



# Keanu, Carrey among the stars whose films have benefited from Showground

**WIDELY used as a location for Hollywood films, including the Matrix and The Mask, the award-winning Sydney Showground offers a choice of more than 20 venues and hosts more than 350 events a year.**

Its centrepiece, The Dome — a spectacular structure and the largest of its kind in the southern hemisphere - has a maximum capacity for conferences of 10,000 (with tiered seating) and a top capacity for functions of 5000.

The Dome, when combined with exhibition halls 2, 3 and 4, offers 22,000sqm of floor space. Beyond The Dome, the rest of the showground spans an area of 30 hectares, and attracts world-class events as well as major domestic and international trade shows and conferences.

The main arena in the centre of the site forms the focal point for the Sydney Royal Easter Show — the seventh largest event in the world — and caters for 10,000 seated and a further 10,000 on the grassy banks around the show-ring. The venue is also an excellent open area for corporate team building activities, with separate function and training rooms available in the council stand.

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## Next to nature, but Mulu Resort is also minutes from the airport

A RESORT where you can rendezvous with nature in the untouched beauty of the Borneo rainforest offers a matchless conference or incentive location.

It's the Royal Mulu Resort in Sarawak — a country which is home to many remarkable national parks rich with natural wonders.

The largest and best known is Mulu National Park, which is situated in the north-eastern corner of Sarawak, and has been designated a World Heritage area by UNESCO for its natural beauty.

The 188-room Royal Mulu Resort — nestled in the heart of the park — is fully equipped with modern amenities, including conference rooms that are adaptable to create smaller and larger spaces accommodating up to 250 delegates theatre-style.

The resort is just a five-minute drive from the local airport and a short flight from Miri or Kotal Kinabalu in Sabah. The only other way to reach Mulu is via the river — an eight-hour boat ride from Miri.

Mulu showcases the world's largest cave system.



# Water you waiting for? The 'Bom' is wet, wild and ready for business

SOME events and venues functions can be leveraged to provide as much fun for business people as they can for leisure and romantic guests.

A theme park in Bali is one venue where corporate and wedding guests alike are invited to make a big splash, in more ways than one, and to come up laughing.

It's Waterbom Bali, located in the bustling hub of Kuta, and it has already hosted a variety of events - such as corporate outings, large functions and weddings.

The venue itself can cater for up to 2000 guests (1500 at a sit down banquet) and the theme park is open exclusively for groups making an evening booking.

When the serious side of the event or function is over, guests are able to escape from down from Bali's searing heat by joining in the fun on six different adventure attractions including those that utilise serious state-of-the-art tubing, matting and body sliding technologies.

In all, there are more than 10 locations of various sizes that guests can select as their own reserved area.

The theme park's own event team can tailor events and organise games,



team building, theme parties, shows and catering.

Located close to some of Bali's four and five-star hotels, Bali Waterbom is set in 3.8 hectares of landscaped gardens with a man-made 'Lazy River' meandering through the centre under wooden humpback bridges and cascading 'water curtains'.

**If this is how we interpret a museum,  
imagine how we can interpret your next event**

The National Museum of Australia in Canberra is one of a kind.

Both controversial and acclaimed, the Museum is the first in the country devoted to telling great stories about Australia and Australians.

It's also the best kept secret in the event planning world. Versatile and dynamic, the Museum makes an ideal setting for themed dinners, product launches, large gala balls, lakeside dining, cocktail functions, exhibitions, private gallery tours — almost any function you can dream up. (Try us, we're very imaginative.)

Offering theatres and conference rooms, cutting-edge broadcast facilities, magnificent spaces within award-winning architecture and a progressive atmosphere, the Museum's conference managers are ready to turn your next event into a spectacular — and unconventional — Australian story.

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### Timely interest focused on Orpheus Island

THE END of the financial year has sparked incentive interest in Queensland's Orpheus Island Resort.

The property's sales and marketing manager, Leanne Hall, said Orpheus is its size and style made it ideal for companies celebrating a successful year's end. "There is absolute luxury and indulgence, from accommodation to cuisine, and it is a very exclusive experience as we can only cater to 42 guests (based on twin/double share), with just 21 rooms.

"This means that from a team building point of view, delegates are in a place where distractions are few and activities can be tailor-made to suit the business."

Conference facilities are also available for small groups in a quiet lounge area. And, just metres from the ocean, there is an open-air venue that accommodates 50 people theatre-style, 30 in classroom-style or 18 in a u-shape configuration.

Hall said the island's close proximity to key regional centres such as Cairns and Townsville meant that often the resort was included by organisers as a pre or post conference destination.

"We have many companies locally, nationally and internationally who have used the resort as a getaway before or after a mainland conference," she said.

On the web: [www.orpheus.com.au](http://www.orpheus.com.au)

### Moondance walks the talk with its commitment to excellence

IT's a retreat in the bush that has won international acclaim for its cuisine, high-tech conferencing and a treetop massage loft.

Moondance Lodge, nestled in just over 13 hectares of natural bush in the heart of Western Australia's Margaret River wine-growing region, was purpose-built for executive retreats.

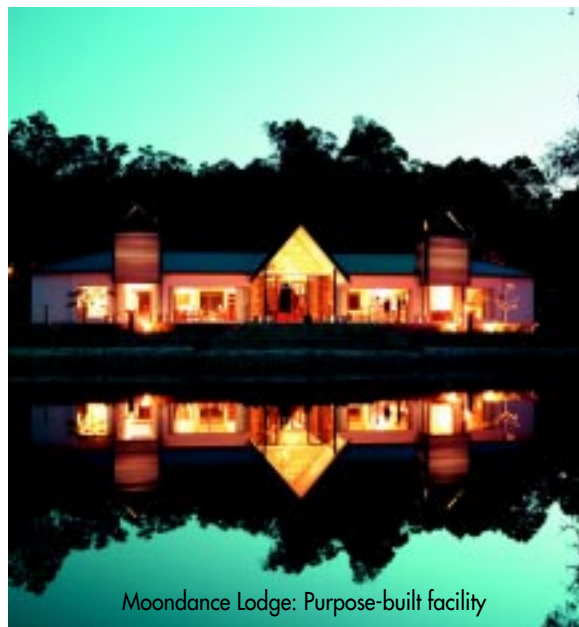
Its location enables corporate groups to hire the entire property for their dedicated use, while outside speakers and facilitators can also be supplied if necessary.

Moondance owners — Geraldine Reilly and Richard Daggart — say it suits activities designed to build team spirit, increase company creativity, or sort through some thorny business issues.

They've also introduced the term 'Corporate Nourishment' at the lodge. "Corporate Nourishment is about offering executives the opportunity to meet in a beautiful, natural place where all their needs are luxuriously attended to," said Reilly. "Once the group members arrive at Moondance, they have the freedom and support to get creative and achieve their goals.

"It's about providing the technology they need to do their work and help them stay connected, and also giving them the chance to have unique experiences in nature that are guaranteed to inspire," she said.

Reilly said that time was the busy executive's most valuable commodity nowadays — and that time can be utilised extremely effectively at Moondance. "If we ask such people to attend a corporate retreat, it must nourish them, or they simply won't come."



Moondance Lodge: Purpose-built facility

### Golf museum opens in Taiwan

THERE's a widely-held belief among PCOs, DMCs and others in the MICE business that museums are too ho-hum to include in conference sightseeing breakouts — other than the spouse program, perhaps — or in an incentive itinerary.

But today, there are plenty of museums that are so different or so magnificent that they stand out as having real interest for many delegates.

One that opened recently in Taiwan would be perfect for an incentive group whose program included playing a few rounds of golf on one of Taiwan's best courses — and the best are very good indeed.

The Taiwan Golf Museum is part of the Sunrise Golf & Country Club in Taoyuan County. It was set up not only to celebrate the history of golf but also to promote it as an appealing sport.

One of the oldest exhibits is a 400-year-old iron, from the earliest days that people started to hit small balls with a stick as part of an organised game.

ON THE WEB: [www.sunrise-golf.com.tw](http://www.sunrise-golf.com.tw)

# Canberra's 'special facilities' can make a meeting memorable

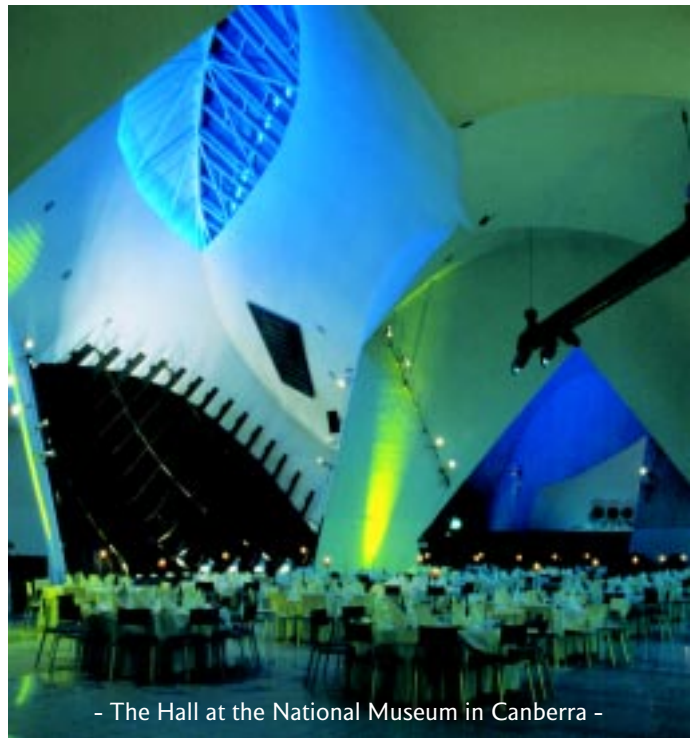
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- The Hall at the National Museum in Canberra -

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