

Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.



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July trip report from Torrumbarry Weir on the Murray River 2014

This cruise was only attended by the brave and devoted whittley owners namely Peter & the lovely Cobie Morris in their beloved Impala and Erwin & big brother Peter Abbinga in Espedair. Having decided to meet in Heathcote on Friday we made our way to the Torrumbarry Weir.

The Morris's were well prepared, armed with a smorgasboard of baits from around the world & a new heater with numerous gas refills while Erwin & Peter had on board tasty treats from Holland. The ramp has great access, is deep and would be easily suited to launching the full range of whittley cruisers.

So off we went and cruised for about an hour towards Echuca. With the keen eyes of experienced fisherman Peter & Erwin selected a spot taking into account the wind, tides and the fact that there was a wide selection of wines to go with the big fire on the bank.

Next day was all about cruising, stopping along the way at Deep Creek Marina. This is another great place to launch with lots of space for cars and trailers and should be kept in mind for future reference. After a low cal meal of fish & chips and hamburgers the flotilla set off for yet another successful nights fishing, wine tasting and discussions about why the fish aren't biting.

Next morning after the world's largest breakfast a loud buzzing noise was heard and to our surprise Stuart flew over in his amazing flying machine. We tried to signal him to try and spot where the fish were but he just thought we were waving and waved back. Then it was a leisurely cruise back in the sun shine arriving back to Torrumbarry to retrieve the boats on Sunday at about 3pm.

Overall a great weekend with great company, beautiful weather ,the Murray to ourselves and the river with one less carp. AND IT WASN'T COLD birrrrrr!!!

Written By Erwin Abbinga