



February Cruise Port Phillip Bay Feb 15th 16th 2014

Members Attending were :-

Peter & Tuppence	Voyager 580
Tony & Gemma	Cruisemaster 700
Peter & Audrey	CR 2380
Peter & Coby	Montery
Erwin & Dave	CR2080
Peter & Caroline	CR2380
Trevor & Naomi & Lilly	Cruisemaster 700
Tony & Dianne	Cruisemaster 700

Two members Peter & Tuppence and Peter and Coby arrived on Friday late in the afternoon, both had launched and were on their berth by around 5:15 pm just in time for happy hour. Tea and a night on the water was to come next.

Saturday morning, another four cruisers were to launch and berth with another two r cruisers arriving by water, from the north of Martha Cove Marina.

Once we all converged on the water outside of the Martha Cove entrance we headed off to Rye following the coastal waterline enjoying the scenery and being on the water.

At Rye some of us rafted up together some rafted up in pairs.

It was time for a swim and lunch and then after a couple of hours from when we arrived we set off for Queenscliff, being tail end Charlie it looked spectacular with 7 cruisers ahead leaving a broad wake, a very good sight check out the Gallery!

Over near Queenscliff we went to see the old submarine which was used to power the land lovers when its active life was over, only the conning towers are left now.

It was then time to head back to the marina for happy hour and a talk about our trip over the day, from the marina and back.

A longish happy hour was had with all talking and eating various goodies including rice wrapped in vine leaves, artichokes, liquorice, cashew nuts many dips and biscuits.

Saturday night was a really calm night, although Sunday morning was a little different with rain and a strong wind change which caused a 1 meter to 1 ½ meter swell, Erwin and Tony had to go back to Patterson Lakes in the swell, so they left early in the morning after refuelling and made it at a slow pace arriving safely.

The remainder of the crews either headed back to the ramp and headed off home, some had thought this would be a good opportunity to practice berthing into unoccupied berths out of the way of any other craft, it was very good to see people practice reversing and driving into berths with a difficult wind situation, and trying parallel parking on different berths which were not occupied. When the practising was over we all went to the ramp loaded our cruisers on their trailers and head off home.

Thank you all for making this cruise so enjoyable and hope to see you at the next cruise.

Written by Peter and Ensign Tuppence. (Photos added to Gallery)

