



## Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

### December 2018 Cruise Report

#### – Queenscliff to Geelong

The December Cruise was from Queenscliff to Geelong. We planned to meet other club members for a Christmas Dinner on the Saturday night in Geelong:

#### Crews and Boats:

Narvara – Neil & Christine

To the Point – Dean, Tracey & Bryce

Ruby Tuesday – Marisca, Eric & Dargo

Lucky Us – Gary & Lee

Little Casper – Peter & Gail Miller

Neil navigated 2 Navara's (vehicle & boat) through Tullamarine Airport traffic to do a drive by pick up of his Tassy Tiger (Christine) before driving down the Queenscliff Marina. A few hrs later Gary, Lee, Marisca, Eric, Dargo, Tracey, Dean & Bryce moored alongside us with the assistance of Gail & Peter Miller who had driven from Clifton Springs.



*Figure 2 - Friday Night Queenscliff Harbour*



*Figure 1 - Queenscliff Harbour Saturday Morning*

Off we all went to the Queenscliff Brewhouse for dinner, drinks, a catch up & chatter. Hours later the with the courtesy bus hailed we were returned to the Marina for a good nights sleep.

The next morning the decision was made 'Yes' a 10ish departure would be happening & the waters were to be tackled & tried. The Worsley's led us off & we cruised to the leading commentary of Bryce & we discovered many pot holes along



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the way that definitely need reporting to the Port Phillip Bay Port Authority for repair!. A lunch stop at Port Arlington found Gail & Peter Miller in their Whittley boat awaiting us. A very great job of mooring up was done by Marisca & Eric when Dargo finally allowed them do so after he provided us with the entertainment of watching him continually dumping the tennis ball back into the water as quickly as they were being retrieved.



*Figure 4 - Queenscliff to Portarlington - a bit lumpy*



*Figure 3 - Lunch at Portarlington*

With the call if '10 mins' until departure given Neil decided he had time to do the washing up but after 5 mins it was all hands on deck cause others are untying & moving; as the waters were navigated again with the occasional swoosh of water entering via the clears & eyebrows . . Neil says gee the backs of my legs feel all wet, must be the way the water is getting in ? - suddenly he realises that the water is slopping out of the sink which is under his seat!



*Figure 6 - Lunch at Port Arlington Marina*



*Figure 5 - Christmas Dinner in Geelong - Wharf Shed Café.*

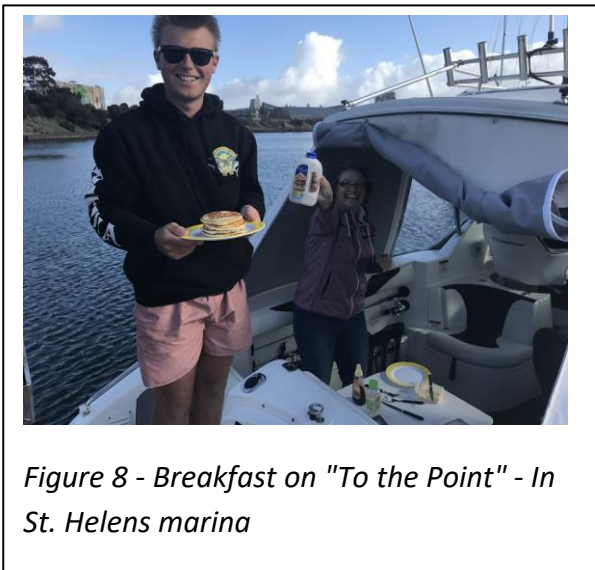


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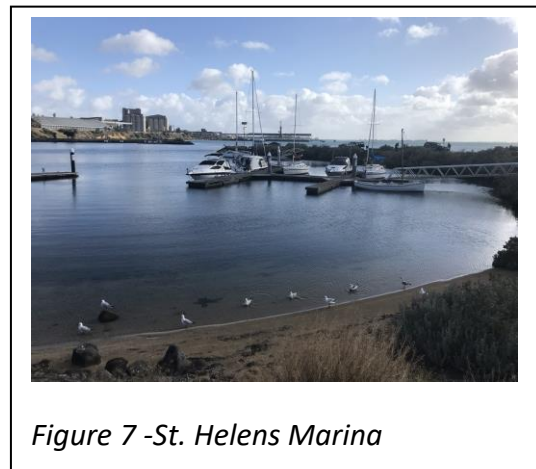
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The wind changed direction the last 15 mins & made the arrival to the Royal Geelong Yacht Club interesting. After securing the boats, a wash and a wipe down the vessels was done. Some enjoyed drinks while some others did a spot of shopping. Just as everyone decided to leave to get ready for the dinner gathering the weather became a bit rougher so a check of lines were being done when suddenly 'Lucky us' was only secured at one end.



*Figure 8 - Breakfast on "To the Point" - In St. Helens marina*



*Figure 7 -St. Helens Marina*

A quick check for some vacant & more sheltered spots in the Marina was not successful so a decision was made to moor some boats across at St Helens boat ramp for the night. Michael, Monica, Jermemy, Karen, Mario, Philamena, Renata, Dominica, had driven to Geelong to enjoy drinks & dinner with the weekend boaters at the Wharf Shed Cafe for a Christmas Boathouse gathering.

Many many Thanks to Karen & Jeremy for the very much appreciated offer of Jeremy returning the following morning by vehicle to sensibly transport drivers back to Queenscliff. A long drive home for most found the end to another adventurous & enjoyable boating experience.

Christine Heutt

Narvara