

## MEDIA RELEASE

## Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island - First Luxury Lodge in the World's Last Paradise

Capella Lodge has brought a new level of luxe to World Heritage Listed Lord Howe Island with an ideal combination of ocean and mountain views, seclusion, fine cuisine and first name service that has redefined the island's resort experience.

Capella Lodge was the first property in the Baillie Lodges portfolio and has introduced guests worldwide to the Baillie Lodges' experience of luxury lodge accommodations in unique Australian destinations. Capella is now flanked by multi-award winning Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island and iconic outback camp Longitude 131° at Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a.

Capella Lodge is located at the southern end of Lord Howe Island above picturesque Lovers Bay and at the foot of the island's iconic twin-mountains Gower and Lidgbird. Owned by James and Hayley Baillie, who together conceived Baillie Lodges in 1993, this nine-suite retreat combines personal service and premium facilities to deliver an exclusive Lord Howe Island experience.

With a shared interest in design, James and Hayley Baillie take a hands-on approach to ensuring a luxurious, Lord Howe feel to the guest suites as well as the teak-clad main Lodge which houses the Capella Restaurant, Makambo Bar, Kentia Lounge and expansive Gowers Terrace. Exclusive hand-printed soft furnishings by Mambo artist Bruce Goold and original local artworks complement Lord Howe's intriguing seafaring history and complete a relaxed yet sophisticated beach-house vibe.

Capella's nine luxurious suites include the single-level Capella Suites and family-sized Catalina Suite with expansive deck areas and outdoor lounging, as well as Lagoon Lofts with stunning views from the mezzanine bedroom. Premium suites include the Makambo Loft with plunge spa and views to the mountains, and the Lidgbird Pavilion with wrap-around verandahs, plunge-pool and 270-degree lagoon views. The Lidgbird Pavilion tariff includes a golf buggy for travel around the Island.

Contemporary-styled interiors are designed to capture the mood of a sophisticated beach house. Timber floors, white shutters and marine ply joinery, custom-furniture pieces, add a sense of the sea whilst Capella Spa amenities and signature bed linen ensure comfort at every level.

Dining at Capella is at once refined and locavore affair, with locally caught seafood, foraged coastal greens and house-made breads, ice creams and pastas featuring on the menu. Capella has a reputation as Lord Howe Island's prime dining destination drawing rave reviews for its breakfasts, long and lazy lunches on the deck and daily changing dinner menus with selected wines.

The petite Capella Spa offers a signature menu of rejuvenating and relaxation treatments whilst the the Li'tya spa range reflects the island's endemic kentia palms and pristine marine environment.

Rates at Capella Lodge start from AU\$700 per person twin share and include full gourmet breakfast, sunset drinks and canapés, 3-course dinner and selected wines with change of menu daily, most non-alcoholic beverages and mountain bikes.

**Editors' Notes:** Baillie Lodges is a collection of intimate luxury lodges in unique Australian destinations. Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island launched the portfolio and continues to capture guests in its magic. Southern Ocean Lodge is Australia's most extraordinary luxury lodge offering a premium nature-based escape. Longitude 131° is a gathering of luxury tented pavilions overlooking fabled icon Uluru, delivering a journey to Australia's spiritual heart. The Baillie Lodges properties are honoured as founding members of Luxury Lodges of Australia.