

The Bush Camps

You travel to some amazing places as you move about the country. When in a town you stay at a cheap motel. When on the track you camp. Your favourite nights together are spent camping. You will start to look for a campsite an hour before sunset. You will consider – the prevailing wind, flatness and firmness of ground, firewood supply, a possible view, water proximity, any spot fires in the area, distance from the road, likelihood of being disturbed, direction of sunrise and ability to find the road again. You satisfy yourself that you have met most of your criteria, you pull off the road, you drive at least one kilometre away from the track. You set up camp.

The tent is first, then the swag goes inside the tent. On clear nights you leave the fly off, you look through the mesh up at all the stars, you avoid ants and mosquitoes. You set up the table. You make a clearing for a small cooking fire, you collect enough firewood before it gets dark. You go for a wander, you take photographs in the soft orange light. You wonder of the vast space that only the two of you seem to inhabit, you stare into the big skies, you shout, you skip, you are truly happy. Darkness begins to fall, you start cooking, you share a beer.

You make be grilling your catch for the day – Mackerel, Mangrove Jack, Sweet Lip, Mud Crab, Barramundi, Salmon or Queenfish, grilling up some chops, stir frying some vegies, simmering a noodle broth, baking a potato. You eat, you talk about your adventures, you relax in your camp chair with the adjustable arm rests and back angle. You are delighted that you have paid the price for this camp necessity. You consider your camp equipment, you assess your top ten items. You make mental list. In rough order they are - ! Swag, can't sleep without it. 2 Tent, keeps out insects, weather. 3 Fridge, fresh food, cold beer. 4 Camp Oven and Billy for cooking and boiling. 5 Chairs, eating at table, resting (Must have head support). 6 Table, food preparation, writing. 7 Water Tanks, drinking, cooking and washing. 8 BBQ Grate, set up for Camp Oven, Billy and all grilling. 9 Shovel, moving hot coals, digging toilet holes and clearing tent sites - a rake is very good also. 10 Heavy Duty Gloves for all movement of hot cooking equipment. You love this bush camping together.