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Meryl Triggs, Maria Lee, Bessie Coleman, Tracey Diddams, Victor Cooper, Ryan Barrowei and Michael Bangalang ready for the Awards

On Friday night in Darwin, Kakadu National Park took out the silver medal at the Qantas Australia Tourism Awards for major tourist attraction. Five senior Bininj/Mungguy traditional owners from Kakadu represented the park at the awards. They said they were incredibly happy to see Kakadu being honoured on the national stage.

Director of National Parks Sally Barnes said the judges recognised World-Heritage listed Kakadu as an outstanding hallmark attraction, providing first-class tourism experiences through its natural and cultural heritage. "Kakadu is an awe-inspiring place, a place of deep spiritual significance and one of the must-visit places of the Northern Territory," she said. "Every year more than 180,000 visitors from NT locals to interstate and overseas flock to our park. I'd encourage every Australian family to visit this wonderful part of the country, and take in its ancient rock-art galleries, fascinating wildlife, including its world-famous crocs, magnificent iconic birds like the jabiru and brolga, plus some of the best barramundi fishing spots in the NT. It truly has something for everyone." This award also recognises Kakadu's place in the Northern Territory local economy.

Parks Australia manages Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta alongside their traditional owners. Together these parks contribute an estimated \$320 million to the Territory economy annually.

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

2017/18 Standard Landbased Permit Applications

It's that time of year again!

Annual permit applications will soon need to be lodged. Application packs have been sent out to all current permit holders and we have started processing the first applications. If you didn't receive yours head over to: www.environment.gov.au/resource/tourism-operators and download the application form.

Don't forget to bookmark this page as you will find all the important information for tour operators right here!

Duration of permit - Are you looking for continuity and not keen on completing an application form every year? Operators who hold current ATAP accreditation and satisfy all the usual permit requirements can apply for a three-year permit as an alternative to the standard one-year permit. Please note that the three-year fee will need to be paid upfront (see page 2 of the application form for details) and you will still be required to submit your annual renewal notes for accreditation and public liability insurance.

Tips for applying - For speedy processing and to avoid phone tag from us, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Please take a few moments to re-familiarise yourself with the conditions linked to your standard land-based permit – and ask your guides to do the same.
- Ensure all questions are completed – if more space is needed then attach a separate sheet.
- Make sure your attached public liability schedules prove you're covered beyond 31 March 2016.
- Attach your promotional material. If it's not ready we will accept a draft or alternatively your website address (please write this on the checklist on page 12).
- Ensure your tour leaders have completed the Kakadu Knowledge for Tour Guides course.
- Select your permit duration and provide payment details – sorry, we cannot accept Amex or generate invoices.
- Complete the application checklist (page 12) – this is your toolkit to make sure we've got everything needed for a quick turnaround.
- Sign and witness the declaration and agreement pages.

Remember that it is a condition under the permit to carry a copy of the current permit conditions while conducting tours in Kakadu. If you were granted a three-year permit last year, don't forget to update the documentation you carry by including the revised permit conditions. Simply follow above link and print out the conditions that come as part of the application pack.

When will I get my permit? Please allow a minimum of 14 days for application processing.

Need more information? Please contact Kakadu.permits@environment.gov.au or phone Belinda Crisp on 08 8938 1140.

We're looking forward to seeing your application!



Kakadu's Website Refresh

Dear Operator

A little while ago we advised you of a great new and FREE marketing opportunity for your business on the Kakadu National Park website. Understanding that you may be unsure what to expect, we feel it may help (and provide inspiration) to have a look at a first mock-up: <http://parksaustralia.gov.au/Sample/Kakadu/Tours>

Now think of the most stunning images and relevant details you can provide in this space and imagine what YOUR page could look like! Obviously, details included on the website need to be relevant to Kakadu (e.g. we will NOT promote any trips to Cape York or Tasmania, any itineraries featured need to include a Kakadu component). Please do let us know if you have any special offers, like Kakadu Bird Week Activities, discounts on chilli mud crab dinners. If you offer different tours (e.g. tailored to birdwatchers, families, a range of different languages, etc.), mention it on the form!

Please note that content shouldn't be too specific or likely to change during the season as we will have only have limited capacity to change your page once it's gone live.

If you haven't sent us your information and images yet (or you'd like to provide a bit more than what you've sent us already), waste no time! Simply complete attached form, select some stunning high-res images, attach your company logo and email to Kakadu.Permits@environment.gov.au no later than 10 March 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Join the TVS Team

Kakadu National Park has some exciting employment opportunities within the Tourism and Visitor Services Unit. We are seeking an energetic and professional Tourism and Visitor Services Manager to work with the park's traditional owners and tourism industry to lead and develop tourism opportunities in the park. We are also looking for a passionate and enthusiastic Visitor and Community Engagement Coordinator to oversee the park's renowned interpretation ranger program, park events and school education activities. For more information on all current vacancies in Kakadu National Park visit <http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/employment/current-vacancies>.

Tourism and Visitor Services Manager Tracey Diddams will be leaving us at the end of March 2017 after five years in Kakadu. Working together with the tourism team, traditional owners and the tourism industry, Tracey has led the development of Visitor Experience Plans, the Walking Strategy and track manual, the Kakadu Signs Project, 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's husband Christian (our former Interpretation Ranger) has been offered a ranger position at Keep River National Park. Tracey and their children will be joining Christian in Keep River and they look forward to your visit.

Boh Boh for now!

Know Your Kakadu

Without a doubt [Kakadu National Park](#) boasts one of the richest floras in Australia. There are more than 1500 species of plants in the region and many of them are yet undescribed.

Kudjewk (monsoon season) is a great time to discover Kakadu's precious plant life.

Curcuma australasica.

The colourful, leafy native ginger is out in force at Ubirr, Burrungkuy (Nourlangie Rock) and many other shaded slopes of Kakadu's stone country.



Hibiscus - find them at Ubirr, along the Bardedjilidji walk, Gubara walk, Yurmikmik walks.



Pityrodia jamesii - grows in rocky areas, in pockets of deep sandy soil. It is one of the colourful *Leichhardt Grasshopper's* main food plant.



Camping Fees 2017

Camping fees for 2017 will remain unchanged, camping fees for adults will be \$6 per night at unmanaged campgrounds (with drop toilets) and \$15 at managed campgrounds (hot showers and toilets). Children (5-15 years) will pay half the adult price - \$3 per night for unmanaged campgrounds and \$7.50 per night for managed campgrounds. Children four and under remain free.

The family camping rate will be \$15 for unmanaged campgrounds and \$38 for managed campgrounds (per night). This covers two adults and two or more children, offering around a 15 per cent discount. Campgrounds without toilet facilities remain free.



No Drone Zone

A lot of fun doodads and gadgets around these days – not all of them are allowed in the park though. For a whole range of reasons remote control devices, including planes and drones, are not permitted in any Commonwealth reserve.

So please ask your clients to leave their drones at home to enjoy Kakadu's beauty without committing an offence!

If you do come across an individual operating a drone, please call our Bowali Visitor Centre on (08) 8938 1120 or email

Kakadunationalpark@environment.gov.au with details.



Wet Season Fire Management in Kakadu

Fire management is an important job conducted annually across the park to help protect the natural and cultural values of this World Heritage area. Traditional owners and rangers work together in Kakadu National Park, combining traditionally based burning techniques with modern technology to reduce the number of hot fires at the end of the dry season.

In 2016 more effort than ever went into preventing the spread of late season fires by strategic early dry season burning. This resulted in less total area burnt as well as significantly fewer late season hot, large fires. Early dry season fires are mostly cool, patchy, small and progressive and result in breaks that will still stop the spread of late season fires. Such strategic burning also creates various habitat age structures that help support the life cycle of many important species.

Right now our rangers conduct wet season burning to improve existing landscape scale fire breaks that stop the spread of late season wildfires.



Kakadu Bird Week 2017

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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.

Reserve your spot today.
kakaduxperiences@environment.gov.au

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

INCLUDED IN YOUR PARK PASS:

- BIRD WALKS & TALKS
- SLIDE SHOWS
- ART SITE TALKS
- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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Become involved and download your copy of the [Bird Week 2017](#) program now!

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