



June 2012 Cruise on Westernport

Cruisers attending

Greg & Colleen & Molly	Kahala	CR2800
Peter & Caroline	Black Sheep	2380
Stuart & Annette & Family	Zero Tolerance	660
Peter & Tuppence	Mabel 2	Voyager 580

The advertised cruise started on Saturday morning officially but, Greg in Kahala and I in Mabel 2 launched our cruisers at the Hastings Marina boat ramp on Friday afternoon. Stuart travelled from home and arrived around midnight, and slept in his cruiser on the trailer in the car park.

Saturday morning weather was cold, with very little breeze when Zero Tolerance was launched.

Stuart headed over to their berth at the marina next to me.

Jan Fraser had arrived around 10:00am for an outing on the water, and to catch up with friends from the MWCC.

Jan decided to come with me and Tuppence so she could keep me in check.

Peter & Caroline had their cruiser stored at Yaringa Boat Harbour and travelled down to meet us.

Around midday we decided to take a trip down to Rhyll, so three of us headed off on perfect water just a ripple most of the way, there were some areas where the current and cross winds were evident with a little chop. It was great conditions for cruising.

We had nearly arrived at Rhyll when Peter and Caroline phoned and said they were running late and would meet us at Rhyll.

The public floating pontoon had a sign saying basically out of bounds for all craft, why we don't know, so we went around and rafted up to each other on the other side of the fixed pier.

We had lunch and waited until Black Sheep arrived and rafted up with us.

We then went for a walk into Rhyll and returned to see the walkway on the pier had water over it due to the incoming tide, Jan and Caroline went along the edge trying not to get their feet wet which they did, keeping their feet dry.

I had Tuppence, so off with the socks and I walked in the water and to my amazement the water wasn't that cold.

It was time to head back to Hastings, another pleasant trip in our cruisers.

That evening after arriving at the Marina, Stuart, Annette, Lachlan and Ethan went to the skate board track where Ethan didn't see a pole and hit the corner of his eye socket which must have hurt because he was quite upset. (Next day Ethan is ok and his eye is not black.)

Around 7:00 pm we headed off to the Westernport Pub for a meal, where we were met up

with past members Wayne, Maria, Aidan and Ashley Taylor who joined us for a meal.

We all had a great night with friends and the meal was delicious.

Sunday morning was cold again and Colleen was not well so Greg arranged for her to be picked up and taken home.

I went with Greg in his 2800 and with the other two cruisers headed off to San Remo for an afternoon lunch.

It was another day with fantastic conditions on the water.

When we arrived and tied up to the new floating pontoon some of us went into San Remo for lunch and a walk.

The weather was overcast with intermittent drizzle and a little nippy.

We decided to head out through the heads to go around French Island, getting near the heads, it looked ok from a distance but as we approached to enter into the ocean it was 1 to 2 metre swell making it unpleasant for all concerned, so we turned around and headed back to where we came from.

On the way back I took over the controls of Greg's Cruiser which I enjoyed being a bit bigger than Mabel 2, and with the setting sun Greg took some beautiful photos of the other cruisers in the sunset.

Peter & Caroline were heading off for home in the evening, so we decided to follow them back to Yaringa Boat Harbour, and once there we said our goodbyes and headed back to Hastings Marina.

Moored in the Marina we had some drinks of various types and then it was time for the evening meal a bit of TV and off to bed.

Monday morning was bitterly cold and very foggy, even at 10:30am it was as thick as soup so around 11:30 am we decided to head back to Rhyll to the bric-a-brac shop in the foggy conditions.

As I went with Greg on the Sunday he came with me on the Monday, I handed over the controls of Mabel 2 to him to navigate with confidence and safety in mind.

He did a fine job in the foggy conditions to get to Rhyll again.

Getting nearer to Rhyll the fog was lifting slightly and the sun was trying to show itself through the fog.

We had another lunch stop here and some shopping then it was back to Hastings.

The water was smooth nearly like glass and visibility perfect by now and with me behind the controls and Stuart in his hotted up 660 we had a quick trip back to Hastings.

All the Cruisers were on their trailers and in the car park ready for the trip back home by around 1:45 pm.

All that was left was to say our goodbyes and head off home.

We all had a great 3 days on the water with friends who have Whittleby Cruisers.



Conditions cruising to Rhyl from Hastings Marina



Greg at the controls of Mabel 2



Leaving Yaringa Boat Harbour



Rhyll Pier at low tide

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