



CLIA congratulates all the winners of the 2022 Cruise Industry Awards

Large Cruise Agency of the Year
Australasia

IGNITE TRAVEL GROUP

Small Cruise Agency of the Year
Australia

BICTON TRAVEL

Small Cruise Agency of the Year
New Zealand

YOU TRAVEL BETHLEHEM

Online Cruise Agency of the Year
Australasia

CLEAN CRUISING

Broker of the Year
New Zealand

SHARON O'BRIEN
Live Breathe Travel

Mobile/Home Based Agent of the Year
Australia

MEGAN CATTERALL
itravel

Cruise Consultant of the Year
New Zealand

JANINE MALLON
Zest4Travel

Cruise Consultant of the Year
Australia

SHERON KONIG
Travel Associates Rockhampton

Rising Star
New Zealand

MARISE BARRETT
helloworld Strandon

Rising Star
Australia

CLAREES PURKISS
Cruise Travel Centre Green Hills

Cruise Champion
Australasia

ROBYN SINFIELD
Home Travel Company

Cruise Line Champion
Australasia

SHAUN KAVANAGH
Princess Cruises

Cruise Month Promotion of the Year
Australasia

**HUNTER TRAVEL GROUP &
MTA - MOBILE TRAVEL AGENTS**

Network Cruise Promotion of the Year
Australasia

HOUSE OF TRAVEL, NEW ZEALAND

Agent/Agency Cruise Promotion of the Year
Australia

MY CRUISES

Agency/Agent Cruise Promotion of the Year
New Zealand

BON VOYAGE CRUISES & TRAVEL

Media Award
Australasia

MICHAEL FERRANTE

Media Cruise Champion

BRUCE PIPER
Business Publishing Group

Hall of Fame
Australasia

STEVE ODELL



CLIA Awards celebrate cruise revival

THE 20th Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia Awards on Sat (**CW** breaking news) celebrated the sector's renaissance in Australia, and honoured some of the stars of the cruise community.

Close to 500 people gathered to celebrate excellence, and the role of the travel trade in cruise's ongoing return to prominence in the region.

Held at Luna Park Sydney, the gala dinner and presentation night was hosted by actor Tim Campbell, and involved 18 awards for travel agencies and individuals from across Australia and New Zealand (see the **cover page**).

Top winners on the night included Sheron Konig of Travel Associates Rockhampton, named Australia's Cruise Consultant of the Year, Robyn Sinfield of Home Travel Company, named 'Cruise Champion', and Bicton Travel,

awarded Australia's Small Cruise Agency of the Year.

CLIA's local Managing Director Joel Katz said this year's awards helped cap off a strong summer revival for cruising in Australia.

"Travel agents across our region have shown incredible determination over recent years, and these awards help celebrate their resilience and their passion for cruising as we sail into a new era," Katz said.

"As cruising builds on its global renaissance, these awards pay thanks to the Australasian travel trade for its part in our success."

A highlight honour was the induction into the CLIA Hall of Fame of past Chair and former regional head of Oceania Cruises & Regent Seven Seas Cruises Steve Odell, who was recognised for his stewardship of cruise and his role in the sector's success over more than three decades

(see **page 3**).

Tasmania travel industry figure Robyn Sinfield was also honoured, being named "Cruise Champion" for her long-time leadership within the Australian cruise community.

Katz also presented a never-given-before, off-program "Cruise Champion award for Media", conferred on **Cruise Weekly** Publisher Bruce Piper.

"Given the exceptional circumstances we've all faced over recent years, we'd like to give a one-off salute to one of our industry's most tireless advocates," Katz said of Piper.

"He used his position as an industry authority to help amplify our voice and to give credibility to our message.

"He never paused, he helped keep us together, he kept the home fires burning."

More on **page 2** and **3**.

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover page from **Cruise Lines International Association** and a full page from **Viking**.

Viking sale ending

VIKING'S Explorer Sale ends soon, with cruisers encouraged to book a 2023, 2024, or 2025 voyage before prices increase.

The Sale concludes at the end of the month, and is offering a saving of up to \$9,000 per couple on Viking's river, ocean, and expedition collection.

Viking's Flexible Booking Deposit also allows cruisers to take advantage of the cruise line's special offers to book their future voyages with the freedom to change their plans - see **page 4** for more info.

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Top winners on the night included Clean Cruising, which took home the Online Agency of the Year award; House of Travel, which was gonged for its Network Cruise Promotion of the Year; and joint champions of the Cruise Month Promotion of the Year category, Hunter Travel Group and MTA Travel. See a full spread of the suited-and-booted winners below.



THE Clean Cruising team celebrate their win as Online Agency of the Year - Australasia.



JEFF Leckey and **Celeste** Ryall from House of Travel, winner of the Network Cruise Promotion of the Year - Australasia category with **Damian** Borg from Norwegian Cruise Line.



RYAN Taibel from Carnival Australia presents trophies to the joint winners of the Cruise Month Promotion of the Year, Australasia category, **Barry** Downs from Hunter Travel Group and **Rhona** Rodgers from MTA Travel.



CRUISE Weekly's **Bruce** Piper with his surprise Media Cruise Champion award, alongside Cruise Champion, **Robyn** Sinfield from Home Travel Company and CLIA Australasia MD **Joel** Katz.



THE Ladies of Uniworld!



KATHRYN Robertson from Carnival Australia presents the Cruise Consultant of the Year - New Zealand award to **Janine** Mallon from Zest4Travel.



ALICE Ager from Uniworld Boutique River Cruises presents Broker of the Year - New Zealand to **Sharon** O'Brien from Live Breathe Travel.



MARISE Barrett, Helloworld Strandon - winner of the Rising Star, New Zealand category with **Amy** Williams from sponsor, Cunard.

NICOLE Costantin from Explora presents the Cruise Champion award to **Robyn** Sinfield from Home Travel Company.



JOHN Willson from First Travel Group with **Lydia** Hatton from YOU Travel Bethlehem, winner of Cruise Agency of the Year (Small) New Zealand.



MEGAN Catterall from itravel receives the Mobile/Home-Based Agent of the Year - Australia award from Regent Seven Seas Cruises' **Elsa** McLean.



THE Cruise Consultant of the Year - Australia award was won by **Sheron** Konig from Travel Associates Rockhampton, pictured with **Anton** Loeb from sponsor Carnival Cruise Line.



THE Travel Associates team looking fabulous.



PORTHOLE

A SOUVENIR has cost a cruise ship traveller more than \$3,000 for breaching Australia's biosecurity laws.

One traveller's undeclared coconut from their Pacific cruise holiday cost them \$3,300, after they brought the fruit in from New Zealand.

The traveller was not just attempting to bring the coconut in through the Brisbane International Cruise Terminal; they were also carrying two live plants, seed pods, a betel nut, mustard sticks, shells, coral, and dried plant materials.

Reidy joins MSC

MSC Cruises has welcomed Business Development Manager Brenton Reidy.

Based in Adelaide, the new recruit will have responsibility for his home state, as well as Victoria, Tasmania, and Western Australia.

He will strengthen MSC's presence in these key markets, the cruise line said, and build on the work done by his fellow BDMs Bronwyn Knight and Shannon Morgan, who have been caretaking these states.

Reidy joins MSC with a wealth of cruise and travel industry knowledge, most recently working as a BDM for Stuba and G'day Parks, as well as Carnival Cruise Line.

Odell honoured at CLIAs

SAT'S Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Awards (see **page 1** and **2**) saw Steve Odell join the Hall of Fame.

In front of almost 500 guests at the 20th Cruise Industry Awards in Sydney, Odell, **pictured** with CLIA's local Managing Director Joel Katz, was announced as the 17th member of the Hall of Fame by the Association's local Chair and Norwegian Cruise Line Vice President & Managing Director APAC Ben Angell.

The former regional CLIA Chair was recognised by Angell for his leadership role in the industry for more than three decades.

"Steve has been a superb ambassador for the cruise industry and has held senior management roles for several cruise brands across the contemporary, premium and luxury cruise sectors," Angell said, as he inducted his former Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings (NCH) Colleague into the Hall of Fame.

"He has always championed the industry, and from the very start of his career has been highly respected by his peers, both in cruise and in the travel agent community."

"We're all incredibly grateful for generosity and leadership, and we know that he will continue



to be an important friend and mentor for so many of us."

Odell, who recently departed his role as head of Oceania Cruises & Regent Seven Seas Cruises, thanked a number of former colleagues, including fellow Hall of Famer Ted Blamey, and former colleagues Angell, Karen Christensen, Lisa Pile, and Jason Worth.

"Thank you again to everyone," Odell said.

"My heart has been in this industry for nearly 40 years, it continues to be a very important part of my life...I'll always be an ambassador."

Katz also paid tribute to Odell, as a dedicated ambassador for the Association and the wider Australian cruise community, both as a past Chair and Executive Committee Member.

"Steve has always been eager and available to share his knowledge and experience selflessly, for the good of the industry as a whole," Katz said.

"During a 20-year involvement in CLIA he has always been available to provide guidance and insight, and we are a stronger organisation for his contribution."

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	<i>Pacific Adventure</i>	13 Mar
MELBOURNE	<i>ms Noordam</i>	13 Mar
	<i>Queen Mary 2</i>	14 Mar
	<i>Europa</i>	14 Mar
PORT ADELAIDE	<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	13 Mar
	<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	13 Mar
PENNESHAW	<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	13 Mar
	<i>Seabourn Sojourn</i>	14 Mar
PORT LINCOLN	<i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>	14 Mar
BRISBANE	<i>Quantum of the Seas</i>	14 Mar
TOWNSVILLE	<i>Europa 2</i>	14 Mar
BROOME	<i>Coral Princess</i>	13 Mar
	<i>Coral Adventurer</i>	14 Mar
BURNIE	<i>Europa Noordam</i>	13 Mar
		14 Mar
HOBART	<i>Coral Expeditions</i>	14 Mar
PORT ARTHUR	<i>Coral Discoverer</i>	13 Mar
DARWIN	<i>Viking Orion</i>	14 Mar
CHRISTCHURCH	<i>Grand Princess</i>	13 Mar
WELLINGTON	<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	13 Mar
	<i>Grand Princess</i>	14 Mar
DUNEDIN	<i>Viking Mars</i>	13 Mar
FIORDLAND	<i>Ovation of the Seas</i>	14 Mar



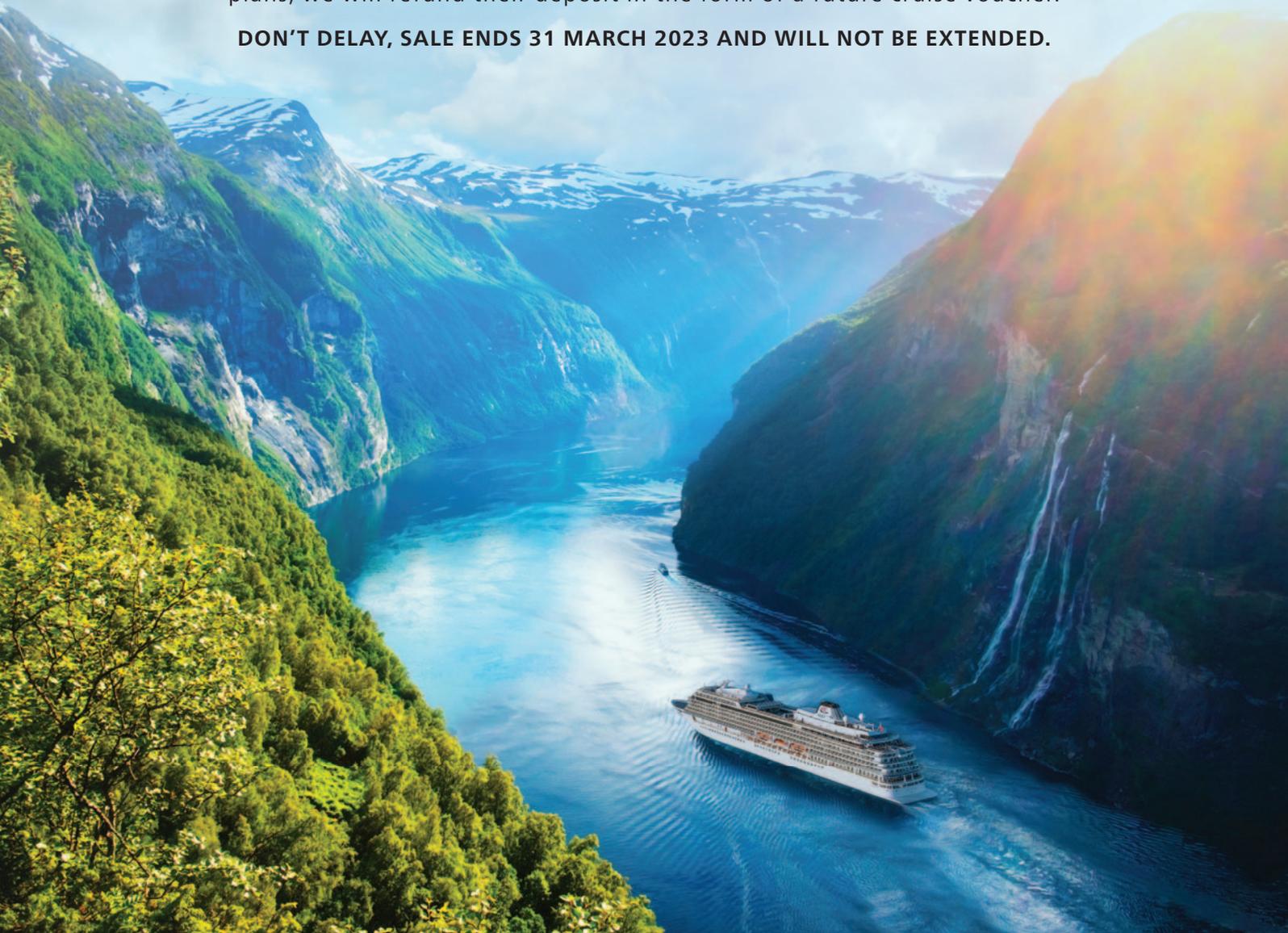
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