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Strong Speakers booked for TravelManagers Conference

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With less than a month till TravelManagers' national conference, they announced today a strong line up of external speakers for the event that will be held in November.

TravelManagers' executive general manager Mandy Scotney, says they are thrilled with who they have secured.

"The depth of experience and expertise of the external speakers is particularly pleasing. This was a crucial element for us when looking for presenters, as our own personal travel managers have an average of 15 years in the industry."

Ms. Scotney says Robyn Henderson who will present on 'Securing your future through networking' is a prime example of the calibre of speaker involved.

"Robyn is an internationally recognised, award winning networking specialist. She has authored and contributed to over 25 books, including 10 on networking and building your business. To be exposed to this sort of information will be incredibly valuable for our personal travel managers."

Sponsor Kerrie Fussell, general manager for Cover-More Travel Insurance says confirmation of the presenters has sweetened their involvement in the conference.

"What struck me when I saw who was presenting was that TravelManagers who think like business people, will be very happy with the selection of the presenters and the content of the presentations. The topics are spot on and significantly important for the personal travel managers who I think will get a lot out of these presentations. I am a believer in the personal travel manager concept and see it as a successful model for the future."

DriveAway Holidays chief executive sales and marketing, Chris Hamill agreed.

"When I look at the success of home-based model around the world but particularly in North America it is growing exponentially. It is particularly exciting for DriveAway Holidays to be connected with TravelManagers as we see them as an incredibly appropriate partnership for self-drive car hire whether its Europe, North America, New Zealand or South Africa."

Mr. Hamill believes the type of client the TravelManagers concept attracts is superior in its outlook on travel which in turn leads to self drive options. Greg McCallum, the national sales manager for Rail Plus conferred and added that strong technology solutions were a must for this type of client.

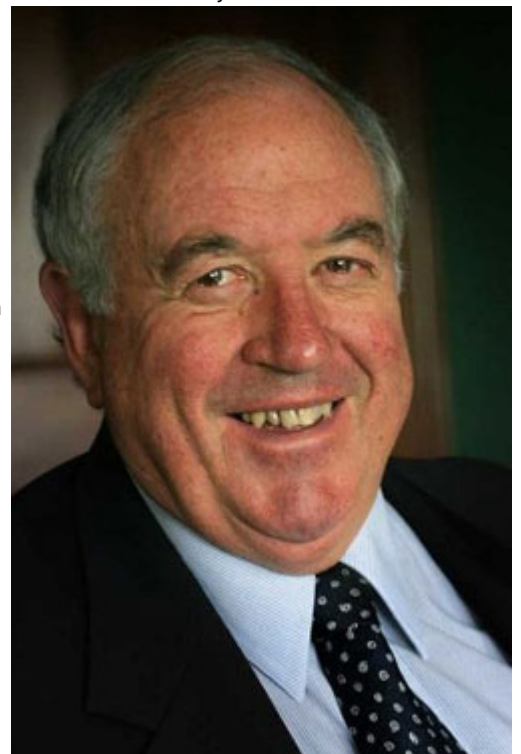
"They want answers and they want them fast, that's why they love the TravelManagers personal home-based approach. They love the fact they have their own 'personal' travel manager and they don't mind paying. However they do expect top service and efficiencies once they have decided what they want. TravelManagers is an innovative leader in this increasingly important niche which is one of the key reasons we were keen to support their conference."

Ms. Scotney says technology plays a massive part in TravelManagers' proposition to its clients.

"Our technology is state-of-the-art and ensures smooth processes for our personal travel manager which adds to the great proposition they already provide their clients. We never stand still and at conference we will have an update on our technology development from Niall White who is from TravelManagers' sister company based in New Zealand."



Robyn Henderson



John Anderson

Ms. Scotney says in addition to motivational speaker John Anderson who founded Contiki, sold it to The Travel Corporation and is about to release a book called, 'Only Two seats Left' they have a session called 'TravelManagers stories'.

"This session involves four of our personal travel managers who will share their reasons for becoming a personal travel manager, the secrets of their success and their future ambitions. In addition to sharing tips and advice, particularly valuable for our new recruits, I've no doubt it will also be inspirational for all our personal travel managers."

The four involved are James Hermiston (Queensland), Kathy Purves (Western Australia), Michelle Michael Pecora (New South Wales) and Ric Pattaro (New South Wales).

The conference will be held at The Marriott Resort & Spa in Surfers Paradise, commencing at midday on 13 November, culminating with a gala dinner on the evening of 14 November.

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