



## February Cruise to Williamstown Port Phillip Bay 9th & 10th Feb

### Cruisers attending were

Zero Tolerance	Stuart & Family	Whittley 660
Mable 2	Peter & Tuppence	Voyager 580
G & T	Tony & Gemma	Whittley 700
Shes Apples 2	Peter, Daughters and grand children	Voyager 580

This cruise to Port Phillip Bay was based around the Anchorage Marina in Williamstown.

G & T and Mabel 2 arrived at the Warmies late Friday afternoon, we had our berth No`s and magnetic key for the entry to the jetty and toilets. After a magnificent meal in Mabel 2 it was time to sleep, for the rigors of cruising on the Saturday.

Saturday morning was here and She`s Apples 2 and Zero Tolerance had launched and were on the water so it was off for a trip down the east coast of Port Phillip Bay to Mornington.

Just out from the Warmies Channel the water conditions were not looking great but we headed on regardless and a short distance from Williamstown the water settled down to nearly glass like, and a good time was had scooting along the water until we arrived at Mornington where we all rafted up together.

We all went for a swim, some snorkling and after we had cooled down it was lunch time.

The time passed quickly with all people going in for a swim, Tuppence included to cool off.

Looking into the water there was 2 very large Sting Rays gliding along above the sand it seemed effortless the way they moved through the water.

Late in the afternoon Peter with his Daughters and grandchildren had to leave us to return home as they only came out for the day, it was great to meet your family and I am sure they enjoyed themselves and they are always welcome.

After a few more swims and talks we decided to head around to Martha Cove for

G & T to get some fuel for the 700, The Martha Cove Marina has had a few more houses come mansions completed since we were there last. I would like a place down there if I could afford one. Once refueled it was a leasurely cruise back to the Anchorage Marina.

On the way back to the Marina the conditions were great until around Ricketts Point, where it started to get a bit choppy, we didn`t slow down much as the Whittley`s could handle the swell and chop.

Arriving back at the Marina it was organised to go out fot dinner somewhere in Williamstown, so with all of us including Tuppence it was a casual walk along the shoreline to the eating area. The walk ended at the como cafe for an Elfresco type of meal. The meal went down very well and we then headed back along the foreshore again to the Anchorage Marina.



Whittleby people relaxing in the gardens on Williamstown foreshore.

A slight hiccup on the Saturday was when Gemma and I went back to get a Berth No for Stuart in the Anchorage office, I picked up one of the staffs set of keys by mistake (only one key different to mine) and Gemma got a phone call while we were at Mornington asking if I took the keys I said no and looked in my pocket and sure enough I had picked them up by mistake - all was forgiven. Sunday morning was beautiful, a bit hot but Stuart and Annette went for a run to the Williamstown Front Beach and return, while they were running a elderly couple in a cruiser who were berthed next to G & T went for a spin while there was no wind to speak off and on their arrival back to berth the wind had become fairly strong and the elderly couple decided to berth on the public side of the jetty. It was evident they would need help so Gemma, Tony and I went to their assistance, once organised and secure to the bollards it was then back to our cruisers for a trip back down to Mornington for lunch. Gemma had two of her brothers and their children down for a day on the water, Swimming and Fishing. The trip down was uneventfull, it was just pleasant to be on the water in a Whittleby cruiser.



### 3 Whittleys` Rafting up at Mornington

Arriving at Mornington we had lunch and more snorkling swimming and relaxing. The crew of G & T wanted to do some fishing so they headed of back towards Melbourne to try to catch some fish which they did, I have not seen any but I was told they were mostly Flathead of a nice size. Zero Tolerance and Mabel 2 went back to the Warmies to reunite their cruisers with their trailer and back to the various abodes.

I hope all who attended this cruise enjoyed themselves as much as I did, It was a very relaxing type of cruise with great friends

Thanks to you all

Written by Peter & Ensign Tuppence

Mabel 2