



I know there have already been plenty of blogs written about the Oztent '30 second tent'. Well, I'm going to add to the list, because we've recently bought one! We've had heaps of tents over the years and each one was bought for a reason. Whether it was for a specific destination in mind or to accommodate a growing family. Now after many years of owning a caravan, we've actually bought another tent, for another very good reason.

I mentioned on another blog that my son and his family were borrowing our caravan so we bought stretchers for our grandkids. First time caravanning/camping they didn't want to be sleeping away from mum and dad in swags or small tents, so we planned for them to sleep in the Annexe.



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But wait, after writing that blog, we had a much better idea ... add a room, and when we saw an Easter special at Snowys on the RV4, we jumped at the opportunity.

We have always been happy with the quality of our other Oztent products (chairs and stretchers) and the RV 4 didn't let us down. After we got it home we had to test the 30-second theory, plus we wanted to season the stitching (wet it).

Did it really take 30 seconds to set up?

My wife with a stopwatch in hand and me on the starting blocks, I got to work. Even without reading any instructions (think it's a male thing), I found out it really can be put up in less than 30 seconds. But then you so have to peg it out. It wasn't hard at all to finish off. This tent has a terrific design and superb construction. There are little pockets for guy ropes, good size and quality pegs (not ones that bend on first use) and a couple of lightweight poles.



Oh, by the way, the grandkids love their new room and of course the box it came in.

How it fits into the rest of our set up

As an extra room, the Oztent butts up perfectly to our awning. Just add a section of the annexe to enclose the area and voila! Sleeping quarters plus an annexed eating area – safe and secure. We can also see the RV4 working well in the future as a great stand-alone shelter when we really go bush and can't take the caravan.

Size and weight

It is heavier than a 'normal' tent and it's big to cart around. But it fits on the top of the 4WD quite well, so we can cope with the extra size. It's ease of construction definitely far outweighs its bulk. It's a no-brainer to put up, quick and easy...our sort of tent.

Do you have an Oztent RV? Do you rate it as much as I do?