



A Beehive Balancing Act for Eco-tourism in the Bungle Bungles

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For the Geology Buffs

- A plateau of Devonian sandstone, carved into a mass of beehive-shaped towers with regularly alternating, dark gray bands of cyanobacterial crust (single cell photosynthetic organisms).
- The plateau is dissected by a 100–200-metre (330–660 ft) deep, sheer-sided gorges and slot canyons.
- The cone-towers are steep-sided, with an abrupt break of slope at the base and have domed summits.
- Fragile but stabilized by crusts of iron oxide and bacteria.
- An outstanding example of land formation by dissolutional weathering of sandstone, with removal of sand grains by wind, rain and sheet wash on slopes.



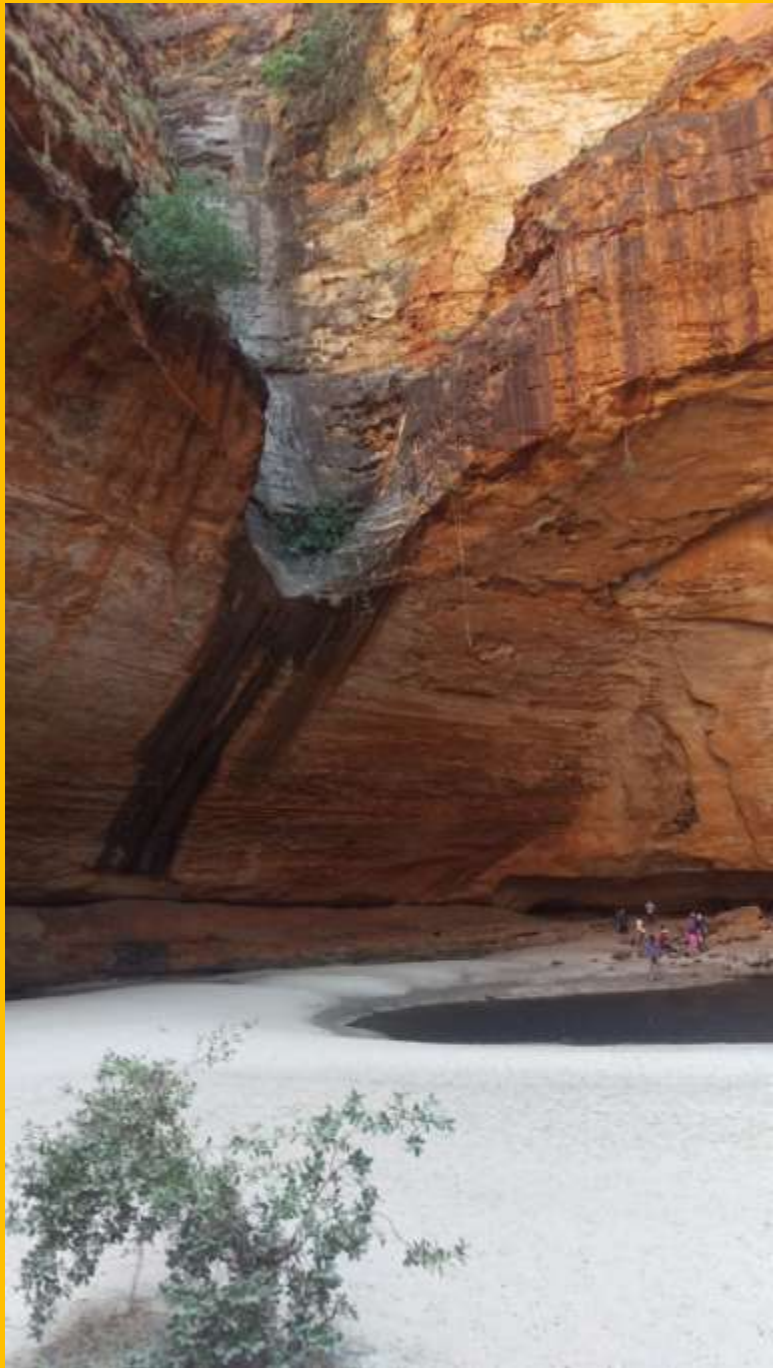












Djaru and Gidja Aboriginal Culture





Tanba Banks Paul Butters







Cathedral Gorge



~ 25,000 Annual Visitors









Piccanny Walks



Bushfire Risks



Prescribed Burning Program



Wet Season & Floods





Outback – Natural History Doco





Advisory Committee



Park Logo Competition





Come Visit the Bungle Bungles

