



Member Newsletter

February 2006

NTA EVENTS – 2006 DIARY UPDATE

Australian Tourism Awards – Friday, 24 February 2006

The industry's 'night of nights' is being held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. NTA members should contact us if they wish to take a table of 10. It will be a spectacular night and tickets are selling fast!! Go to our web site (www.tourismalliance.org) or click [here](#) for details and tickets...

NTA Post-Budget Industry Forum – Wednesday, 10 May 2006

What will the Federal Budget mean for the tourism and hospitality industry? NTA has engaged Canberra's most respected analyst, Chris Murphy, Econtech, to review the 2006/07 Budget on behalf of the industry and present his findings to an exclusive industry presentation in Canberra on 10 May (the day after the Budget is handed down by the Federal Treasurer). More details to follow.

NTA Industry Forum and Annual Dinner – Wednesday, 14 June 2006

The highlight of the industry calendar is the NTA's Annual Dinner in Canberra, which will be held this year in the Great Hall at Parliament House on the evening of 14 June. In addition, the NTA will host an Industry Forum during the afternoon on the Tourism White Paper (TWP), showing what it has (or hasn't) delivered for our industry. With funding for the TWP expiring in June 2007, we need to start developing strategies to ensure ongoing government support for our industry for 2007 and beyond. More details to follow. All NTA members are encouraged to attend to make our voice heard in Canberra.

UHRIG REVIEW OF TOURISM AUSTRALIA

In November 2002, the Prime Minister commissioned John Uhrig AO to review the corporate governance of statutory authorities. The review recommended that all authorities be assessed and reconstituted with one of two governance templates – an independent board structure, or executive management structure within a government department.

Due to the fundamental role Tourism Australia (TA) plays in the implementation of the Tourism White Paper, on 30 January, the NTA forwarded its response to the Uhrig Review of TA, proposing that:

- Tourism Australia, as a result of its activities and industry engagement, it is best governed by a Board.
- TA should remain legally and financially at arm's length from the Commonwealth.
- TA needs to have clear and transparent lines of accountability, with a clearly defined role and clearly articulated and publicly available objectives and strategies.
- Communication and involvement with the industry will engender commitment from the industry, which will be paramount if TA is to continue to enhance its role in tourism industry development.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

NTA Members' Meetings

- **Thursday, 6 April 2006**
- **Thursday, 10 August 2006**
- **Thursday, 7 December 2006**
(with AGM to follow)

NTA CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

As the NTA grows in size and influence, the importance of good corporate governance can not be underestimated. This is not just a matter of following the statutory rules set down for associations, but making the NTA a transparent and member-driven organization.

The NTA Board initiated a process of constitutional review last November and is now developing a revised constitution for the NTA which will be put to the members at the next Members' Meeting in April.

Copies of the draft constitution will be presented with the notice of that meeting, but any member wishing a copy after the Board has finalized the draft can email me on... gary.donnison@tourismalliance.org

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