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Luxe Latest

- Capella Lodge is all set for a 'glamover' over the cool season this year. The Lodge will close on 31 May before welcoming guests again on 22 August 2009.
- Celebrate cool KI with our popular Stay 4 Pay 3 'Remarkable Retreat' returning May - August 09 only. Indulge with a KI Epicurean Hamper and two \$50 spa vouchers – [more](#)

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Happy Birthday SOL!

Southern Ocean Lodge celebrates its first anniversary!

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Exciting property enhancements planned for Capella Lodge.

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A mission accomplished for now...

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Capella's head chef swaps surf for seals!

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**Happy Birthday SOL!**

One year ago on March 29, Southern Ocean Lodge first opened its doors to its very first guests which then included a perfect mix of Capella past guests, key media and both local and international guests keen to experience this remote wilderness Lodge billed Australia's first luxury lodge. As the calendar ticks over for the Lodge's first anniversary, we are once again almost fully booked and have many more local as well as international guests staying for two, three and four nights to relax and experience the ever changing wonder of wild Kangaroo Island. It's been a busy learning year for the fabulous Lodge team headed by Louise and Ben Lanyon, whose unflinching energy and diplomacy has led the team to provide a consistently excellent product, witnessed in guest feedback with a common theme of guests wowed by our people and place. *"The service is amazing, extremely high level and unobtrusive. You feel like you have the run of the resort. I'd go again in a heartbeat. Karen NSW"*. Well done to everyone at SOL! Happy Birthday, and cheers!

**The Shifting of the Chefs**

The Baillie Lodges kitchen team, renowned for its dynamic menus is changing a little itself this season. We bid a fond farewell and a million thanks to Southern Ocean Lodge Executive Chef, Tim Bourke who had also headed the kitchen at Capella and who has been such a passionate and creative leader at both properties. Tim has really embraced the great local and sustainable produce on Kangaroo Island and in South Australia, with the result that we now have a great and growing team of small local and often exclusive suppliers who deliver everything from hand-picked wild saffron to live, unshucked oysters and fresh abalone to the Lodge each week. Tim's passion has seen menus inspired entirely from local, fresh ingredients, and a kitchen working proudly on the 'zero food miles' philosophy. Tim is taking a well earned break and will explore his next options. Tim, when will we see you again?!

Glamover, Capella!

Exciting contemporary designs by architect Justin Long, who crafted Capella as we know and love it today have been approved and a 'glamover' is set for the property over the cool season this year. Capella will farewell its last guests on 31 May, and reopen in new glamour on 22 August 2009. All suites will benefit with new bathrooms set in basalt to reflect the sheer cliffs of Mounts Gower and Lidgbird, and wide doors to allow a seamless connection with the magic of the Island's natural environment. The ever-popular Lidgbird Suite is growing up; a second level will accommodate master bedroom and ensuite, with wrap around verandahs designed to welcome the awe-inspiring views of mountains and sea. Extensive decks will feature a sumptuous daybed, private plunge pool and outdoor stone bath so guests can languish in the cool breezes in the shade of the frangipani tree. A new suite, the funky Makambo Loft will be created in place of Capella Suite #9, with mezzanine bedroom with views to the mountains, extended decks with plunge spa. It's perfect for two, or for an extra or two. Exciting times ahead!

**The Shifting of the Chefs - Part 2**

In the spirit of Baillie Lodges' chef traditions, we are excited to announce that Capella chef Matthew Upson will head down south this season to take the helm as Executive Chef at Southern Ocean Lodge. Matt's dynamic menus at Capella have consistently delighted guests and the kitchen at Southern Ocean Lodge has so much to look forward to with Matt's creative influence. Matt and his partner Simone will swap sub-tropical island paradise for the larger, wilder shores of Kangaroo Island and a big adventure and we look forward to welcoming them both to the SOL team this month. At Capella, we're thrilled that Matt's long time chef partner Phil Woolaston will become Executive Chef, making for a seamless shift all round. Phil has worked alongside Matt for many years with the last 2 being at Capella and shares Matt's passion for excellent produce, creating a gastronomic experience in every menu. Congratulations all!



Kool Kangaroo Island

The cool season on Kangaroo Island really sees the island come into its own. The landscape is lush and green, freshwater rivers flow freely and it's a great season for viewing wildlife at its most active, before retiring to the warm comfort of the Lodge's Great Room with a book and a glass of red and watching the drama unfold on the Southern Ocean. Southern Right Whales cruise past the floor to ceiling windows from Antarctica en route to calve at the nursery in the protected waters of the Great Australian Bite. Much of the island's abundant wildlife that normally appears only in the cool of the dawn and dusk venture out during the day in the cooler months, to the delight of all. Koala, kangaroo and wallaby joeys emerge from their mothers' pouches and this is the season to catch the (very) rare sight of the echidna mating trains where one lucky female is trailed by up to eight willing beaus. Keep moving, girl, it's a prickly affair! It's a great season to enjoy the island's fabulous boutique food and wines – experience it all on the [Remarkable Retreat](#).



The Year Ahead

There's so much to see and explore on Kangaroo Island as we are constantly discovering and our guests are keen to get out and experience new adventures. We have already commenced a new guided walk, from the Lodge along the clifftops to 'Cape Young Husband', with a resident seal colony along the route, and a view to the Remarkable Rocks in the distance. Private transfers to coordinate with local charter operators on the island's north have all been popular. Fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving operators who cannily find dolphins, seals and the elusive, beautiful leafy sea dragon. The lodge is currently looking into more private touring options along with some spectacular private dining venues. All this and more will be available to explore at the lodge [website](#) constantly updated with new information with its ultimate aim a smooth and satisfying guest experience. With a newly released onscreen format we are also in the process of developing mini sites in both French and Italian. Do log in for a look!



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