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Accommodation Association of Australia

Key News Update

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AAoA Advocacy Helps Deliver Investment Relief

The Accommodation Association of Australia engaged in discussions with the NSW Government throughout last year on changes to surcharge land tax and purchaser duty for serviced apartments.

Following our advocacy, a fresh taxation ruling has been released which clarifies that serviced apartments are, indeed, not classed as residential properties, for the purposes of this ruling.

To read the final ruling and more information regarding the Association's key argument, please visit the [website](#).



Toilet Tax hurting Queensland tourism industry

AAoA is calling for the Federal Government to step in and stop councils from charging an "un-Australian toilet tax", amid fears it is being passed onto tourists.

The Association believes that many local governments in North Queensland are hitting hoteliers with a charge per toilet pedestal "in a blatant money grab".

[Full details here ...](#)



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New Member Benefit - AAoA Yield Academy. Upskill & Get Certified - Industry Recognised Training



#BookDirect : Guest Education Day, February 7 With a multitude of new travellers searching for vacation rentals via OTA's, rental managers are

ARMA's "THINK-CHANGE-GROW" program is an interactive program that keeps the learner engaged and wanting more. The **first module of the course is complimentary to current AAoA members** who will then be invited to complete the remaining modules at a substantially discounted price.

For more information on revenue management and this course, please visit [this link](#).

uniting across the country to deliver a singular message to travellers on the inaugural **Guest Education Day on February 7**: bypass third-party channels, book directly with management properties and take advantage of the benefits.

We encourage you to support this national movement by using the hashtag **#BookDirect** and highlighting the values of booking direct, booking local and booking smart.



Modernising Tasmania's hotels and motels

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has set targets which will see visitors stay longer, see more of the state and spend more money while they are there.

To support this, the Government is providing almost \$5.3 million in low-interest loans for upgrading and enhancing nine hotels and motels across the state.

To read the full press release, visit the following [link](#).



What is LPG Used for? LPG Applications

LPG is utilised in hundreds, if not thousands, of applications.

LPG (propane) is used as a fuel for many residential, commercial and agricultural heat applications, including cooking, hot water systems and heating.

It is also employed as a propellant, refrigerant, vehicle fuel and petrochemical feedstock.

And there are [many more ways](#) to use LPG. In [this article](#), we explore the ways in which the hospitality industry can use LPG.



Upcoming Events

- Breakfast with the Experts - Understanding Strata Title from a Legal, Strata and Hotel/Strata Perspective in Surfers Paradise, 8th February 2018
- GM's Breakfast Meeting with AAoA CEO Richard Munro in Perth, 23 February 2018
- Melbourne & Victoria Industry Dynamics Forum in Melbourne, 26 February 2018

For more information on any of the above events, please contact events@aaoa.com.au

New AAoA Members

On behalf of the AAoA Board and team, we would like to welcome our newest members -

- Treasury Heritage Hotel Brisbane (QLD)
- The Star, Gold Coast (QLD)
- The Darling Hotel, Sydney (NSW)
- Astral Tower & Residences (NSW)
- Hotel Hotel Canberra (ACT)
- Albury Manor House (NSW)
- Pioneer Station Motor Inn (VIC)
- Brady Hotel Central Melbourne (VIC)
- Best Western Wollongong Golf Club (NSW)
- Hermitage Lodge (NSW)
- Landmark Resort (QLD)
- The Como Melbourne (VIC)
- Best Western Alpine Motor Inn (NSW)
- The Crossley Hotel (VIC)
- Injune Motor Inn (QLD)

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