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Connect with the oldest living culture on earth.

"Our land has a big story. Sometimes we tell a little bit at a time. Come and hear our stories, see our land. A little bit might stay in your hearts. If you want more, you come back."

— Jacob Nayinggul, Manilkarr clan



Park Manager's Message.

Hi all,

I'm sure you're all winding down as the season comes to an end.

We're beginning to look to prepare the roads for the wet, in the hope that we can have them open as early as possible next year.

The season has been a great one for Kakadu, with good growth in visitors, pass sales and revenue in all dry season months.

I'm also pleased that my 'normal' team (the one I manage when I'm not filling in as Park Manager) and the Tourism & Visitor Services team out here in the park have collaborated brilliantly on the new Kakadu website.

Check it out: parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu

Finally, thanks to all of you for your support of the park this season.

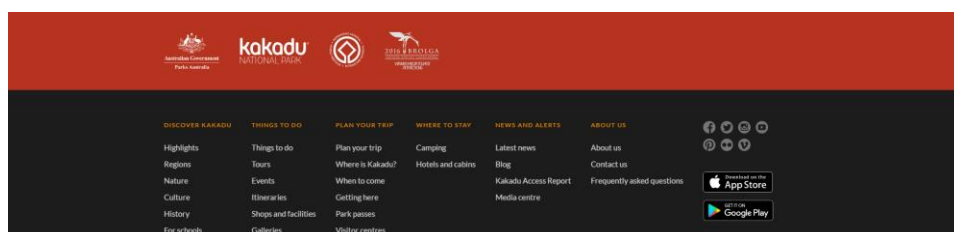
Cheers

Steve Wroe

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Check out our Facebook page to see the latest info on the park

<https://www.facebook.com/KakaduNationalPark>



Wanted: Park Manager

Take a ride on the wilder side of life and sign up for crocs, buffalo and the ultimate job – park manager of Kakadu National Park.

This is the top job and it's not for the faint-hearted. You'll run a complex business, a World-Heritage listed landscape of some 20,000 square kilometres and play host to the world as it arrives on your front doorstep.

Kakadu National Park has been home to Bininj/Mungguy for thousands of years and is a place of enormous cultural significance and ecological and biological diversity.

You'll work side-by-side with Kakadu's Aboriginal Traditional owners to understand and work towards their vision.

You'll be responsible for managing a team of up to 75 staff.

You'll liaise with people from all walks of life, manage our day-to-day operations, bring in the cash and get us five star reviews on Trip Advisor.

You'll use every lesson you've learnt, every skerrick of drive and every ounce of experience you have.

Think Game of Thrones. You're a Stark, you're warden of the north (though winter never comes).

Kakadu is the jewel in the crown of Australia's tourism industry and when you're standing in it, it's not hard to see why.

With the Ranger uranium mine set to close in 2021, the community is at a turning point. We need you to take the buffalo by the horns, work closely with the joint Board of Management, lead a dedicated team and enrich this iconic World Heritage listed park.

So go to Seek or Australian Public Service jobs, search Kakadu Park Manager, and apply today.

We dare you.



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New Ops Staff

This week we have welcomed two new Assistant Operations Managers to team Kakadu. Joining Operations Manager Sonia Leonard, their key role will be to help Chief Rangers in the districts plan and implement on ground operations. In addition, they will both be helping to deliver our obligations to WHS, asset management and developing work plans.

Kelly Gardner has a strong planning background and will be working with Jim Jim and Mary River districts, compliance and daluk/almukka (women) rangers on operational plans.

Koeygab Pabai will be looking after South Alligator, East Alligator and HQ districts as well as crocodile management. His strengths are in WHS, vessels operations and general asset management.

Say g'day to the Kelly and Koeygab when you see them out and about on park!



Ubirr Wet Season Access

It's that time of year again, from 1 December the public will only be able to access Ubirr between 2.00 pm and sunset. However, tour operators can apply for a special permit which, if granted, provides you with almost exclusive lock and key access between 8.30 am and sunset.

A wet season access permit to Ubirr is a privilege granted by the region's traditional owners. For this reason permit holders and tour guides have a greater responsibility to assist us with not only presenting the significance of this site to their visitors but also aiding us with protecting Ubirr for future generations.

Once your company has been granted a permit your guides can pick up a key assigned to them from our Bowali Visitor Centre.

When collecting a key your guide(s) will need to:

- Have read and understood the permit conditions.
- Carry a copy of the permit and conditions with them.
- Go through the guideline booklet with our staff.
- Complete and sign the tour guide agreement form.

The key and its number will be registered to the guide's name and is not transferable to another guide. Note that the company as the permit holder is responsible for keys to be returned after the wet season. Failure to return keys before 30 June 2018 will result in a \$50 per key replacement charge against the company.

Our Compliance team will be out and about conducting checks at Ubirr during the wet season to make sure everyone is doing the right thing.

Get your application in soon. Application packages are available for download from www.environment.gov.au/resource/tourism-operators

Tourism Kick Start Workshop

AusIndustry Entrepreneurs' Programme is coming to Jabiru for a half-day workshop.

Jabiru, Wednesday, 15 November 2017

Mercure Crocodile Hotel

1 Flinders St, Jabiru NT 0886

2:30pm – 5:30pm (afternoon tea provided)

- Learn how to grow your business' profile and sales via engaging in tourism trade partnerships
- Increase the competitiveness of your product and the quality of the visitor experience by gaining the 'tick of approval' from the Australian Tourism Accreditation Programme
- Learn about organisations, programmes and tools available to support tourism businesses in the NT.

Speakers include:

- Bernard Whewell – Trade Distribution Expert, Distinctly Travel Management
- Trevor Cox – General Manager ATAP Ltd and Tourism Top End
- Tony Clementson – Destination Development Manager, Tourism NT
- Rachel Telford – Business Advisor – AusIndustry/Deloitte Tourism Entrepreneurs' Programme

[Register here](#) or contact Rachel Telford on 0418 473 853.

Engagement Forum

On Thursday an illustrious group of stakeholders including tour operators, accommodation providers, Tourism NT staff and industry consultants met with Kakadu's Tourism and Visitor Services and Parks Australia's Customer Experience and Destination Planning teams at Ramada Suites Zen Quarter to look back on the year that's been as well as discuss new marketing initiatives, infrastructure improvements and plans for the 2018 season.

25 Attendees discussed how visitation to the park is currently measured, the impact of site opening dates on visitor numbers and opportunities to work together.



Wet Season Opening Times

Great news! Warradjan Cultural Centre will be extending their wet season trading hours this wet season by an additional hour this year.

From November through to 25 March 2018 Warradjan will be open from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Marrawuddi Gallery also have new trading hours.



Know Your Kakadu

Riverbank (riparian) zones are a vital part of the savanna landscape. In Australia's tropical north, riparian zones range from narrow strips of land alongside small creeks through to large floodplains adjacent to major rivers. These areas are critical to the health of the surrounding environment and support significant economic, environmental and cultural values. However, savanna riparian zones are highly vulnerable to a number of threats such as invasive plants, feral animals, fire and overgrazing.

Scientists from Western Australia's Department of Parks and Wildlife, University of Western Australia, CSIRO and Charles Darwin University are currently researching aims to guide improved management of riparian habitats. The project will deliver knowledge on the health of these key environmental areas and where resources should be directed to protect them. The project involves three complementary case studies to develop practical guidelines to support the sustainable use of riparian habitats:

The first case study will be undertaken in Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory. The study will look at fire management along creeks and streams in Kakadu National Park. Protection of riparian habitats along streams and creeks is crucial for maintaining biodiversity in savannas. This case study will generate knowledge about the effectiveness of fire management activities, and of weed and feral animal management, in riparian areas.

Visit the NESP website for more information on current research projects: <http://www.nespnorthern.edu.au/>

Licence Opportunities.

Don't forget applications are still open to apply for one of our unique or restricted access licence opportunities in the park. Licences are currently available for the below activities;

Activity
Sports fishing tours (unlimited number of licences available).
Bushwalking tours (unlimited number of licences available).
Safari camps Merl x 2

We invite all interested tour operators to apply by **31 October 2017**. Applications will be assessed in November. To apply for a licence and download the form, head to our website:

www.environment.gov.au/parks/permits/kakadu-tours.html

We would like to know what you are interested in learning about regarding Kakadu.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like included in a future edition of the Industry Update, please forward your suggestion to Kakadu.permits@environment.gov.au

For more information about Kakadu National Park contact Bowali Visitor Centre on (08) 8938 1120 or visit our websites.

Visitor Information

www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu

Useful forms and information

www.environment.gov.au/resource/tourism-operators