



## **Nagambie Lake Cruise May 11th 12th**

### **Cruisers attending this Cruise**

Zero Tolerance	Whittley 660		Malone Family
Shalimar	Whittley 660		Fawcett Family
Merlin	Whittley 660	New Member	Coombs Family
Peachy	Whittley 2300	SA Member	Gunn Family
Mabel 2	Whitt Voyager 580		Walters Family

This cruise was held in May at the Nagambie Lakes and its environment.

Three members and their cruisers arrived on the the friday afternoon, and once launched in the shallow water ramp, it was happy hour.

After a talk and snacks it was time for tea, then more talking, then off to bed for the night.

Saturday morning was a great start for our cruise beautiful sunny morning with little to no wind GREAT..

Around 9:30 am Peachy arrived from SA, help was given to launch the 2300, once done we were only waiting for our leader Stuart in Zero Tolerance.

The story was, Stuart found a bulge in one of his trailer tyres (this is before the trip) so he removed both tyres and replaced them with new tyres refitting them, all was fine until he got onto the road, some how the tyres that had been fitted were too large and started to rub on the guard leaving a trail of white smoke, hense back to the Tyre supplier to get 4 tyres this time the right size.

Problem solved and Zero Tolerance was back on the road on its way to Nagambie.

This put us back a couple of hours, so the four of us, set out to head towards our first stop that being Tabilk Winery on the Golburn River. On the way we past the property that Black Caviar was born and raised.

Nearing the Winery Stuart rang to say he had arrived at Nagambie and would be at the ramp in about 20 minutes.

Mabel 2 with John from Merlin on board, and Shalimar following, we went back to the boat ramp to help Zero Tolerance with launching, and weaving our way back to Tabilk Winery.

By the time we arrived, Stuart had his cruiser off the trailer and was parking his trailer.

Now it was time to go to Tabilk Winery for a look see and tasting of their wine, and join the other Members who waited in their cruisers at the Tabilk Winery.

All cruisers rafted up to each other and our bow secured to shore, it was time to walk up the hill to discover a very old winery with a lot of history, well worth a look at any time.

Me not being a wine drinker had a try of some wines, some tasted to me like dirty sock washing water, others weren't that bad. A very good experience, my first wine tasting ever.

After the tasting it was time to find some where to raft up for the night.

Just a short distance downstream from Tabilk, we found a great little spot.

All the cruisers secured and it was happy hour once again.

A fire was started and our teas were cooked on the open fire, it gives a great taste, it must be the smoke, outdoors, fresh air, soil in the fire and good company.

Around 9:30 pm still sitting outside under the stars, we decided to put the fire out with water and head back to our cruisers for a good nights sleep.

Sunday morning was not as good weather wise as Saturday, but on the water, beautiful scenery, good company, what else does one need?

All cleaned up after breakfast it was another trip downstream past Michellton Winery and Robert Sangsters house (backyard view very nice) to a nice spot on a bend in the Golburn River where we stopped for lunch, this being the end of the downstream trip.

We all arrived in a dry state at this spot except for Bob, as he was getting off his 2300 onto some grass there was no earth under it, and went into the water up to his waist. Bob later said it was .....cold.

We all had lunch, another talk and then it was back to Nagambie boat ramp.

On the return journey we were going to do a wine tasting at Mitchelton Winery but as time was running short and black clouds gathering in the sky it was agreed to head back without the tasting.

We had all the cruisers loaded on their trailers and it was Merlin to pull out last, and when John was pulling Merlin out of the ramp the rain came.

I would like to thank John & Joan, Bob & Leslie from SA for participating in the cruise it was great to see them.

We all had a very relaxing, friendly week end with members from the MWCC. See you all at the June Cruise. Docklands and the Boat Show.

More Photos of the trip will be in the MWCC Web Gallery



Overnight stay on the Goulburn River



Members enjoying Happy Hour





Upstream from our overnight stay



Lake Nagambie from the Regatta shed end.

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