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**Dear Industry Friends & Colleagues,**

A new 6-part National Geographic Adventure series featuring the adventures of Best Job in the World Island Caretaker Ben Southall goes on air from 18th May 2010 across South-east Asia ! In Malaysia it is being feature in Astro Channel 553.

To help promote Ben's new TV series on the National Geographic Adventure channel, Tourism Queensland have partnered with Hamilton Island to provide a prize giveaway. The holiday prize will be promoted through 3 x TV Commercial spots daily on the Nat Geo Adventure channel and through a microsite. See link below:  
<http://natgeoadventuretv.com.au/au/CustomSections/1/1.aspx?Id=365>

This consumer promotion will run the length of the series (which finishes at the end of June 2010) and will be applicable to viewers in South-east Asia and Australia. The consumer prize consists of 7 nights accommodation in a Yacht Club Villa including electric buggy plus 2 x adult economy return flights from Brisbane to Hamilton Island.

Warm regards  
 Tourism Queensland team

**Accommodation**



**Novotel Brisbane Airport Hotel**

[www.novotel.com](http://www.novotel.com)

Brisbane's 1st dedicated airport hotel opened in December 2009. The 157-room Novotel Brisbane Airport Hotel is located just 2km from Brisbane International Airport, in the Airport Village precinct which also houses the DFO shopping complex, restaurants, supermarket and other retail outlets. 16 sharing their parents' room

**Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residences**

<http://surfersparadiseresidences.com>

The A\$700 million Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residences is already making its mark on the iconic Gold Coast skyline. When completed, there will be 2 Towers: the 57-storey Orchid Tower (comprising 170 luxury Hotel suites & residential) and the 32-storey Boulevard Tower (comprising 340 premier apartments). Boulevard Tower is due for completion in late 2010. Orchid Tower is due for completion in late 2011.



**Attractions**



**2010 Whale Watching season starts soon (Jun-Nov)**

Journey into the world of whales and experience an exciting encounter with one of the world's largest marine mammals aboard one of the many cruises available from the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Hervey Bay or Fraser Island.

In Brisbane and the Gold Coast, whale-watch cruises starts earlier – in June. Popular cruises include : Seaworld Whale Watch Cruise, Gold Coast Whale-Watch (operated by Tallship) and Tangalooma's Whale-Watch Cruise.

**New Platypus Exhibit, Lone Pine Sanctuary**

Barak, the first platypus to be bred in captivity in 55 years has arrived at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in the city of Brisbane. This unique bird-laying mammal is now ready to show off his wonderful new A\$1 million home by splashing, grooming, hunting yabbies and hanging out with his new keepers in his 24,000 litre tank. visit: [www.koala.net](http://www.koala.net)



**Currumbin Wildlife new Segway Safari**

Glide silently through the lush surroundings of Currumbin Sanctuary with a new Segway Safari Tour. The new fully guided eco Segway Safari Tours offer up to 8 guests the chance to experience the sanctuary's extensive Forest Walk and wildlife displays. Participants must be over 14 years or over and bookings are essential.

Also, relatively new is the "Green Challenge", a nature-based adventure experience covering over 65 challenges, in four separate courses. Abseiling, Tree-top walking, tarzan swing etc. It's ideal for both Educational and Incentives Groups! visit: [www.ews.org.au](http://www.ews.org.au)

**Tamborine Adventure Pass**

Tamborine Mountain Tours, operators of the popular Trolley Tours at Tamborine Mountain in the Gold Coast Hinterland, have launched a new Tamborine Adventure Pass. It is a 4-hour tour which explores the big 3 attractions on the mountain – Thunderbird Park, the Glow Worm Caves and the Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk.

[www.tamborinemountaintours.com](http://www.tamborinemountaintours.com)

**News for Golf lovers in Whitsunday island**

A new golf course located on neighbouring Dent Island designed by Australian golf champion Peter Thomson. Only Championship island golf course in Australia ! 5 minutes boat ride from Hamilton Island. 6,120m, par 71 course with unparalleled views of the Whitsunday islands from all 18 holes. For more information, visit: [www.hamiltonislandgolfclub.com.au](http://www.hamiltonislandgolfclub.com.au)

**Events**

**Gold Coast Airport Marathon, 3-4 July 2010**

Awarded the 2009 Queensland Tourism Award for Best Major Event, the Gold Coast Airport Marathon is recognised worldwide for its fast, flat and scenic course. There is an event for all ages and fitness levels including the 42.2km marathon, 21.2km half marathon, 10km run, 5km run/walk and junior dash races for the kids over 2.25km and 4km.  
[www.goldcoastmarathon.com.au](http://www.goldcoastmarathon.com.au)



**Trade News**



**Bumi agent familiarisation**

A group 9 travel agents participated in the recent Familiarisation Tour to Brisbane and Gold Coast for a week in the bid to promote the region as an ideal destination for muslim travellers.

Malaysia is an important international source market for Queensland, with 41,000 Malaysian visitors coming to Queensland in 2009.

The key objective of this famil is to showcase the effort of the operators and local tourism council by providing the basic necessity in supporting the muslim market into this region such as prayers rooms, halal restaurant & halal meat.

Some of the attraction that has started offering such facilities are (namely a few) Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Movie World, Dreamworld, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, Harbour Town.

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