

WHITTLEY CLUB VICTORIA

Nagambie Cruise Report, 11th- 13th June, 2022

The temperature was forecast around the maximum 10 degree mark each day, but 5 boats braved the cold and had a real fun time.

The Boss – Renato & Domenica Greco

Liquid Asset - - Scott Sommerville & Davini Malcolm

Gottago – Mark & Eva D’Alterio

Ruby Tuesday – Wilco & Marisca Seinen & Dargo

Surreal – Brad & Karen Jones

Visitors for Lunch – Impulse - Mike & Monica Jones & Lee-Way - Wayne and Lee-ann Carpenter



Surreal pulled up at Nagambie boat ramp on a chilly Saturday morning. Brad and I decided to launch from the new boat ramp on the Golburn river. We had a bit of trouble navigating the boat ramp, as the boat axle was too low to clear the concrete at the start of the ramp. We decided to back in on an angle with driver side wheels up on the grass this gave us enough height, and the boat was successfully launched. Ruby Tuesday arrived straight after us and launched with no problems.

The Boss, Gottago and Liquid Asset were on the river waiting for us, they had just navigated their way through the lake after spending the night on the lake at the edge of town. With The Boss in the lead we then all headed off toward our first destination at Tahbilk winery.



Mike and Monica, Leanne and Wayne were awaiting our arrival and we headed off to have lunch at the restaurant.

The meals were delicious, and many of us ordered the Barramundi which was scrumptious, I later found out that the Barramundi came from Humpty Doo in the NT.....I highly recommend it.

After lunch, some went for a wine tasting and others explored the old buildings.



The underground cellar was amazing and dates back to the 1860s. Many boxes of wine were carried down to the boats. Mark particularly had a smile on his face with his purchase of Shiraz. We set up the plastic table to have a happy hour on the river bank. Eva cooked up some delicious honey soy chicken wings, which hit the spot on a cold winter's night.

The next morning we were just getting up it was freezing cold, then we heard a splash yep Wilco was in the water wasn't in for long, too cold. Everyone else just shook their head no way even Dargo shook his head. After breakfast we enjoyed a walk around the wetland area of the winery. We passed the orange orchard, and the aged vineyards and enjoyed a walk along the water's edge.

After lunch we headed off to our next destination, about 10km down river, on the way we passed the beautiful Michelton Winery, which we were to visit the next day.



We rafted up along the riverbank, and gathered wood for a much needed bomb fire, to warm our bones Marisca had the fire ablaze in no time.

The fire was wonderful, and I wanted to try some Gluhwein recipe, to warm us up, we are still perfecting the recipe: couple of bottles of red, fresh oranges from the vineyard, golden syrup and cinnamon teabags, first glass Ok, second glass better, third and fourth glass.... Fabulous!!!

Renato fired up the music, everybody chose a song what a mix. Renato and Brad kept us entertained with their own unique version of "Time Warp".

Scott had everyone laughing with his Russian dance, he was sitting in his tiny camp chair throwing his arms and legs around to "Ra Ra Rasputin". Next the ladies got up and started moving to the "Bus Stop".





The next morning Marisca & Wilco headed home and the rest of us headed to Michelton Winery, which is very unique with beautiful surroundings.

After our coffee fix we headed up to the amazing viewing area, and then made our way down to the aboriginal Art Centre.



Lovely photo of Dom walking through the underground cellars, they have the largest collection of Aboriginal Art in the Southern hemisphere.



We all started to leave but Davinni wanted to stay a bit longer, I think she wanted to buy some artwork for their beautiful place in Paynesville, not the above piece but this was the only photo we had.

Surreal headed off to have lunch with our son who had his crayfish pots in up the river. Leaving The Boss, Liquid Asset & Gottago to enjoy one more night



All the crew would like to thank our Cruise leaders on The Boss - Renato & Dom, a fun time was had by all.