

# A few days at Jones' Bridge Reserve Tumut

We have just returned from three days at Jones' Bridge camping reserve in Tumut. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't good with it raining on and off Tuesday and Wednesday and again from lunchtime Thursday. However, despite this we enjoyed our time away in the caravan.

When we arrived, around lunchtime, the rain eased long enough to give us time to park the van, get the awning out and put down the ground sheet. After this it didn't matter if the rain continued as we had the awning to sit under or of course sit inside the van.

With the van unhitched I setup the generator to run the air conditioner to heat the van as the temperature inside was quite cold. Our van holds the temperature quite well and we only needed to run the generator for about 15 minutes to get the van to 20 degrees. After that we only put the generator back on at around 8pm for a few minutes to heat the van for the night. With the blinds closed the van retained the heat well in the cold evening.

Then it was time for some lunch.



Maree and Steve relaxing by the fire.



Maree relaxing by the fire over lunch.



Steve finally caught on camera over lunch.





View of the Tumut River that we park alongside at Jones' Bridge Reserve



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On Tuesday afternoon our friends joined us for the day. They also have a van but due to other commitments they were unable to join us for the three days. We showed them around the place which included a nice café for coffee and other food at the Tumut racecourse.



Maree on Blowering Dam Wall



View from Blowering Dam



Blowering Dam Wall

On Wednesday we drove around looking at the other campsites along Blowering dam, but we still find that Jones' Bridge is the best spot. However, Jones' Bridge is a self-contained camping spot. Although we are not self-contained (other than the toilet) we are able to meet the requirement using common sense. I just put a 60-litre tub under the water drainage point and then I use my submersible waste pump to pump the wastewater into 20 litre plastic bags. I then take the bags to the dump point in Tumut to dispose of the wastewater. Tumut caters for caravans and motor homes well by providing a dump point and potable water tap as well.

On Thursday we leisurely packed up ready to return home. The sun was out and only a few clouds around; however, the forecast was still for rain and strong winds around lunchtime, so we continued with our plans to head home later that morning. We stopped by the café first for coffee and some breakfast. After breakfast we headed home. I found the winds on the Hume Highway quite strong, and we had to limit our speed to around 85kph for the journey. Tumut is only 199kms from home, so it isn't a long trip anyway, and of course when you are in a caravan who is in a hurry anyway.

Maree and Steve