

## **Media release**

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### **Port of Cairns welcomes Pacific Aria**



The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal will welcome *Pacific Aria* to Cairns on Wednesday June 22, 2016, in the first of six scheduled visits over the next four months.

*Pacific Aria* made her maiden call to Cairns last December as part of a strengthening relationship between P&O Cruises and the Port of Cairns. She then made her first 2016 visit in April.

Her sister ship, *Pacific Eden*, will be homeported in Cairns later this year - the first time a major cruise line has based itself in a regional Queensland city.

"*Pacific Aria's* arrival this week is the start of the P&O cruise shipping boom in the Port of Cairns," Ports North Communications Advisor, Andree Stephens said.

"She will be making six two-day visits in the coming months, bringing with her some 1500 guests and 600 crew, who will have the time to really explore the Cairns city and our stunning surrounds, including the Great Barrier Reef, and world heritage-listed rainforests.

"Then it is *Pacific Eden's* turn, arriving in Cairns in September and offering nine cruises from the city between September and November. The following year the two cruise ships will make 30 calls between them."

The 55,820-tonne *Pacific Aria* will arrive at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal at 0930 hrs and will leave the following day at 1730hrs.

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