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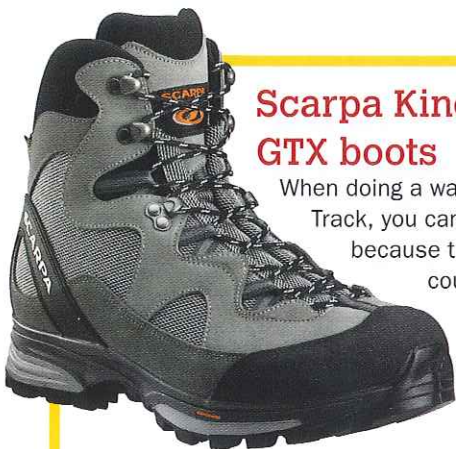
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Tropical tackle

Matt Gunn took some cool kit to Kokoda. Here's what he thought of it all.



Scarpa Kinesis Lite GTX boots

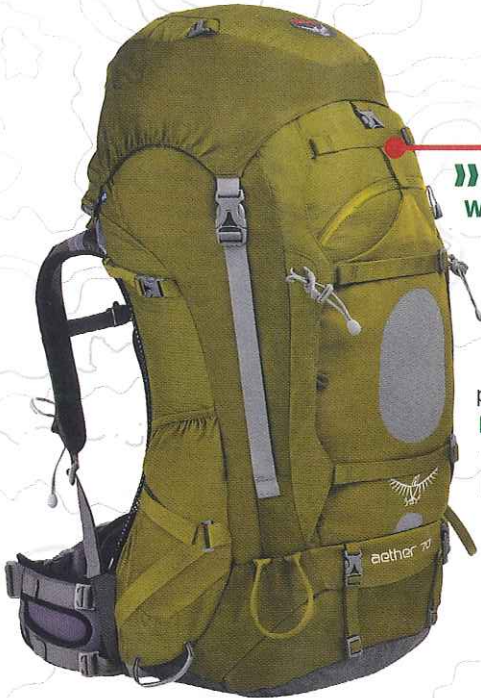
When doing a walk like the Kokoda Track, you can't skimp on your boots because trust me, through the course of the trek they'll cop a pounding. The Kinesis Lite boot met the challenge. With such dramatic elevation changes and uneven surfaces,

the innovative heel tension system offered tremendous stability while still allowing flexibility. In the dry, the boot provided traction you could count on. Tracking through mud, the Gore-tex layer managed to keep the feet dry, so important on a long trek. The three-layer mid-sole offered great comfort and I finished the trek without so much as a hotspot or blister, even without strapping.

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» Osprey Aether 70l

We like: This is an impressive pack for multi-day trekkers. They seem to have thought of everything (apart from having someone to carry it for you) when optioning the 2.23kg Aether. The Isoform AirScape harness and back panel are supremely comfortable once adjusted and loaded up (it felt good with 15kg). Once on the trail the breathability of the back panel and the comfort of the hip belt (once it is heat-moulded in-store to your shape) are nice innovations. I especially like the J-zipper panel for easy access to gear without having to repack.

However: I like the StraightJacket compression – the Aether can get a little messy with the amount of cords and straps on the exterior otherwise.

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» Princeton Tec Fred

With an increased demand for red lighting to preserve night vision, Princeton Tec listened and the Fred was born. The Fred (78gm) will always turn on in the low mode of the red LED, so you never have to accidentally blind yourself or any other people. To enable the three white LEDs, just hold the button down for 1.5 seconds.

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» Princeton Tec Byte

Lightweight (64gm) but powerful thanks to a Maxbright LED which burns for up to 96 hours on two AAAs, the red Ultrabright LED ensures your night vision isn't compromised. The lamp also features a single arm bracket and large push button switch for ease of use.

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