

# Savannah Guides School Forsyth & Cobbold Gorge

6-9 April 2017

## "Gulf Gorges and Gouldians"

SAVANNAH GUIDES



*Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback*

Savannah Guides invites you to **Forsyth and Cobbold Gorge** to enjoy a Savannah Guides School packed with new knowledge and skills. This four day workshop will feature the outback town of Forsyth, Flat Creek Station and stunning Cobbold Gorge. The magnificently coloured Gouldian Finches at Flat Creek Station will be in full breeding mode – a definite highlight! Please join us at our **Forsyth and Cobbold Gorge Savannah Guides School** for some fascinating field study, interactive professional development, a welcoming network of old and new friends and a lot of fun!



### WHO ARE SAVANNAH GUIDES?

Savannah Guides Limited develops the skills and careers of tour guides. We are a non-profit, member based network of Tour Guides and Operators working with our partners to be "Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback". Savannah Guides Limited began in 1988 and has won numerous tourism awards for training and tourism services. Our activities build sustainable tourism businesses for regional community benefit, expand career opportunities for Tour Guides and enhance visitor experiences. Our members include accredited guides and enterprises as well as "Friends" who assist in our Mission or just have a good time with like-minded people. For more details visit [www.savannah-guides.com.au](http://www.savannah-guides.com.au).

### WHAT IS A SAVANNAH GUIDES SCHOOL?

A Savannah Guides "School" is not a course with assessment or a qualification. It's simply our name for professional development workshops, held at various locations across Northern Australia at least twice each year. Schools are a part of our Tour Guide accreditation process, although most participants come for the open knowledge and skill sharing, networking with ecotourism and community leaders and enjoying a fascinating part of the country in more detail. A majority of School activities are in the field.

### WHO CAN ATTEND?

**Members and non-members are very welcome.** Schools are a great opportunity for any Tour Guide, tourism industry member, government or community representative or nature lover to gain a real insight into quality tourism operation. Our participants will include tourism businesses and organisations, tour guides, environmental specialists, traditional owners, local government representatives and land managers. The professional development opportunity provided at these Schools is unparalleled and the renowned Savannah Guides camaraderie is often the basis for valuable ongoing business and personal relationships. Build your network links with Savannah Guides.



**Please join us for this memorable and informative School and pass this information on to your networks**

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# SAVANNAH GUIDES SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

*The Forsyth and Cobbold Gorge Savannah Guides School will provide a variety of valuable knowledge from fossicking and railways to the fauna and geology of this fascinating region. We will also explore Flat Creek Station and their Gouldian Finches and discover the latest craze at Cobbold Gorge! Don't forget your musical instruments for our Jam Session on Saturday night!*

## Wednesday 05 April 2017

- Early arrivals - see you at the Pub for dinner!  
**OVERNIGHT: FORSYTH**

## Thursday 06 April 2017

### Welcomes, Forsyth and The Savannahlander

- 8:00am Registration at Goldfields Hotel, Forsyth.
- 9:00am School Opening and Welcomes.
- School Twitchathon Sign-Up – join our fun bird spotting competition to build your birding skills.
- Learn about the newest National Park in the region from Andrew Millerd of QPWS.
- The enormous Etheridge Geopark opportunity with Angus Robinson.
- Mike Anthony shares his knowledge on the reptiles and amphibians of this region.
- We explore Recreational Safety Standards with Tim Trehearn and Dom Courtney.
- Sunset jaunt and pre-dinner drinks on-board the Savannahlander Train.
- Grab your lantern and explore Forsyth by Night!

**OVERNIGHT: FORSYTH**



## Friday 07 April 2017

### Flat Creek Station and Gouldian Finches!

- Optional Birdwatching Walk.
- Discover Flat Creek Station where Peter Henry and Savannah Guide Adam Utschink will enlighten us with their Gouldian Finch Breeding Program, Station Stories, the tourism plans they have in store for the Station ... and another surprise bird announcement!



- Transfer from Flat Creek Station to Cobbold Gorge. Most conventional vehicles will handle the journey to Cobbold Gorge with ease, including those towing caravans. We will advise you if road conditions at the time require alternative arrangements.
- Learn about the Terry Family history.
- What are Savannah Guides and Ulovane Environmental Training doing in South Africa?
- A relaxing dinner to end this fascinating day.

**OVERNIGHT: COBBOLD GORGE**

## Saturday 08 April 2017

### Exploring Cobbold Gorge

- Optional Birdwatching Walk.
- Cooperative Commentary Exercises as we explore ancient Cobbold Gorge.
- The search is on for reptiles and amphibians we learnt about on our first day together.
- Paddle Boarding demonstration on the Gorge.
- Workshop Themes and Commentaries at various Savannah Guides Enterprises.
- Senior Savannah Guide Simon Terry, chats to us about Howlong Station Management – balancing its Nature Refuge and Cattle.
- Join in our Savannah Guides Jam Session! Bring your guitar, didge or voice!

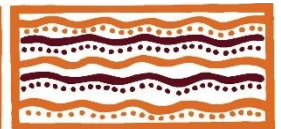
**OVERNIGHT: COBBOLD GORGE**

## Sunday 09 April 2017

### Field Trip and Enterprise Session

- Savannah Guides Enterprise Session
- Photography in the Field by Kellie Butler.
- Savannah Guides General Meeting.
- Twitchathon Results and Prizes.
- Take Away Messages and Close of School.

**Program Disclaimer:** The speakers, topics and schedule are correct at time of printing. Savannah Guides Ltd reserves the right to change the schedule without notice should unforeseen circumstances arise.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## Forsyth & Cobbold Gorge – 06-09 April 2017

*Please send your Registration Form and payment to Savannah Guides. Registration closes Friday 24 March.*

**Name of Individual attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**From – Enterprise/Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alt Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary or Medical Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not distribute my contact details to other participants after the School

Please do not use any images of me in Savannah Guides promotions

### REGISTRATION

Your Registration Fee includes participation in all School presentations, workshops and activities; transport to field activities and participant kit; all meals from Morning Tea on Thu 06 April to Lunch on Sun 09 April. The Registration Fee does not include accommodation.

Full School Registration – Non-Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$475
Full School Registration – Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$395
Single Day Rate – Non-Members		\$160
Single Day Rate – Members		\$140

If Single Day Rate please indicate your arrival and departure **day** and **time** for catering purposes: Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### TRANSFER FROM CAIRNS

Savannah Guides Enterprise, Oz Tours Safaris, is offering return coach transfers from/to Cairns, leaving Cairns very early morning on Wed 05 April and returning late evening on Sun 09 April. Cost is \$100 per person return (cash only payment on board please). If you wish to camp they will provide camping gear at no extra cost.

**I would like to book a return seat on the Oz Tours Transfer** (please circle): **Yes / No**

**I will require Camping Equipment** (please circle): **Yes / No**

### ACCOMMODATION

Your Registration Fee does not include accommodation. You must book and pay for accommodation yourself.

Finnigan's Rest and Cobbold Gorge have generously offered the following discounted rates:

06 Apr - Finnigan's Rest – Cnr First & Fourth Streets, Forsyth, Tel: 07 4062 5374, \$112.50pn DBL / \$99pn SGL **or**  
 - Forsyth Tourist Park – First Street, Forsyth, Tel: 07 4062 5324

07-08 Apr - Cobbold Gorge – Tel: 07 4062 5470, Cabins \$112.50 per night / Camping \$13.50 per person per night

### PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Member Brochure / Merchandise in the School Participant Kit	\$ 50
Half Page Advertisement in the School Program	\$100
Morning or Afternoon Tea / Lunch / Dinner Sponsorship	\$250-\$1500

**PARTNERSHIP TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### PAYMENT (Please tick and complete your payment method below)

a)  **Direct Deposit:** Account Name: Savannah Guides Ltd - BSB: 034-167 - Account No: 47-1141  
 To help identify your deposit please complete the reference field on your transfer with your surname.  
 I have paid by Direct Deposit on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

b)  **Credit Card:** Please circle: VISA / Mastercard  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

c)  **My enterprise will be paying.** Please send a tax invoice.

An Administration Fee of \$50 per person applies to all Cancellations

**Please email to [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au) or PO Box 33 SMITHFIELD QLD 4878**