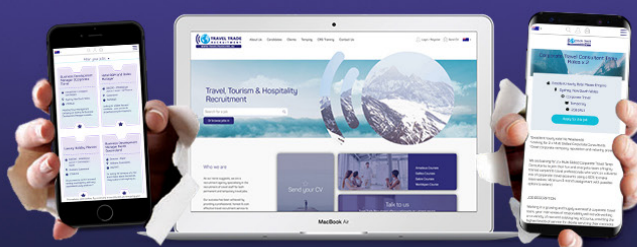
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Corporate Consultant | Melbourne

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Due to continued business growth, my clients are looking for a multi-skilled Corporate consultant or strong retail consultant looking to advance their career. You'll be working with large accounts where insightful customer service is imperative. If you've thought of transferring from Retail to Corporate, this is the time as full training will be offered to make the conversion process smooth. Want to be part of an evolving TMC and work Monday to Friday only - Contact me ASAP & **APPLY NOW!**

For more information please call Anisha on (03) 9988 0616 or click **APPLY** now.



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