Job description

Agency	Department of Tourism and Hospitality			Work unit	Parks and Wildlife Operations
Job title	District Manager, Savannah/Gulf Parks			Designation	Senior Administrative Officer 1
Job type	Full Time			Duration	Ongoing
Salary	$136,380 - $152,357			Location	Katherine
Position number	30036	RTF	361520	Closing	24/11/2026
Contact Officer	Phil Cowan on 08 8951 8272 or phil.cowan@nt.gov.au				
About the agency	https://nt.gov.au/parks				
Apply online	https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/JobDetails?rtfId=361520				

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Information for applicants – inclusion and diversity

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Primary objective

Provide strategic leadership, high-level advice and operational management for parks and reserves across the region. Lead a multidisciplinary team to deliver effective conservation, visitor management, joint management, emergency response, asset management, and stakeholder engagement outcomes, ensuring parks and reserves are managed in accordance with legislative, policy, and planning commitments.

Context statement

The position is based in Katherine and leads the Savannah/Gulf Parks operations team. The role reports to the regional Director and works closely with Traditional Owners, joint management partners, stakeholders, and other Government agencies.

Key duties and responsibilities

1. Provide high level, authoritative advice and information to the Director and Senior Director, joint management partners, internal and external stakeholders on issues that impact the timely delivery of key milestones activities in relation to allocated parks and reserves.
2. Provide leadership and direction to a multidisciplinary team to effectively and efficiently manage park operations including management of safety, personnel, operations, maintenance, environmental management, financial performance, planning and scheduling and customer interface.
3. Lead natural resource, conservation and visitor management operations, and contribute to infrastructure development and maintenance, park based commercial opportunities and joint management in conjunction with traditional owners, in accordance with legislative, policy and planning commitments, joint management plans and Traditional Owner governance arrangements.
4. Lead regional incident management, emergency response and visitor safety activities, including fire, flood and other emergency events.
5. Develop and implement work plans for district operations that incorporate timeframe, resource planning, budgeting and the delivery of information to key stakeholders.
6. Work closely with traditional owners and other stakeholders to identify priorities, build performance capacity and achieve improved employment and capacity-building outcomes.

Selection criteria

Essential

1. Demonstrated ability to provide high-level operational leadership and authoritative advice on the management of parks and reserves.
2. High-level leadership and management skills, including business planning, workforce management and development, financial management, and delivery of operational outcomes.
3. Demonstrated ability to lead and participate in fire management, incident management and emergency response activities, including bushfire suppression and prescribed burning operations.
4. Demonstrated program and project management skills, including planning, resource allocation and delivery of outcomes in complex operational environments.
5. Highly developed interpersonal, consultation and communication skills, with the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with Aboriginal stakeholders, joint management partners and a diverse range of internal and external stakeholders.
6. Highly developed strategic, conceptual and analytical skills, including the ability to understand the political, social and organisational environment and provide sound advice on complex and sensitive issues.
7. Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the management of environmental, conservation and visitor management programs, with the ability to establish priorities and achieve agreed outcomes.
8. Sound knowledge of contemporary protected area management, biodiversity conservation and natural resource management, including an understanding of current and emerging issues affecting the Northern Territory.

Desirable

1. Relevant tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline.

Further Information

For further information, visit our website at www.nt.gov.au/parks

Approved: 6 October 2026 **Neva McCartney, Senior Executive Director, Parks and Wildlife**

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