



**“Bushwalking Rules - come back for more!”**

## New Members' Perspective

An Adventure - including panoramic views of stunning escarpment country, bush walking along crystal clear creeks, winding grass swept valleys, rocky pillar formations nestled with native cycads, and having your own deck chair planetarium to view the amazing night sky.



As new members, we found the club handbook contained a lot of great tips. Manny wanted to be prepared and decided to get off on the right foot with a new set of hiking boots. Simon our trip leader provided us with further information about the overnight bush walk and we meet the rest of the walking party on Friday morning at Berrimah.



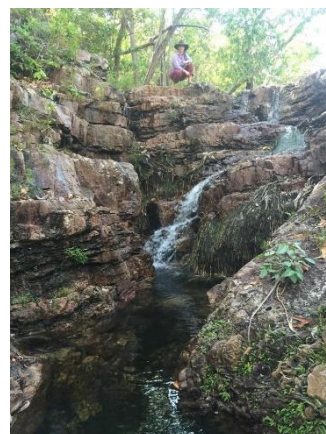
What a great group to do the hike with. In addition to Simon; Yasmin and Bill, plus Julie and Aaron joined the expedition. Heading off from the busy parking lot of Tolmer falls, our first creek crossing was close by enabling us to fill up on water and soak the shirts for the unmark trek ahead.

It was no more than two hours in when Bill pointed out that Manny's brand new hiking boots started falling apart. We couldn't believe it! The great thing about hiking in a club is that everyone comes to the rescue. Simon pitched in with his handy zip/cable ties (best invention ever!)

which held the front of the boots together. The figure 8 shoe lace loop securing the back of the boot was courtesy of Bill & Yasmin, and Julie & Aron had cutting tools within easy reach. This work of art survived the rest of the trip!!



There was a couple of shady breaks on the way with people swapping handy tips and sharing hiking stories. We will definitely be looking into some of the overseas holiday treks!



This was a fantastic camping spot, with plenty of running water, plunge pools at the top to cool off in, and a water fall that is only a 'hop, skip and jump' away. It was a little hidden gem after a good bushwalk.

While preparing for dinner under the brightly lit orange skyline, we watched red-tailed black cockatoos fly low over the campsite. The evening was a good chance to check out what gear people rated and to share more experiences. This was a good trip and great bunch of people.

The return leg was a slightly different route but just as enjoyable. A refreshing swim was enjoyed at the end of the walk, followed by an ice cold beer at Rum Jungle Tavern (just what the doctor ordered)! Whilst we have done a number of hikes before, we can't wait for the next club trip and are wondering why we didn't join earlier.

### Handy tips:

- Carry zip/cable ties
- Extra shoe laces or string

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