

# Abercrombie - The

A small band of intrepid travellers ventured south of Oberon to the Abercrombie National Park on the weekend of 30 and 31 May to do some spot maintenance and cleanup at "The Glen".

The "Glen" is a small retired farm in the north of the park which was used mostly for sheep grazing over a 99 year lease. The lease expired not that long ago. The last tenants of the property pretty much just got up and left the farm "as is", with machinery scattered around the place and many of the original buildings left in situ. There are several dwellings on the property requiring further maintenance as nature has taken hold, and in one case, the local wombat has actually moved in. (i.e. keep out of the buildings until further remediation is done). The intent is to leave the buildings there, as long as possible to provide short term emergency accommodation.

The flat area at The Glen will easily cater for a large number of cars and camper trailers with plans for a toilet in the near future. All visitors must be totally self sufficient and considerate of the environment. ... and rug up from time to time as it can get very cold.

Over the past year the NSW & ACT 4WD Association has been prominent in cleaning the site up for National Parks so that

it can be used as a venue for groups, such as the Club, to use on a booking basis.

Now back to the intrepid travellers... The small group included Nigel Ward, Kim and Glenn Coddington, Shane McClymont (VP Lands for NSW & ACT 4WD Assoc), and Roger Pollett. The task was to clean up some sites around the property allowing safer access, especially since the Association is booked in for next weekend and a number of cars are expected.

With work finished by mid afternoon on the Saturday, fires were started, some further exploration was underway with some of us walking the property and taking photos, while Kimmy discovered her cable ties, once again. The fire rings on site, and there are a few of them, warm up quite quickly and were appreciated as the sun set. There was no frost and while it was cool, we thought it was going to be somewhat colder, which was a good thing.

As usual, the morning was spent dawdling around, having a slow breakfast and a sleep in. After soaking in the sun in the small valley and watching people cut cable ties from various pieces of equipment, we left around 11.30. We travelled out through the northern trails of the park which have been recently graded.

On the way out, a small flock of emus were spotted not far

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from the main road. Apparently the emus were pets of a previous long term tenant who set them loose when they left the property. The emus, while not native to the area are protected by NP&WS and are a site to see, even with the temperature close to zero and a wind coming from the south. It's not often that you see the 2 animals from the Australian Coat of Arms this side of the NSW Central West.

The Glen is highly recommended for group bookings. It's out of the way and the serenity of the place is worth a visit on it's own. Wildlife abound and the views along the ridges while

travelling in and out are pretty good. With recent gradings, the tracks are mostly camper friendly. There is no doubt that we will be back there in the near future.

Many thanks to all who took part. It's great to see The Glen taking shape as a great 4wd destination.

For further information on booking The Glen for Club trips, contact Nigel

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