



MWCC

Last minute change from Yarrawonga to Eildon!

4-17 July 2017

This Cruise was planned for Yarrawonga and the Ovens River, and although there were sufficient water levels, one or two were already planning to head to Eildon, so at the last minute, the remainder of the group changed the destination to join them. Sadly John & Helen Fawcett were not able to join the new venue, but five boats were all rugged up ready for the Winter adventure!!

Crews

Impulse	700	Mike & Monica Jones
Groovy Ruvie	660	Paul & Marielle Van Pampus
Archie	2600	John, Jane, Fletcher & Matilda Archibald
Siennabelle	700	Mario & Filomena Greco
The Boss	2800	Renato & Domenica Greco

IMPULSE and crew set off for Eildon arriving around 3 o'clock after setting up the boat we headed off for Woodbridge Point. Not long after passing the Eildon boat harbour at 30 knots one of our front deck mats came loose and sadly never to be seen again!! We continued on to Woodbridge Pt where we could see smoke from a cosy fire which was a sure sign we were in the right place to meet Paul and Marielle. They had been working hard collecting fire wood. Paul and Marielle had been on the Lake since the day before testing out their new rubber dingy and getting used to using it for their Whitsundays adventure later in the year.

After securing Impulse we helped build up the fire, set up chairs up close to keep warm and enjoyed a celebratory drink. We set up our generators and after a lovely hot meal we had a good chin wag over a glass of wine until it was time for bed.

Friday morning after breakfast we headed off for a walk, collected more firewood, and then just relaxed. Late afternoon Mario and Filomena on Siennabelle and Renato and Domenica on The Boss arrived and at their usual time just on dark, John, Jane, Fletcher and Matilda arrived in their 2600 called Archie. We had a monster Friday night fire which was an absolute hoot in the cool of the evening, then off to bed.

We woke Saturday to a sunny sky which was an awesome surprise, enjoyed a leisurely breakfast, went for another walk then Paul and myself restarted the fire. Approximately 11 o'clock we all left for Jerusalem creek, as Paul and Marseille had to head home. After pulling their boat out they joined us at the 501cafe for a coffee then headed for the boat for lunch. We cruised back to Woodbridge, tied up our 4 boats for the night.



The water was a temperature of only 9°C, when Domenica decided to try and walk on water!! We've never seen anybody climb back on a boat so quick, with a much needed hot shower to follow to recover! Domenica then joined us all by another large fire. Later in the evening after dinner, all crew's congregated on The Boss for drinks which was a lovely time to chat!!

Sunday started with John & Jane leaving very early for kids sporting duties. After breakfast the three remaining crew's went for a very invigorating walk, then relaxed before heading to another secret spot for the night. This time we named it Mario's secret spot!

The three boats joined forces with food and drinks on Siennabelle for a great night. At the end of the evening we said our good byes as Siennabelle and The boss were leaving early in morning.

Note all boats had visitors in the night - opossum's!!
IMPULSE was the last to leave at about 10 o'clock.

Thanks to all for yet another great Whittleby cruise.

Written by Mike Jones