



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

Cruise report for July 7th & 8th at the Docklands

Cruisers Attending

Whittley 660	Malone Family	Zero Tolerance
Whittley 2380	Holyoake Family	Black Sheep
Whittley 2800	Elks Family	Kahala
Whittley 580	Walters Family	Mabel 2

Friday afternoon the 6th Greg and I had to launch at the St Kilda Marina. When we arrived the tide was out and it looked like Greg may not have been able launch due to the level of water at the ramp. A bloke nearby who uses this ramp frequently said it was ok and it would launch if you went back another metre on what looked like a hinged panel. Greg's 2800 was in the water, now it was the 580 to be launched off the trailer, this was not a problem.

Being on the water was like all the problems on your shoulder have now disappeared! The water was calm, very little wind and a great opportunity to go fast for a short distance, which we did before entering the Yarra River towards Victor Harbour where we were to spend the next two nights.

Booking into De Albora Marina, getting our Berth allocation, and having a Hot Dog to eat while thinking, what will we do now?

We went for a walk around the Dockland precinct, ending up in a DFO for Greg to buy some runners due to the fact that someone had forgotten to pack them. On returning back to the Marina the Friday night Fireworks display was to start at 7:30 pm and last for about 15 minutes, we were invited by De Albora staff to watch it from their Marina. The fireworks were very enjoyable.

Saturday morning while waiting for the other cruisers to arrive, Greg invited me along for a trip up the Yarra River under all the bridges to the last bridge which was the Swan Street bridge, we nearly went to the Anderson Street Bridge to turn around and head back to join up with the other MWCC members, the trip back was very picturesque, and many photos were taken on the return voyage.

In the afternoon we all decided to head off to the Melbourne Boat Show in Jeff's Shed. The walk around the show was enlightening with all the different cruisers, tinnies, speed boats, motors of all types and multitude of other accessories and fishing gear.

Saturday night was for all to go out for dinner. We all had good meals and headed off to bed for a good night's sleep.

Sunday morning was again a nice day and we headed off to the Ferguson Street Pier in Williamstown to berth, and have some brunch which we did and then headed back to the cruisers for a quick trip down to the old Cerebus at Half Moon Bay, as it was getting late in the afternoon we all headed back to St Kilda Marina to reunite our cruises with their trailers and back home.

Another weekend with Members from the MWCC again enjoying each other's company and venturing out into the cold for a weekend on the water WELL DONE MEMBERS of the MWCC.

Until next month

This is Peter & Lieutenant Tuppence

Signing off



A Beautiful sunny day on the Yarra



The cliffs at Half Moon Bay near the wreck of the Cerebus on Port Phillip Bay