



Events Calendar

WELCOME to the **BEN** events calendar.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@businesseventsnews.com.au

30 APR - 2 MAY

MEA Conference; International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC); for more info see: www.meetingsevents.com.au

14 - 18 MAY

ATE 2017; International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC); details at: www.tradeevents.australia.com

24-25 MAY

This is Gold Coast PCO Famil; Gold Coast; for more info visit: www.visitgoldcoast.com

25 - 27 MAY

This is Gold Coast Business Exchange; Gold Coast; apply here: www.visitgoldcoast.com

31 MAY - 1 JUN

CINZ Meetings 2017; ASB Showgrounds, Auckland NZ; for more info visit: www.meetings.co.nz

20 - 21 JUL

The Travel Industry Exhibition & Conference; Luna Park Sydney; register here: travelindustryexpo.com.au

25 - 26 JUL

The Travel Industry Exhibition & Conference; MCEC Melbourne; register here: travelindustryexpo.com.au

28 JUL

Get Global – Where the World Meets; International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC); read more: www.getglobal.com.au

Brisbane Airport events venue



PULLMAN and **ibis** Brisbane Airport hotels are on track to open in Oct, along with an adjoining 300-seat pillarless ballroom (**BEN** 27 Aug 15).

The project will feature 1,735m² of conference, meeting and event space and will be capable of hosting up to 600 delegates.

Facilities include eight conference and meeting rooms, boardrooms and a business centre, within walking distance of the domestic terminal.

Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said as recently as three

years ago the city had been forced to forgo 120,000 visitors due to a lack of accommodation.

“However, hotels such as the Pullman Brisbane Airport and ibis Brisbane Airport hotels will help address this shortage and allow the city to attract world-class events,” Quirk said.

The development will be owned by Anthony and Scott Flynn’s Flynn Property Group, the owner of the Novotel Brisbane Airport.

The Pullman and ibis hotels, **pictured**, will begin accepting bookings from next month.

Geelong shows mysterious side

BUSINESS Events Geelong (BEG) last month treated more than 80 guests to an inaugural Mystery Dinner.

Hosted at Clyde Park Vineyard in Bannockburn, the themed evening highlighted some of the region’s top event suppliers.

“We wanted to create excitement around the event and keep our guests guessing,” said BEG’s Mark Day.

“The evening was designed to break down perceptions that the region is remote because in reality, it’s under an hour’s drive from Melbourne CBD,” he said.

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.

The importance of mentoring

I CANNOT stress to you how much benefit there is having a mentor external to your place of employment. I will be graduating from the TIME program (Travel Industry Mentor Experience) this month. Not the first of these programs I have done either. Having a mentor gives you accountability to someone outside your manager but not just for your job, but for your life! I’ve found that having someone to challenge your way of thinking both personally & professionally helps you to achieve more out of each and every day. Mentors help you discover for yourself what you think is important to you and guide you on how to get there. Not doing the work for you but bringing the best of you to the surface. Whether a formalised program such as TIME or just someone you meet with regularly for career advice, it’s all good. A big thank you to SKAL Sydney North for the ‘Skalarship’ too!

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