



## Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc. Cruise Report – Easter Cruise 2019. Mallacoota.

Easter 2019 Mallacoota

Attendees:

Conkiki: Peter and Audrey Nicolopoulos

Surreal: Brad and Karen Jones

Groovy ruvie: Paul and Mariel Van Pampas

After spending the night at Orbost Caravan Park we arrived at Mallacoota jetty just before lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. We launched ConKiki and as we were tying up Surreal who had arrived the day before returned to the jetty to meet us. After taking the car and trailer to the safety of Col's backyard it was time to head off to Cemetery bight to spend our first night. First priority was catching fish for dinner, Karen and Brad started reeling them in and within five minutes they had dinner caught and ready to cook. Fishing was good.



Next morning we decided to go to Cape Horn, more fishing was on the agenda for the day. When we arrived we tied up next to a small fishing boat. Dennis and his young daughter Caitlin were already fishing, Caitlin caught about 20 small Bream in the first 30 minutes we were there. Dennis wasn't happy he couldn't even get his line in the water. After Brad caught more fish for dinner we headed for Genoa River jetty. When we arrived there were a number of boats already there, one of them being Phil our favourite abalone fisherman who promises us abalone every year we are there, he promises again to bring us some within the next couple of days. We then go to Captain Creek to have happy hour then dinner more fish were caught so for Good Friday we all had fish for lunch and dinner.

The next day after lunch we thought we were in for some windy weather so we went to south west arm for extra protection. It never happened, the afternoon was perfect as usual. Happy hour happened as normal, then dinner then off to bed. Saturday morning we were returning to Mallacoota for showers washing and some shopping. We had just tied up when we spotted another Whittley pulling up to the boat ramp, it was Paul and Mariel. After Karen went to the bakery for some pies and pasties we all returned to Cemetery Bight.

We were joined by a few boats in the afternoon Phil was one of them, still promising us some abalone. After dinner we sat around the fire until it was quite late and the mossies finally gave up biting us.

Sunday morning we decided to go to Genoa River but first we had to catch more fish. We left before lunch and went for a spin all around the lakes and up the river. We tied up at Genoa River jetty and were setting up for the evening we had early happy hour then dinner. Afterwards Pete decided to play some music courtesy of Spotify, all 70's, 80's and 90's. Mariel also played the ukulele for a little while. After a couple of



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wines some of the crews were dancing on the back of one of the boats. Did you know that you could pole dance on the back of your whittley? We now know it can be done (it helps if you have had toooooooooooooo much wine).



Monday morning we went for a spin to Gravely Point, we had never been there before so were determined to tie up at that jetty. We had lunch then it was time for Paul and Mariel to leave us and head for home, we said our goodbyes and waved them off. We then headed back to Cemetery Bight to spend our last night of our holiday. It was also the best place to catch more flathead. Brad and Karen caught about 5 but as Brad didn't want to clean them they let them go. We had happy hour on the jetty and then after dinner decided to watch a movie on our boats.



Tuesday morning after another fishing session and another catch and release session it was time to head back to our cars and trailers, and start to head for home. As we were in the car heading for Orbost, we had a phone call from Phil, he had been fishing and was looking for us to give us the long promised abalone. Unfortunately he wasn't going to drive after us to hand them over. After another perfect week our holiday at Mallacoota was over. Life in our Whittley is great.

This report was written by the First (best) mate of ConKiki