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A Family Adventure Across Australia with Big Duck





LIFE ON THE ROAD, FAMILY ADVENTURES, AND FINDING FREEDOM ACROSS AUSTRALIA WITH BIG DUCK

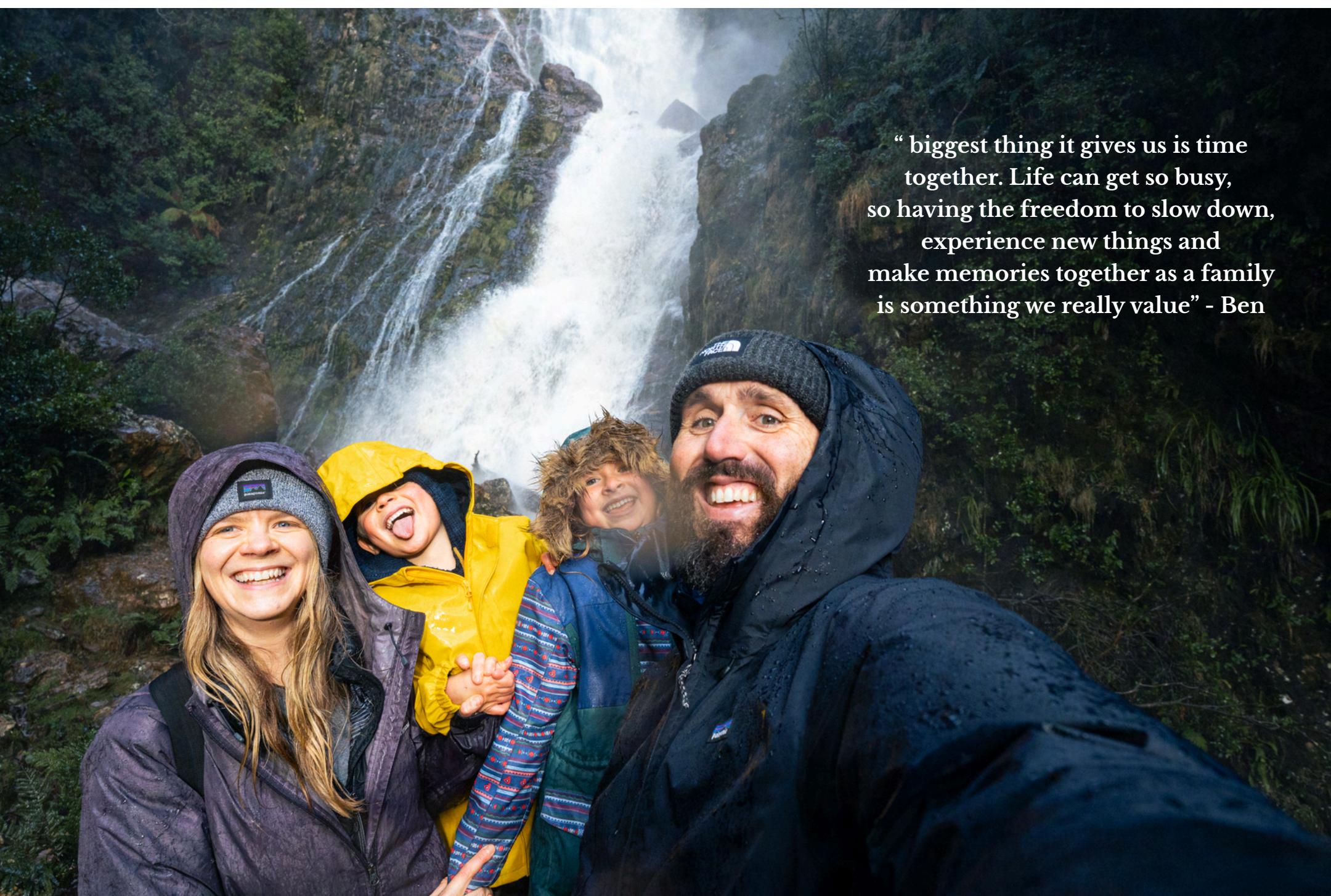
For Ben and Ash of Roaming Coastlines, travelling Australia isn't just about ticking destinations off a map. It's about creating a life built around adventure, connection, and time together as a family.

Along with their three children and two sausage dogs, the family has spent the past two years travelling Australia full-time, exploring remote corners of the country and sharing the moments that make life on the road so special.

We recently had a chat with them about how Roaming Coastlines began, the realities of travelling full-time, and how Big Duck has helped them discover even more of Australia from the water.

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Can you tell us a little about yourselves and your family?

We're Ben and Ash, and along with our three kids and our two sausage dogs, Pip and Frankie, we've been travelling Australia full-time for a little over two years.

Ben has always had a huge love for outdoor photography and videography and worked as a photographer in the surf industry when he was younger. Ash has a background in creative design and UX. We eventually combined those skills to create Roaming Coastlines, where we share our adventures travelling through some of the more remote parts of Australia.

For us, travelling isn't just about seeing incredible places. It's about building a life around experiences, spending more time together as a family and showing our kids what's out there.



How did Roaming Coastlines begin? Was there a particular moment that inspired you to start this lifestyle?

Roaming Coastlines actually happened pretty naturally. When we first left to travel, it wasn't really a plan. We just wanted to get out on the road and enjoy travelling Australia as a family.

Ben has always loved having a camera in his hands, so it didn't take long before he was filming everything we were doing. We started sharing little pieces of our travels online and quickly realised people were genuinely interested in following along.

It was never something we expected to turn into a business, but the more we shared, the more opportunities started coming our way.

What does travelling and exploring Australia mean to your family?

For us, travelling is really about freedom. The freedom to choose where we go, when we go and what we want our days to look like.

We love being able to wake up and decide that today is going to be spent outside, exploring somewhere new, swimming, fishing or just enjoying wherever we happen to be.

But probably the biggest thing it gives us is time together. Life can get so busy, so having the freedom to slow down, experience new things and make memories together as a family is something we really value.



What is one family adventure you'll never forget?

There are honestly so many, but one that always comes to mind was hiking to a waterfall in Tasmania.

It was dark, cold and raining, and by the time we got there we were the only people around.

There was a huge suspension bridge with this incredible waterfall in front of us, surrounded by the Tasmanian wilderness.

Standing there together with no one else around was one of those moments where you realise the effort to get somewhere is often what makes it so memorable.

What made you decide to partner with Big Duck?

We'd already decided that an inflatable boat was the right option for us because we didn't want to carry a hard boat on the roof of the truck.

With the amount of travelling we do, keeping things compact and easy to store is really important.

When we came across Big Duck, the affordable price, the fact that they're Australian-based and the good reviews from other customers all stood out to us. It felt like a really good fit for the way we travel.





What were you looking for when choosing an inflatable for your adventures?

We were mainly looking for something practical. It needed to be easy to pack away, relatively lightweight and simple enough that we'd actually want to take it with us.

At the same time, we wanted something capable enough to get out and explore rather than just being a small tender for occasional use.

For us, it was about finding the right balance between portability, capability and price.

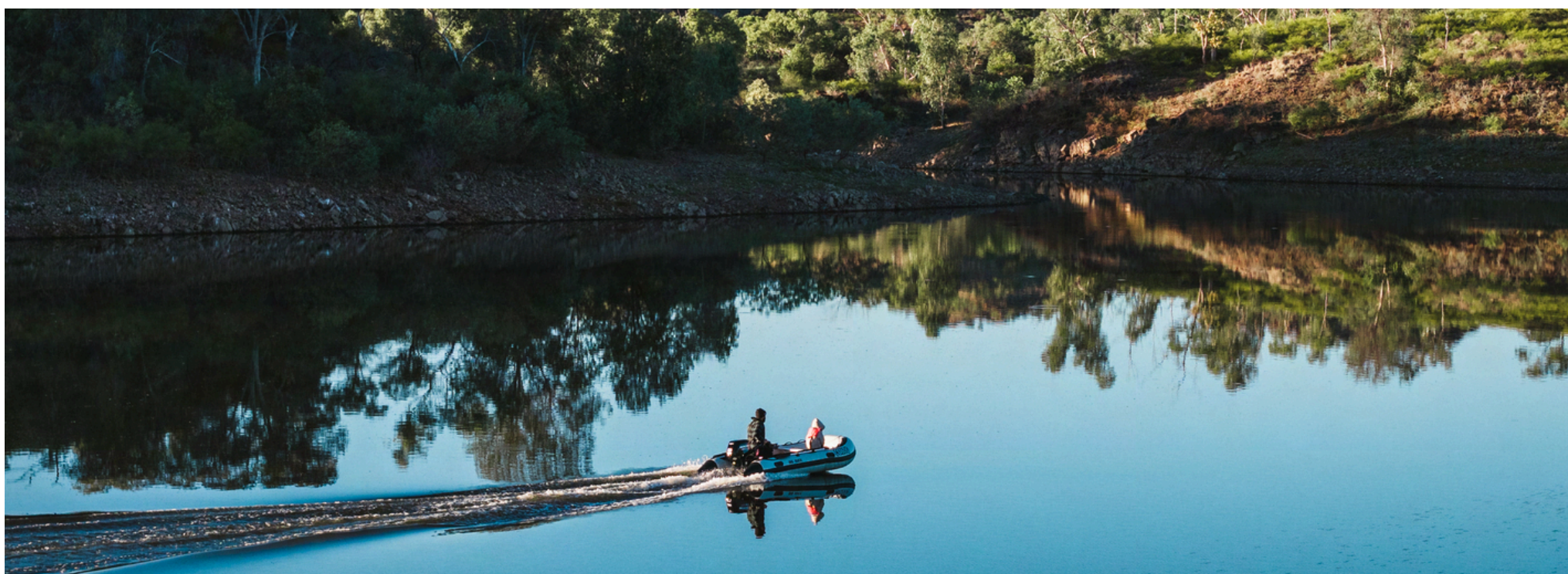
How has Big Duck opened up new opportunities for your travels?

So far, we haven't had as much opportunity to use the Big Duck as we'd hoped, mainly because we've spent a lot of time travelling through northern Australia, where saltwater crocodiles make getting out on the water a very different proposition.

Our first proper outing was on an inland lake in North Queensland. We were able to get out on the water, explore the area and see freshwater crocodiles, which was a great first experience. It was also Lucy's first ever boat ride, which made it a pretty special day for us as a family.

Having the kids spotting crocodiles around us while we explored the lake was one of those experiences we'll remember for a long time. It's exactly the kind of experience we hoped having a boat with us would allow us to have while travelling.

We're now heading towards the WA coast, so we're really looking forward to using it a lot more. There are so many incredible coastal areas we want to explore, and having a boat that we can pack away in the truck gives us the opportunity to see some of them from the water.



What do you hope your children remember most about this lifestyle?

More than anything, we hope they remember that they can create a life that makes them happy.

If there's something they dream of doing, we want them to believe it's achievable if they're willing to work hard, take some risks and step outside their comfort zone.

But we also hope they remember the simple things, all the places we went, the adventures we had and the experiences we shared together as a family.

When they look back, we want them to remember doing and seeing all of these incredible things with Mum and Dad, and hopefully understand that the time we spent together was just as valuable as the places we travelled to.



What advice would you give other families who dream of exploring more of Australia?

I think one thing we've learnt through all of this is that you don't need to have the perfect setup or have everything figured out before you start.

Our setup has changed massively over the years, and we're still constantly learning and adapting as our family and the way we travel changes.

The gear is important because it allows us to have these experiences, but ultimately it's the time we get to spend together and the memories we're creating that matter most.

Is there anything else about your journey, your family, or your adventures that you think people should know?

Our kids are growing up thinking that exploring Australia, sleeping under the stars and going off on an adventure is just normal life, and we think that's pretty special.

