



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

Cruise Report - 28 – 30 September 2018, Bundalong

The September cruise was held on the Mighty Murray River, the people attending were as follows

Mario & Philomena

Renato & Domenica

Gemma & Tony

Wilco & Marisca

Peter & Tuppence

Neil

Gary & Lee

Dean, Manning & Bryce

Peter & Caroline

This cruise for some started on the Wednesday at Bundalong before the weekend but for most it started on Friday afternoon to launch and find a nice spot for the night, not forgetting happy hour with our friends.

Friday morning Gemma & Tony D and Peter W headed off for the cruise only to find a problem with G&T's Boat trailer brakes. Refilled the reservoir with fluid and did a few checks and off again to our destination. On arrival Gary, Lee, Marisca and Wilco were there to welcome us and to take us to the group who were already on the water.

Peter and Caroline arrived a bit later in the afternoon.

Once all cruisers were on the water it was time to find a position on the river bank where all cruisers could raft up together for happy hour and the overnight stay.

The following morning was the day of the AFL Grand Final between Collingwood and West Coast. After breakfast it was off to the Mulwala Ski Club, on the way manoeuvring through all the dead trees zig zagging in and around to end up at the Ski Club to watch the Grand final on the TV and have a meal.





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We were not allowed to stay overnight at the Ski Club so at around 4 o'clock it was back on the boat to head back through the dead trees along the Channel, Burke St and following all the trails which were well laid out with the red and green markers, no one got lost or hit any submerged obstacles so all was well. While listening to the final quarter of the football it appeared the majority of people were barracking for Collingwood, so to add a bit of excitement someone decided to barrack for West Coast (me!!). After the final siren most of the Collingwood supporters were VERY VERY quiet.... not singing the theme song!!

Once all the cruisers were moored on different parts of the bank it was happy hour again and finally our last night on the water.

Gemma contacted Stuart Malone one of our ex Commodores on Saturday afternoon.

Sunday morning very early, this HOON in an Ultra lite fly across the river and guess what, it was Stuart flying around and finally landed in the field behind us.

It was great see him all rugged up and after scrounging a coffee and taking Gary for a circuit he landed and took off for home. Thanks again HOON Stuart Malone.

The departure of the cruisers for their homeward journey was staggered, the weather was nice, and the sun was even nicer whilst having breakfast and a coffee.



It was great to see more people using their cruisers and joining in the fun of owning a Whittley and having great friendship between the owners

What a great weekend - people who have a Whittley and don't use it you missed out on a great week end!!

Written by

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