

Reporter : Van Zanen family - Wunee

Attending

Chill Pill	Daren and Tracy Cain
Zero Tolerance	Malone family, Stuart, Annette, Ethan and Lachy
Time Out	Taylor family, Wayne, Maria, Aiden, Ashlee and Chloe
Wunee	Van Zanen family, Jan, Ruth, Johan and Jordi

FRIDAY

The weather was wet and windy, not a good start to the trip but we decided to make a long weekend of it anyway. We departed about 2.30 - 3.00pm meeting the crew of Time Out on the Monash Freeway at Narre Warren. We got as far as the fuel stop before it was brought to our attention that a wheel on our (brand new, never driven before) trailer was falling off. After close inspection we found that two wheel nuts were missing, one broken and all the rest on all wheels were loose. **“What can I say?”** After a quick fix we headed off to the Warmies where we met up with the crew of Chill Pill. We all launched our boats in the pouring rain and travelled down to Victoria Harbour. We settled in for a meal and a quiet drink with the rain and wind persistent.

SATURDAY



After Breakfast we prepared ourselves and headed off for the trip down the Yarra River to the Lexus Centre where we were to spend the afternoon having lunch and watching the Grand Final.

We cruised through the centre of Melbourne negotiating the low bridges (very low) and all tied up together.



The crew of Zero Tolerance arrived. We got organized and had lunch (some of us had lunch as some of us forgot to pack it) but thanks to the generosity of others we all ended up with something to eat.



While still cooking lunch Stuart noticed that the tide was coming in higher than expected and if we didn't leave then that we wouldn't get back under the low bridges and would have to wait some six or so hours for the changed tide. We quickly packed up and headed back down the river.



Bridges were getting very low, in fact the underneath of Spencer St Bridge was very low and also felt very rusty and brittle to touch, it is surprising how the rust falls from the bottom of some of those bridges when you brush them with the roof of your boat. (Trust me I know) but enough said on that except we all made it safely through in the nick of time and we were so glad to get back to the Marina and watch the last quarter of the Grand Final.



TIME OUT and **WUNEE** went to the Victoria Harbor moorings and used the office facility to watch the last quarter of the game on the Television supplied.

ZERO TOLERANCE and **CHILL PILL** went over to the Docklands to watch the rest of the game on the big screen. It was a great game and I was happy with the result even if some weren't.

After the game we organized to go over to Etihad Stadium to watch the NRL Preliminary Final where the Storm had a big win. Everybody enjoyed the game even though it had been a long day and bedtime was looking good. The walk back to the boats was very cold and windy.

SUNDAY

After breakfast **TIME OUT** and **WUNEE** decided to go off to Chinatown for Yum Cha. We rode the City Circle tram, had an enjoyable lunch and then caught the City Circle tram again into Harbourtown where some shopping was done. Back to the moorings where **ZERO TOLERANCE** was getting ready to depart for Lakes Entrance to continue the holiday break. It was decided the crew of **WUNEE** would also go so each could assist with the retrieval as conditions were still quite windy and the waters choppy. **TIME OUT** and **CHILL PILL** deciding on staying an extra night.

ZERO TOLERANCE experienced some mechanical difficulty and the crew of **WUNEE** assisted with getting to the Warmies, where both boats were successfully retrieved.

All in all a fun weekend, experiences had and gained. New people met and friendships formed. Our initiation into the club was harsh but in the end I think we passed.



Ruth, Jan, Johan & Jordi Van Zanen