

## the guide.



Cliff House at Lifetime Private Retreats. Clockwise from below: sea lions frolicking in Seal Bay, the stunning view from the upstairs bedroom of Cliff House.



throughout, a cosy reading den, and 1800 hectares to explore! Dinner around the pleasingly formal mahogany table sees Lyn showcase local and Australian ingredients in dishes such as Island Pure haloumi and kangaroo salad, baked King George whiting or a bouffant-light pavlova. After dessert, you can take a penguin tour with Graham. Breakfasts, too, are especially lavish – imagine apple and apricot crumble or glazed plum tarts, and that's just for starters. From \$230 per double including breakfast (dinner \$60 per person). **Wheaton's Rd, MacGillivray, [08] 8553 8235, stranraer.com.au.**

### FILLMORE'S LOMBARDY

If a chic European farmhouse is your idea of the perfect getaway, then this bijou beauty is the place. Bougainvillea, lavender and Cypress trees line the entrance to this two-bedroom B&B. White with blue shutters, it's fitted with antique doors and windows, has a pretty courtyard and water views. Couples staying upstairs have a Juliet balcony, while ground-floor guests enjoy a claw-foot bath. Owners Penny and Peter Harvie are both excellent cooks – he bakes bread and fires up the espresso machine, while she prepares breakfast. At night

they're usually back to cook dinner – maybe pear and goat's cheese wrapped in prosciutto; garfish with drunken potatoes; and panna cotta. From \$250 per double including breakfast (dinner \$65 per head). **North Coast Rd, Smith Bay, [08] 8553 5395, fillmores.com.au.**

### KANGAROO ISLAND WILDERNESS RETREAT

A change of ownership in 2005 gave this 43-hectare property, fringing Flinders Chase National Park, another lease of life. Out went the karaoke bar and backpackers, and in came a new restaurant for guests