

WHITTLEY CLUB VICTORIA

Lake Eildon Trip Report, 5th- 6th Feb, 2022

With the Lake Eildon water level sitting at around 85% and a weather forecast to die for, our members were treated to a wonderful weekend.

Zero Tolerance - Stuart & Annette Malone Impulse - Mike & Monica Jones Black Sheep - Peter & Carolyn Holyoak

Liquid Asset - Scott Sommerville & Davini Malcolm.

On the Friday night, Impulse and Black Sheep nudged up to the bank about 300 metres down from the Hutchinson Road boat ramp near the township of Bonnie Doon. They settled in for the night to a magnificent sunset happy hour.





Hutchinson Road Ramp - Bonnie Doon

Saturday morning, Liquid Asset and Zero Tolerance joined the group for a 10.00 am pre cruise discussion and briefing by our cruise leader Stuart Malone. Stuart shared a few facts about Lake Eildon, asked the group if they had anything they wanted to see or learn from the weekend before we headed off from Bonnie Doon Bridge at the northern end of the lake cruising all the way to the Jamieson Brewery, 3 km from the township of Jamieson.



Bonnie Doon bridge photo opportunity - Liquid Asset, Black Sheep and Impulse.





Lake Eildon is one of Victoria's most popular holiday resorts. It has 515 km of shoreline and stores six times more water than Sydney Harbour at full supply level.





The day was great. We cruised past the spill way before stopping briefly for some supplies at Jerusalem Creek. We then proceeded past Goughs Bay before stopping at one of the many camp sites for lunch and a swim.





We meandered our way down the Goulburn arm and followed the Goulburn River to our overnight destination, the Jamieson Brewery. We followed the old river course and kept a look out for trees and underwater stumps. We arrived around 4.30 pm, just in time for a quick drink before our dinner reservation at the brewery. We all had a great night dinning at the Brewery before retiring to our boats for a night cap.

Highly recommend the Brewery. Great service, great food.





Jamieson Brewery inlet (our overnight site)

Sunday morning, we all walked the 3 km into the township of Jamieson for a coffee. Jamieson with a population of 301, is located at the junction of the Goulburn and the Jamieson Rivers, 193 kilometres north-east of Melbourne. Jamieson Post Office. Carolyn, Peter, Stuart, Annette, Mike, Scott, Davini & Monica.





When we arrived back at the Brewery, Stuart our cruise leader had thought of everything and had arranged a Car show! Lucky timing Stuart.

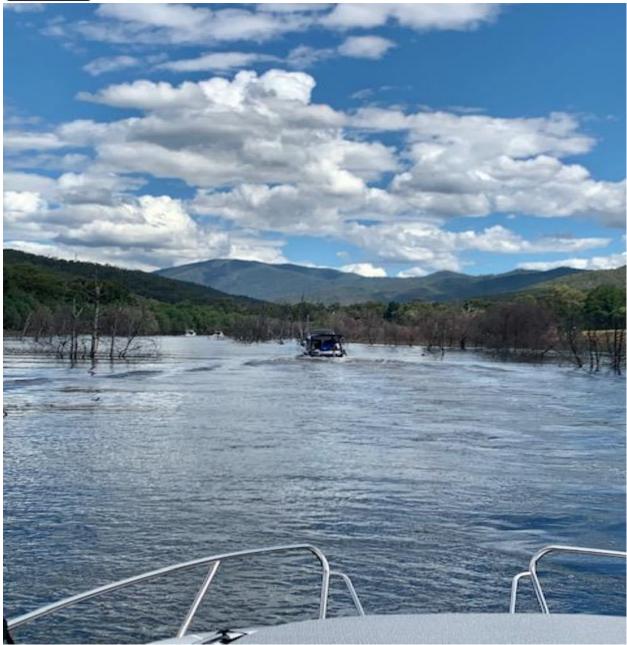




Jamieson Brewery car show.

Impulse decided to stay over another night, so the remaining three boats slowly back tracked around the submerged trees and heading back to Bonnie Doon but not before a beautiful swim in 60 metres of water outside the boat club at Jerusalem Creek.





Following the Goulburn River.

The three crews all helped open another to retrieve their boats at the Hutchinson Road ramp, secured the boats, said goodbye and we all headed home safely.

A great cruise.

A big thank you to Stuart & Annette for leading this Cruise and a thank you to everyone who attended.



It was a lot of fun.



See you at our next cruise in March on the Gippsland Lakes.

Happy boating.

Scott Sommerville Commodore Whittley Club Victoria.