

PRESS RELEASE

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SVITZER JOINS WITH THE ILLAWARRA COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE DAY A MEGA LINER CAME TO TOWN

Today, the pride of Svitzer's Port Kembla tug boat fleet escorted Royal Caribbean's mega liner, *Radiance of the Seas*, safely into harbour, signalling the birth of the Illawarra's cruise industry.

In the early morning hours, and with thousands of locals watching on from numerous vantage points, the 293 metre long liner with 2,400 passengers and 800 crew on board became the first cruise ship to visit the region, injecting almost \$1 million into the local economy.

The tugs involved were the Svitzer Marloo, Svitzer Kiama and Svitzer Barunga, ably assisted in the berthing process by two of Svitzer's lines vessels, the Bodalla and Wyee.

As well as ensuring the *Radiance of the Seas* docked safely, the Svitzer Kiama also performed a spectacular water salute using its firefighting canons to mark her maiden visit.

"Svitzer is thrilled to have been a part of this significant day for the Illawarra region. It was particularly great that the professionalism and expertise of our crews were seen by so many from the community that they are proud to be part of," said Svitzer Managing Director Steffen Risager.

Last year more than 1 million Australians took a cruise, with the industry now estimated to be valued at \$3.6 billion.

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ABOUT SVITZER AUSTRALIA

Svitzer Australia has a modern fleet of over 100 tugs and other vessels operated by highly trained professional crews out of almost 30 ports and terminals nationwide. Globally, Svitzer has been providing safety and support at sea since 1833.

The logo for Svitzer, featuring the word "SVITZER" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.