



## Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

### GOULBURN RIVER – MIKE'S HAZARD (10 CENT STUMP)

Saturday 31 October 2020 – Tuesday 3 November 2020

Jay Jay – Jay Davis & Elka Wilkins

Hollywood – Peter & Cobie Morris

Impulse – Mike & Monica Jones

Ruby Tuesday – Wilco & Marisca Seinen

Lucky Us – Gary & Lee Honeychurch

Everybody met at the Goulburn River boat ramp near Nagambie Lakes. After all crews launched their boats, Impulse took us downstream for a tour to Kirwan's Bridge while the Hollywood crew completed some trailer maintenance. We met Hollywood on our way back upstream to a camping site that Monica had found on a previous trip. The guys went about cutting wood for a fire and it wasn't long before the fire was roaring as we needed to get some hot coals for our dinner. We had organised for a group dinner of roast beef and pork cooked in camp ovens with roast vegetables, beans, potatoes and corn cooked in foil in the fire coals, topped off with gravy. The meal was absolutely delicious!! We then enjoyed sitting around the fire catching up with what had been happening during our COVID-19 isolation. There is nothing better than sitting around a camp fire with a full moon on the river.



*Figure 2 - Camp oven roast night*



*Figure 1 - Mike & Monica eating in style*



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We woke on Sunday to a stunning blue sky day. Wilco had his traditional early morning swim. We then enjoyed the beautiful sunshine before heading downstream for lunch at Tahbilk Winery. We meet some surprise visitors at Tahbilk Winery - John and Joan Coombs came by to say hello. Lunch at Tahbilk was enjoyed by everybody – the food was amazing. We decided to stay the night on the river at Tahbilk.



*Figure 4 - Lunch at Tahbilk Winery*



*Figure 3 - Tahbilk Winery overnight*

Monday morning was again a blue sky day but warmer than Saturday and Sunday. Hollywood headed for home while the four remaining boats headed back upstream on a special mission. About a year earlier, Impulse had hit a hazard in the river which threw Mike into the windscreen and Monica onto the bed. They had hit something really big that was submerged in the middle of the river. Mike had been waiting for an opportunity to get back up the river to find it and mark it as a hazard so no other boat would hit it.

We found the camping site that Mike had just left before he hit the submerged hazard. Jay found the hazard using his depth sounder. Mike & Gary boarded Mike's tender and went out to where Jay had found the hazard. Wilco decided to swim out. It wasn't long before they found it – a huge tree that was stuck right in the middle of the river.





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*Figure 6 - Mike's "10 cent stump" in middle of the Goulburn*



*Figure 5 - 10 Cent Stump safely marked*

Mike had bought a weight, rope and a bottle to mark the hazard. As it was so big we had to find a couple of extra bottles to mark it. Mike had found a 10 cent coin earlier in the day so decided to name the hazard 10 cent stump. So if you ever get upstream in the Goulburn River and see three bottles floating in the middle of the river you will know it is Mike's 10 cent stump.

Ruby Tuesday and Lucky Us left for home on Monday afternoon, leaving Impulse and Jay Jay to enjoy another night on the river.



*Figure 7 - Peter, John, Mike, Jay & Gary in the new Club Shirts at Tahbilk*