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Luxe Latest

- New to the dynamic set of resources at Southern Ocean Lodge is a great video allowing viewers a sense of being there – almost! Available from our gallery, [online](#) or email us for a DVD.
- Enticing new images of the glam Capella Lodge are available to view and [download](#) and introduce two newly created luxe premium suites, the [Lidgbird Pavilion](#) and [Makambo Loft](#).

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A Very Merry Christmas

Our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and fun festive season!

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Luxe Capella Reopens on Lord Howe

A 'glam' new Capella opens to redefine Lord Howe luxury

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New Capella Website

Explore the luxe new Capella website: www.capellalodge.com.au

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Southern Solar System

Southern Ocean Lodge eco-initiative to harness the southern sun!

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A Very Merry Christmas

Christmas at Capella and Southern Ocean Lodge is a very special occasion, both laid back and luxe in true Baillie Lodges style! In the spirit of a traditional Australian Christmas, the day is at once festive and relaxed, with a fine degustation lunch featuring local produce spanning the afternoon, perhaps a game of beach cricket and finishing with an evening sundowner overlooking the ocean. We're excited to report that both properties have been fully booked for the Christmas and New Year period for many months in the leadup, and we are now holding substantial bookings for the 2010 event!

Christmas is a wonderful time to reflect on relations and on memories of the year to date. It's a time to extend both well wishes and sincere thanks. Our wonderful guests, our standout team and the incredible suppliers with whom we work each day make Capella and Southern Ocean Lodge very special properties, high on the 'hit list' for future and dear returning guests. From the team at Baillie Lodges we'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you soon!



New Capella Website

In line with a new look Capella we announce an exciting 'glamover' for the Lodge's website to mirror the popular site of sister property, Southern Ocean Lodge. Now in large format with a sophisticated new palette and Bruce Gould background, the site is easy to navigate and visually inspiring. Fabulous new Lodge images feature, and timeless island images are allowed the dramatic impact they deserve. The site is dynamic and evolving, with new information and functionality updated often, encouraging regular revisits! The site heralds a new era for Capella with a new brochure, video and informative collateral soon to follow. [Explore](#) the new

Luxe Capella Reopens on Lord Howe

2009 has been a glam year for Capella as a \$1.5m makeover 'luxed up' its nine suites and created a new level of luxury from which guests experience the addictive Lord Howe Island. The relaxed, beach-house ambience so popular with Capella guests remains, and the natural beauty of the island is more accessible with wide doors opening to generous private decks welcoming the outside in. Custom suite furnishings and basalt stone bathrooms reflect the paradise beyond, and suites open to views of the blue ocean, reef-fringed lagoon and intriguing Mounts Gower and Lidgbird, seeming to drift in and out of high cloud. [Capella Postcard](#)

Two premium suites are introduced, with wraparound island views and exclusive inclusions offering a new way to experience Lord Howe. The mezzanine style Makambo Loft offers contemporary fun and guests enjoy views of the mountains and sea from the relaxed luxury of the private plunge spa. The superlative dual level Lidgbird Pavilion offers a private plunge pool, afternoon canapés delivered, deck dining options and outdoor bathing under the shade of the frangipani tree. More at... [Australian Gourmet Traveller](#)



Southern Solar System

Following two years in planning and development and in keeping with Baillie Lodges' commitment to sustainable tourism, Southern Ocean Lodge now presents a 'solar farm' designed to increase the property's capacity to self-fuel using solar energy. The Lodge now boasts some 250 rooftop and freestanding suntracking frames set amongst coastal scrub. It's an intriguing visual contrast for guests as these robot-like solar trackers adjust to best catch the energy of the sun, perhaps while a kangaroo hops by or an echidna shuffles below. The system generates around 130kw.h per day, dramatically reducing diesel fuel consumption and carbon emissions.



'Sunshine' the Boomer Roo

Sunshine is a giant boomer roo sculpture, crafted entirely from discarded metal and farm machinery, gathered and assembled by artist Indiana James. Commissioned by James and Hayley Baillie, Sunshine was a dedicated two years in the making, arriving to his new home at Southern Ocean Lodge to the cheers of a small welcome party on 3 October. Sunshine now stands in the gentle sun near the entrance of the lodge, surveying the ocean and wilderness, bidding welcome to guests. Sunshine is the product of some 10 years' collection of metal and machinery from the island.

Each part of his anatomy is a piece of metal found to resemble the real body part, and each piece has a history and story of its own. His stomach is made from branded 'Sunshine' harvester gears for which he is named. More than a physical representation, Indiana is famous for capturing the spirit of the animal. From his studio overlooking the waters of American River, Indiana collects driftwood and metal and meticulously designs and creates such natural Kangaroo Island beauties as the leafy sea dragon, broilga and the harlequin fish. We welcome Sunshine to SOL, [follow his story...](#)



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Southern Ocean Sourdough

Action in the kitchen is on the rise (!) as Southern Ocean Lodge has commenced making its own Southern Ocean Sourdough to include in the daily Lodge menus. Using the traditional principles of artisan breadmaking, the kitchen recently developed the 'Southern Starter', a fermentation of flour and water that uses wild yeast picked from the fresh, highly oxygenated Kangaroo Island air as rising agent. The Southern Starter has its own characteristics and is used for each daily bread baking, giving Southern Ocean Sourdough an individual flavour set.

The Southern Starter is the beginning of a food and beverage heritage unique to the Lodge that each guest will share during their stay. The Sourdough is made using South Australian milled flour, and is a day long process, as the bread is twice proven and shaped before baking. Enjoy its flavour simply with Kangaroo Island's extra virgin olive oil, or try a variation including a fruit loaf, or sourdough flavoured with mustard and sultanas or Ligurian honey. The versatile Sourdough is a perfect complement to the superb local cuisine created each day at Southern Ocean Lodge.



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