

MYSTERY PERSON



Who's the mystery person?

We have a new mystery to solve and we are hoping our readers can help once again.

We recognise Becky Johnson of the State of Utah Office of Tourism. She was the host of a lunch earlier this week so we'd have to be pretty dim not to know that, and we're also pretty sure the woman in the middle is Fiona Love, Adventure World. But who is the mystery man on the right? If you know then email the answer to competitions@promag.co.nz with Mystery Man in the subject line.

And congratulations to Sammantha Milligan, senior travel consultant at helloworld Warkworth for correctly identifying last week's mystery man as Allen Bell, of Global Travel Network (GTN). A lot of people got that one right but only one name can be drawn out of the hat – a bottle of wine is on the way.

Orbit hopes for repeat – and other success



Niall White

Orbit World Travel is hoping for success at the TAANZ National Travel Industry Awards, announced on 10 September, but the bigger emphasis is recognition from Orbit's clients and suppliers.

Niall White, Orbit World Travel's group strategy and corporate director, says winning the awards would reflect the team's focus on offering tailored, personalised service and an understanding of what the customer requires. 'It's really a recognition of that ethos.

'At the end of the day, our clients come to Orbit because they are looking for us to make a difference to their business travel needs – be that for airfare savings, leading technologies, duty of care solutions, or just for greater savings from how staff travel. That is why these awards are more than just an award – they are acknowledgement for our clients and suppliers.'

Orbit has a strong showing in the awards. The company's Wellington operation won the single location category last year (and is a finalist again) and Orbit has three other finalists in the mix as well – including best multi-location.

Megan Sewell, from Wellington, is in the running for best travel agency manager and Paul Johnson, Hamilton, has a shot at best corporate consultant.

PATA competition seeks young travel entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurship, travel and teamwork merge in a new competition designed to encourage millennials to build their own local tour businesses.

The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), in partnership with Triip.me and with the support of Gobi Partners, FWD Hong Kong and the Seychelles Tourism Board, is launching the Global Travel Entrepreneur Challenge 2016 (GTEC 2016) to nurture entrepreneurship and to celebrate local experiences while travelling.

The challenge is a competition for millennials and young professionals, including New Zealanders, who have an interest in building and operating their own successful travel startup. Young entrepreneurs and students

between the ages of 18 and 35 are encouraged to join GTEC 2016 from now to November 15.

Participants will form teams of one to five members and create travel tours on Triip.me's global travel platform. They run that business at every stage from marketing and promotions to optimisation and operations. Winners will submit a business report to compete for the final prizes.

The Grand Prize winner wins a trip of a lifetime to the Seychelles, including free round trip flight and two nights accommodation to attend the Seychelles Ocean Festival (3 to 10 December), where they will receive their award.

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PEARL'S PEARLER

This girl said she met me at the Vegetarian Club, but I had never met herbivore.

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