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### 14 - 18 MAY

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

### 24-25 MAY

This is Gold Coast PCO Famil; Gold Coast; for more info visit: [www.visitgoldcoast.com](http://www.visitgoldcoast.com)

### 25 - 27 MAY

This is Gold Coast Business Exchange; Gold Coast; apply here: [www.visitgoldcoast.com](http://www.visitgoldcoast.com)

### 31 MAY - 1 JUN

CINZ Meetings 2017; ASB Showgrounds, Auckland NZ; for more info visit: [www.meetings.co.nz](http://www.meetings.co.nz)

### 20 - 21 JUL

The Travel Industry Exhibition & Conference; Luna Park Sydney; register here: [travelindustryexpo.com.au](http://travelindustryexpo.com.au)

### 25 - 26 JUL

The Travel Industry Exhibition & Conference; MCEC Melbourne; register here: [travelindustryexpo.com.au](http://travelindustryexpo.com.au)

### 28 JUL

Get Global - Where the World Meets; International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC); read more: [www.getglobal.com.au](http://www.getglobal.com.au)

### 17 - 20 SEP

Luxperience; Carriageworks, Sydney; registration now open: [www.luxperience.com.au](http://www.luxperience.com.au)

## Peter Sugg retires from PCOA exec

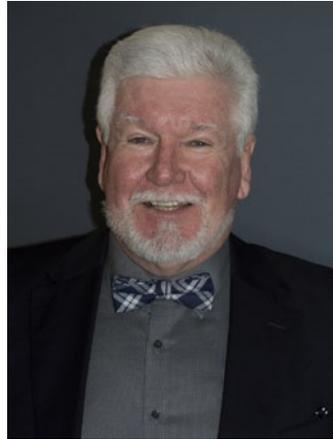
**PETER** Sugg, who co-founded the Professional Conference Organisers Association (PCOA) in 2016 is retiring from the executive.

Sugg will be spending more time in his own Conference Management Business, which launched in 1990.

PCOA president Barry Neame said Sugg could retire knowing his vision for creating an industry body had been realised with a thriving and dynamic association.

The outgoing Sugg said, "I'm proud of what the Association has achieved and the way cost-effective services have been set up and delivered for members".

Sugg, **pictured**, said he was proud the PCOA had developed an education and communication model that took advantage of emerging technologies such as social media, in which it had launched a weekly blog and webinars.



## Kerry Hotel, HK opens its doors



**KERRY** Hotel has opened its doors in Hong Kong, with impressive events facilities including a 1,756m<sup>2</sup> Grand Ballroom that can accommodate over 1,000 guests.

The venue is equipped with Hong Kong's largest LED wall measuring 15.4m by 4.3m.

There is also a second venue, the Hung Hom Ballroom, measuring 1,125m<sup>2</sup>.

Kerry Hotel has 546 rooms, 60% of which overlook Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong skyline.

It is Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts' fourth hotel in the city.

## 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.

## Market update

**FIRST** week of May and the job market is looking better than it has in years. After many years across both events & travel industries, many companies are emerging from times of consolidation and growing their teams. Gone are the times of resignations taking place without companies seeking to fill the gap created. We have seen quite a bit of this in recent years however with business flowing in and a fatigued workforce, staffing levels are increasing across the board to cope with the increased demand. We have also seen the candidates searching for roles on the increase as well so overall the market is looking very buoyant. In fact it is the first time I have seen such a broad range of roles at all levels of seniority too. From front line right through to senior executive positions, it's all out there right now! From both job seekers and employers, it's looking like 2017 is the year for change.

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