



## March Gippsland Lakes Cruise 2012

### Attending Cruisers

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| Kahala  | Greg & Colleen   |
| Noname  | Greg & Caterina  |
| Mabel 2 | Peter & Tuppence |

Greg and I started out for the Gippsland Lakes on the Friday morning, and when nearing the Lakes area, Greg rang Tambo Marine to inform them we were still coming, Dean at Tambo Marine suggested we launch at Paynesville due to the King Tjde and the debris coming down the Tambo River from the floods it was dangerous to launch and also transverse down the river , so we heeded his advise and launched at Paynesville in the rain and cold. That night we stayed at the public jetty at Paynesville. Saturday morning was a lot more enjoyable as it was not raining and the sun was out so we decided to head out to around the Barrier Landing area.

In the mean time we were in contact with Greg and Caterina for information when they would be launching, they also were advised not to travel down the Tambo River due to the dead cows,sheep,logs and submerged hay bales floating down the river. Greg had his Cruiser stored at Tambo Marine with a unserviceable wheel bearing so towing the boat to Paynesville was out of the question, so for the rest of the weekend they would not be able to join the Cruise a loss for both of us.

Saturday was a very relaxing day with a little driving, food and beverages.

We tried a little fishing with no luck. So we had tea and went to bed.

Sunday we headed off to Lakes Entrance for lunch and a look around, once moored we spotted a Prawn Trawler and went over to investigate and ended up buying a Kg of LOVERLY TASTING FRESH PRAWNS just eating them out of the paper they were wrapped in, they were great!!!

After the feed we headed off to the dog friendly area of The Grange where we moored up to the jetty and decided to do some surf fishing during the afternoon and try night fishing an hour before to an hour after high tide. I had brought a surf rod in Lakes Entrance while we were strolling around.

By around 5pm the jetty was full with yachts speedboats cruisers and others.

We ended up staying another night there as it was a very peaceful, relaxing, good access to the surf beach and toilets and overall lovely place to stay.

We did go down to the surf beach and tried to fish and with some success.

On the Monday morning we decided by mutual consent we reunite our cruisers with their trailers and head off for home.

With our Cruisers on their trailers and our good byes said it was time to hit the road.

I would like to thank Greg, Colleen and Molly for their companionship during the cruise and some of the meal they were great

Thanks Greg and Colleen  
I will go on a Cruise with them again.

Peter & Ensign Tuppence



Moored up to the public Jetty in Paynesville



Moored in the Lakes Entrance Precinct



Paynesville boat ramp at 2 hours before high tide