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Jetstar to fly to the biggest towns in NZ starting with 'N' No

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# Agent Turns IVC Int'l (For The Day)

While the wider industry focuses on the seemingly endless shuffling of local retail travel groups, one innovative Southland agent has been busy with plans to take Invercargill Airport international—if just for a day.

Tony Laker of House of Travel Lakers Invercargill

has chartered an A320 to take a planeload of Southlanders on a day trip to the Melbourne Cup, and he's encouraging other agents to think outside the square too.

When IVC extended its runway in 2005, making it possible for larger aircraft to operate there, Laker had a brainwaye.

"My immediate thought was an international day trip out of Invercargill, and I decided the Melbourne Cup would be the best and most fun," he says.

It's taken some 10 years to make the trip happen, but it's been worth it, says Laker.

"This is a wonderful example of never giving up on something," he jokes.

"Over the years I've had a plane but no landing spot at Melbourne, and landing spots at Melbourne but no plane, and finally after years of trying it's fallen into place."

Once he secured the plane—an Air New Zealand A320 which usually operates Christchurch-Melbourne



flights—Laker put together a package, including hospitality at the races. As of this week, only around a dozen of the 168 seats remained to be sold.

The flight over will include a fashion parade, live music and a punters club to raise money for

Hospice Southland. "The way over will be a hoot, the way back will be significantly quieter," says Laker.

It's been a large exercise, with lots of meetings with the 'powers that be' and plenty of hoops to jump around airport security and biosecurity. However it's been well worth it, says Laker. "I love doing things that are special to Southlanders and also to show the rest of the country that Southlanders can do this sort of thing," he says.

It's also good for business, and the agency's inventiveness is well-documented. It runs regular escorted tours, and organises events such as chartering a coach and taking a 'European coach trip' around Invercargill.

The ingenuity was a major reason behind winning Best Travel Agency Retail, Single Location at the inaugural 2013 Travel Industry Awards, says Laker, and he encourages other agencies to follow suit.

"If you stay the same you'll get run over by people who are coming up with innovation," he says.

# **UA Two Free Bags**

United Airlines will offer economy passengers two free checked bags on its flights between Auckland and San Francisco when they launch next Jul. The carrier announced yesterday it would offer two free bags on flights between Australia and the US for bookings from 04 Nov and travel on or after 17 Dec, and a spokesperson confirmed to *Travel Today* the offer will also be available AKL-SFO. UA says the move demonstrates its commitment to the trans-pacific route.

# **Goodbye US Airways**

US Airways will operate its final flight on Fri night (local time). Flight 1939 from San Francisco to Philadelphia marks the last ever departure under the US name, as the carrier's merger with American Airways nears completion. Shortly after the flight leaves, AA will unify its reservations systems for both airlines, and US won't exist when the plane lands in Philadelphia.

# **Best Bang For NZD**

While the dollar has fallen against currencies including the greenback this year, Kiwi travellers have still managed to experience luxury for less than \$200 a night at destinations across the world, according to the latest Hotels.com Hotel Price Index.

Istanbul represented the best value for money in the first half of this year, with the average price of a five-star hotel just \$200pn. Four-star hotels meanwhile averaged \$189pn in Melbourne, \$185 in Rome, \$179 in Las Vegas, \$165 in Dubai, \$141 in Bali and \$124 in Bangkok. The HPI tracks the prices that people actually paid for their accommodation.

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# TRAVEL TODAY

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# **India Airport Makeover**

SITA has completed the deployment of its next-generation airport management solution across 10 airports in India. The solution includes interairport collaboration, with airport operations control centres linking to the central control at Chennai International Airport and a back-up site at Kolkata. The result is that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) now has an overview of all 10 airports, enabling optimisation of resources and equipment as well as proactive control over operations, says SITA.

# ... Baggage System

The AAI has also implemented a new SITA baggage management system at Kolkata and Chennai Airports. The technology gives real-time information on the status of passengers' baggage, which helps reduce mishandling and solves baggage issues.



# QF's Plastic Models Qantas has recruited Ken and

Barbie to model its uniforms from across the decades as part of its 95th birthday celebrations. The airline has put 44 of the dolls, all wearing their own bespoke QF uniforms, on display at its Sydney Qantas Club. The dolls belonged to the late John Willmott–Potts, a QF flight attendant who put together the uniforms over a 22-year period and matched them to

Designer Martin Grant created a mini version of the current QF uniform to update the collection, and there's also bomber jackets with fur collars, Pucci dresses and Yves Saint Laurent uniforms with oversized shoulder pads and heavy gold trim.

dolls from a similar era.

# NEWS ~ MORE INDUSTRY CHANGES TO COME ? THAT TRAVEL COMPANY TRAVEL COM

# Pacific Aviation To Get Safety Boost

New Zealand is investing \$2.4 million over the next two years to improve aviation safety at airports in eight Pacific countries, the government announced yesterday.

The Pacific Aeronautical Charting and Procedures Project aims to enhance safety at selected airfields in the Pacific and make commercial air travel in the region safer, says Foreign Minister Murray McCully.

Vanuatu and the Cook Islands will be the first to benefit, followed by Niue, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga and 'other Pacific nations'.

"The project will allow for more accurate surveying of runways, while also checking the landscape for obstacles that could encroach on the flight paths of aircraft," says McCully.

"Advanced satellite technology will be used to develop new flight approaches which will improve the ability of aircraft to land safely, especially in bad weather."

Training will also be provided to local staff to make sure aviation charts and procedures can be updated on an ongoing basis.

Airways has been contracted to undertake this project, which will be implemented at 38 aerodromes across the Pacific over the next two years.

# **Real Journeys Antarctic**

Real Journeys will become the new owner-operator of Christchurch's International Antarctic Centre from 30 Oct, Christchurch Airport has announced. The airport company took the attraction over three years ago, post-quakes.

Aviation safety in the Pacific hit the headlines in 2013 when Real Tonga operated an MA60 that wasn't certified under internationally accepted aviation safety rules, leading to a World Bank-funded aviation safety review of Tonga.

# **Raro Agent Deal**

Little Polynesian Resort in Rarotonga is offering discounted rates for agents, with Pia Tiares from \$271pn and over-beach ares from \$455.50pn. The rates include daily breakfast for two adults and use of snorkelling equipment, kayaks and stand up paddle boards. They're available for sales to 31 Oct and travel to 31 May, for minimum three-night stays. E-mail sales@littlepolynesian.com

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**New Plymouth** 

**Nelson** 

**Napier** 

North Palmerston

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jetstar.com



# Cruising Today

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# Levy To Impact Cruise Growth?

The cruise industry has reacted to this week's news that the Border Clearance Levy has been given the green light, with some saying they are disappointed with the New Zealand Government.

The levy, which will cost cruise passengers \$22.80 + GST for a return journey, will be implemented from 01 Jan 2016.

CLIA Australasia managing director Neil Linwood says they 'continue to be disappointed in the New Zealand Government's decision to introduce a tax on tourism and are concerned that this will have an impact on New

# **Liberty Makeover**

Royal Caribbean International's 3634-guest Liberty of the Seas will soon feature a number of Royal Caribbean firsts as well as guest favourites after a bow-to-stern makeover. Highlights include the introduction of waterslides, an aqua park, an expanded line up of food options and new stateroom options. The new features will be unveiled when she emerges from an extensive month-long dry dock in Feb 2016.



Zealand's competitiveness as a cruise destination'. "We are reviewing the detailed implementation plan and transition arrangements and will be making further representations," he says. "We are also committed to working with the relevant New Zealand Government departments to improve customs and biosecurity-related activities in order that the passenger and crew clearance processes become more efficient."

# ... Growth Affected

Carnival Australia is also 'disappointed' with the government, and a spokesperson for the line says it will 'affect the long term growth rates of the cruising sector.' "Our fares are determined by a range of factors and we are always looking to offer the best value for our guests across all of our brands," they say. "Operating costs in New Zealand, however, are already high compared with other destinations in the South Pacific and there is no doubt the imposition of the levy will increase pressure on costs."

# **Crystal Yacht Bookings**

Crystal Yacht Cruises bookings are now open, as it has released itineraries and fares for 2016 through the beginning of 2018. Onboard the Crystal Espirit, clients can sail the Indian Ocean, roundtrip from Mahe/Victoria; Cosmopolitan Emirates, sailing roundtrip from Dubai and calling on ports such as Muscat, Khasab, Abu Dhabi, Sri Bani Yas Island and Doha; Holy Land, sailing from Limassol, Cyprus and Aqaba, Jordan, calling in Haifa, Eilat and Ashdod, Israel; and the Mediterranean, sailing various routes from Venice, Dubrovnik and Athens. The seven-day itineraries have been developed to allow clients to combine two voyages into longer 14-day holidays. Fares start from USD2966pp, including all taxes.

## **New Brisbane Terminal?**

It is likely a new cruise terminal will be built near the mouth of the Brisbane River to cater for larger ships. *The Brisbane Times* reports that the state government and Port of Brisbane are in negotiations regarding the new terminal, as the Hamilton Portside cruise ship terminal isn't able to accommodate larger vessels. Instead, ships such as Cunard's Queen Mary 2 have to dock at container yards at Fisherman Islands.

# **Antarctic Discovery**

Crystal Cruises has a 14-night Antarctic Discovery cruise on sale now, advises GO Holidays. Departing 13 Jan 2016 and Buenos Aires return, it is priced from \$11,689 until 30 Dec. GO has details.

# **Seven Seas Savings**

Clients looking to cruise aboard Regent Seven Seas Cruises' Seven Seas Mariner can save up to 15% when they book and deposit, or pay in full by 31 Dec. Cruise Holidays says the offer is valid on select sailings and there's no currency surcharge or price adjustments. Highlights include a 12-night cruise from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro, priced from \$9095pp; and an 18-night Miami to Lima cruise priced from \$12,040pp.

# Silversea 2016 Earlybirds

Silversea Cruises is offering an early booking bonus. Clients can save 10% on new bookings when they book and pay in full by 10 Dec. The offer applies to select voyages departing 01 Oct-31 Dec 2016. Details, CLICK HERE



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# Trafalgar Incentive

Agents who book Trafalgar's 24-day escorted Canada and Alaska trip before 31 Oct will receive a \$200 voucher. The trip, departing 05 Jun, includes Vancouver, Victoria, Whistler, Jasper and Banff. It's priced from \$13,495pp including flights, Rocky Mountaineer in silver leaf, and a seven-night inside passage cruise with Holland America. Trafalgar is also offering \$700 off the brochure price when booked and paid in full before 31 Oct.

# **New Vegas Nightclub**

Global hospitality company Hakkasan Group has announced its latest nightlife venture, Jewel. It will take over the former space of Haze Nightclub at Aria Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. Set to open in 2016, the multi-level venue will encompass a main club with an overlooking mezzanine level, complete with five secluded suites, a DJ booth and more. For news and announcements about the club, see jewelnightclub.com

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# **News & Product**

# **CHC: Significant Growth In Arrivals**

An extended and successful ski season meant Christchurch Airport saw continued significant growth in arrivals in Aug, posting double-digit increases from a number of markets including China, Singapore, the UK and USA. Total passenger movements through the airport grew 3.5% in Aug, from 454,586 to 470,279, while year-todate they're up 4.4% to 5.97 million. Domestic passenger numbers increased 4.1% to 364,818 for the month, while international arrivals were up 1.6% to 53,047.

Arrivals from China were up 39.5%,

# **Hogwarts In The Snow**

Hogwarts will receive its most magical Christmas makeover yet this year, according to Warner Bros Studio Tour London.

Visitors to Hogwarts in the Snow, on 13 Nov-31 Jan, will be able to learn how special effects wizards make snow that never melts and create flames without fire. Iconic movie sets will have festive decorations, including the Great Hall and Gryffindor Common Room; and the Hogwarts castle will receive a layer of snow. See wbstudiotour.com

# **Wales History Map**

Visitors to Wales can step back in time and immerse themselves in Welsh history thanks to the launch of a new Wales History Map. VisitBritain says the map is an interactive online resource that allows users to pinpoint more than 50 historic sites which are separated into 12 different themes. The map was designed by the Welsh Government's Historic Environment Service. For details, **CLICK HERE** 

# **Sth Africa Visa Impact**

The family segment of international arrivals into South Africa turned from a positive year-on-year variation (+1.8%) into a drop of -9.8% since the new visa requirements were implemented on 01 Jun. According to a ForwardKeys report, seven out of the top 10 source countries for family tourism in South Africa placed a negative reaction on the new visa rules. Exceptions were only seen in Australia, Belgium and Canada. The report also found that total international arrivals in South Africa'is falling into a deeper decrease' because of the decline of the previously growing family segment. Its report was based on arrival history 01 Sep 2014-30 Aug 2015.

with the market boosted by both Air China and China Eastern establishing year-round services this year, says the airport.

Singapore's baby boomers are increasingly looking to New Zealand for a holiday, with arrivals up 16.1%; the UK market grew 15.4%; and as more Kiwis head to the USA, Americans are heading here in turn, with 10.1% growth in Aug.

# **Wyndham India**

Wyndham Worldwide is continuing to expand its presence throughout the Indian subcontinent, with 10 new hotel properties joining Wyndham Hotel Group and three new vacation ownership resorts joining the RCI vacation exchange network. Wyndham Hotel Group has experienced nearly 200% growth in India over the past five years; whilst RCI has experience approximately 40% growth in India since the beginning of 2012.

# **AsPac Hotel Pipeline**

There are 2393 hotels totalling 556,637 rooms under contract in the Asia Pacific region, according to the Sep 2015 STR Global Construction Pipeline Report. This represents a 4.3% increase in rooms under contract compared with Sep 2014, but a 2.7% year-over-year decrease in rooms under construction. The under contract data includes projects in the construction, final planning and planning stages, but not projects in the unconfirmed stage.

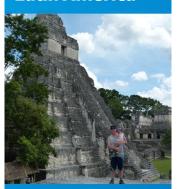
The region reported 252,686 rooms in 1013 hotels under construction for the month. China reported the most rooms under construction with 141,656 in 441 hotels. Two other countries reported more than 20,000 rooms under construction: India (24,900 rooms), and Indonesia (24,014 rooms).

# VIC Well-being Wknd

Vibe Hotel Marysville is hosting a Wellbeing Weekend with yoga expert Lola Berry, and has an earlybird offer for bookings made by 31 Oct. A two-night package includes a yoga welcome pack with three group yoga classes and two nutrition talks all with the leading yoga guru; and lunch, afternoon tea and inspired by Berry. The weekend is on 27-29 Nov and is priced from \$499pp (including earlybird saving of \$100pp). See tfehotels.com/packages/wellbeingweekend-lola-berry

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# Industry Diary

#### **OCTOBER**

Innovative Travel Ancient Kingdoms Holidays 2016 Launch

Wellington: Mon 19, The Wellington Club, 1730.
Auckland: Tue 20, Parnell's on the Rose Garden, 1730.
Christchurch: Wed 21,
Christchurch Bridge Club, 1730.

# South Pacific Association of National Tourism Offices

**Tauranga:** Tue 20, Club Mount Maunganui, 1730.

**Rotorua**: Wed 21, Novotel Rotorua Lakeside 1730.

#### **Sunshine Coast Roadshow**

**Auckland**, Tue 27, Pullman Hotel, 1730-1930.

**Hamilton**, Wed 28, Novotel Tainui, 1730-1930.

**Christchurch**, Thu 29, The George, 1730-1930.

### **NOVEMBER**

## Exotic Holidays Roadshow

Hamilton: Mon 16, Evening.
Auckland: Tue17, Evening, with special guest India Tourism
New Plymouth: Wed 18, Evening.
Christchurch: Thu 19, Evening.
Dunedin: Fri 20, Evening.
Wellington: Mon 23, Evening.
Napier: Tue 24, Lunch.
Hastings: Tue 24, Evening.
Tauranga: Wed 25, Evening.
Venues, times tba.

# **FEBRUARY 2016**

#### Brand USA - Discover America Events

Christchurch: Mon 22, Rydges Latimar Hotel, 1700-2130. Auckland: Tue 23, The Cloud, Queens Wharf, 1700-2130.

#### JAWS Roadshow

**Dunedin:** Mon 29. Venues, times tba.

#### **MARCH 2016**

#### **JAWS Roadshow**

Christchurch: Tue 01.
Nelson: Wed 02.
Whangarei: Tue 08.
Napier: Mon 14.
Wellington: Tue 15.
Palmerston North: Wed 16.
New Plymouth: Thu 17.
Tauranga: Tue 22. Hamilton:
Wed 23.

Venues, times tba.

# For more see Monday's **TRAVEL TODAY**

# **New Fiji Beach Club**



Waitui Beach Club, an adult's only area with its own pool, champagne bar, poolside cabanas and restaurant, is a new addition to Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa.

The property says it is a fantastic option for incentives and conferences,

# **Cultural Turkey Journey**

Archaeological and cultural tour specialist Peter Sommer Travels has added the battlefields of Gallipoli to the 12-day journey through Turkey following the conquests of Alexander the Great. Next year's departures of In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great: The Conquest of Asia Minor starts 25 Apr and will feature additional time to explore the Dardanelles and the Gallipoli peninsula. Other highlights of the tour include the renowned classical ruins of Ephesus, Apollo's temple at Didyma and the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus at Bodrum. It is priced from GBP3195pp s/t including all ground transport, accommodation, expert guide, admission fees and most meals. For details see petersommer.com

#### **Nostalgic Santa Barbara**

The Goodland hotel is a 158-room property that prides itself on its nostalgic American amenities including a house car, vinyl LP concierge, lobby photo booth, Mexican Coca-Colas and Coronitas and buckets of beer. The Santa Barbara property also has a spa, movement studio and 418m² of meeting space. See kimptonhotels.com

#### **Egypt Travel Fees**

Egypt's president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has issued a decree which requires Egyptians travelling abroad, who buy airline tickets in the local currency, to pay a fee. According to reports, economy class passengers are required to pay an extra EGP150 whilst those travelling in first and business class will be charged an extra EGP400. However, patients travelling for medical treatment, students, those studying abroad or going on internships, Haj or to perform official functions are reportedly exempt from paying the fee.

as delegates will have access to the beach club's 25m lap pool with swim up bar, a gym, complimentary cocktails at sunset and live entertainment. It says it's a great location for a poolside welcome function or dinner overlooking the beach.

# ... Agent Incentive

Sofitel's Inspired Meetings team is offering agents a free site visit for two to Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa, if they ask for a quote on any new conference or event to take place between now and the end of 2017.

# **Phuket Eatery Makeover**

Phuket's new-look Metzo's Bistro and Bar reopened last month after a \$250,000, three-month makeover. The new Metzo's Bistro and Bar is open seven days a week for dinner.

## **Fairmont Treat Yourself**

**News & Product** 

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts has teamed up with Le Labo Fragrances and RIMOWA to create Scent and Senses Packages available in select US cities.

As part of the package clients will gain exclusive after-hours access to one of Le Labo's boutiques to see how a scent is made, before mixing their own Rose 31 fragrance —Fairmont's signature scent. Also included is accommodation, transport to and from the Le Labo, a RIMOWA beauty case and a selection of Le Labo products. The packages start at USD769 plus tax and are available at select hotels during Jan. For further details, CLICK HERE

# **Luxury Nature Escape**

Western Australia's Walk into Luxury has launched a new two-night Walk into Luxury at Cape Lodge package. It includes accommodation at Cape Lodge, a Luxury Lodge of Australia, gourmet food and wine, a private guided half-day walk followed by lunch at Leeuwin Estate. The package, priced from AUD1500pp allinclusive, is available year-round on request, and can be booked through Walk into Luxury or Cape Lodge, and is commissionable. See walkintoluxury.com.au

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# Aloha Friday

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# **Pedal Pub Tours**



Paradise Pedal's pub tours offer clients the chance to pedal off their pint before the next stop.

The 2.5 hour tour, aboard a giant 15-passenger bike, is a fun way to explore Honolulu's edgy Kaka'ako



district (near Ala Moana). The 'driver' cranks up the music, rings the bell to indicate it's time to pedal and then steers the giant bike through the popular artsy warehouse district. Pedal to three local bars and brewpubs with time to enjoy a beer or cocktail and appetizer at each stop. The tour is US-D40pp, leaves at 1600 and clients must be aged 21 years or over. For details see paradisepedals.com



# Disney's Aulani Discounts For Jan-Mar

Disney's hugely popular Hawaiian outpost, the Aulani Resort has released new deals for the southern summer. Clients booking five nights or more at the family friendly resort will save 30% on stays of five nights or longer; and 25% on four-night stays for bookings by 08 Feb and stays 04 Jan-17 Mar. Contact wholesalers for details and conditions.

# **Hawaii Like A Local**

With an increasing number of Kiwis returning to Hawaii, there's increased demand for authentic local' experiences. One option to suggest is the Honolulu Night Market which is held the third Sat of each month, in the Kaka'ako precinct (near the Ala Moana Centre). The markets feature live music, art, food and fashion and 'celebrate the best of Hawaii's urban island culture' says event organisers. See honolulunightmarket.com

# **Outrigger Leap Deal**

Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort will give travellers a fourth night free for stays incorporating 29 Feb 2016, to celebrate Leap Year. The deal can be booked now through 14 Feb, for stays 26 Feb-03 Mar, with rates from USD259pn.

# **Honolulu Film Fest**

Honolulu Museum of Art has released its 2016 film programme for the Doris Duke Theatre next year.

Each month will celebrate cinema from a different culture, including African American, Jewish, Hawaiian, Surf and Skate, and LGBT. Tickets are USD10, see honolulumuseum.org

# **Cultural Evening**

Hawaii-bound clients can indulge in Hawaii's art and culture scene for free—with the Hawaii's State Art Museum's monthly events.

Held the first Fri of the month 1800-2100, clients can enjoy live music performance and view contemporary Hawaiian art in the galleries. Entry is free, and for details, see sfca.hawaii.gov



## Halloween Entertainment On The Rooftop

Ghouls and goblins of all ages will invade the Hawaii Convention Centre on 31 Oct as its free monthly entertainment series Sunset Mele on the Rooftop takes on a Halloween twist. Clients vising Oahu are invited to enjoy an evening of entertainment, which will feature performances before a screening of the feature film *Maleficent*. Starting at 1700, there will also be snacks, beverages and arts and crafts available for purchase. Admission is free, parking at the HCC is USD5 per vehicle and clients are encouraged to bring along low beach chairs, mats and blankets. The HCC-hosted entertainment series will continue monthly through the end of the year with the next even scheduled for 20 Nov. See facebook.com/hawaiiconventioncenter





# **VA & NZ Experience Australia Famil**



# Vibrant Newcastle On Final Famil Day





On day four of the Destination NSW Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia Great Aussie Experience famil, agents departed Port Stephens and headed to Newcastle.

Newcastle is a vibrant cosmopolitan city, with rich maritime history, vibrant arts culture, cool bars, acclaimed restaurants and accommodation aplenty.

The emerging food scene in New-

## **Merewether Surfhouse**

Clients can enjoy a lazy breakfast, coffee or lunch at Mereweather Surfhouse.

Located on the promenade level Surfhouse Café offers a relaxed style with the ocean in view. No bookings are accepted so inform clients of possible waits at busy times. See surfhouse.com.au castle is evident in the great restaurants, bars and outdoor cafes around the city.

Clients can sip cocktails at one of the many harbour side restaurants or bars at Honeysuckle or head to Beaumont Street in Hamilton to dine at outdoor Mediterraneanstyle cafes.

Darby Street, in Cooks Hill, is a bohemian strip with eclectic boutiques, bookshops and cafes, perfect for a late breakfast.

Pictured in Newcastle is:

- **1** Joanna Dargie, Stephen Parsons House of Travel and Storm Halkett, Flight Centre The Palms.
- **2** Vanessa Noronha, House of Travel New Lynn, with Tenille Jenkins of Destination NSW.
- **3** Frank Gibbons, Air New Zealand and Jo Grundy of United Travel New Lynn.

# TreeTop Adventures For All Ages And Abilities

Located on the Central Coast, TreeTop Adventure Park is the perfect place for all ages to experience some excitement. The multi-award winning park caters for all people from all walks of life and levels of fitness. It prides itself on its ability to allow those with disabilities to enjoy tree top thrills. Like Tarzan deep in the jungle, clients can slide down flying foxes, move from tree to tree on suspension bridges and jump up to 20-metres above the forest floor. These eco-friendly adventure activities are great for the body and mind, and gentle on the environment. Recommend clients ready their lungs for a trip to the park, as screams on the 21 flying foxes make the ride more enjoyable. And lunch can be provided in the TreeHut within the park. Suspended between spotted gum trees, it is a rare opportunity to experience the amazing location of Ourimbah State Forest from the tree tops. See treetopadventurepark.com.au



**1** The TreeHut. **2** Storm Halkett of Flight Centre The Palms. **3** Lendl Oosthuizen of Flight Centre Lambton Quay is ready to roll. **4** Child on the ropes at the TreeTop Adventure Park. **5** TreeTop gang get ready for action.

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