



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a full page from **Norwegian Cruise Line**.

See me after class

SEMESTER 3 of Norwegian Cruise Line's class of 2023 is in session, with a focus on "Destination Europe".

Students' first homework for the semester is to complete two "learn" assignments to score 200 points, and two "promote" assignments to score 300 points.

Those who complete both of the above assignments will score 500 Partners First Rewards points, and will go into the draw to win a free Europe cruise.

Assignments are due by the end of next month - see **p4**.

MSC shorepower is on an even Kiel

MSC Cruises' new **MSC Euribia** has been part of the formal inauguration of a new shorepower facility at the port of Kiel in northern Germany.

Euribia's maiden call last weekend provided the perfect occasion for a ceremony attended by port representatives, senior MSC Cruises executives, Kiel Lord Mayor Ulf Kampfer, and the regional Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein, Daniel Gunther (**pictured**).

The 6,300-passenger **Euribia** is equipped with a host of environmental technologies, including shorepower capability, which will be used at about 20 Kiel port calls during **Euribia's** 2024 summer season.

The Kiel shorepower facility is supported by an agreement signed by MSC earlier this year, which will see the connection supply electricity for **Euribia's**



hotel operations while in berth, significantly reducing emissions.

Euribia will also utilise shorepower at Hamburg calls across her current Northern Europe season.

MSC Cruises Vice President of Sustainability & ESG Linden Coppel said "the inauguration of shoreside power at Kiel's Ostuferhafen terminal is

another step forward on our decarbonisation journey".

Coppel said about 15 additional ports will be added to the list of destinations where MSC can access European electricity grids over the next couple of years.

Euribia will make her second call at Kiel later this week, again utilising the shore connection to minimise emissions in port. **BP**

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On location in
Hellesylt

Today's issue of CW is coming to you courtesy of MSC Cruises, as its brand-new *MSC Euribia* undertakes a northern European voyage.

SPECTACULAR autumn weather on the Norwegian coast has provided a delightful setting for a port call at the fjord village of Hellesylt today.

MSC Euribia is docked here, meaning easy access to shore excursions such as high-speed boat rides, glacier hikes and sightseeing in the famed nearby Geirangerfjord.

Many guests have also taken the opportunity to take a leisurely stroll around the town, which is neatly bisected by a picturesque waterfall.

Aurora rolls out the red carpet

AURORA Expeditions has announced its second and third Founders voyage, with Australian climber Greg Mortimer to lead two cruises as part of the line's Special Guest Program for its 2023/24 season.

Mortimer will lead the 23-day Antarctica Complete voyage on his namesake ship, departing round trip from Ushuaia on 27 Dec, as well as the 24-day Arctic Complete voyage, also aboard *Aurora's* flagship, travelling from Reykjavik to Longyearbyen in Jul.

Additional special guests for the upcoming season include Gina Chick (**pictured**), the recent winner of the first season of *Alone Australia*, who will join the 21-day Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctic Peninsula cruise, departing 13 Mar.

The rewilding facilitator spent 67 days solo in the Tasmanian wilderness, outlasting all other



competitors on the show.

She will be interviewed on board by radio announcer Richard Morecroft on the topic of connecting with wild environments.

Joining the '14-day Deep Weddell following Nordenskjold' cruise will be Saunders Carmichael-Brown, a member of the small media team aboard last year's *Endurance22*

Expedition that found the wreck of *Endurance*, the three-masted barquentine aboard which Ernest Shackleton sailed for the Antarctic on the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

Extra special guests across the season will include photographers Jeff & Kathryn Britnell, Peter Eastway, and Richard l'Anson, as well as entrepreneur Don Maruska. *MS*



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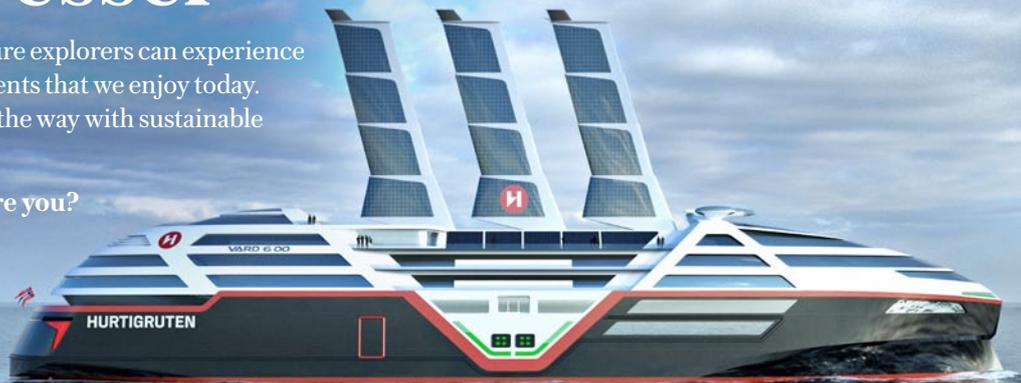
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 A Conversation with Michelle Mikan
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THOSE pesky dingoes on Queensland's K'gari, formerly known as Fraser Island, have taken their affronts to a new level after one was spotted raiding a boat anchored offshore from the World Heritage-listed site.

The incident was captured on video, which the visitors posted on social media (**pictured**), showing the cheeky canine making three trips to the boat while it was unoccupied.

The brave native dog stole a woman's handbag, along with chips, chocolate and other snacks - although in a subsequent post she confirmed she had successfully managed to retrieve the handbag.

It's the latest evidence of the K'gari dingo population becoming increasingly fearless, with the Queensland Department of Environment & Science reiterating tourist warning to never feed dingoes and ensure all food, rubbish and bait is secure - although you would think a vessel moored offshore would count as "secure"!



NTIA finalists named

THE Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA) has announced the finalists for its National Travel Industry Award (NTIA) voted categories, with Viking nominated in both cruise classes (**CW** breaking news yesterday).

More than 8,000 votes were cast across all categories, including the two cruise classes - Most Popular Ocean Cruise Operator and Most Popular River Cruise Operator.

Joining Viking as the finalists for the ocean category are Norwegian Cruise Line, Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean International, and Virgin Voyages.

Viking has also been nominated as one of Australia's Most Popular River Cruise Operators, alongside APT Travel Group, Avalon Waterways, Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours, and Uniworld Boutique River Cruises.

Winners of both categories, as well as the remaining general travel classes, will be announced at the Awards on 18 Nov at Crown Melbourne (**pictured**).

"Thank you to everyone who's nomination we received and to



those who engaged in the voting process," ATIA Chief Executive Officer Dean Long said.

"We've seen an incredible quality of submissions this year, and it's amazing to see how many people and businesses have voted to show their support to fellow travel professionals.

"We can't wait to see everyone down in Melbourne on 17 and 18 Nov, and coming together to celebrate our industry."

To view the list of NTIA voted award finalists, **CLICK HERE**. *MS*



AUSTRALIAN CRUISE ASSOCIATION
ACA UPDATE
 with Jill Abel - CEO

Full Steam Ahead

It seems appropriate to revisit the theme of our recent ACA Conference for today's column title as we look forward to the beginning of "wave season" and the CLIA Cruise Month.

After an incredibly busy winter period which saw our locally based ships delivering a range of wonderful itineraries, we are now starting to welcome back our international cruise lines in anticipation of a record-breaking 2023/24 season.

In addition to the regular line-up, we will see maiden voyages from *Disney Wonder*, *Resilient Lady*, *Celebrity Edge*, *Scenic Eclipse*, and *Seabourn Pursuit*.

That of course makes for a busy shoreside season as well with expenditure from guests and crew flowing into communities from day tours and pre and post cruise stays.

We are also seeing some wonderful partnerships bubble up connecting the cruise lines and land-based partners.

For the second year in a row, Celebrity Cruises will partner with Four Pillars Gin to offer a gin-focused sailing with gin tastings and food pairings.

Just this week, Royal Caribbean announced a collaboration with Ponting Wines - co-founded by none other than celebrated Australian cricketer Ricky Ponting.

During cruise season, guests will be able to enjoy a range of Ponting Wines onboard *Ovation*, *Quantum* and *Brilliance of the Seas*.

For some balance, we encourage you to sign up for Norwegian Cruise Line's fourth annual Walk for Wellness kicking off 01 Oct - more info **HERE**.



On Board: MSC Euribia

Delphi Theatre

There's an array of entertainment each evening aboard *MSC Euribia*, with several venues showcasing theatrical productions including the Delphi Theatre at the ship's stern.

Guests need to reserve spots for the popular shows, but attendance is free and bookings can be easily made either via the MSC for Me app, interactive screens on the ship or even via in-room TVs.



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