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Inside a world of adventure and discovery



"Could something disastrous really happen?" Warren Macdonald wondered, as he set off for the summit of Tasmania's wild Federation Peak. "Surely not. Not after everything I've been through."

Simply reaching the rocky spire had tested every ounce of Warren's strength, both mental and physical. Over five days, wild wind, hail and intense heat had taken their toll. A maze of low scoparia had torn his skin at every step and now he faced a 600 metre near-vertical rock wall. Warren's biggest test though, was the fact that he was attempting it without legs.

Each issue of the journal introduces you to Australians with big dreams, whose efforts keep alive the spirit of adventure. People like Graham Taylor, the first Australian to make a solo horse trip across the vast, grassy steppes of Mongolia; Chris Hatherly and Tim Cope's

epic 10,000-kilometre cycle from Moscow to Beijing; John Hoelscher's first circumnavigation of Greenland by dogsled, kayak and pure grit; or Hugh Sullivan and Greg Caleo's exploration of the Kimberley Coast by sea-kayak.

Share their adventures ... dream up one of your own.

A dream realised: Warren Macdonald perched on the summit of Tasmania's Federation Peak.



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share their passion to show you the extreme, the spectacular and the little-known wonders of our country.



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A spectacular volcanic crescent laid on a background of ocean-blue, Lord Howe Island adorns its small realm in the South Pacific.



Early morning mist veils Kandos Weir, one of the more accessible features of NSW's Wollemi National Park.



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You'll find inspiration in every issue. Plan your own journeys or just sit back and look over the shoulders of others from the comfort of your home! Over the next year our writers and photographers will take you from one of the Top End's secret spots, Keep River National Park, a paradise of teeming waterholes and



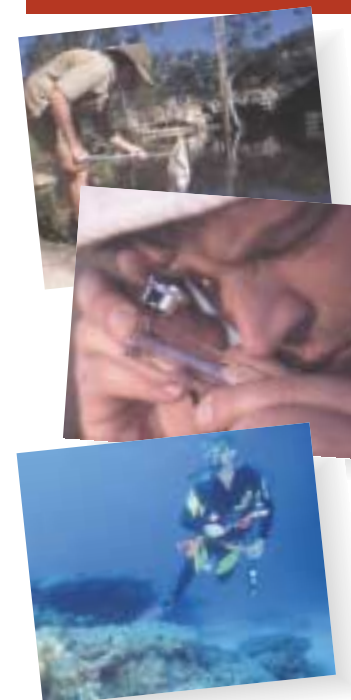
magnificent Aboriginal art galleries, to the alpine beauty and hidden gorges of Victoria's Mt Buffalo.

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And should you decide to step out yourself, our lift-out maps of the Red Centre, the Great Barrier Reef and other places will help you turn your dreams into an adventure you'll never forget.

From Tasmania's Bay of Fires (top) to Central Australia's Simpson Desert (left), we've got Australia covered.

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- Ground-breaking research on manta rays off Lady Elliott Island, Queensland
- The restoration of Bathurst Public School

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