



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

Trip Report for 23-25 Sept 2016 at Lake Eildon

ATTENDEES

Boat Name:

Skipper & Crew

Impulse

Mike & Monica Jones

Braveheart

Mike & Venora Smith

Sea Ya

Craig & Alanna, Cody ,Talia, Zac.

Hollywood

Peter & Cobie

Black Betty

Erwin Abbinga

Serenity

Jay Davis & Glenn

The Boss

Renato & Domenica Greco

Zero Tolerance

Stuart & Annette, Lachlan & Ethan Malone

Leeway

Wayne & Lee-Anne Carpenter

The cruise began on Thursday the 22nd of Sept with *Impulse* and *Braveheart* launching in the afternoon, then travelling to the Goughs bay area for the night. The weather was overcast but ok, and we were nice and warm with the heaters turned on!

The next day saw us travelling to *Impulse's* secret spot in the Howqua area. After finding a suitable spot for the group and collecting fire wood, it was time for the Gary Honeychurch challenge! We spotted a tree on a hill that was to become our target, and though the terrain was steep in parts, we pushed on with our fearless leader "Monica" out in front. When we reached the summit, we celebrated our achievement, then relaxed to enjoy the view.

We could just see three small dots in the distance, all MWCC members cruising passed Goughs Bay! As they motored closer, we could finally identify *Sea-Ya*, *Black Betty* and *Hollywood*, so it was a hasty retreat back down the hill to greet them!

Once the boats were all docked, it was all hands on deck to clear a few large trees from the water's edge to make room for the remaining boats. With the odd pieces of wood all around us, Cody, Talia and Zac busied themselves to prepare the evening fire! Peter Morris meanwhile set about fishing, catching and eradicating a number of the dreaded carp!

After dinner, we all sat round to enjoy a large fire with the kids toasting marshmallows with a variety of success. Some were eaten, some dropped in the fire or burnt, but all in all, great fun was had!

Saturday morning came with all emerging to cook breakfast, or do a spot of cleaning, fishing, talking and *Sea-Ya* started their engine to heat up water for dish washing.

All were ready for a 10.00am departure with *Black Betty* heading out first. All was going well, with only *Sea-Ya* and *Impulse* left to go, but *Sea-Ya* simply would not start! After trying all we could and still no go, we rafted *Sea-Ya* up to *Impulse* for towing back to the Jerusalem Creek boat ramp to be retrieved!

Through all this, *Impulse* had been in touch with *Serenity* and *The Boss*, and after two or three changes in plans, we decided to all meet up and have lunch at the Jerusalem Creek Hotel. After the boat was put back on the trailer, *Impulse* had one more job, with jump starting a large ski boat!

It certainly was now time for a break and lunch! We had been joined by Venora from *Braveheart*, and so off to the hotel, and I think I speak for everyone, when I say that the meals were both generous and tasty!

It was time to go all too soon, so we cruised back to the same spot given it was just so perfect. A fire was lit and all boats secured in time for happy hour, dinner and back by the fire till about 9.00pm when the forecast rain started.

Sunday arrived, and thankfully the rain was gone by the end of breakfast! When everyone was ready, we headed back to Jerusalem creek, but as we were leaving, we met with *Leeway* who was out for the day. Those who had to leave, returned to the boat ramp. The luckier guys were able to stay on, being *Hollywood*, *Black Betty*, and *Leeway* who headed off towards Woodbridge point.

Thanks for your company!

Written by Mike & Monica - *IMPULSE*.