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Lets Talk Tourism Forum WA

THE Mandurah and Peel Tourism Organisation is inviting buyers and PCOs to the next 'Let's Talk Tourism Forum' which will take a look at how events are drivers of regional tourism.

Guest speakers from the City of Mandurah will educate attendees on events already secured for 2017 and 2018 and how these can be leveraged to drive visitation to the region.

Places are limited, with those interested to RSVP before tomorrow.

Register your interest by **CLICKING HERE**.

ICESAP AWARDS FINALISTS

THE industry's top incentive, conference and events practitioners will be recognised



at the forthcoming Incentive, Conference & Event Society APA Awards for Excellence in Singapore.

ICESAP president Nigel Gaunt said, "the Gala Evening and Awards for Excellence is a who's who of the regional ICE community...and acknowledge the successes of our best practitioners".

He added the awards were also a "great opportunity for the ICE sector to be recognised for their dedication to excellence

and efforts to raise the creative bar".

This year's finalists are spread across seven

different categories: Best Brand Activation Event of the Year, Best Live Event of the Year, Best Incentive Travel Programme of the Year, Best Use of Budget, Best Conference of the Year, Best Use of Technology and Logistical Challenge of the Year.

Finalists include Uniplan, MCI Hong Kong, OneNineFive, TCEB, cievents, Pacific World Meetings & Events Singapore.

Further details on the ICESAP awards for excellence can be found **HERE**.

BEN ON BEN



Each month Business Manager for inPlace Recruitment, **Ben Carnegie**, writes his observations from the recruiter's perspective to help job hunters find the perfect job. Ben has over 15 years working in five-star hotels and the MICE industry and has worked on some of Australia's biggest events.

Your Christmas networking checklist

MELBOURNE Cup to many signifies the start to the Christmas season. To others, it is the kick off for prime networking season! Networking at this time of year is different from earlier events as the majority of people are more relaxed due to the social nature of events. Tips: Before the event, know what the event is for and where it is, know who the organisers are and have a stack of business cards. Once at the event, don't set a target for how many cards you need to get, rather spend quality time building a relationship. Don't look around the room wondering who could be better to talk to and don't try to sell to or close deals. Keep moving to maximise time and always follow up post event. This is still work so represent yourself and company with integrity. Follow these tips and see how 2017 improves for you.

Gold Coast to shine in NZ



A RECORD number of local partners will cross the Tasman this week with Gold Coast Business events (GCBE) to attend the Pacific Area Incentive & Conference Exhibition (PAICE) in Auckland, New Zealand.

GCBE manager Shannon Thwaites (**pictured**) said the delegation of 12 was "looking forward to updating key

buyers in New Zealand with the very latest on offer in a city renowned as an energetic and exciting destination".

"PAICE is one of the best forums to share information about the latest Gold Coast business events offerings with our New Zealand meeting planners," she said.

"Our city is absolutely buzzing right now and the significant new investment and infrastructure already in place to host the GC2018 Commonwealth Games will see the Gold Coast go from strength to strength as the destination of choice to host meetings from New Zealand."

Local partners joining GCBE include Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise, Dreamweaver Creative, iFLY Indoor Skydiving.

Further details on PAICE can be viewed **HERE**.



PARTNERS and clients of the Cairns Convention Centre were recently delivered a priceless gift from the venue in celebration of its 20th year in operation: a piece of the venue's roof.

The remnants of the centre's roof, which was recently refurbished, were fashioned into sculptures by Aboriginal Steel Art, a local indigenous business.

The CCC said the gift was a "piece of history" and was meant as a "thank you to the many partners and clients who have been integral to the Cairns Convention Centre's 20 successful years."

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