



# ARNHEMLAND BARRAMUNDI NATURE LODGE

## WHAT A START!!

“Monday the 23rd March started beautifully, a cool misty morning on the floodplains below, our first guests for the season were raring to go. Tony and Troy Frith with their best mate Mal McCully headed off for Rolling Bay with guide Mick (baby buff) Eddy and what a day they were about to have. By the time they stopped for lunch some 80 plus barra had been landed with many others dropped most were in the 75cm class broad shouldered and ready for a stoush. After lunch the action didn't let up with another 45 odd barra landed. In amongst all these beauties were a host of other species, blue nose salmon, tarpon, fingermark and a beautiful mangrove jack of around 3kgs. And then there were the crab pots that Mick had put out earlier, the biggest and fullest blue muddies seen for awhile, the boys kept the best of the crabs for dinner that night a right royal feast.

Rolling Bay, what a day!”

**Dave Thomas – Lodge Manager**



**Two of 120 barra from Rolling Bay... Tony, Mal & Troy.**



**Mal (not with a PNG black bass) but with an Arnhemland 3 kg mangrove jack.**

“Tuesday the 24th March, another day in Arnhemland, Blyth Rockbar madness, 70 odd 80cm+ barra, best fish a 94, smokin jewies with full spools trailing behind 160 Classics still stuck in the lower jaw, Honeypot full of big barra and the boys came home with arms dangling round their ankles.

**Cheers.” dt**



**Like father like son... Troy & Tony Frith during Rockbar madness!!**

"First trip to the Arnhemland Barra Lodge for 2009 season, we are regular visitors and mad keen fisho's. Mal McCully, Tony and Troy Frith headed off to Rolling Bay with guide Mick Eddy (baby buff). The weather was hot but perfect for catching fish which had not been chased by Lodge guests since early December 08.

Mick put us onto fish in an instant and we all gladly got into the action. Mick suggested that we troll a small inlet creek first which we did for the next hour or so and rolled many great barra to 75cm.

Moving up the creek we found several smaller run off's which we peppered the daylights out of.

By lunchtime we had boated 80 great barra to 75cm, Jacks to 3kgs about 15, tarpon, salmon, shark, fingermark a total of around 130 before lunch.

On the way into the creek system we put out four crab pots. At the end of the day we pulled 12 of the best crabs you would wish for. Chef Marc turned them into the best chilli crab, a meal you would die for all washed down with a lovely Sauv Blanc.

A great time had by all at Rolling Bay.

Next day we got very excited about going to the magnificent Blyth River. Last year we had great results there and were trigger happy about returning. Our guide Robbo took us straight to the famous rockbar. Using 15' plus lures we hammered the ledges below for a couple of hours all up 20 plus barra from 79-95cm.

Time for lunch then into Crab creek for some lure tossing. Not as productive as usual but still very enjoyable, and we flushed big buff.

Finally down to the Honeypot. It went off !!!! We only had 30 minutes but landed copious quantities of smaller but great sporting barra.

The first two days of this trip have been the best two days this group has put in ever and we have done three trips each year for the past decade.

We cannot heap too much praise on our two great guides who actually care about their work. It is greatly refreshing.

The lodge and its staff are second to none, we can and do recommend it to all."

**Mal McCully**



**Queuing up for a photo with Robbo...Tony then Mal.**



**Blyth River water buffalo.**

“Wednesday the 25th March and Tony, Troy and Mal are getting tired. Only 50 something barra today, they seem worn out, Mick reckons they’re slowin now, looking forward to an easy day up a sandy creek, Navy Landing then a lazy one on the Liverpool to finish off.

***Cheers.” dt***

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