



Member Newsletter

Oct 2005

WORKPLACE RELATIONS REFORMS

On 9 October, the Prime Minister announced sweeping changes to the industrial relations system in Australia. In August, the NTA issued a Media Release reaffirming the tourism industry's support for a continuing review of work practices that will deliver greater flexibility and grow productivity for both employees and employers in the industry. The Government's proposals have largely met this request, but we are continuing to press for more details to assess the impact on our industry. Minister Andrews has been invited to address the Members' Meeting in November, but we have not yet received confirmation.

[PM's Press Release](#)

[Press Conference Transcript](#)

STATE OF THE INDUSTRY REPORT RELEASED

The Sustainable Tourism CRC has released its State of the Tourism Industry Report, which has been the subject of media comment about the issue of yield.

[More details here...](#)

INDUSTRY RESPONDS TO PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

The Australian Government has released a Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza and offered consultation with the industry to suggest improvements.

The NTA is now part of the consultative panel with the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Tourism & Resources and the Department of Health & Ageing.

More details of the report by the Department of Health and Ageing on the Australian Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza [here...](#)

NTA WELCOMES HOSTPLUS

The tourism and hospitality industry's leading superannuation fund, HostPlus, has joined the NTA as a Corporate Sponsor. The Chief Executive Officer is David Elia, who has been with HostPlus since 1999 and has built HostPlus into one of the leading financial performers in the Australian superannuation industry.

[HostPlus details here...](#)

Other News

[Partnership between TA and Singapore Airlines](#)

[Minister's Japanese Action Plan](#)

[WorkChoices website](#)

EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (EMDG) SCHEME REVIEW

The Minister for Trade has release his review of the EMDG scheme, recommending it continue for another 5 years. He has requested feedback from industry ([see here...](#)). The NTA believes that the scheme could be more valuable to the tourism industry, particularly for the business events sector ([see here...](#)).

Important Dates

NTA Board meeting - 13 October

White Paper IIAG Meeting - 11 Nov

NTA Members Meeting & AGM - 23 Nov

NTA GAINS STEWARDSHIP OF THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISM AWARDS

The premier national industry awards for excellence—the Australian Tourism Awards—are back in the hands of the industry.

For the last few years, the state and federal government tourism departments (ASCOT) have taken responsibility for running the ATAs, in the absence of a viable peak national industry body. NTA and ASCOT have now agreed on the terms of the handover and will work closely together to make the 2006 Awards a spectacular success.

The ATAs will be held on the Gold Coast on **Friday, 24 February 2006.**

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