

## MWCC Trip Report

### Queenscliff, October 2017

I am sitting here on my boat enjoying Martha Cove and another stunning day on the bay writing this report. No matter how nice today is, it will be hard to beat the cruise we had at Queenscliffe.

It all started for me on the Friday as I came down and met up with my brother Peter and his girlfriend Lorna, Betty came down Friday night and we had a fantastic meal at The Flying Brick which we highly recommend. Peter & Audrey also came down on Friday and moored their boat strategically close to cafes and toilets. That night they were joined by Gary & Lee, Wilco, Marisca and Erik, JB and Joy who arrived fashionably late. Neville, Allan, Marianne and the Whittleby team had come the previous day and with a fleet of shiny new Whittleby's ready to stun the locals with a display of the product we all love.



We could not have picked a better weekend to spend at Queenscliff. We all met up Saturday morning and had a hearty breakfast and a Captains brief from the new commodore Gary who was the cruise organiser. I was busting to get out there and teamed up with the "vanishing man", Peter Nic, and headed out for some calamari fishing. Peter & I had a head-start but it didn't help.

Gary in JB 's boat and Wilco & Erik dropped off the girls who had decided to do some retail therapy at Sorrento. So it was up to Black Betty, JB Squared and Ruby Tuesday to catch dinner. Lucky for us we had chef Erik on board as he cooked up a fantastic batch of scallops donated by JB Squared back at the marina.

Happy hour started as the girls had returned. Tony & Gemma came down (without G&T) to sample Erik's scallops. Then it was dinner at Charlie Noble restaurant with the Whittleby family & MWCC members.



Next morning it was a beautiful day. Neil & Lin joined us and the day was set for a fantastic days boating. We decided today was perfect to go through the Heads and so off we went. We made sure everybody set out with life jackets (including the puppy) and lead by the fearless Gary & Lee, we ventured through the heads enjoying the rollers as they came through. At about 2km's past the Heads we had a real treat of slowly staying behind two whales while they played right in front of us!!



Lunch rafting up at Portsea Point then we started to break-up the party and head back to the boat ramp which was getting very busy.

Seeing the whales & going through the Heads was a real highlight for me and another example of the opportunities being in a boat club brings, in that you can have new challenging adventures and experiences, while having the safety of other boats around to help if things go wrong!

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