

A vertical photograph of a lush, misty forest. The scene is dominated by tall, slender palm trees with large, feathery fronds. The ground is covered in dense, vibrant green vegetation, including various ferns and smaller plants. The atmosphere is hazy and ethereal, with soft light filtering through the trees. The overall color palette is a mix of deep greens, browns, and soft greys from the mist.

Capertee Valley

March 5, 6 and 7

Trip Leader: Craig, Heesoo, Shane and Casey Upton (Landcruiser)

Attendees: Ron, Jen and Toby Mason (Mazda BT50), David and Diana Powell (Jeep Wrangler), Brian and Sharon Harris (Patrol)

Friday 5th March

The Masons and Uptons met along the road at Richmond, just in time for the Friday afternoon traffic, with a short stop at McDonald for the kids we headed up the mountain and met up with Dave and Di Powell in Lithgow.

It was a little wet heading up and when we arrived at our planned camping site, which was on private property, the owner was informed us that the track was too wet and felt it unsafe for us to go in. He suggested a camping ground in Glen Davis so we headed back out and on into Glen Davis.

On arriving in Glenn Davis and no signs to guide us we followed our noses and arrived at a beautiful camping area in front of the community centre. This is a great camping area, first of all it's free, and there is a huge covered area, hot showers and flush toilets.

It was a little wet when we arrived, so we put the kids under the covered area and proceeded to set up camp. Some took a little longer than others (they know who they are) and the rest of us then relaxed around a fire. At the end of the covered area there is a BBQ and since it was raining a little that's where we built a fire.

Saturday 6th March

We woke on Saturday morning to clear sky's, well nearly clear, but no rain. Brian and Sharon Harris arrived soon after we were all up, and while they were setting up camp we made plans for the day. The plan Craig had was no longer in place as we were meant to have been driving the tracks on the property we had planned to camp on. Out came the maps and after a conversation with the lady in the Community Centre we went to find some tracks. We did find another good camping area on the other side of Glenn Davis, which also worked out to be a mechanic stop for the Jeep. After we got the Jeep running again we headed off towards Kandos, with a short detour to visit Craigs dad. We stopped in Kandos for lunch and as we were reasonably close we did the first part of the sunny corner track before returning to the camping area for happy hour.

Just after getting into camp, in rolled 15 Nissan Patrol from the Patrol club for the night. Even with an additional 15 vehicles in the camping area, there was still hot water in the showers and heaps of room.

As it was a nice clear night we built a fire in the open and enjoyed the night.



Sunday 7th March

Sunday morning was a little overcast so we packed up (except Dave and Di) and managed to get everything finished before it started to rain a little. Dave and Di decided they wanted to stay for the morning and pack up after lunch.

As it had not been much of a 4WD'ing weekend so far we did the Baal Bone Gap track on the way back, it was a bit wet but thankfully the rain stopped while Brian changed a flat tyre and we had lunch. Before heading back home we had a short stop at Blackfellows Hand Rd to view the art.

It was a long trip home due to being diverted from Bells Line across to the Highway to come home, as they closed Bells Line as there was a bad accident just before we got there.

Despite the long drive home it was a great weekend, we didn't do what Craig had planned but it worked out well anyway and we all had a great time.

