



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

Nagambie Cruise 17th – 19th May 2019

Attendees:

Jay Davis- JAY JAY – Cruise Leader
Cobie and Peter Morris – Hollywood
James Davis and James 2 - Parlay
Cliff James – Sea Legend
Russell Breguet – Our Time
Pat and Cheryl Russell - Murrendi 11

Friday 17th May

All boats arrived during the afternoon from about 2.30pm until 5pm all mooring in the lake for an early start on Saturday. Mike and Monica Jones and Wally had been out on the river testing Impulse before heading off to the Whitsundays and they retrieved whilst we were there. I had concerns about water levels on the lake prior to the arrival of any boats, however I shouldn't have worried it was just fine with everyone launching off the bank as usual.

The river levels up stream were quite depleted above Seymour, however the weir governs the level for the lake and river system all the way to Mitchelton and above to Hughes Creek at this end of the river. This gives all boaters an opportunity to use the Goulburn system all year round. It has been enhanced even further with an additional public ramp being constructed as we read this report, directly into the river just prior to the entry of the caravan park. This negates the need to negotiate the lake to access the river and consequently reduces the risk of 'bumping anything' across the lake and avoiding the washing machine effect and dangers the jet skiers may pose on returning to the ramp on the lake. A win win for all concerned. Whoo hoo!!!!

Overnight temperature was 6oC, all ok.

Saturday 12th May

We headed off for a leisurely start at 10am lead by Jay Davis in Jay Jay. Off to Tahbilk today, a brilliant crisp morning with beautiful sunshine which lasted all day long. It was a magic trip across the lake and up the river to Kirwan's Bridge. The wetlands did not disappoint with cormorants sunning their wings after diving for food, locals in tinnies with rods and rifles ready for the hunt, amazing birdlife all around us and a never ending vista of birds and fauna where ever we went. The river just delivered an amazing experience all the way to Tahbilk. We thought we were in heaven as we moored at Tahbilk and enjoyed the brilliant weather, no wind and rising temperatures. We moved on from Tahbilk to camp overnight at Major's creek, also known to some as Gardner's creek. We had a great fire with a brilliant supply of good quality firewood sourced by James 1 and James 2 to keep us warm for the evening.

Sunday 13th May

Today saw us with a mild morning, with Murrendi 11 heading home and Parlay also heading back to the ramp. The rest of us headed to Mitchellton to enjoy a great coffee at the new cafe and a trip up the tower to enjoy the view and our surroundings. We all headed home to the ramp about 1pm, retrieved by 2.30pm all safe and sound. We all had a fabulous trip thanks to Jay.

A big welcome to Pat and Cheryl in their new 2380 Cruiser, they are not new to boating as they are long time yachties and hopefully converted to cruising, hope to see them again soon. Russell, also a relatively new member participated in Our Time without his partner Deb, who had contracted the



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dreaded flu, we are looking forward to meeting Deb on our next cruise. Cliff now solo, coped very well with skippering by himself as a seasoned boatie, a great effort.

Signing off - Cobie and Peter Morris - Hollywood