



## Longitude 131° Supports Ernabella Arts Education Program

**Baillie Lodges has confirmed its plans to support an arts education program for the remote indigenous artists' community of Ernabella with a \$100,000 donation over the next two years.** Longitude 131° has enjoyed an expanding working partnership with **Ernabella Arts Inc** since 2014, contributing around \$120,000 to date in commissioned artworks, the development of a bespoke tour for guests to visit the community as well as a series of artists-in-residence visits to Longitude 131°. The donated funds will offer improved operational support, enable the community to employ a dedicated ceramics technician to supply ceramics for the artists and contribute to further education and training for community members of all ages. The move comes as the lodge prepares to welcome **artists-in-residence** at the Dune House from **November 15-19, 2016** where Longitude 131° guests can meet the artists and learn more about their work.



## Southern Ocean Lodge Introduces Chef Ally Waddell



**Chef Alastair Waddell has made the move south to Kangaroo Island to head up the kitchen at Southern Ocean Lodge.** Alastair is known by everyone as 'Ally' and has come to the lodge following six years at fellow **Luxury Lodges of Australia** property qualia on Hamilton Island. Already a fan of the island's fabulous produce, Ally has spent time travelling around his new home getting to know the producers who work so closely with the lodge. The recipient of several industry awards, Ally has already added his own flavour to the dining experience at the lodge, creating dishes such as kingfish sashimi, cumquat and kaffircello (a spirited drop from the local distillery) and burnt lavender cream with hay and chesnut (with aromatics sourced from an island farm). Among his first projects might be a kitchen garden, just as soon as he works out which plants will survive the elements on the wild coastal cliff-top plot. The native Scotsman is feeling right at home! **More...**

## Capella's Luxe Makeover

**Capella Lodge is set for a luxe redevelopment in 2017, with extensive plans created by renowned architect Justin Long.** Justin has been involved in the design of the luxury lodge since it launched as the first in the Baillie Lodges portfolio in 2004. **Capella Lodge will close from May 1 – August 31, 2017**, allowing a full four months for the renovations to take place. Included in the exciting plans are extensions to the family-friendly Catalina Suite which will offer two dedicated bedrooms and separate lounging areas, a plunge pool and extended outdoor lounging for the premium Makambo Loft and invigorating outdoor hot tubs for each of the Lagoon Lofts. The main lodge will see upgrades to the restaurant, lounge and bar while the Capella Spa will reach new heights with a loft level offering mesmerising views to the soaring mountains and the tranquil reef beyond. Take a moment to getaway to **Capella** now, at least virtually... Paradise on earth indeed!



## The 2017 Development



**Plans have been unveiled for the next phase in the redevelopment of Longitude 131°, set to be completed in 2017.** Architect **Max Pritchard** who created plans for sister property **Southern Ocean Lodge** as well as the design for Longitude's recently added balconies has been charged with the new developments, set to take the property to a new standard of world-class luxury and architectural design. Included in the plans is a new premium category, the **Dune Pavilion**, with room for families or couples travelling together, it's the only accommodation with views to both Uluru and Kata Tjuta. The Dune House hub will see a redesign of the restaurant and lounge, while a dune-top bar will offer a superb setting for sunset drinks. A dedicated Spa will also be part of the new-look property, offering guests a replenishing experience in the outback. **Longitude 131° will close on April 1, 2017** for the developments to take place and **reopen on August 1, 2017** for first guest stays.

## On Track for Launch - New KI Wilderness Trail

**There's a buzz around the bush on Kangaroo Island as the finishing touches are made to the new, five-day trek stretching along the south west coast, the KI Wilderness Trail.** The purpose-designed trail features marked walking trails and boardwalks and follows the spectacularly rugged terrain of the limestone coast. **Set to open in October 2016**, the trail starts at Flinders' Chase National Park and extends 66 kilometres to take in some of the island's best-known natural attractions, including the fur seal colony at Admirals' Arch, the lighthouse keeper's historic settlement at Cape du Couedic, and the iconic Remarkable Rocks, passing by Southern Ocean Lodge on the way. Walkers can choose to camp in dedicated campgrounds, or take a more luxurious approach... watch this space! Learn more about the KI Wilderness Trail **here**.



## Caitlin's Adventures on Lord Howe



**Capella Lodge is delighted to introduce Experiences Manager Caitlin Woods, a multi-talented member of the team who started work in the restaurant and quickly showed her skills and interests in the outdoors – and what better environment to explore than World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island.** Caitlin now offers Capella guests a series of guided interactive nature walks where she discovers bird and marine life and explains the fascinating ecology of the island. To date, the qualified marine biologist has introduced a beach walk and a low-tide reef walk along the coral-rich shoals in Capella's 'front yard', as well as a guided walk around Mount Gower's base. She has plans to map out a rainforest walk and a ramble to welcome in the mutton birds as they make their clumsy landing in the summer's dusk. Recent guest Graham shared his praise for our own 'Miss Attenborough' on **TripAdvisor**, 'Caitlin is a walking encyclopaedia on Lord Howe's flora and fauna. Her enthusiasm is contagious!'. See Caitlin's colourful showcase of natural history on **Instagram**.

## Luxe Links

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