



**LOUISE LANYON, GENERAL MANAGER, LONGITUDE 131°
ULURU, NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Louise Lanyon has always lived and worked in remote parts of Australia. She met her husband, Ben, on Dunk Island on the Great Barrier Reef and the two of them have worked together in some of Australia's most gorgeous places. After helping open Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island, they now manage Longitude 131°, a luxury safari-style lodge overlooking World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park in Australia's Red Centre.

"Staying at Longitude 131°, with its dress-circle view of Uluru, is really an immersive experience," says Louise. "From our guided walks around Uluru to the sundowner drinks at a waterhole and open-air bush-food-inspired dining experience, complete with Aboriginal stories and stargazing, we seek to interpret the world's oldest living culture in one of the oldest landscapes on earth."

Louise is particularly excited about Longitude's partnership with Ernabella Arts, a remote Indigenous arts centre. "We finance their ceramics kilns, showcase artwork and sponsor an artist-in-residence program at the lodge," she says. "I can even arrange for guests to fly out to Ernabella for a personal connection with the artists. We're proud to help economically empower such a remote community, whose work we have now sold to guests from around the world."

I like to make guests feel like a trusted friend is helping them understand the rhythms and culture of perhaps the most iconic place in Australia. Indigenous artwork is on display throughout Longitude 131°, bush foods are seamlessly integrated into the dining experience, and the day spa incorporates local Indigenous healing products.