



## Cruise Down Under announces inspiring line up of speakers for the 2015 Conference

### Registrations Now Open

The 2015 Cruise Down Under Conference titled “Uniting Australia’s Cruise Future” will be held from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September at the Hilton Darwin, Northern Territory, and cements its position as the key cruise industry event in Australia.

A record five keynote speakers have been announced for the conference; **Claudius Docekal**, Director, Deployment, Destinations & Charter Sales, Azamara Club Cruises, **Rich Pruitt**, Vice President, Safety and Environmental Stewardship, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., **Darius Mehta**, Director Land Programs, Silversea, **Michael Hackman**, Executive Vice President, Marine Operations & New Ship Building, Star Cruises and **Sture Myrmell**, Senior Vice President, P&O Cruises Australia, Carnival Australia will join a number of local experts in both plenary and workshop sessions over 2 ½ days. The program will explore a range of topics including:-

- State of the Industry, Emerging Markets (including China) and Passenger Mix
- The Destination, Itineraries and Land Programs
- Ports and the Environmental Footprint of Cruise
- Logistics, Supplies and Provisions

The conference, sponsored by Tourism NT, Darwin Port Corporation and Tourism Top End, is shaping up to be one of the strongest programs delivered to date and introduces discussion on broader topics such as environmental, logistics and supply impacts of the burgeoning industry.

This key industry conference will offer you the opportunity to further your knowledge of the industry, meet key cruise line executives and decision makers and provide a first-hand understanding of this continuously expanding and highly competitive market.

An introduction to cruise workshop has been included in the program on the Wednesday afternoon to assist with bringing new businesses up to speed on the industry prior to the plenary sessions on the Thursday.

The conference is the major cruise industry event in Australia and should not be missed. Registrations are open to both members and non-members of CDU. Early bird rates apply until 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

The conference program and online registration is available on the CDU website – <http://www.cruisedownunder.com/conferences>

**Further Details –**

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