



SOL 2.0

An icon returns

Two years after Baillie Lodges' award-winning flagship property Southern Ocean Lodge was razed in the Kangaroo Island (KI) bushfires, the rebuild of the globally celebrated luxury lodge has commenced. Dubbed 'SOL 2.0', the new-look Southern Ocean Lodge is slated to open in the second half of 2023.

At a glance

N° of rooms	25
Catering to	50 guests
Staff	50
Project investment	\$50 million
Reopening timing	Mid 2023

Innovative new features

South Australian architects Max Pritchard Gunner have created innovative plans for SOL 2.0 that combine the timeless features of the original with grand new features designed to raise the bar of the Baillie Lodges' guest experience of the wildly beautiful island.

SOL 2.0 will largely maintain the original lodge footprint with 25 luxurious guest suites easing along the coastline. In a deft design manoeuvre, each of the suites has been reoriented to offer even better views of the ocean and coastal wilderness, where the eye was always drawn to the glorious sunrise, sea mists and thundering cobalt waves breaking on the shore.

Ocean Pavilion (2)

A new ultra-premium suite, the 640m² Ocean Pavilion which follows the 'owner's residence' style pavilions across the Baillie Lodges portfolio, sits remotely offering expansive views of the Southern Ocean, outdoor terrace with wet-edge pool and private accommodation with up to four bedrooms and bathrooms, or a combination of two separate suites.

Osprey Suite (1)

The premium Osprey Suite sits at the tail end of the suites and features 270° ocean and wilderness views, generous lounging spaces and an outdoor horizon pool for drinking it all in.

Remarkable Suite (2)

The Remarkable Suites offer flexible accommodation for friends and families travelling together, available in a one or two-bedroom configuration each with ensuite bathroom. A sunken lounge opens to an outdoor terrace complete with plunge pool for soaking in the views.

Flinders Suite (20)

The newly upgraded Flinders Suite features an open-plan bedroom and lounge with Eco-Smart fireplace and bathroom with double vanity and bath.

Main lodge features

Near perfect in its original incarnation, the main lodge is comfortably familiar with the Great Room and suspended feature fireplace at its heart. Enhancements include a private dining 'snug' adjoining the walk-in cellar and an edgeless pool curving along the sun terrace. A new location for the Southern Spa allows space for three treatment rooms, gymnasium, a sauna and hot and cold plunge pools with bushland views.

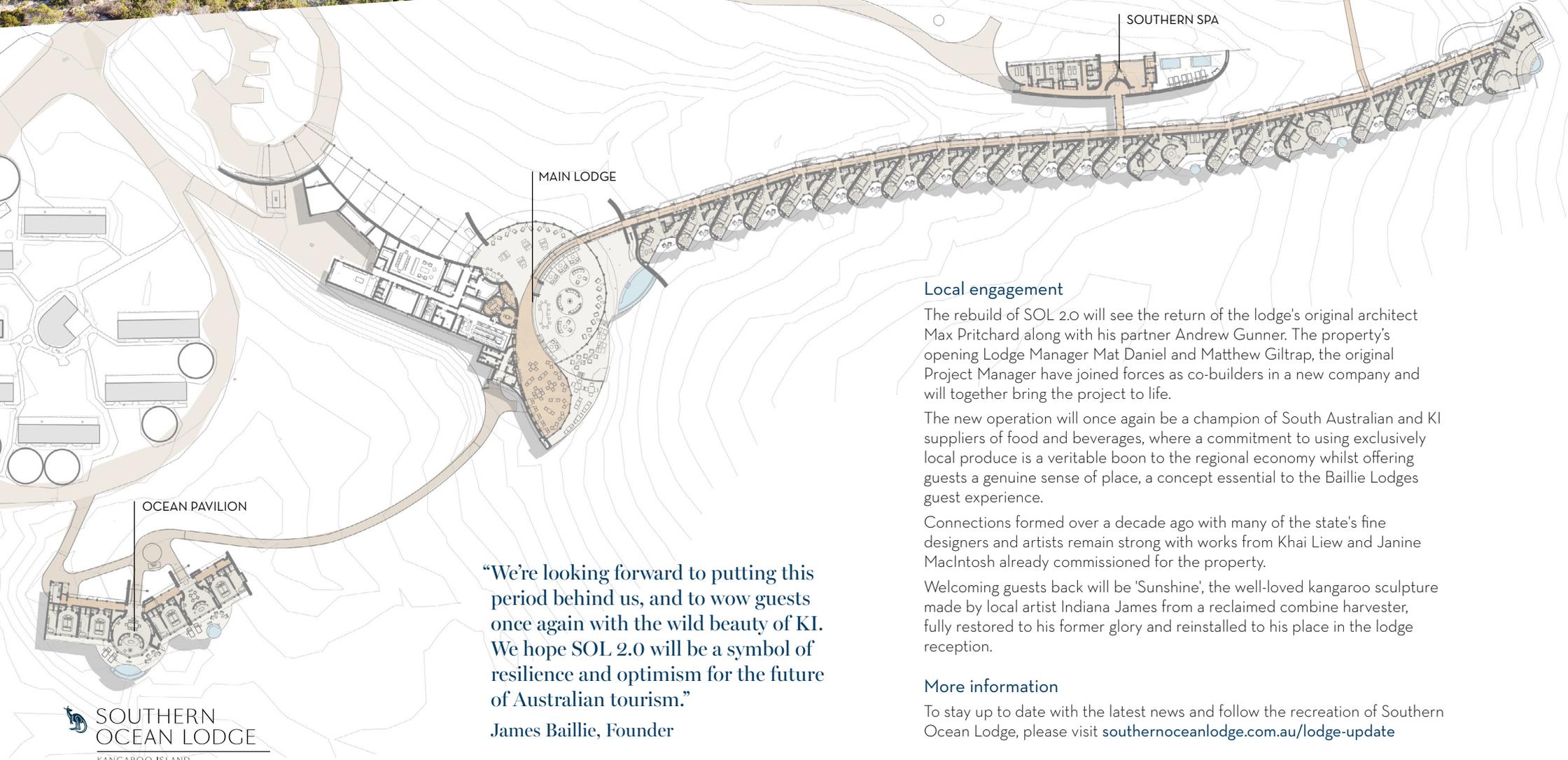
Sustainability initiatives

Environmental sustainability is core to the design of SOL 2.0 with significant hybrid solar and battery infrastructure allowing the luxury lodge to continue to run off grid in its remote location on KI's southwestern coast while reducing diesel fuel consumption by more than 50 percent.

Investment in a larger reverse osmosis system sees the ability to use solar power to convert bore water to fresh water and storage capacity has been increased to 5.8million litres of potable water. Rainsavers installed on each tank will increase rainwater harvesting to some 12000L of pure, drinkable rainwater from every millilitre that falls on the site. Meanwhile, the team has already been clearing coastal mallee from a 20-metre wilderness buffer around the lodge and replanting the area with fire-retardant succulents and KI's own native juniper.

The bushfire sprinkler system will be state of the art and pressurised by electric pumps and in the unlikely event of a power outage - a diesel pump will be on automatic standby. Sitewide CCTV camera coverage and web-based software will enable these safety systems to be activated and managed remotely. The boundary fire break will be cleared and maintained in line with CFS recommendations along with trimming down the vegetation bordering the entrance road.





“We’re looking forward to putting this period behind us, and to wow guests once again with the wild beauty of KI. We hope SOL 2.0 will be a symbol of resilience and optimism for the future of Australian tourism.”

James Baillie, Founder

Local engagement

The rebuild of SOL 2.0 will see the return of the lodge's original architect Max Pritchard along with his partner Andrew Gunner. The property's opening Lodge Manager Mat Daniel and Matthew Giltrap, the original Project Manager have joined forces as co-builders in a new company and will together bring the project to life.

The new operation will once again be a champion of South Australian and KI suppliers of food and beverages, where a commitment to using exclusively local produce is a veritable boon to the regional economy whilst offering guests a genuine sense of place, a concept essential to the Baillie Lodges guest experience.

Connections formed over a decade ago with many of the state's fine designers and artists remain strong with works from Khai Liew and Janine MacIntosh already commissioned for the property.

Welcoming guests back will be 'Sunshine', the well-loved kangaroo sculpture made by local artist Indiana James from a reclaimed combine harvester, fully restored to his former glory and reinstalled to his place in the lodge reception.

More information

To stay up to date with the latest news and follow the recreation of Southern Ocean Lodge, please visit southernoceanlodge.com.au/lodge-update