

Cruise report Eildon Friday 10th February to Monday 13th February

Braveheart: Mike and Venora

Impulse: Mike and Monica

Gottogo: Mark

The Odyssey: Rod

To the Point: Manning and Friends

Friday 10th February

Arriving at the ramp on a beautiful day we launched Braveheart along with Impulse and made our way over to the lagoon near 501 Café. Meeting up with The Odyssey and Gottogo.

We decided to have lunch at 501 café overlooking Jews creek inlet, before heading off to our night spot. I made a few calls to finalize our numbers and left for our overnight spot around 3pm with 'To the Point' arriving later that evening.

Planeing past the wall at 98% storage was a great view and we arrived at Woodridge Point where Impulse knew of a beautiful spot and guided us all in. We all tied up and some decided to swim, paddle board or use their dinghy with the temperture still very warm. We had happy hour on the back of the boats and all cooked our meals just on dusk.

I got the call from Manning, skipper of "To the point". They had just left Jews creek boat ramp arriving in the dark. We decided to send Mike Jones and Rod with search lights to guide them in around 9pm they all arrived back at the overnight spot.



Saturday 11th February

Saturday morning was another beautiful day we all departed around 10.30am cruising down to the Eildon Dam wall and spillway. We stopped to take photos and Manning used his Drone for a fly-over video. Back on the plane, we headed past Jews creek, then Goughs Bay and slowed down at the Howqua river, travelling at 5 knots up to Jamieson admiring the steep cliffs and National Park, on our journey to Jamieson Brewery for our overnight spot.

After tying up and being a warm afternoon, we all decided to have a few drinks at the pub, so we sat on the outdoor deck in the shade enjoying the view. Venora had a call from her brother who lives at Lennox Heads near Bryon Bay, and to her surprise, he was near Mansfield so he decided to join us for dinner. We had dinner at Jamieson Brewery inside as it was still warm outside. Manning and crew decided to take 'To the Point' back up the river for a bit of evening fishing and biscuit ride.



Sunday 12th February

In the morning Rod and Mark were leaving early and pulling out today with Manning also following them back to the ramp. Impulse and Braveheart decided to go in to Jamieson with Venora's brother in his car. As we climbed over the Brewery fence to get to the car, Venora and Monica picked up some nasty ants which started biting them in the car on the way to Jamieson. A bit of yelling and a lot of banging and all ants were finally accounted for. Lovely coffee shop (on the corner) in Jamieson. Back on the boats we made our way back to Goughs Bay, picked up Venora's brother and Braveheart went for a spin up to the wall and back. Impulse went to the Lagoon at 501 Café for our overnight spot.

Braveheart joined Impulse in the lagoon and we had happy hour at 501. It was very nice and nobody else was around. After dinner on our boats, we play cards and retired to bed.

Monday 13th February

We were all up early and the weather was very calm with no wind, so decided to take boats out. Mike Jones had an idea overnight deciding to leave his dinghy attached to the back of the boat and put the wheels down and drive the boat onto trailer, then tow dinghy up the ramp still attached. It worked a treat- well done Mike Jones. Both boats packed up and headed back home.



Mike Smith

Braveheart

Cruise Leader