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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front full page from **PONANT**.

Ponant new CEO

PONANT has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer, Herve Gastinel.

Gastinel is a Partner at EIM France, and a private investor at One Sea Investment, with founder and Manager of Ponant's parent company Artemis, Francois Pinault, saying he was delighted to welcome Gastinel.

"He is a true sailing enthusiast, who has all the skills to transform this wonderful company and facilitate the resumption of operations," Pinault said.

For more from Ponant, see today's **front page**.

New Emerald branding

SCENIC Group has today officially launched the Emerald Cruises brand around the globe, merging Emerald Waterways and Emerald Yacht Cruises.

Travel partners and guests can now visit the new website, www.emeraldcrucises.com.au, for information on the brand, or to book a river or yacht cruise.

Emerald Cruises Global Director of Brand & Marketing David Winterton expressed his enthusiasm for the global rollout of a single brand, as well as the launch of its website.

"We believe moving to a single brand will support our long-term growth ambitions as a leading, small ship cruise company," he said.

"In recent weeks, our portfolio of river and yacht cruises has seen a surge in popularity, and we can't wait to return to the

water with both our new and loyal guests, as soon as it is safe to do so."

Emerald Cruises Director of Sales, Marketing & Product Angus Crichton added demand for next year's yacht and river cruises has been high, with both *Emerald Azzurra* and *Emerald Luna* set to launch in the next 12 months (**CW** 22 Apr 2020).

"Savvy cruisers know there is limited capacity within the small-ship cruising category," Crichton said.

"Emerald Cruises Super Earlybird savings, deposit protection plan and flexible booking policy are all included for peace of mind, so now is the time to book."

Crichton confirmed the Emerald rebranding would see the Evergreen Tours brand focus more on touring.

More cruise canx

HOLLAND America Line, Princess Cruises, Seabourn Cruises and Royal Caribbean International have extended their canx of select voyages.

Three Seabourn ships - *Encore*, *Ovation* and *Sojourn* - are all now scheduled to resume 03 Jul, while *Quest* has been pushed back to Nov.

Royal Caribbean International's *Quantum of the Seas*, which is currently sailing in Singapore, will not sail in Alaska this year, and will instead remain in the Asia-Pacific region ahead of her Brisbane deployment.

Odyssey of the Seas, which was originally scheduled to sail its debut season from Rome, will now begin cruising from Haifa from Jun (**CW** 02 Mar).

Holland America and Princess are cancelling a range of voyages through to Jun.



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PART of living in Sydney's Sutherland Shire is attending the region's beaches, and the Council is now ensuring those of all ages and abilities can do so.

The local government's Ocean Beach Wheelchair Program is helping those no longer able to swim under their own power to take a dip in the water.

According to the local newspaper, the Council currently offers two beach wheelchairs for use in shallow water, one electric wheelchair for use on the sand and a recently donated Mobi chair, which is able to float in water.

The Council has also rolled out a Mobi mat, which can be rolled out over the top of soft sand to ensure everyone can get to the water's edge and to assist people who use a wheelchair, or who have difficulty walking.

One of the first to test out the new program was 97-year-old Edna Petfield - bravo, Edna!

Coral's WA adventure kicks off



THE excitement is palpable in Fremantle today, where Coral Expeditions commences its highly anticipated Western Australian cruise season aboard *Coral Adventurer*.

Local cruise aficionado, the one and only Barry Downs from Bicton Travel, has marked the momentous occasion by releasing

a special bonus episode of The Big Cruise Podcast, including a pierside chat with Coral Expeditions' Liz Webb.

Episode 46 of The Big Cruise Podcast has gone live this morning, with the series' resident historian Chris Frame also joining the conversation - listen at thebigcruisepodcast.com.

Pictured from left: Frame, Webb and Downs.

CLIA UPDATE



with Joel Katz
MD, CLIA Australasia

Help us be heard

WITH the Federal Government expected to announce a new support package for the tourism and travel sector very soon, we're hopeful our industry's voice has been heard.

Over recent months CLIA has joined other associations including AFTA, TTF, ACCI and CATO in calling for ongoing assistance for travel agents and other businesses that have been severely affected by travel restrictions.

We believe a new program going beyond JobKeeper will help preserve jobs and skills.

A targeted approach for businesses that are experiencing ongoing impact, through no fault of their own, is the right thing to do.

We're grateful for the support of those who have helped reinforce the message to Canberra.

If you haven't already contacted your local MP, then it's still important to do so.

We also need support as we broaden our message beyond Canberra to state governments, whose cooperation will be vital as we plan a careful cruise resumption beginning with local cruises for local residents.

It will be important to show how many Australians depend on cruising, and to reinforce the point that cruising does not mean compromising our international border.

With extensive health protocols and 100% testing, we can plan a responsible path forward.

To find out more, visit www.wearecruise.org.



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RSSC webinar

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) is today hosting a webinar on its Extended Explorations.

Held at noon AEDT, the webinar will be hosted by Vice President Australia & New Zealand, Lisa Pile and Director of Sales, Australia & New Zealand Gillian Seller - **HERE**.