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# AUSSIE PIPELINE



*"IT'S NOT JUST THE WAVES THAT KEEP ME COMING BACK. IT'S THE SCENERY, WILDLIFE AND COLOURFUL SKIES TOO"*

*- LILLY POLLARD*

**D**ep in a national park, Aussie Pipeline sure as hell lives up to its name. You'll be presented with a deep pit, bowl or a decent flogging. Sometimes, you'll have a combination of all three. It's safe to say this place is a slice of heaven on Earth that will keep you coming back.

If it's good out there it's rare that you will have the wave to yourselves. But when you do, it's a day that you'll never forget. When you finally arrive to find an empty carpark and no one in sight, it's tempting to lose hope, turn around and not risk wasting time on the trek. But if you take the time to walk out there to find pumping waves, you'll be pinching yourself.

On a solid day it's not for beginners, unless you've got the balls to cop a few solid ones to the head. The lip is deceptively powerful and you feel like your head is just being sliced in half. That's definitely the worst part.

It's guaranteed you will get the longest pits of your life out there. Even the flakier waves can hold up just enough to swallow you up and spit you back out. The perfect nuggets may even reward your perfect barrel riding with a bowl finale. Don't take this for granted. Line up the section, boost and prepare for take off.



# STEAMERS

**A**round the corner and just down the bend.

Jono Bruce describes the neighbour to Aussie Pipe.

"Prepare yourself for a pretty decent trek. It's no Blacks trip, but it's a freaking long way.

Water, first aid kit and some good kicks are necessary. Snakes and sharks lurk around Steamers Bay, so keep an eye out for them too.

It's hard to let anything get in the way of these waves.

I love it because you don't have to sit too far out to score some sick wedges. It must be the way that the bay is shaped and the odd direction it faces.

It doesn't need much swell either. It's pretty much a cove swell magnet. Two feet of swell brings in plenty of pits to keep you frothing all day long."

A full-page photograph of a surfer riding a massive, curling wave. The surfer is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, crouching low on their board. The wave is a deep, vibrant blue-green color, with white foam and spray erupting from its base and crest. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is dynamic and captures the power of the ocean.

# BLACK ROCK

*"The best wave I have ever gotten out at Black Rock was a mega wedge that came off of the first reef."*

I glared at the glorious lump of water as it made its way towards me, I was completely mesmerised by the beauty.

An uncontrollable grin washed my face as I paddled head down into the shore. I managed to snag this wave before anyone else.

The face began sizing up as it hit the first reef and jacked up in size. As I reached the bottom of the wave the board began to bend. I made my scoop, busted into max speed and raced this beauty like a time machine shooting me through space.

The best part is knowing that this wasn't a one off sort of thing. That place is full of gems."



*ONE OF THOSE WAVES  
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO  
GET WRONG*

**H**ard to find and even harder when you hit the bottom. These rocks are known to break backs before, or at least order a hospital visit.

There's plenty of beautiful coastline walks to keep you busy whilst you wait for the swell to arrive. Sometimes you can position yourself right on top of the peak.

When you make the steep drop, battle the foam ball and slide into the barrel.

A majority of the waves you'll need to come from behind the peak and backdoor the barrel. Speed and commitment is necessary, otherwise you'll end up being plowed into rugged rocks.

# DANGERS



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