

The kangaroo hop —as first shown by Buzz Aldrin

ALL the adjectives have been used. Fantastic. Incredible. Unbelievable. But seeing is believing—and 600,000,000 people saw Buzz Aldrin, born 39 years ago on Earth, learning to walk on the Moon.

Only minutes before, his Space partner Neil Armstrong had stepped gingerly on to the dusty surface.

“One giant leap for mankind,” he called it.

Now Aldrin is doing the “kangaroo hop” as he finds out the best way to get around amid the lunar rocks and craters.

It looks incongruous. Funny, even. But it is a scientific experiment that would have seemed too strange for fiction not many years ago.

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It is progress that will lead to other explorations even more breathtaking.

In a phone call to the Moon President Richard Nixon told the two explorers: “Because of what you have done the heavens have become part of man’s world.”

Mankind’s “giant leap” was on to a stepping stone. The “kangaroo hop” could one day carry Buzz Aldrin’s successors to the canals of Mars—and beyond.