



Savannah Guides Special Member Application Form

Savannah Guides is a network of professional tour guides and tour operators working with researchers, National Parks agencies and local communities. We are based in the tropical savannahs of northern Australia and operate tour guide professional development programs across the country.

Start your guiding career, build your Indigenous or regional tour business, access training and accreditation or discover great natural and cultural experiences with Savannah Guides.

SAVANNAH GUIDES SPECIAL MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Special Membership can be extended to those:

- Who fully or partly own an enterprise or are involved in the management of an enterprise but have not previously been a Savannah Guide and are unlikely to be guiding due to managerial responsibilities or other business commitments.
- Who, through either a long association with the company and/or through their extensive experience in either the business, government, tourism or academic sectors, is capable of making a considerable contribution to the development of Savannah Guides. The nomination of such a person for Special Membership is at the discretion of the Board.
- Special Members are entitled to exercise all the privileges of Ordinary Individual Members and are bound by the Company's Constitution and By-Laws.

SAVANNAH GUIDES SPECIAL MEMBER CRITERIA

To become accredited as a Special Member an individual must:

- Be proposed and seconded by two individual accredited Members of Savannah Guides Limited on the completed Application Form.
- Attend at least one complete Savannah Guides Field School. Applicants can receive their accreditation at their first Field School.
- Commit to abiding by the Code of Conduct.
- Participate in mentoring processes with a Savannah Guides Member if requested.
- Pay annual Membership Fees as required.
- Be approved by the Board on the basis of meeting the above criteria, appropriate standards of professional operation, and the membership enhancing the organisation.

SAVANNAH GUIDES SPECIAL MEMBER BENEFITS

Savannah Guides Limited's members benefit from a culture of continuous self-improvement, best practice and cooperative activities. Specific benefits include:

- Respect and acknowledgement in the tourism industry.
- Employment opportunities with Savannah Guides enterprises through network recognition and opportunities at Savannah Guides Field Schools.
- Professional development opportunities for formal and informal learning through Savannah Guides Field Schools and educational links.
- Personal development opportunities through community, environmental or business projects.
- Discounted Members' Registration Fee for Savannah Guides Field Schools.
- Savannah Guides newsletter subscription and contribution opportunity.
- The opportunity for further recognition through the Barry Kubala Future Leaders Award if working for a Savannah Guides Enterprise.
- Voting rights at Savannah Guides Limited General Meetings.
- The camaraderie and mutual support of peers and mentors. Members have on-call support on a range of professional issues through the Savannah Guides network.



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Name: _____ Application Date: ____/____/____

Private Postal Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Private Mobile: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Private Email: _____

Applicants must be proposed and seconded by a Savannah Guides Member:

Proposer Name: _____ Signature: _____

Secunder Name: _____ Signature: _____

What is the name of the Enterprise and Location where you are currently working?

Please briefly describe your role:

Have you attended a Savannah Guides Field School? Yes No

When: _____ Where: _____

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Please describe why you want to join Savannah Guides:

I agree to promptly pay my Membership Fee Tax Invoice of \$125

- Accreditation at Sep-Nov Field School – fee covers Current Financial Year
- Accreditation at Mar-May Field School – fee covers Current and Following Financial Year

Membership Pledge

I agree to abide by the Savannah Guides Code of Conduct and Membership Conditions as interpreted by the Board and pursue the objectives of the Savannah Guides Mission.

I agree to participate in mentoring procedures as directed by the Board of Savannah Guides Limited.

Applicants indicate their acceptance of the Membership Pledge by signing this document.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Thank you for your application. We will be in contact soon.

SAVANNAH GUIDES



Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback

VISION

“Savannah Guides Limited will be leaders in the protection and interpretation of natural and cultural values”

MISSION

Savannah Guides’ Mission is to be an economically sound, community based, professional body which maintains high standards of:

- Interpretation and Public Education
- Training and Guiding Leadership
- Natural and Cultural Resource Management.

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct is designed to ensure the level of interpretation, service provision and commitment to sustainable tourism of Savannah Guides Members is consistent throughout the network and at the forefront of the guiding profession. It is the responsibility of all Members, as Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback, to ensure they abide by this Code of Conduct.

Savannah Guides Members will:

- Provide **high quality tourism experiences** in a culturally sensitive and an environmentally sustainable manner
- Adopt **best practice standards** in relation to safety and Duty of Care, interpretation, customer service, product promotion and their own leadership and presentation
- Maintain a **fully professional approach** in all dealings with guests, local people, industry colleagues and other Savannah Guides members
- Commit to **ongoing professional development**
- **Abide by the standards** and By-Laws of Savannah Guides Limited
- **promote the Savannah Guides ethos** to colleagues and guests

It is the responsibility of all members to ensure they abide by the Code of Conduct. Members will be subject to disciplinary proceedings if they breach these ethical principles or partake in discreditable behaviour.