

# CAMPING and GEAR

## THOMAS COOK AMPHIBIAN BOOTS

### These Boots are made for Sloshin'

**We've been testing Thomas Cook bush clothing for some months, with good success and the latest product we've come across – Amphibian boots – are brilliant.**

Unusually this winter, we headed south, to Victoria and South Australia, before heading north to the Simpson, Kakadu and Arnhem Land. South in winter means wet and cold, so we popped into the Bowral Co-Op in the NSW Southern Highlands, for some new wellies. But what we discovered was the new Amphibian boot design from Thomas Cook, so we grabbed a couple of pairs for only \$65 each (each pair, not each boot!).

Unlike traditional wellies the Amphibians are made from shaped neoprene with nylon sheathing, so they're insulating as well as waterproof. The lower section of the boot has a conventional rubber coating and ribbed sole, but the section above the ankle is flexible neoprene that's cup-shaped, to hold your trouser bottoms inside the top of the boot.

Our first two months' testing has been very successful; they're the only boots we bother to take for camp use and they're flexible enough for driving. The sole was initially slippery, until the shine wore off the ribs and now they grip very well on all surfaces except slick floor tiles.

We like the fact that you can slip your feet into them without needing to pull the boot on by hand and they come off also without the need hand assistance, thanks to prominent heel ridges on the back of each boot.

