



Melbourne Whitley Cruiser Club

Venue: MALLACOOTA

TRIP REPORT EASTER 2017

Attendees

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| 1. ConKiki | Peter & Audrey Nicolopoulos |
| 2. Siennabelle | Mario & Philomena Greco |
| 3. The Boss | Renato & Domenica Greco |

Thursday morning 13th, bright and early we arranged to meet the 2 Greco's at the BP service station at Officer, just down the road from Berwick at 7.30 am.

The drive down the Princes Highway was easy going and a short stop at Bairnsdale for a refuel and then a lunch stop at Bruthen.

We arrived at Mallacoota about 2pm and launched all 3 boats, a quick drive to our storage depot and back to the boats and departed about 3.00pm for Cemetery Bight.

ConKiki and Siennabelle had already been at Mallacoota previously and a first for The Boss.

The Boss could not believe the sunset, and the serenity as we were the only 3 boats on the water, and there was no wind at all. Time for Happy hour and then dinner.



Renato had brought his wadders and net and prawn light. "WE" are going to catch some prawns as he disappeared into the darkness with Mario. Sometime later he returned, wet and cold and I believe he had some prawns, but not many.

Friday 14th we left the bight and headed to Cape Horn, we were in no rush and the weather was absolutely wonderful so we did the trip at 7 knots and took in all the scenery. Happy hour and dinner followed and then more 'happy hour'. In the evening we heard some rustling in the bushes and our torches hit on the biggest possum I have ever seen.

Saturday 15th as we lazed at the BBQ area, our friend the Goanna came for a visit and well and truly scared the Greco girls as Philomena put her legs up on the chair, and Domenica decided there were too many mossies and hightailed it to the boat for safety. In the afternoon we departed and cruised to Captain Creek, in the top lake and near the narrows. This a well-protected inlet and a jetty for 4 of our boats. Having secured the boats, it was time for happy hour and then dinner.

Sunday 16th we tried our luck at some fishing, and of course a nature walk, which was a daily regime for the Greco's. In the afternoon we went back to Cemetery Bight. That night Mario got the COB out and cooked a roast for dinner. Who said you have to compromise when you cruise the water ways in a Whitley.

Monday 17th saw us hang around until 2.30ish as we left for the bright lights of civilization known as Mallacoota town, as Renato had to retrieve his 2800 and prepare for his return to Melbourne on Tuesday morning. Having completed the retrieval and the wash down and engine flush it was well and truly time for happy hour. As we enjoyed a drink or 3 in the shed on the wharf, we prepared for a festive dinner.

Entrée Lasagne

Main Roasted rib eye fillets in gravy - Roasted goat in gravy, Tossed salad, Steamed Broccoli

And to top it all off Renato got the generator out and made us expresso coffee with his 240 volt coffee machine. What a night.

Tuesday 18th Renato and Domenica left about 5am and we decided to spend the whole day tied to the wharf. Super-hot showers were enjoyed and some shopping. Lunch in the café, a short spin to the airport and to Bastion point (the boat ramp direct to the ocean). Philomena decided to feed the seagulls until a dominant gull ran riot on the wharf and chased all the gulls away as it wanted to be fed, it was so funny to watch.

Wednesday 19th we left mid-morning and headed to Captain Creek as Mario wanted to cook with the cob again. A bit of fishing, a bit of relaxing, time just went by. AAAAHHHHH the serenity. The cob was ready, Philomena wanted cake, so as the roast came out, in went the vanilla sponge cake. It was lovely especially with the thickened cream on top. YUM.

Thursday 20th as we woke up we saw a strange sight, some clouds. Up until now we have had a cloud free sky. These were not rain clouds, just white fluffy clouds. Most of the day we just enjoyed our location sitting around the BBQ until almost sunset. Happy hour started early and then dinner, and left over cake!

Friday 21st just after lunch we were on our way back to Mallacoota to retrieve our boats to trailers, showers and put the boats in Col's back yard, then off to the golf club for a round(of drinks) and dinner. We slept in Col's back yard as usual as we planned on leaving early in the morning.

Saturday 22nd 7.00am and off we went for an uneventful drive back to Melbourne.

It's a long drive to this beautiful part of Victoria, if you have the time to make an extended trip it is well worth the adventure.

This trip report was penned by the crew of ConKiki.

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