

## **TWIN FALLS, AMPITHEATRE AND MORE, 15-16 August 2011**

**from Vreni**

A sizable group of 9 splendid people decided to take the opportunity to join Marj on this spectacular walk - Cheryl, Karen, Sue and Mike, Ken, Debbie and Sean, Gaynor and yours truly.



With the beautiful dry season continuing we set off on Friday afternoon and arrived at the Twin Falls/ Jim Jim Falls campsite just in time to find a good camp spot with fire place. The fire wood got collected on the way; some say it was 'romantic'. The rest of us tried to work out how one got to this conclusion but despite best efforts couldn't quite work it out. It provided some ongoing entertainment throughout the weekend though.

Mike cooked the BBQ for everyone; there was enough food to feed half the camp site I'm sure. Bushwalkers of the group got to know each other and one keen walker was a little confused about the number of Sues on the trip but soon worked out after a second introduction that there was only one. Again, the event served as entertainment on occasions during the weekend.

We set out up the hill to the top of Twin Falls. So far I'd only ever seen pictures of the falls and had no idea how they don't even come close to show the beauty of this spectacular spot. We stayed and took it all in before heading up the creek for a time. We enjoyed lunch after we could no longer resist the inviting water for a refreshing dip.

Further up the creek we all admired the amphitheatre for a while and then headed a bit further up where our knowledgeable leader and the boys led us to the perfect camp site. There were more than enough flat and roomy spots for everyone's tents with choice of sand or rock.

After the campfire served to cook everyone's dinner we watched the latest episode of "Bush TV" and soon people headed off to their domes for the night.

Everyone was pleased with Marj's plan to make this our camp for the two nights. Not only could we enjoy this pretty much perfect spot once again but it also meant walking with only a day pack. Take off was somewhat delayed by one clumsy miss who dropped the full billy on the fire putting it out prematurely. Thankfully it took Marj no time at all to have the fire going again so everyone could have their cuppa tea.

On this extensive day walk we discovered that a sarong does a great job as a day pack; that's adding one more to the 101 uses that we already knew about. Debbie and Sean stayed back looking after the camp and relaxing for the day.

Once back at the camp everyone was dying for a swim, even those who thought the water was cold. Dinner was followed by chatting and checking out the starry sky. Many of us saw shooting stars and hopefully everyone's wishes will come true. Ken should have a number of granted wishes coming his way...

We aimed to set off early-ish on the last morning but nobody seemed keen to start the end of this revitalizing weekend in a hurry. The walk back was enjoyable again with a swim for morning tea and lunch. What more could we ask for?

One more breathtaking look down the gorge and off we went down the hill to the cars. We all admired the shower set up and tried it out before jumping in the car to hit the road for the return trip to Darwin. One quick break at the South Alligator and thankfully with no injuries besides one or two blisters everyone got home safely just on dark.

I can't imagine too many greater ways to spend a weekend and can't wait for the next venture. Thanks everyone for their part in making it that way.