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Thank You Tracey

You may have heard by now Tracey Diddams our Tourism & Visitor Services (TVS) Manager is leaving in early April. Tracey's been here for five years as the TVS Manager and her work in the tourism sector has been outstanding. Some of Tracey's achievements include the development of Visitor Experience Plans, the Walking Strategy and track manual, the Kakadu Signs Project, Image Capture and Events Guidelines, Commercial Licence implementation and management, Kakadu branded merchandise as well as supporting the tourism operational functions of permitting, media projects, ranger guided and cultural activities, social and digital media, park events, visitor surveys, communication and visitor engagement. Tracey had a big influence in Kakadu gaining the 2016 Brolga Award for Major Tourist Attraction and the 2016 Silver Award at the Australian Tourism Awards.

Tracey is now heading west to join her husband who has taken up a ranger position at Keep River National Park.

Tracey's humour and leadership will be missed by the TVS team, and indeed by everyone at Parks Australia. We all wish Tracey every success for the future and we hope you enjoy your new surroundings. I am certain that those of you that have had the pleasure of dealing with Tracey will also wish her well in the future.

TVS Team

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

[https://www.facebook.com/
KakaduNationalPark](https://www.facebook.com/KakaduNationalPark)

KAKADU FOOD TRUCKS - Expression of Interest

Your food, your way into Kakadu

There is nowhere else on earth like World-Heritage listed Kakadu National Park. Every year we give 180,000 domestic and international visitors the time of their lives as they taste the many delights of this ever-changing landscape.

Now you have an opportunity to become part of our story. Roll your own food into Kakadu and apply to operate a mobile food truck or removable kiosk in our park.

You'll find yourself at one of two of our most exciting and popular visitor sites – Nourlangie, famous rock art site with year-round access, and Gunlom, a spectacular campground complete with natural plunge pool, in the south of the park.

Apply today and be rewarded for your innovation and passion for quality food and beverages, working right inside one of Australia's national treasures.

Find out more;

www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/foodtruck



**KAKADU
FOOD
TRUCKS**

Unique Business Opportunity

World Heritage Kakadu draws many thousands of visitors from around the world. Base your business in one of two spectacular high visitor flow sites and benefit from being the sole food provider!



Find out more online now
parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/foodtruck

Australian Government Parks Australia logo, Kakadu National Park logo, and Kakadu National Park text.

A Taste of Kakadu

An interactive food festival at least 50,000 years in the making

12 to 21 May 2017



World-Heritage listed Kakadu is a place of true abundance, bursting with fresh food. From its famous barramundi to local meats like magpie goose, to the world's first-ever super food, the Kakadu plum – there is something for everyone all year round.

We know this. Ours is a living cultural landscape. Today we continue to enjoy the flavours our ancestors did 50,000 years ago. And now we invite you to come and try them for yourself.

We know this because of our oral history, the stories passed from generation to generation. We know this because we look after some of the world's most ancient rock art galleries, depicting the lives of our ancestors. And like any other society, one of our ancestors' top priorities, and one of ours today, is that very basic human need - the need for good food.

Today we take those ancient traditions and give them a modern twist. Bring your family to meet our family. Cook and eat with us. Learn and discover with us. We welcome you to our home – Kakadu – to experience flavours you'll find nowhere else on Earth.

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/taste>

If you would like to add this event to your website, please let us know, so we can send you the image and promotional text.

What's New? Commercial Image and Use Guidelines and Event Guidelines

Kakadu now has new guidelines to help future commercial image capture projects and promote opportunities for unique events in the park. Previously, there were no guidelines for either Commercial Image Capture and Use and Events, with each being managed on a case by case basis.

Both the Commercial Image Capture and Use and Events Guidelines are designed to provide more flexibility with diverse projects, greater involvement and employment opportunities for Bininj/Mungguy, simplified processes, partnerships with our stakeholders, greater park promotion and financial compensation and revenue generation for large scale/promotional projects.

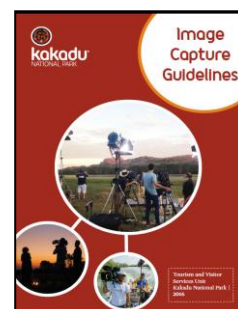
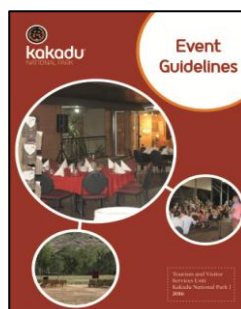
Photographer Paul Arnold has been the first recipient of a Kakadu commercial image capture licence which provides him with greater flexibility to come in and out of the park over the next 12 months without having to complete a permit application and undertake a briefing for each visit.

For more information and to download a copy of our Guidelines visit;

www.environment.gov.au/resource/media-and-artists



Paul Arnold, Photographer



Kakadu Triathlon 13 May 2017

ROAD, CARPARK AND HIGHWAY CLOSURES – SAT 13 MAY 2017 – KAKADU TRIATHLON

This is to advise Tour Operators that utilize Jabiru facilities that your organization may be affected by road and/or car park and highway closures on Saturday 13 May 2017 as part of the Kakadu Triathlon. These closures will ensure participants can complete the triathlon and duathlon in a safe manner. A map and information sheet has also been attached to provide you with as much information about the event as possible.

Arnhem Highway

The section of the Arnhem Highway that will be closed between 6.45am and 8.00am is from the corner of Jabiru Drive and Arnhem Highway to the boundary of the Ranger Mine Lease. The highway closure is to ensure the safety of the participants completing the bike leg of the duathlon race.

If you require any further information or have feedback for the Organising Committee, please contact Kakadu the Triathlon Event Coordinator Leona Katzer on 0409 103 892.

The Kakadu Triathlon celebrating its 5th year aims to provide a safe, fun event that promotes Kakadu, generates tourism and economy to Kakadu, and encourages healthier lifestyles for local residents whilst raising money for CareFlight, a lifesaving service for remote communities.



Kakadu Bird Week 2017

[DRAFT PROGRAM - KAKADU BIRD WEEK 2017!](#) (click this link to download the program)

The final program will be released in the coming months. We look forward to celebrating Kakadu's diverse bird life with you during Kakadu Bird Week, 1-7 October 2017!

DRAFT PROGRAM

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BIRD WEEK

1 – 7 October 2017 *Flock to it!*

Kakadu is home to more than a third of
Australia's bird species.

Celebrate the Top End's diverse birdlife
during Kakadu Bird Week 2017 and ruffle
your feathers on exciting activities
& tours lead by NT bird experts including:

*Park Rangers, Traditional Owners,
Territory Wildlife Park Keepers,
Specialist Bird Guides, Top End
Bird Researchers & more...*

Grab special offers during the week, enter
competitions & spot the birds
you've always wanted to see.

Visit [Kakadu's website](#) and [Facebook](#) for detailed itineraries & updates.
Visit [Tourism NT's birding web page](#) for additional touring information.

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Other Great Bird Week Specials

(Quick! Kakaia Bird Week when looking to recover your discount)

Accommodation:
[Camping Lodge Condo - Kakaia Tourist Center](#)
 Save 15% off rooms
 *No special Bird Week Yellow Water Sunrise
 Cakes & Sake/dinner/dance above
[www.kakaia.com/conventions.htm](#) OR 8079 7000
 *Newcomer Cuddle Hotel, Ahika
 Save 15% off rooms
[www.kakaia.com/cuddleshell.htm](#) OR 8079 7000

Meals:
 *Kakaia Tavern & Social Club
 Dinner specials 20% off 26-30 October
 Lakeview Drive, Ahika OR 8079 2126

Tour Discounts:
 Visit Kakaia's website & Facebook Page
 for detailed bird tour itineraries & updates
[http://www.kakaia.com/ahika](#), [http://kakaia.com/ahika](#)

Sacred Earth Safaris
 1 day & 4 day Private Charter Bird Tours
[info@kakaia.com](#) OR 8079 2224 / 0418 002 855

Can't make it from 1 - 7 October?

Check out these Pre & Post Kakaia Bird Week Events around the Top End

The Territory Wildlife Park Flight Deck
 Open daily 08:00 - 08:00 2200
[http://www.wildlifepark.com.au/](#)

Red Centre Festival:
 24 - 24 September
 Witness the dawn birth of the Red Centre coming to Kakaia Bird Week
[www.alcojazzfestivalpark.com.au](#)
 (08) 9951 4758

Visit Tourism NT's birding website
 for additional birding tour information
[http://www.birdingcentral.com.au](#)
[http://www.visitnt.com.au](#) and wildlife-habitat-reading

Red Centre birds festival
 Register with us on line
 for competing conditions & prizes on offer including
 *Halterneck Sunnies - Flights &
 Kakaia's Specials - Inauguration of the Flight Deck*

Send a Heading to win include: 08079 2224 - Kakaia
 postcard(s) kakaia@kakaia.com on your bird photo
 Winner draw on 26 October 2014

→ Move to come [http://kakaia.com/ahika](#)

What To Bring

- Water
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- insect repellent
- Walking shoes
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Spotting scope
- Tripod
- Kakaia Bird Check List
- Pen

PLAN AHEAD FOR A GREAT DAY AT KAKAIA APPRECIATION

Pack your Park Pass and Visitor Guide and arrive at the activity zone 15 minutes early. Bring a lot of drinking water, temperatures will be very hot and humid.

VISITOR CENTRES

Rainall Visitor Centre (08) 8934 8330 (Ahiara Region)
 Warragan Aboriginal Cultural Centre (08) 8979 0081 (Yellow Water Region)

The Kakaia Experiences team couldn't have run Kakaia Bird Week without the help, generosity and involvement of:

**Share your
Kakaia
experience**

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Bowali Visitor Centre Repairs

In the coming weeks there will be some capital maintenance work to Bowali Visitor centre and around the Cafe area.

There may be some minor disruptions as work is carried out, however we will try and keep these to a minimum.

The works include:

- Refurbishment of the toilet amenities beside the cafe
- Repairs to the box gutters – including corrosion treatment
- Replacement of damaged ceilings in display and library
- EM Test Buttons and Earth Leakage

We ask that when visiting Bowali Visitor Centre during this time that you heed all directional signage and we thank you for your patients during the renovation and repair process.

Recent Fire – the Old HQ building opposite Bowali has now been contained after recent fire. The building poses no threat to your visitors and we appreciate your adherence to all fencing and signage.

Thank you for your cooperation. Any queries ph
08 8938 1120

Kakadu Knowledge for Tour Guides

Are you thinking of becoming a Tour Guide in Kakadu?

Tour companies will soon be looking for guides that have completed the KKFTG course, so now is the time to jump on board and obtain that Kakadu Knowledge for Tour Guide certificate.

As of 1 July 2017 the CDU will be raising the cost of the course from \$270 to \$290 per student.

For more information contact

<http://learnline.cdu.edu.au/tourism/kakadu/>

The KKFTG course is a great way to gain the knowledge and respect that promotes the cultural and natural values of the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park.



Know Your Kakadu

Kakadu Plum - *Terminalia ferdinandiana*

Terminalia: Latin terminus (end), referring to the leaves at the end of the shoots)
ferdinandiana: Named after Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, a German botanist who was part of the Burke and Wills expedition.

Family Combretaceae:

Regional Language Kunwinjku: *man-morlak* Regional Language Kundjeyhmi: *an-morlak*

Flowering: *Kurrung* (Sep - Nov) Fruiting: *Banggerreng* (Mar - May)

The Kakadu plum is common in open tropical woodlands and grows in a variety of well drained soils making them easy to see on most walking tracks in Kakadu. During the dry season the tree drop its leaves and looks bare before they flower again in *Kurrung* (Sep - Nov) and Fruit in *Banggerreng* (Mar - May), making these one of the very few deciduous trees in Kakadu.

The Kakadu Plum's most striking features are its large round leaves with cream flower spikes and an edible egg shaped fruit.

Bininj uses of the fruit include eating raw when ripe, inner bark is applied to sores and mosquito bites and the red sap is used for decorative staining of their timber tools. It is also noted that the fruit contains some of the highest vitamin C content in the world. The extracts from commercially grown Kakadu Plums are being used in modern day hair, food and skin products.



Commercial Tour Operator Permits

Have you submitted your CTO permit application as yet?

As at 31 March your 2016/17 Tour Operator permit expired, this is a friendly reminder to send us your application ASAP so that when you next tour the park, you can do so without fear of being non-compliant.

For all those operators that have yet to forward your KAKADU content for our **web refresh**, please do so, we'd hate for you to miss out.

Please send both your permit application and or your web refresh information to

Kakadu.Permits@environment.gov.au

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