

WHAT'S NEW IN AUSTRALIA?

Australia is experiencing an unprecedented wave of hotel and venue openings providing an incredible range of options for business events.

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BUSINESS EVENTS
AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY

- > The 152 room Crowne Plaza Sydney Darling Harbour (pictured below) will open in early 2020. Located a short walk from Darling Harbour and the ICC Sydney, the hotel will feature restaurants, a pool and 300 sqm/3,230 sq. ft of event space. ihg.com/crowneplaza



- > Capella Sydney is a 274 room hotel scheduled to open in 2021. Located on Bridge Street near Circular Quay, the hotel will feature a restaurant and bar, rooftop lounge, spa and fitness centre and event space. capellahotels.com/en/capella-sydney

MELBOURNE

- > The 263 room Ritz Carlton Melbourne is due to open in July 2021. The five-star property, located near Marvel Stadium and other key attractions, will feature restaurants and bars, a day spa, an outdoor garden terrace, and event spaces including a grand ballroom that can accommodate 500 guests seated. ritzcarlton.com
- > Marriott International is re-launching its Le Meridien Hotel brand in Australia in April 2022. Located in Melbourne the property will feature 230 rooms, 90-seat restaurant, heated swimming pool, fitness centre, a 210 sqm/2,260 sq. ft event space and three breakout rooms. le-meridien.marriott.com
- > Melbourne & Olympic Parks, home of the Australian Open, will open a new function and media centre, CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park, in 2023. The centre will feature a 2,000 sqm/21,527 sq. ft pillarless ballroom and 800 sqm/8,611 sq. ft pre-function space. It will also include a 250-seat auditorium, 15 breakout rooms and outdoor terraces with uninterrupted views of the Melbourne city skyline. mopt.com.au

GOLD COAST

- > The Jewel is a AUD 1 billion complex that will feature a five-star hotel, bars, dining options and conference facilities. Scheduled to open in 2020, the complex will also include a 700 sqm/7,534 sq. ft ballroom, which will cater for up to 800 guests for a cocktail style event, and a 633 sqm/6,813 sq. ft business centre with five meeting rooms. jewelgc.com
- > The Star Gold Coast will welcome a 316 room hotel, the Dorsett, in late 2022. In addition to this, The Star will begin construction of a new tower in 2020 that will be positioned south of the Dorsett and will house a five-star hotel, lagoon pools, a nightlife venue and additional restaurants and bars. star.com.au/goldcoast

BRISBANE

- > Emporium Hotel Southpoint at South Bank, the Emporium Hotel Group's new five-star 143 room hotel, opened in July 2018 and features a rooftop bar and event space. The property is located in the city's cultural district, with views of Southbank and the Brisbane River. emporiumhotels.com.au/south-bank
- > The Westin Brisbane, a luxury 299 room hotel that opened in November 2018, features a pool deck (available for events) with Brisbane's only swim-up bar. The property also has a two-floor wellness centre and five versatile event spaces that can accommodate up to 500 guests for a cocktail style event. marriott.com.au
- > The Calile Hotel, located on Brisbane's James Street, offers 175 rooms and event spaces for up to 500 guests. Facilities at the self-described 'urban resort' include two private event spaces that can be divided into four smaller rooms, a poolside restaurant and bar and a rooftop terrace. thecalilehotel.com
- > Following an AUD 110 million restoration, completed in 2019, Howard Smith Wharves offers a flexible site along the riverfront of Brisbane, with various event venues, catering options and an onsite hotel. The entire fully licenced site can be booked for larger events up to 2,500 guests for a cocktail style event. howardsmithwharves.com
- > Also at Howard Smith Wharves, Art Series Hotels (a part of AccorHotels) opened in March 2019 The Fantauzzo, an AUD 100 million development with 166 rooms split over six floors. The hotel includes four food and beverage outlets, a rooftop pool and three event spaces. artserieshotels.com



W HOTELS

- > The W Hotel will open in Sydney (pictured above) in early 2021. Featuring 593 rooms, suites and serviced apartments, the hotel will face Darling Harbour and have 925 sqm/9,956 sq. ft of event space including a grand ballroom. w-hotels.marriott.com
- > The W Hotel is due to open in Melbourne in June 2020. The property will feature 294 rooms, including 40 standard suites and one 'Extreme Wow Suite'. In addition, it will include a bar and restaurant, day spa, fitness centre and an indoor heated swimming pool and 851 sqm/9,160 sq. ft of event space. w-hotels.marriott.com
- > The AUD 800 million W Hotel Brisbane, which opened in 2018, is a 312 room six-star hotel located in the heart of the city that offers more than 960 sqm/10,000 sq. ft of event space. w-hotels.marriott.com

HOBART

- > The Crowne Plaza is set to open in Hobart's city centre in March 2020. The 235 room hotel will feature a range of event spaces including a ballroom as well as a restaurant, bar and fitness centre. ihg.com/crowneplaza
- > Expected to open in September 2020, The Tasman, Marriott International Luxury Collection, Hobart will be the first Luxury Collection hotel to open in Australia. The hotel will feature 128 rooms and suites with carefully restored features and Georgian and Art-Deco design elements throughout. marriott.com.au

CAIRNS

- > The first of three new five-star resorts in Cairns, Riley by the Crystalbrook Collection, opened in November 2018. Built around a 1,000 sqm/10,700 sq. ft lagoon style swimming pool, Riley offers 311 rooms and suites and the city's highest rooftop bar and restaurant. Crystalbrook Collection will also open the Bailey (220 rooms) in October 2019 and Flynn (311 rooms) in 2020. crystalbrookcollection.com
- > The AUD 100 million Cairns Aquarium houses 15,000 animals from ten ecosystems in Tropical North Queensland. The aquarium features five unique spaces, with a total event capacity of 300 guests, each with their own highly themed habitats, animals and visual backdrops. cairnsaquarium.com.au
- > The first dedicated events venue on the Great Barrier Reef, Sunlover Funlover, is a new pontoon situated 90 minutes from Cairns, with its own catamaran service and event services on site. The venue accommodates up to 300 guests. sunloverfunlover.com.au

THE WHITSUNDAYS

- > Daydream Island Resort in the Whitsundays, which reopened in 2019 following a significant refurbishment, offers exclusive buy out options, 277 rooms and can cater for up to 300 guests for events. Over 20 activities are available every day, as are experiences including beach dinners, rainforest walks and Great Barrier Reef cruises and scenic flights. daydreamisland.com
- > The InterContinental Hayman Island Resort (pictured below) reopened in 2019 following a significant refurbishment. The resort offers 166 rooms and villas; a wellness centre; activities centred on the Great Barrier Reef; five restaurants, an Entertainment Centre with capacity for 300 guests; and outdoor spaces for events from 10 to 330 guests. intercontinental.com/haymanisland



- > Hamilton Island Conference Centre unveiled its upgraded facilities in 2018 including new audio-visual fibre optic cabling, following its multimillion-dollar refurbishment. The largest event space in the Whitsundays, the refreshed space can host up to 700 guests. hamiltonisland.com.au

PERTH

- > The Ritz-Carlton Perth at Elizabeth Quay (pictured below), due to open November 2019, will feature 205 rooms and suites accompanied by more than 1,997 sqm/21,500 sq. ft of event space. The podium rooftop bar will have a prime vantage point overlooking the Swan River. ritzcarlton.com/perth



- > The newest Art Series Hotel, The Adnate, is scheduled to open in Perth in October 2019. The hotel's design has been inspired by Australian street artist Matt Adnate and will include a 27-storey mural - one of the tallest in the world - featuring faces that represent the cultural history and community of Perth. The 250 room hotel will also offer a gym, pool, restaurant, event space and art tours. artserieshotels.com
- > QT Perth, which opened in August 2018, is a new 184 room, 18-storey hotel featuring seven conference rooms capable of accommodating up to 315 guests, a signature bar and grill restaurant, rooftop bar and café. The rooftop bar has views across the Swan River, Perth Hills and Perth Stadium. qthotelsandresorts.com/perth
- > The Westin Perth features 368 rooms, two restaurants and a total of nine event spaces including Perth's largest hotel ballroom covering 760 sqm/8,181 sq. ft, with capacity for 520 guests for a sit down event. marriott.com.au

ADELAIDE

- > Crowne Plaza is due to open in April 2020. The 329 room hotel will feature an infinity pool, bar and restaurant, gym, and 600 sqm/6,485 sq. ft of event space. ihg.com/crowneplaza
- > Adelaide Oval is opening a 138-room hotel in September 2020. The Adelaide Oval already has a range of event spaces available and can cater for up to 3,000 guests for a cocktail style event. In addition to this, groups of up to 14 guests can partake in a two-hour climb of Adelaide Oval's unique roofline for views of Adelaide Hills and the coast with RoofClimb. adelaideoval.com.au
- > The 32-storey, 257 room Sofitel Adelaide will open in November 2020. The fully serviced hotel will offer 80 apartments on the top eight levels, with the remaining floors featuring 250 hotel rooms. The property will include a restaurant, four bars, a ballroom, swimming pool, health and fitness centre and event spaces. sofitel.accorhotels.com
- > Marriott International is set to open The Westin Adelaide, a brand new 15-storey luxury property in Adelaide's city centre in March 2022. The 285 room hotel will be located within the city's historic General Post Office Building and offer 310 sqm/3,300 sq. ft of event space. marriott.com.au

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