



# Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

## MWCC July Cruise to Eildon. 16/07/2011 to 17/07/2011

### Participants:-

Don & Jan Fraser	<b>Waverider</b>	Whittley 700
Peter Walters & Tuppence	<b>Mabel 2</b>	Whittley Voyager 580
Stuart & Annette Malone & Family	<b>Zero Tolerance</b>	Whittley 660
John & Helen Fawcett	<b>Shalimar</b>	Whittley 660

All of the members participating on the cruise launched on the Friday, Waverider and Mabel 2 launched at Jerusalem Creek Boat Ramp on the Friday afternoon and Shalimar and Zero Tolerance launched at Bonnie Doon that same afternoon.

After the launching, the car and trailers were parked, and it was time to find some where to stay the night, have happy hour refreshments and finally some tea.

That night was cold outside of the cruisers, but as I was in Waverider, with its central heating and working well, I found it hard to go back to my UNHEATED cruiser to sleep.

The next morning was a very still and foggy, the other two cruisers were to meet us at the Jerusalem Creek Boat Harbour at 10 AM to start the cruise down to the Jamieson Township. Due to the heavy fog and low visibility both Shalimar and Zero Tolerance were a little late, but with radio contact we found out that they were not that far away, so we met them near the Eildon Main Wall. When we all came together we headed off towards Goughs Bay on the way to Jamieson.

The water level had risen a substantial amount since the last tip up this way, the surrounding areas were completely different, the water breadth had increased, trees that were sticking out proudly from the water were now under water. It was new scenery for all of us.

Cruising down to where the old racecourse used to be was fine, as again the wide expanse of water was to be seen to be believed, but as we headed towards the Jamieson Brewery, following a previous snail trail we made it to the brewery. We continued on to see how far we could get. We cruised under the road bridge and around the corner to see the township of Jamieson, the water depth was getting shallow but we slowed down following the deepest channels were possible, I ventured up further, the water was becoming shallower, and more rapid, and being the smallest cruiser with the shallowest draft I continued until I had my leg up as high as practical and hitting the bottom occasionally, so I admitted defeat and turned around. I was in the rapids from where the Jamieson and Goulburn meet to enter into the Eildon Reservoir. We didn't get to the Jamieson Township. It was when I turned around it was agreed to head back to the Jamieson Brewery for lunch which we all did.

As we had lunch and enjoyed the scenery, the Malone family went for a walk, on returning it was suggested we all stay the night moored up on the grass flats of the Jamieson Brewery.

The following morning was beautiful and peaceful, breakfast was eaten and all that had to be done on the cruisers had been done.

We all set out back towards Jerusalem Creek Boat Harbour.

Following the speed limit of 5 knots on the way back to the old Racecourse area it was getting overcast and started to drizzle on and off making it uncomfortable. Once we all entered the racecourse area we got on the plane and made good time to Goughs Bay and then to the Jerusalem Creek Harbour, where Shalimar and Zero Tolerance said their good byes and headed back to reunite their cruisers with their comfortable trailers, and back home for another rest.

Waverider and Mabel 2 decided to stay another night and pull our cruisers out on Monday about midday.

Sunday night and Monday morning was not a good time, it had rained quite a bit and in the morning it was raining on and off constantly.

It was agreed to retrieve our boats and join them with their trailers as soon as possible in between the rain showers.

We had good intentions but with good intentions some thing always get in the way and it did, the rain didn't stop, we all got wet, finally we had the cruisers tied down and every thing packed away and headed for home.

We all had a great Cruise and I will venture to do another one next month.

Photos to put into the Gallery

Peter & Dishlicker Tuppence in Mabel 2