

## Checking out JF30 & JF31

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Alan had sent me an email about a recent trip he had done to some holes just off the track to the Junee Resurgence (JF8). One was a short cave with a sump at the end and the other was a nearby hole filled with water. He suggested I have a look. So I did.

We checked out the water-filled hole first, JF31. It was tagged in 1971 by Albert Goede & Kevin Keirnan (Goede 1971). We couldn't find the tag. It appears to have been first entered several years later (Annan 1977). They report it being a head high wade for a distance, ending in a tight squeeze. I found it sumped at the start of the horizontal passage (that is, standing in the hole). I had brought a bit of dive gear to have a quick look at the end of the wade. It was used at the start. To have a quick look, I progressed one body length into the submerged passage and could definitely see that it continued at least a few metres. That was the extent of my light beam in the water.

That was that job done, in five minutes.

Next we moved around to JF30 entrance, tagged on the same trip by Albert & Kevin in 1971 (Goede 1971). Ric had planned on coming into this cave too but we had found that his light didn't work. So it was just me.

I was still in my semi-dry suit, and was carrying a dive torch, mask and snorkel, to have a quick look in the sump. The squeeze mentioned by Alan, and referred to in the old trip report (Annan 1977), proved a minor obstacle to negotiate, and took me several minutes to work out how to get through it. It really is quite tight. No big chested cavers will get through here.

The sump was a short distance beyond, and was clear. I was able to get a good look for a few metres along the underwater passage, and it looks wide and not too tight. So, it goes. For at least 3 m.

That exercise took me about half an hour. Ric had spent the time trying to find the tag, with no luck.

We will return to:

- a. Tag both caves.
- b. Dive JF31. Even though the report says it stops at a restriction 30 m in. It needs surveying anyway, and a look-see won't hurt.
- c. Depending how the dive in JF31 goes, try from the JF30 side.

### References

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*Ric taking a break*



*JF31: Entrance.*