

Reporter : Greg & Colleen - Kahala

THE MOTLEY CREW

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| 1) DON & JAN FRASER
Wave rider | 2) MIKE, BIANCA, ALEXANDRA, DAVID & ZAC FISHER
Bay cruiser |
| 3) GREG & KIM | 4) WAYNE, MARIA, ASHLEY, AIDON & CHLOE TAYLOR
Time out |
| 5) GREG ELKS & COLLEEN PARKER
Kahala | |

THE ADVENTURE

Launched Thursday afternoon 9th April and met at Paynesville Cruiser Club where we spent the afternoon catching up and preparing our boats. The evening was spent at the Cruiser Club where we all had a meal and drinks, congratulations to Ashley Taylor for winning the meat tray raffle and Colleen Parker for winning the wine raffle. (Hopefully this streak of good luck will set the scene for the days to come).

GOOD FRIDAY

Awoke to a glorious morning where spirits where high. After being joined by Mike Fisher and family, and once Maria got out of bed, we all headed off to Bunga arm where we set up camp to stay for the night. Enjoyed a relaxing afternoon on the beach swimming, fishing, and having a few drinks until a storm come in. That evening, BBQ on back of boats and tall stories told by all.

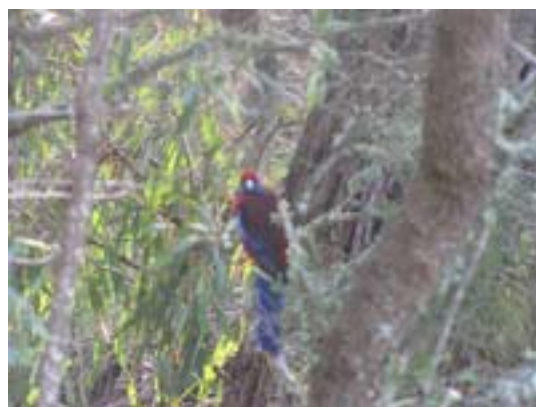


SATURDAY

Awoke to another perfect morning, bacon and eggs on the BBQ for breaky and a relaxing morning spent with kids and dogs playing on the beach. When Maria finally woke up we all headed off to Metung and then Boxes Creek where we set up camp for the rest of the afternoon.



The afternoon was spent lazing in the sun having fun and going on walks. We were also treated to a dance show by ASHLEY, ALEXANDRA & AIDON on the back of Greg's boat (well done guys).





Whilst preparing tea for the evening and having a few good drinks we all danced and rocked to jive bunny on the back of our boats, what a great afternoon.



That evening we had drinks on Mike & Bianca's boat where we were treated to a lightening storm. This made for some serious conversation and drinking had by all. What a great night.



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Bunny had come to all and left a bounty of eggs dotted around the camp site for the kids to find after hot cross buns for breaky. It was noticed by the kids that Santa clause was trying to muscle in on Easter Bunnies day.





That morning we swam and the kids rafted around Boxes Creek in Dons tender. Mike Fisher also donned the board shorts and had a swim.

Once, you guessed it, Maria got out of bed we cruised over to Metung to top up with water and where Mike gave us all a reversing lesson, also Chloe Taylor took Wayne for a quick break.



We all then cruised down to Lakes Entrance and spent a couple of hours wandering around the shops, eating fish & chips, and topping up supplies. We then cruised up the very top of the North arm where we moored for the evening



That afternoon it was discovered by David Fisher that Easter Bunny had obviously dropped some Easter eggs in the bush on the way to Lakes Entrance, lucky for us. There was also a report that evening that Wayne Taylor caught a 2 foot fish that got away. We all reckon it was a submerged log with small branches at one end that could have resembled a cat fish (bad luck Wayne). After this commotion we cooked dinner then had evening drinks and stories on Greg & Colleens' boat.



EASTER MONDAY

We awoke to another perfect morning and after breakfast we were treated to a historic tour by Don & Jan up to the Tea Rooms and Granite Quarry site.



After this and once, you guessed it, Maria got out of bed, we cruised back to Metung where some of us had lunch at the pub and others just relaxed. We then cruised up the Tambo river to Tambo Marine where Greg and Kim invited us to take a tour around their lovely new home on the river, Greg's workshop - shed was envied by all.

We then left Tambo Marine at a very fast pace of 5 knots and cruised right up the river to a spot known as the Cliffs where we spent the night. After our evening meal we fished where Wayne Taylor actually caught a bream, this gave us all the perfect excuse we needed to have drinks on Greg and Colleen's boat.





TUESDAY

Yes folks another perfect morning, spent relaxing and having breakfast. Then once Maria got out of bed we said goodbye to Greg & Kim as they had to depart the tour. (Something about getting a new bath to fit through the bathroom door.)

We all then headed off to Newlands Arm Paynesville for the rest of the day. Alexandra had a water skiing lesson and did really well getting up on one ski. Congratulations Alexandra well done. We spent the afternoon swimming and sunning on the beach and Greg gave the kids an important lesson on how to skim stones across the water. Also Zac and Chloe really got to know each other.





We then all headed back to Paynesville Cruiser Club and moored there for the evening. After bidding the Taylor family goodbye the rest of us all went out for tea at the Paynesville Pub then retired early, ready for the trip home the next morning.

COMMENTS

We all often go away on holidays but some holidays are very special and this to me was one of those holidays. This mix of people from all walks of life and all their different experiences really made the holiday, along with the great weather, and I hope I speak for everyone saying we all had a ball.

Special thanks to Don & Jan Fraser for providing their tender for everyone to use and for their extensive knowledge on boats and boating I really learned a lot.

Regards,
Greg Elks

ps. Cannot wait for next Easter