

WHAT'S NEW IN AUSTRALIA?

Australia continues to experience a wave of hotel and venue openings providing an incredible range of options for business events.

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SYDNEY

- > The 152-room Crowne Plaza Sydney Darling Harbour, which opened in October 2020, is located a short walk from Darling Harbour and ICC Sydney. The hotel features restaurants, a pool and 300 sq. m/3,230 sq. ft of event space. ihg.com/crowneplaza
- > The 274-room Capella Sydney is scheduled to open in 2022. 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

- > Marriott International is re-launching its Le Meridien hotel brand in Australia in 2022. Located in Melbourne, the property will feature 235 rooms; a 90-seat restaurant; heated swimming pool; fitness centre; a 210 sq. m/2,260 sq. ft event space; and three breakout rooms. le-meridien.marriott.com
- > Melbourne & Olympic Parks, home of tennis Grand Slam the Australian Open, will open a new function and media centre, CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park, in 2021. The centre will feature a 2,000 sq. m/21,527 sq. ft pillarless ballroom and 800 sq. m/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. centrepiecemelbourne.com



CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park

* Open dates are correct at the time of publishing in December 2020

BRISBANE

- > The AUD 3 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane development is due to open in late 2022, featuring five hotels – including Brisbane's first six-star property – and adding over 1,000 new rooms to the city. New luxury hotels include The Ritz-Carlton, Rosewood Hotel, Grand Hotel and Dorsett Hotel. There will also be more than 50 new bars and restaurants and a ballroom with seating for 1,000 people. queenswharfbrisbane.com.au
- > Since 2018, five new five-star hotels have opened in Brisbane's inner-city, including the 143-room Emporium Hotel South Bank and the 175-room Calile Hotel, which both have rooftop event spaces; and the 299-room Westin Brisbane, which features Brisbane's only swim-up bar and event spaces with capacity for up to 500 people cocktail style. emporiumhotels.com.au | thecalilehotel.com | marriott.com.au

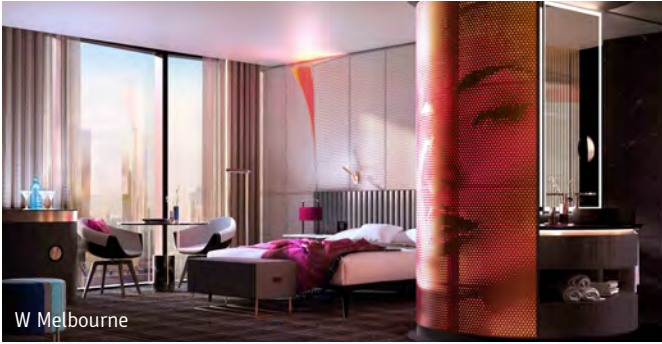
GOLD COAST

- > The Jewel is an AUD 1 billion complex that will be home to The Langham on the Gold Coast with a 169-room luxury offering. The hotel will feature a variety of food and beverage outlets, including a sky terrace; a selection of meeting and event spaces, including a 700 sq. m/7,534 sq. ft ballroom, which will cater for up to 800 guests for a cocktail style event; a 500 sq. m/ 5,381 sq. ft Chuan Spa with seven treatment rooms; a fitness centre, as well as an indoor free form and outdoor swimming pool. The Jewel will also have a 633 sq. m/6,813 sq. ft business centre with five meeting rooms. jewelgc.com | langhamhotels.com



The Jewel on the Gold Coast

- > The Star Gold Coast will welcome a 316-room hotel, the Dorsett, in late 2022. The Star has also begun construction of a new tower south of the Dorsett that will house a five-star hotel; lagoon pools; a nightlife venue; and additional restaurants and bars. star.com.au/goldcoast



W Melbourne

W HOTELS

- > The AUD 800 million W Hotel Brisbane is a 312-room five-star hotel located in the heart of the city that offers more than 960sq. m/10,000sq. ft of event space. w-hotels.marriott.com
- > Opening in February 2021, W Melbourne has expansive views of the Yarra River. The new property features 294 guest rooms including 29 suites, four spacious WOW suites and one Extreme WOW suite. There is almost 830sq. m/ 8930sq. ft of event space and five restaurants and bars. w-hotels.marriott.com
- > A W Hotel will open in Sydney in 2022, as the biggest W Hotel in the world. Featuring 593 rooms, suites and serviced apartments, the hotel will face Darling Harbour and have 925sq. m/9,956sq. ft of event space, including a grand ballroom. w-hotels.marriott.com

CAIRNS

- > The final of three new five-star resorts in Cairns by the Crystalbrook Collection opened in November 2020. Flynn has 311 rooms and suites, event space for 160 people and is an easy walk to the Cairns Aquarium, boat launches for tours of the Great Barrier Reef as well as Riley (311 rooms) and Bailey (220 rooms) – the two other Crystalbrook “sibling” hotels in Cairns. crystalbrookcollection.com/flynn
- > Cairns Convention Centre is set to start hosting events again from May 2021 after the first stage of its refurbishment and expansion is completed. The 10,000sq. m/107,639sq. ft expansion is expected to open in 2022, comprising a large undercover, tropically planted forecourt; an expanded main entry lobby; a 410-seat plenary space; three 110-seat meeting rooms; additional exhibition space; a 500-seat multi-functional space with a large pre-function space; and external decks with views over Trinity Inlet. cairnconvention.com.au

RITZ-CARLTON

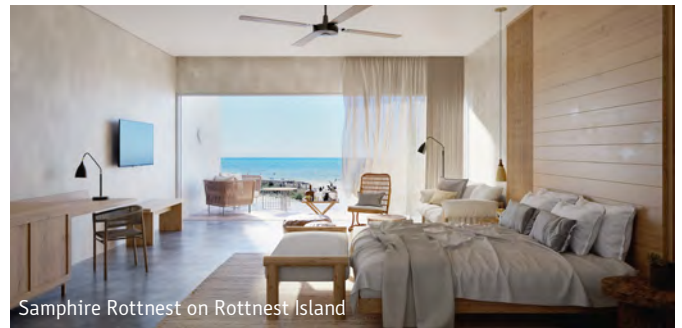
- > Opening in November 2019, the Ritz-Carlton Perth marked the re-entry of the luxury hotel brand into Australia, as part of Perth’s redeveloped Elizabeth Quay precinct. The hotel features 205 rooms and suites accompanied by more than 1,997sq. m/21,500sq. ft of event space. The podium rooftop bar is a prime vantage point overlooking the Swan River. ritzcarlton.com/perth
- > The 263-room Ritz-Carlton Melbourne is due to open in mid-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 with capacity for 500 guests seated. westsideplace.com.au/the-ritz-carlton
- > Brisbane’s historic Treasury Hotel and the top floors of the Treasury Casino are being transformed into the Ritz-Carlton Brisbane as part of the major Queen’s Wharf development set to open in 2022. ritzcarlton.com

HOBART

- > The Crowne Plaza opened in mid-2020 in Hobart’s city centre. The 235-room hotel features a range of event spaces including a ballroom as well as a restaurant, bar and fitness centre. ihg.com/crowneplaza
- > The Tasman, set to open in mid-2021 in Hobart, is the first Marriott International Luxury Collection hotel to open in Australia. It features 128 rooms and suites with carefully restored features and Georgian and Art-Deco design elements throughout. marriott.com.au

PERTH

- > Sapphire Rottnest is the newest luxury accommodation offering on Rottnest Island, just off the coast of Perth, opening in October 2020. Available for exclusive use, the 80-room beachfront property is walking distance from boat charter drop-offs and offers six event spaces which can host 80 to 200. saphirerottnest.com.au



Sapphire Rottnest on Rottnest Island

- > The Art Gallery of Western Australia is set to open the largest commercially available rooftop event space in the city in 2021, with capacity for up to 500 people. The space will feature an inside gallery space; an open-air sculpture park; and two outdoor event spaces, with views of the city, the Perth hills and the new WA Museum. The centrepiece of the rooftop will be a new 34-metre-long (112 ft) contemporary Aboriginal art piece. artgallery.wa.gov.au

ADELAIDE

- > Opened in December 2020, luxury hotel Eos by SkyCity is the centrepiece of the AUD 330 million expansion of the Adelaide Casino. The 120-room property includes two signature restaurants (including one on the rooftop); a dedicated events space for up to 650 people cocktail-style; a spa; a wellness centre; a swimming pool; and a fitness centre. skycityadelaide.com.au
- > Adelaide Oval opened a 138-room hotel in October 2020 with direct access to Adelaide Oval’s 23 event spaces that cater for up to 3,000 guests for a cocktail-style event. Groups can also join in a two-hour climb of the Oval’s unique roofline for views of Adelaide Hills and the coast with RoofClimb. ovalhotel.com.au
- > The 32-storey, 251-room Sofitel Adelaide will open in 2021. 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; a swimming pool; a health and fitness centre; and event spaces. sofitel.accorhotels.com
- > Marriott International is set to open The Westin Adelaide, a 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 310sq. m/3,300sq. ft of event space. marriott.com.au