

Cruise report

ANZAC Day weekend – Torrumbarry (Murray River)

Four boats (The Boss, Gottago, Liquid Asset and The Odyssey) were nudged in to the bank, with their crew already in deep rest, when the Ruby Tuesday arrived at Torrumbarry late on Friday 22 April.

The Saturday started with a walk up to the Information Centre and the kiosk at the caravan park when one of us (we won't mention any names) realised they had only half filled their tank. This would not be enough to get us to Echuca and back. On return to the boats the men worked together to get Liquid Asset back on the trailer and to the fuel pump at the caravan park. When all boats were in/back in the water, we commenced our trip up the river.



Our first stop was at Perricoota Station. An incredible spot on the NSW side of the river. We wanted to have a look around, but we were warned it was private property and they were

setting up for a wedding. So we made our way back to the boats and sat on the bank and enjoyed morning tea (and a sneaky early wine for one of us).



With Marisca now taking over as captain of the Ruby Tuesday, we decided to find a spot for a swim, and found a small jetty, managing to get 2 boats on each side. After some lunch and a couple of swims, we continued the cruise and made our way to Deep Creek Marina where we met Dean, Tracey and Bryce and Mike+Venora for happy hour and then dinner at the pub. It was a great night!!



Sunday morning started with a walk, coffee from the cafe and a captain's brief. Tracey had informed us there was a foreshore market in Moama, so we decided we would check it out. Renato had made some calculations and concluded we should be able to make it there and back with the fuel we had. This would normally not be any issue, but The Boss was towing their tender. Renato and Domenica on The Boss led us there and we managed to find a (muddy) spot on the Victorian side of the river. Eva, Domenica, Wilco and Marisca walked to Moama to visit the market and Scott, Mark, Renato and Rod decided to stay in Echuca. We all had lunch on the boat, before making our way back.



This time, we navigated the mighty Murray river all the way to Mike (Jones)' lagoon. Renato demonstrated the way to get in to the lagoon without hitting anything and all went smooth. Such a fantastic sheltered spot.

We build a fire and had a big happy hour with lots of food, and a few drinks.



On Monday, all crew joined a walk around the area. Scott had already been out exploring earlier in the morning, and heard something as he went, deciding it must be deer. When he stopped to look at the boats however, he heard trampling noise and grunting, and decided it was best to head back to the boats. All we spotted were a few kangaroos, which is still pretty special (to us foreigners at least ;-)

The Liquid Asset, The Odyssey and the Ruby Tuesday said their goodbyes to The Boss and Gottago, who were going to enjoy one more day of peace, beautiful surroundings, and great autumn weather.

Thanks everyone, and especially to Domenica and Renato for leading us on this awesome cruise.

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