



Melbourne and Adelaide agents inspired by South Pacific destinations at  
**first 'Treasures' events of the year**

**18 April, 2017:** 'Treasures of the South Pacific', a series of events designed to educate and inspire Australian travel agents about the variety of tourism product and experiences available across the South Pacific, began its 2017 schedule of events last week in Melbourne and Adelaide, with both nights drawing strong attendance.

The South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) hosted over 120 travel agents in Melbourne on Tuesday, 11 April, 2017 and another 60 agents on Wednesday, 12 April, 2017 at the Adelaide event.

Travel agents heard from representatives of the tourism offices of Cook Islands, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Vanuatu and from hidden treasures including: Kiribati, Nauru, Marshall Islands, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga, Tuvalu and American Samoa.



Alexandra Bell from Flight Centre, Collin's Square was the lucky winner of a twelve night trip

to Vanuatu at the Melbourne event. The fantastic prize includes flights with Air Vanuatu and accommodation at Iririki Island Resort & Spa, Ramada Resort Port Vila, Bokissa Private Island Resort and The Havannah Vanuatu.

In Adelaide, Erin O'Neill of Phil Hoffman Travel won an incredible ten nights in Vanuatu staying at Iririki Island Resort & Spa, Moorings Hotel, Hideaway Island Resort and Bokissa Private Island Resort

The next Treasures of the South Pacific events will take place in the following locations:

- Brisbane, 22 August, 2017
- Gold Coast, 23 August, 2017
- Sydney, 24 October, 2017
- Newcastle, 25 October, 2017



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**Picture 1 (Upper left)**

Left to Right: Jayne Kinghorn, Iririki Island Resort & Spa; Julie Bowles, Bokissa Private Island Resort; David Callan, Travel Representation Service for The Havannah Vanuatu; Raumati Wikaire, Coconuts Travel Marketing for Ramada Resort Port Vila; winner Alexandra Bell from Flight Centre and Jessica Luxton, Vanuatu Tourism Office Australia

**Picture 2 (Upper right)**

Left to Right: Julie Bowles, Bokissa Private Island Resort; Keith Gallacher, Destination Specific Marketing for Moorings Hotel & Hideaway Island Resort; Jayne Kinghorn, Iririki Island Resort & Spa; Erin O'Neill of Phil Hoffman Travel and Jessica Luxton, Vanuatu Tourism Office Australia

**Picture 3 (Lower picture)**

Front Left to Right:

Nicci Faulsham, Tahiti Tourism; Richard Skewes, Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau (and Hidden Treasures of the South Pacific, and Precise Travel Marketing); Joey Riham, Kupu Marketing

Middle Left to Right:

Karen Koval, Air New Zealand; Danika Cooper, Cook Islands Tourism Corporation; Jessica Luxton, Vanuatu Tourism Office; Jayne Kinghorn, Iririki Island Resort & Spa; Carole Thorburn, Tangoes Marketing;

Keith Gallacher, Destination Specific Marketing; David Callan, Travel Representation Services

Back Left to Right:

Lauren Whicker, Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority; Manuela Nielsen, New Caledonia Tourism; Fasitau Ula, Samoa Tourism Authority; Greg Maloney, Destination Asia Pacific Marketing; Karen Hitchines, Norfolk Island Tourism; and Julie Bowles, Bokissa Private Island Resort.



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