



#### TREVOR AND GERALDINE HAWORTH

Founders and directors, Captain Cook Cruises

**Innovation** Showcasing Sydney Harbour.

**The low-down** The only way to see Sydney Harbour back in 1970 was on a private boat or a commuter ferry. It was something that struck Trevor Haworth, a retired master seaman, as absurd. Here was the world's most beautiful harbour and there was no easy, comfortable and informative way for visitors to see it. Today, as a result of the Haworth's vision, Captain Cook Cruises is nearly as much a part of Sydney life as discussions of real estate. Like its namesake, Captain Cook Cruises has continued to explore new horizons and today a fleet of 16 vessels carries the company flag around the Fiji Islands, along the Murray River and the Great Barrier Reef. And twice daily at 10 am and 2.15pm, the cruise that spawned the company, the Captain Cook coffee cruise, leaves Number 6 Jetty, Circular Quay, taking visitors out onto the most beautiful harbour in the world.

[www.captaincook.com.au](http://www.captaincook.com.au)



#### JAMES AND HAYLEY BAILLIE

Owners, Baillie Lodges  
**Innovation** Rejuvenating Australian Islands.

**The low-down** In a past life as an employee, James Baillie was pivotal in reshaping Queensland's Lizard Island into a world-class destination. His creative handprint also extends to Bedarra, Dunk and Heron islands. When Baillie and his wife, Hayley, set up Baillie Lodges, they had a clear view of what they wanted to achieve: unique, contemporary, nature-based and sustainable. And identifiably Australian. Their properties celebrate with style and confidence the difference between Australia and the rest of the world, taking their inspiration from the drama of their locations. Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island was first on their agenda. Opened in 2005, it has delivered a new level of style and sophistication that is quintessentially Australia. Southern Ocean Lodge is due to open in March next year on South Australia's Kangaroo Island. Next on the radar: Tasmania's Tasman Peninsula.  
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#### ALLA WOLF TASKER

Owner, Lake House, Daylesford  
**Innovation** The country-house restaurant.

**The low-down** Quite simply, Alla Wolf Tasker put the central Victorian town of Daylesford back on the map. This picturesque destination had fallen off the tourist radar when Wolf Tasker and her husband, Allan, decided the lake at Daylesford was the spot to build a restaurant. When the Wolf Taskers opened The Lake House in 1984, locals thought they were misguided. Who would want to drive an hour and half from Melbourne for a feed? Well, these days, the answer is more than 500,000 people a year. The Lake House fulfils the Wolf Taskers' dream of creating a high-end country-house hotel with fine local produce, great wine and excellent service at its heart. The restaurant has grown into a fully fledged destination, with 33 guest rooms, a spa and a superb dining room that at last count had won 48 chef's hats from the annual foodie bible *The Age Good Food Guide*. [www.lakehouse.com.au](http://www.lakehouse.com.au)

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