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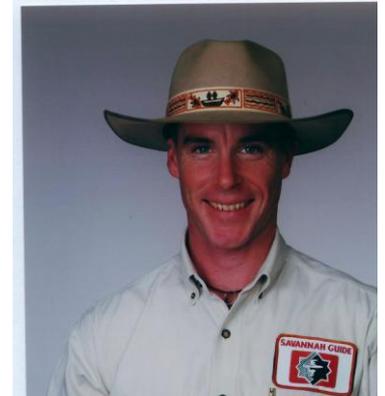
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Welcome to our November newsletter

We've just "Celebrated the Red Centre" with our school in Alice Springs and have a range of activities underway at present. The Savannah Guides model of professional development is increasingly in demand in regional Australia and it is very rewarding to be assisting increasing numbers of tour guides and businesses.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of our recent activities.

Ben Humphries Savannah Guides President



School Celebrates The Red Centre

The Alice Springs School was a great opportunity to explore some fascinating desert habitats and gain deeper understandings of cultural concepts.

Most participants based at the friendly Heavitree Gap Outback Lodge where we had a great cultural presentation by Roque Lee and Jim Smith around saltwater skills. We also enjoyed some insightful field trips to:

- Alice Springs Sewage Ponds – with local bird watching guide and ecologist Chris Watson. Some keen sightings here and at Desert Park were the winners in our School Twitchathon.
- The school coincided with the Mbantua Festival's historic gathering of dance groups and workshops with Indigenous artists including weaving, wood carving, ceramics, spear making, language, bush tucker, bush medicine and traditions of desert painting. We had a walking tour through a major new exhibition of Central Desert Art works and site installations including some classic car bonnet paintings. After dark we were treated to a concert in the magical setting of the Todd River, featuring Dan Sultan, Missy Higgins, and Bernard Fanning.
- A highlight of the Western MacDonnells was Standley Chasm, where we walked through the narrow passage with its unique cycads and other plants, and held valuable workshops with Kimberley operators and guides on Indigenous Cultural Protocols and how signage and brochuring can help this Indigenous Tourism business. Thanks to all for their contributions – we'll be sharing notes with everyone soon.
- We explored the spectacular Simpson's Gap with local NT Parks Ranger Christie Stenhouse and had a workshop on "in-vehicle" guiding techniques along the way.
- The fantastic Road Transport Hall of Fame hosted us with a guided tour of their unbelievable collection of trucks and other vehicles and dinner at Stuart's Bush Kitchen and a fascinating astronomy presentation by Jim Fitzgerald and an insight into World Expeditions' new exclusive safari tents on the Larapinta Trail by Kate Emery.
- At the magnificent Alice Springs Desert Park we discovered three desert habitats - Desert Rivers, Sand Country and Woodland and saw a world class free-flying bird show.

Our workshops on Responsible Tourism and some valuable presentations from partners rounded off a memorable few days and will have many of us revisiting the Red Centre to discover more of its secrets.

SAVANNAH GUIDES

Savannah Guides is a network of professional tour guides with a collective in-depth knowledge of the natural and cultural assets of Northern Australia. It is a not-for-profit company with enterprise and individual members. Savannah Guides works with many of Australia's leading tourism, environmental and community organisations to pursue its mission:

Being an economically sound, community based, professional body maintaining high standards of: interpretation and public education; training and guiding leadership; and through the promotion of ecologically sustainable tourism principles, enhancing regional lifestyles and encouraging the protection and conservation of the natural and cultural resources of the Tropical Savannahs of Northern Australia.

The next

SAVANNAH GUIDES SCHOOL is in Winton QLD 20-23 March 2014

This school will be a huge get-together of members so please make a special effort to come and catch up! We'll be exploring the classic Queensland Outback, especially its dinosaur and pioneer heritage ... and you can almost taste the cold beer at Savannah Guide Paul Nielsen's Tattersals Hotel. We'll have transport available from Cairns and other points.

... more details soon!

Annual General Meeting News

The AGM was held by teleconference this year and we have two new Directors. The 2013-14 Savannah Guides Limited Board is:

- Ben Humphries (NT Parks) – President
- Mick Clark (El Questro) – Vice President
- Ivor Davies (Undara) – Secretary/Treasurer
- Ken Fairbairn (Gulflander)
- Amanda Jennings-Hinton (Capricorn Caves)
- John Colless (Wetherby Station)

Congratulations to the new Board, particularly new members Mick Clark who was awarded Savannah Guides Barry Kubala Future Leaders Award in 2012, and John Colless who has vast experience on the land, including recently with Northern Gulf Regional Management Authority Board service. We look forward to a busy year and exciting new developments for Savannah Guides Limited.

The Board noted the huge contributions made by retiring Board members Andy Ralph and Andrew Sturges. Andy has been on the Board since 2007, including serving as President, and added considerable cultural awareness to the organisation through his role as owner operator of Kakadu Culture Camp with wife (and Savannah Guide) Jenny Hunter and family, including Site Interpreter Douglas. Andrew built our new website, established our new teleconference facility and continued the generous contributions by Undara Experience to Savannah Guides. Andy and Andrew continue to be members of Savannah Guides and we hope to see them regularly.

Live from the Alice Springs Savannah Guides School...



Roque Lee and the Spear Throwers



Ray Prunty introducing Standley Chasm



Birding Benno & the Poo Pond Perusers



Barking Bunyips!

The **Barking Owl** (*Ninox connivens*) is a nocturnal species native to mainland Australia and parts of Papua New Guinea and the Moluccas. This medium-sized brown owl has an extremely characteristic voice that can range from a barking dog noise to a shrill woman-like scream of great intensity. Barking owls are often said to be the source to the myths and legends surrounding the [Bunyip](#)
From Wikipedia.

Roving interpreter Andrew Packer happy with his baking on safari!



RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

Friend of Savannah Guides Brian Lambert has been helping us coordinate some action plans around the principles of Responsible Tourism. Savannah Guides Individual and Enterprise Members have contributed and we held a workshop after Brian’s presentation at the Alice Springs School.

In the coming months we will produce three lists to help members adopt more Responsible Tourism principles:

- Tips for Tour Guides
- Tips for Operators
- Opportunities for Savannah Guides

Brian and Russell are continuing to work on this project and any members are welcome to get involved. Please contact Russell or Ben for details.

World Responsible Tourism Day

Savannah Guides will gain international promotion through participation in **World Responsible Tourism Day** (November 6, 2013) again this year. This worldwide movement uses digital media to target travellers interested in sustainable travel, and we encourage all members to consider how they and their enterprise can become involved. Please see <http://www.wtmwrtd.com/>

This year the very responsible Ken Fairbairn, Savannah Guide on the Gulflander Train in Normanton, is planning a community activity. We’ll have a full report in the next newsletter!

TROPICAL TOPICS

Those guiding in the Wet Tropics a few years ago will remember an outstanding series of booklets produced to help tour guides interpret the World Heritage Area. Some later editions focused on the tropical savannahs. All of these are highly recommended and available as pdf downloads from the Wet Tropics website at:

<http://www.wettropics.gov.au/tropical-topics>

Please remember that Savannah Guides is your vehicle for continual professional development.

Consider how you can:

- Be nominated for a Savannah Guides award – these are available to accredited guides employed by member enterprises
- Upgrade your accreditation from Site or Roving Interpreter to Savannah Guide through contributing to Savannah Guides activities and its Mission
- Stand for election to the Board
- Join us in a project to assist developing businesses or integrate Responsible Tourism into member activities
- Contribute to the newsletter

Ask Russell or a Savannah Guides Board member for details.

Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference

The Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference(see www.aitc2013.com), run by the WA Indigenous Tour Operators Council (WAITOC) was held 9-11 October in Alice Springs just before the Alice Springs Savannah Guides School.

Savannah Guides Manager Russell Boswell spoke on the long term relationships in the Savannah Guides network, and Robert Taylor from WAITOC spoke at the Savannah Guides School about WAITOC activities.

Savannah Guides hopes to develop this positive relationship with WAITOC and its members.



Who has the Best Job in the World?

Steve Grainger recently escorted the Queensland winner of Australia's "Best Job in the World", Park Ranger Elisa Detrez, on the Savannah Way. Steve wrote the following article for the Port Douglas Gazette:

Night tigers, micro-bats and mustering cattle by chopper were some of the experiences for Elisa Detrez, "Best Job in the World Queensland" winner, during her recent trip on the Savannah Way. With accredited Savannah Guide and Wet Tropics guide, Steve Grainger, owner/operator of Port Douglas based tours Tropical Treks, as her guide, the 29 year old from Paris, who has degrees in Business Management Tourism and Political Sciences and speaks four languages, showed enormous enthusiasm for promoting Queensland's special places. When asked to have several snakes draped over her shoulders, she eagerly accepted the challenge.

Steve said "It was an absolute pleasure to escort her and boyfriend Maxime, a professional photographer, through the special places of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and the accessible outback of the Savannah Way". An example of her ability to get the message across was a photo taken at Lake Eacham at 9am and immediately posted on Facebook. By 4pm that afternoon over 6000 likes and over 100 comments had appeared.

The 5 day journey included lava tube tours at Undara Experience, gorge and cattle station tours at Cobbold Gorge and limestone cave tours and mining history tours at Chillagoe.

Follow Elisa on her website and Facebook:

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

<http://www.elisathebestjobintheworld.com/#!9-savannah-way/c4wt>

<http://www.elisathebestjobintheworld.com/#!5-termites/cfws>



Steve and Elisa on the road

News from Cobbold Gorge...

Top Ten Secrets of the "Top End"

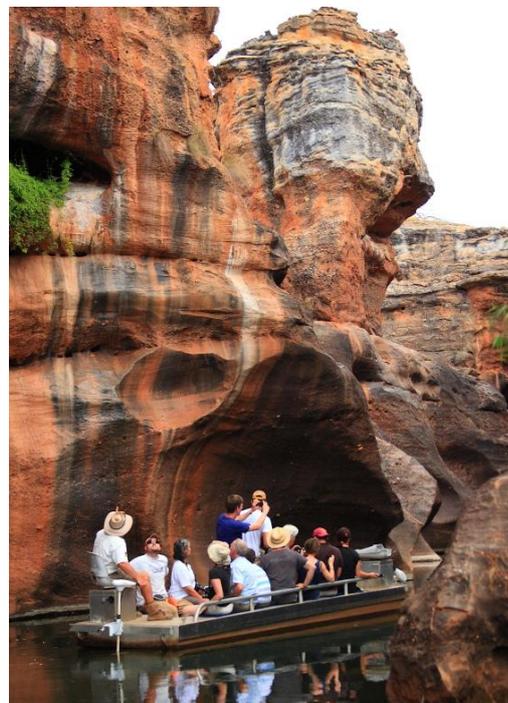
Cobbold Gorge was listed in the September edition of Australian Caravan and RV Magazine, as one of the Top Ten Secrets of the "Top End" along with Flat Creek Station and Undara Lava Tubes. That's a great representation of what the Etheridge Shire has to offer visitors. We're pretty chuffed.

Best Job in the World – Elisa Detrez (Park Ranger, Queensland)

In September Cobbold Gorge was lucky enough to have Elisa, Best Jobs in the World Park Ranger visit us for a couple of days on her Queensland Savannah Way trip. Elisa was lucky enough to participate in a cattle muster from the air in a helicopter. Elisa went as far as to say it was her "best adventure so far..." Check out her [stories and video](#) from her Savannah Way visit.

Closing for 2013

1 November will mark the last day of our 2013 tourist season. We have a busy 5 months working behind the scenes which will include renovations and refurbishments to our Rouseabout Rooms taking place over the wet season. We reopen for 2014 on 1 April so hopefully we will be able to report on a great wet season with dams full and grass green and plentiful.



Savannah Guides Uniform – excerpts from the By Laws

Any uniform must be a professional style and be worn in a professional manner at all times.

Accredited Site Interpreters, Roving interpreters, Special Members and Savannah Guides Individual Member may wear appropriate Savannah Guides insignia. The options are:

- Large Savannah Guides embroidered Individual member patch, or
- The smaller embroidered Savannah Guides patch
- A metal pin with individual membership status

Savannah Guides Limited has a Standard Uniform that can be adopted by enterprises or worn by members not attached to an enterprise. Member Enterprises may have a different uniform provided it is approved by the Board upon application. All approved uniforms include appropriate Savannah Guides insignia.

Discontinued lines by manufacturers such as King Gee have led us to a position of generally recommending workwear with collars and a Stone top and Taupe bottom where possible. The options include:

	MEN	WOMEN
Shirt / Blouse	Hard Yakka Generation Y Cotton Twill Short sleeve 04311 or Long sleeve 04310 Sandstone (020) colour	Hard Yakka Generation Y Cotton Twill Short sleeve 04311 or Long sleeve 04310 Sandstone (020) colour
	DNC Workwear Cool Breeze Work Shirt Short (3207) or long (3208) sleeve Khaki	
Shorts / Pants / Skirt	Hard Yakka Legend Cotton Duck Weave Short 05900 Khaki or Trouser 02900 Khaki	
	RB Sellars Tool Short MST2201Khaki	
	RB Sellars Utility Trousers MTR3301Khaki	
	Taupe Shorts (cargo style) or Trousers	Taupe Shorts, Skirt or Trousers
Hat	Colour: Sand	Colour: Sand
	Akubra Bobby, Woomera, Cattleman, Arena	As for men plus Akubra Pastoralist, Coober Pedy, Gymkhana, Territory
Hatband	Official "Message Stick" hatband	
Belt	Dark brown plain leather with optional knife pouch	
Sock-Savers (Bowyangs)	Oiled brown cotton with press-stud closure. Driza-Bone DBSPRH.BRN Available through Savannah Guides Limited	
Winter Coat	Driza-Bone range of cotton jackets and coats	

Wear your uniform with pride – you are representing all of us!



Elisa's Wilderness Challenge Safari

The well-travelled World's Best Job Winner (Queensland) Elisa also spent some time with Wilderness Challenge, going to Cape York Peninsula in September.

Guide Mark Pugh, who came to the Chillagoe School, looked after Elisa and photographer partner Max, and everyone on the tour had a sensational time! Queensland National Parks & Wildlife Rangers visited the group's camps at Kalpowar Crossing and Eliot Falls for "Show and Tell" interaction, and of course the usual highlights of a Cape York camping safari included some 4WD fun, swimming in spring fed creeks, sweeping coastlines and the Tip of Cape York. You can watch a short, fun video of Elisa's trip by simply clicking on the link below or entering it into your internet browser: <http://www.elisathebestjobintheworld.com/#!5-into-the-wild-of-cape-york/c429>

NEW PRODUCT FOR WILDERNESS CHALLENGE

We were very excited to launch a new safari this year – 12 Day Outback Queensland and Dinosaur Trail Accommodated Safari. Its development was in response to our past passengers' requests for new adventures and this particular itinerary was initiated through the passion of one of our senior guides.

The safari takes us between Cairns and the Gold Coast (or Gold Coast to Cairns) through Queensland's fascinating Outback region and it also follows the truly amazing "Dinosaur Trail". The safari visits Longreach, Barcaldine, Combo Waterhole, Hughenden, Richmond, Winton's Lark Quarry and the Australian Age of Dinosaurs facility. Roma's quaint bottle trees are a feature while the rich Darling Downs and the Gold Coast's hinterland Scenic Rim and Mount Tamborine are also highlights.

Along the way we are treated to an amazing array of landscapes including Australia's "Little Grand Canyon", Porcupine Gorge, vast Mitchell Grass plains and the dramatically picturesque mesa country around Winton. A special feature of our itinerary is Carnarvon Gorge where we stay for two nights allowing us a full day to explore this magnificent National Park. And of course each change of habitat is a boon for birdwatchers as well.

Given our new product we are very excited about the next Savannah Guides School in Winton next March!



Tom Warnes

SAVANNAH GUIDES PARTNERSHIPS

Savannah Guides Limited has a range of valued partners who assist our organisation work towards its mission:

Our Corporate Partners

QPWS & NT Parks and Wildlife – support our schools through expert presentations and participation and continually liaise with Savannah Guides on access and park monitoring issues.

Tourism NT – long term partners acknowledging Savannah Guides Limited's role in maintaining and raising the quality of experiences in the NT. The central marketing body for NT tourism product so closely linked to our NT members.

Savannah Way Limited – promotes the Cairns to Broome drive route and features SGL Enterprise Members.

Price Waterhouse Coopers, Townsville – leading accountancy firm who provide probono services to complete our Annual Financial Review.

OM4 – website design company providing the SGL website platform.

Our Project Partners

Wet Tropics Management Authority – protectors and presenters of the ancient rainforests in north Queensland who contract Savannah Guides to run tour guide workshops for rainforest guides.

Indigenous Business Australia – supports our Indigenous Business Partnerships program with the Townsville Cultural Centre.

Members are encouraged to contact Manager Russ with partnership ideas or to get involved.



Mick Clark & NT Parks' Christie at Simpson's Gap



WET TROPICS TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM

Savannah Guides continues to work with its partner the Wet Tropics Management Authority to develop the Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program, which includes two day Field Schools, day famils and workshops, an online course developed by Industry Accreditation and a social media network of guides.

The Field Schools in the Daintree in December 2012 and Yungaburra in March 2013 attracted a total of 90 participants, and 65 guides have completed the online course comprising accredited units in Flora/Fauna, Aboriginal culture and interpretation. 35 guides have been accredited by completing both the course and a field school.

The community and tourism industry involvement in the program has been strong and helped share the key themes of the World Heritage Area. For more details see: www.wettropics.gov.au/tour-guide-training

NEXT WET TROPICS TOUR GUIDE FIELD SCHOOL

Tully and Mission Beach on the Tropical Coast

6-7 December 2013

More details soon!

Mick Clark spent the year Guiding at El Questro!

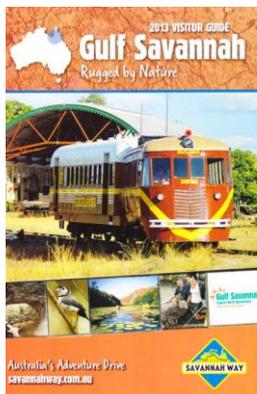
Hi everyone - it's been an amazing season working at El Questro Wilderness Park in the East Kimberley region of W.A. My partner Dianne and I have been travelling and working in various remote locations around Australia for nearly seven years now and still very much enjoying it.

Here at ELQ in my position as Ranger I get to take guests to some stunning locations either by foot, 4WD or in the helicopter. There are about 15 different tours available so the variety as a Ranger is fantastic. Every tour has something different to offer. ELQ has five unique gorges some with permanent swimming holes and others with lovely droplet waterfalls, three 4WD lookout tracks, a lovely relaxing boat cruise and thermal springs to soak away any aches and pains.

Although each tour is interesting my favourite is going heli-fishing for barramundi. Sometimes I have to pinch myself to realise how lucky I am to be getting paid for this. The Kimberley has so much to see and do that when Di and I have time off we have a huge choice of places to explore - so much so that we can never seem to get to the bottom of our bucket list.

If you have never been to El Questro, come on over, I'd love to show you round my new back yard.

Kind regards, Mick Clark & Di Hudd



NEWS FROM SAVANNAH WAY LIMITED

The Local Tourism Organisation for the Gulf Savannah has been busy in recent months: Several caravanning and 4WD magazines have been sourcing tips on locations and routes; we assisted with the itinerary and logistics for World's Best Job Elisa's visit; have worked closely with Queensland tourism organisations to build the Drive North Queensland program; facilitated at Destination Q and coordinated the geocaching of the western half of the route. We are also working with Carpentaria Shire Council to design a new Barramundi Discovery Centre. Soon we'll produce a new brochure and the 2014 Gulf Savannah Visitor Guide. Visit www.savannahway.com.au



Excerpts from Actual Resumes:

- "I am extremely loyal to my present firm, so please don't let them know of my immediate availability."
- "Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as 'job-hopping'. I have never quit a job."
- "Marital Status: Often. Children: Various."
- "Here are my qualifications for you to overlook."

Reasons for leaving my last Job:

- "Responsibility makes me nervous."
- "They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 every morning. Couldn't work under those conditions."
- "Was met with a string of broken promises and lies, as well as cockroaches."
- "I was working for my mom until she decided to move."
- "The company made me a scapegoat - just like my three previous employers."

Directions from the Boss:

- "As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday and employees will receive their cards in two weeks."
- "What I need is a list of specific unknown problems we will encounter."
- "E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business."
- "This project is so important, we can't let things that are more important interfere with it."

More Scenes from the Alice Springs Savannah Guides School

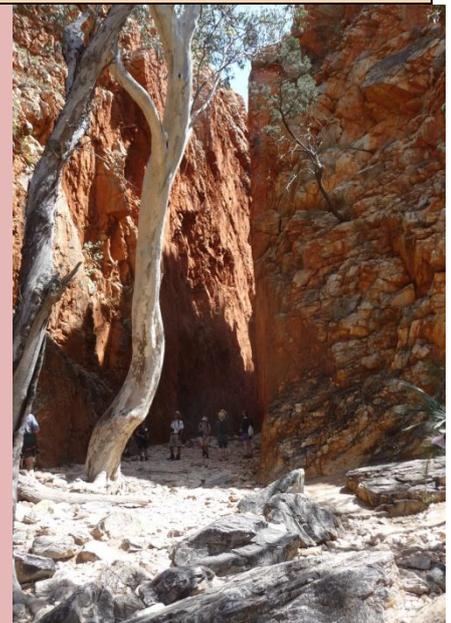
Colin Morgan and fellow gazers at Simpson's Gap



Fire lighting with elbow grease



Andres smokes it up!



Standley Chasm



Rick Murray and Brian Lee at Standley Chasm

Together at Simpson's Gap



TOWNSVILLE CULTURAL CENTRE

Savannah Guides Limited has been working with the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre to develop their tourism and community activity. This is an exciting opportunity for both partners and is supported by Indigenous Business Australia.

The Townsville Cultural Centre provides an insight into the traditional and contemporary life and cultural practices of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through its museum, cultural performances, craft workshops, art gallery, events including dinner shows and NAIDOC celebrations, and community activities such as Welcomes to Country. It is located between Reef HQ and the North Queensland Museum in Flinders Street East, Townsville. You can see more details at www.cctownsville.com.au.

Ivor and Russell have been visiting the Centre and compiling a Strategic Review of operations and opportunities. Chief Executive Officer David Gela came to the recent Savannah Guides School in Alice Springs and is keen to introduce some of the Centre's Cultural Practitioners and other staff to Savannah Guides.

Savannah Guides members are invited to contact Russell about their interest in contributing expertise to the project. If you are in Townsville please drop in to meet David and the team.

Thoughts from Savannah Guide Jim Fitzgerald...

Many tour guides have a great sense of humour. A customer on one of our tours had a packet of Maltesers, a chocolate-covered malted honeycomb confectionery that can look a lot like wallaby scats (if you squint enough!). Early one morning my fellow guide stole a couple of the lollies and placed them carefully on the ground in the camp. When the guests turned up for breakfast he pointed out the 'scats' saying that we'd had some visitors overnight, then promptly picked one up, popped it into his mouth, chewed and swallowed. The look on the guests' faces was priceless and most gave their bacon and eggs a thorough inspection before tucking in!

Another character I worked with on my first tours into Cape York loved his salt. We used to carry a well-known brand in 750 gram plastic containers. When Slim selected the large hole and began pouring layers of salt onto his meal one of the pommy guests chipped him. "You should go easy on the salt Slim. It'll harden your arteries!" Quick as winking Slim replied "This is a tough country – you've gotta be hard! More salt please!"

What are the top three things about life as a remote area 4WD tour guide?

Working in a natural environment, promoting and encouraging a deeper understanding of and respect for the natural environment in the guests, and interacting with the guests and learning from their own experiences.

What characteristics of an Australian animal or plant do you wish you had and why?

It would be interesting to have the vision of a bird of prey such as a kestrel because a) they see a greater range of colours than humans, b) they can detect ultra-violet wavelengths, and c) they can see much further than humans.

What are the most important things you can educate your guests about on your tour?

Without doubt the most important is that humans are not the be-all and end-all of life on the planet.

Why did you become a tour guide?

To learn more about the natural environment and to pass that knowledge on to my guests.

What is your favourite Australian song or poem?

A.B. 'Banjo' Patterson's 'Clancy of the Overflow', mainly for the lines "And he sees the vision splendid of the sunlit plain extended, And at night the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars", words that can raise the hair on my arms just by thinking about them.

Jim interprets the Solar System at the Road Transport Hall of Fame, Alice Springs





Update from www.undara.com.au

G'day Savannah Guides and Friends,

2013 has seen a great improvement in Undara's visitor numbers and it would appear that the domestic self-drive market has rebounded with greater confidence than the past 3 years. What a welcome change!

Capital Works: We have been busy at Undara Experience this year with some capital works projects being completed. These include a new amenities block in the powered caravan & motor home park, the development of six new powered caravan sites for staff, the removal of the old bistro & construction of a new multi-purpose timber deck to extend the dining space in the Fettle's Iron Pot restaurant and the installation of a new bulk gas facility.

Events: The **Outback Country Rock & Blues** weekend was a sensational event with a great line up of artists. Next year's event promises to be even better.

There has been a minor name change and a new logo. The event is now the **Undara Outback Rock & Blues** weekend and the dates are the 25th – 27th April 2014.



Opera in the Outback: This year was the 13th year of Opera at Undara. Who would have ever thought it would get to that! There were 3 shows including tribute to the music of Michael Bublè, the Elixir of Love and On This Day. The dates for next year's event are the 9th – 11th October 2014.

Savannah Guides at Undara: There are always a good mix of guides at every level in the Savannah Guides training system at Undara. Savannah Guides on site this year include Gerry and Bram Collins, Ivor Davies. Training Site Interpreters include Kane Bassett, Chris Armstrong, Marita Hurst, Steve Turnbull & Simon Brenchley.

Undara Website Upgrade: We're almost finished an upgrade to the Undara website. There'll be a fresh new look and a lot more user friendly. You'll find us at www.undara.com.au and we'd love to hear your feedback on it. We'll notify you all when it's live.

New Brochures: When you've got your new 2014 brochures printed and ready for distribution, make sure you send them to us so we can get them into our racks in time for the next season.

See you in Winton!

The Fettle's Iron Pot restaurant



The new Park Amenities



Website Resources

Don't forget the valuable landscape and people information at:

<http://www.savanna.org.au/>.

The website of the Cooperative Research Centre for Tropical Savannas (1995-2009) also still has some excellent publications at:

<http://www.savanna.cdu.edu.au/publications/index.html>

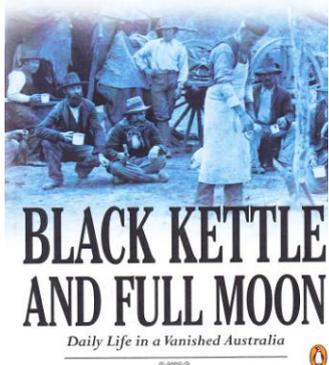
See the latest on northern Australian bushfires at:

<http://www.firenorth.org.au/nafi2/>

PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS!

It's great to hear your news, learn about something you've seen or share a nice image. Please email your contribution for the next major newsletter (April 2014) or your E-newsletter updates to Russell at : info@savannah-guides.com.au

GEOFFREY BLAINIEY



RECOMMENDED READING

Did you know that on the Victorian goldfields in the 1850's you could have ice in your drink ... that had been cut with a plough from a freshwater lake in Boson, USA, shipped to Melbourne then taken by buggy to Ballarat? Or that a ten word telegraph message from Sydney to Ballarat would cost one shilling in the 1880's and almost 150 shillings to Britain – about 4 weeks wages for a labourer.

Geoffrey Blainey's book (2003) is a great tool for interpreters telling stories of the days before World War I. Details of everyday life in the outback and in the city, from brass bands to billycans, pub life to social etiquette.

The paperback is widely available for around \$30.

PARKS PARTNERSHIPS



Savannah Guides members are reminded about our partnerships with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and the NT Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Under these partnerships members should contribute news of interest to local park staff – perhaps an unusual wildlife sighting, degraded infrastructure or inappropriate visitor behaviour. Please get to know your local rangers and involve them in your activities!



Queensland Government

SAVANNAH GUIDES IS ON FACEBOOK



Our Facebook page is alive and well – please “Like” us and stay in touch! We are looking for members who can add posts and build our following. Can you help spread the social media word?

Please visit the Facebook page or contact SGL Manager Russell!



THE END

SEE YOU AT THE WINTON SCHOOL: 20-23 MARCH 2014!

