Vital issues for northern Australia’s future are taking centre stage. For the latest regional economic analysis plus community, indigenous, land management and business opportunities come to the inaugural Savannah Symposium 2009!

We need this critical information and stronger networks to build a sustainable future in our regions.

Join northern Australian community leaders, service providers and visionaries exploring “Doing Sustainable Business in the Bush”. Meet, learn and contribute to the future with us at:

- Charles Darwin University from Tuesday 17 November to Thursday 19 November and/or
- Kakadu Mini Conference including Thursday 19 (CDU), Friday 20 and Saturday 21 Nov

It’s time to register! Our presenters are all great achievers with lessons to share and there will be ample opportunity for old and new contacts to be made.

See just some of the presentations below and contact us for more details.

Program Overview - Daily Highlights

*These and more presentations and workshops to be confirmed / subject to change

**TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2009 - CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY (9.00am – 4.30pm)**

The Sustainable Communities and Conservation Business Streams feature today.

- The Savannah Way – a drive route brand for community benefit
- Tourism NT – Future Tourism Issues
- Suellen Taylor (Service Skills) – Remote community training: Roadmap to Country Project
- Viv Sinnamon (Kowanyama NRM) – The Indigenous Land Management Economy
- Barry Riddiford (Mt Isa) – Start up opportunities in indigenous small business
- Romy Greiner (River Consulting) – the Conservation Economy
- Penny Gleeson (Ecowise) – Aquatic ecosystem monitoring and management
- Jeremy Russell-Smith (Charles Darwin University) – Opportunities from Managing Fire
- Engage with our Indigenous Business Development Panel on new opportunities
- Tour the Symposium Showcase with display hosts
- Welcome Reception 5.30 – 7pm at Parliament House with opening by Dr Chris Burns, NT Minister for Tourism, Business, Trade, Asian Relations and Defence Support

**WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2009 - CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY (9.00am-5.00pm)**

The Sustainable Communities and Conservation Business Streams will be supplemented by the Ecotourism Stream today. More leading presenters on vital topics:

- Savannah Guides – Why Protect and Interpret the Outback?
- Willem Westra Van Holte (NT Member for Katherine) – The Katherine Region
- Margot Richardson - Healthy Communities, Healthy Organisations – Good governance and management
- Anne Poelina (Madjulla) – Holistic Community Development
- Jeff Madsen (QLD Main Roads) Savannah Way Directional Tourist Signage
- Doc Reynolds (Aboriginal Lands WA) – The WA Experience
- Kate Sutciffe (Research Australasia) – Northern Australian Economic Development Forum Outcomes
- Caroline Densley (Diverse Travel) – Selling tourism products
- Danielle Cullen & Christina Davidson (ANKAAA) - Indigenous Art Centre Networks
- NAILSMA – Field Data Collection – the i-tracker
- Rolf Gerritsen (Charles Darwin University) - Collateral damage: The State and Indigenous adaptation to climate change
- Engage with our Infrastructure Development Panel on regional planning and needs
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2009 - CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY (9.00am-4.30pm)

- Dr Chris Burns, NT Minister for Tourism, Business, Trade, Asian Relations and Defence Support – Keynote address
- Kym Cheatham (Ecotourism Australia) – Keynote address
- Natalie Stoeckl (Charles Darwin University) - Business expenditure patterns and multipliers in Northern Australia
- Gary Smith (Tourism Leisure Corporation) - Economic Management in the Tough Times
- Owen Stanley (Tropical Savannas CRC) - Aborigines and Mining
- ERA – Mining in Northern Australia
- Bill Panton (NT Parks) - NT Parks Joint Management
- Eva McRae-Williams (Tropical Savannas CRC) - Policy Change and Indigenous Response - The Problem of Parallel Discourse
- Ben Humphries (Charles Darwin University) - Birding Tourism & Guide Training
- Joc Schmiechen (Rural solutions SA) – Ecotourism: Capturing a sense of place
- Mike Keighley (Far Out Adventures) – What my teacher never taught me: Top End Aboriginal Culture
- Dr Judy Opitz (Author) – The Cooinda Dream
- Savannas CRC – Keynote address

- Symposium Dinner: Crocosaurus Cove. Fun at a state of the art wildlife venue!

Our conference section (Tuesday to Thursday) is still awaiting more confirmations from outstanding keynote speakers and leading experts on our panels, so there is more great news to come! The relaxed atmosphere will allow for great networking.

GETTING OUT IN THE FIELD!

The second section of our Symposium is in Kakadu and Arnhem Land, looking behind the scenes. This is also the field component of the Savannah Guides School, so there will be a focus on remote tourism best practice and some of Australia’s best Tour Guides will form a part of our group. This section will be of great interest to developing tour operators.

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2009 - KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

- Depart for Kakadu (transfer included) to see people “Doing Sustainable Business in the Bush!”
- Savannah Guides interpretation and behind the scenes roadhouse operations session en route
- Visit Ranger Uranium Mine, tour revegetation sites & talk on conservation & community activities
- On board Geology Guru David Johnson will interpret en route
- Talk with Traditional Owners about tourism operations on traditional lands
- Experience the iconic Yellow Waters Cruise and Warradjan Cultural Centre
- Accommodation at Cooinda (not included – discounted rate available on 2 room styles)

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2009 - KAKADU NATIONAL PARK & ARNHEM LAND

- Join Injalak guides at Arnhem Land rock art and occupation sites
- Talk with Traditional Owners about running a community based art centre
- Behind the scenes at Kakadu National Park – land and visitor management
- Bird watching, interpretation and no doubt a few jokes to remember returning to Darwin

...but wait, there’s more!

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2009 - BONUS SAVANNAH GUIDES TRAINING DAY!

This workshop is available free of charge to any Thu-Sat participants and at minimal charge to others.

It features fascinating sessions including:

- Mangrove Route eco-cruise in Darwin harbour - Sandbar activity from 6.00-8.00am (limit 20)
- Geologist David Johnson and Top End Botanist Bill Panton at the Holiday Inn Darwin

To register for the Savannah Guides Training Day contact Vicki Jones: info@savannah-guides.com.au
It’s time to register!

Please come and be a part of this important event!

Join us for some or all of this fabulous event:

a) **Charles Darwin University Conference** - Tue 17, Wed 18 and Thu 19 Nov only $695
   Includes CDU Conference and transfers, Welcome Reception and Symposium Dinner

b) **Full 2009 Savannah Symposium** - Tue 17, Wed 18, Thu 19, Fri 20, Sat 21 Nov $950
   Includes CDU Conference and transfers, Welcome Reception, Symposium Dinner and Kakadu and Arnhem Land Field Workshops

c) **Mini-conference + Kakadu and Arnhem Land Workshops** - Thu 19, Fri 20, Sat 21 Nov
   Also the official Savannah Guides School this includes Thu CDU Conference and transfers, Symposium Dinner and Field Workshops $695

d) **Any Day Attendance** (presentations or field workshops and day meals) $200

e) **Symposium Dinner** – Crocosaurus Cove Thu 19 Nov 7.00–10.30pm cash bar $ 80

f) **Savannah Guides Training Day** – Sun 22 Nov contact info@savannah-guides.com.au

Limited Presentation spaces remaining! Please apply now!

PROMOTE YOUR ORGANISATION, PRODUCT OR SERVICE!

Take advantage of valuable opportunities to put your name in front of some of the key decision makers in northern Australia:

- Exhibit in the Symposium Showcase, auditorium foyer 17-19 Nov. Wall space, BYO table, posters. Can be manned for delegate tour 17 Nov 4:00-5:30pm. $125 (1m) or $175 (2m)
- Brochure inclusion in delegate bag $ 80
- Conference Program advertising $250 (Half A4 page) or $450 (Full page)
- Morning or Afternoon Tea Sponsor inc 3 minute talk $250 in Kakadu, $500 at University
- Lunch Sponsor including 5 minute talk $500 in Kakadu, $900 at University


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