

Mulwala Cruise. 26-29th September 2024.

Participants

Sienna Belle (Mario Filomena) Cruise Leader

Boss (Renato, Deon and little Bosco)

Jay Jay (Jay and Elka)

Groovy RuVie (Pual and Marielle)

Leeway (Wayne and Lee-Anne)

Ruby Tuesday (Marisca and Wilco)

Lady Selvil (John and Nadia)

Damien, Gina and the twins Rafael and Olympia

Thursday the 26th Sept,

Starting at ***Bundalong Boat Ramp Pasley street.***

The Boss (Renato, Deon and little Bosco) arrived just after lunch followed by Sienna Belle (Mario Filomena) not long after and both launched their boats.



Bundalong Boat Ramp Pasley street.

Later in the afternoon both Jay Jay (Jay and Elka) and Groovy RuVie (Pual and Marielle) arrived within minutes of each other who also launched their boats and we went up river for the night

Friday 27th September

Friday in the morning Leeway (Wayne and Lee-Anne) arrived and launched the boat and waited for us to come down to the ramp pick them up.

I asked Jay if he did not mind taken them up the Ovens River to our usual spot and I would join them as soon as my son Damien his wife Gina and the twins Rafael and Olympia arrived

We joined the rest of the crew not long after to spend a lovely night with all

Saturday 28th September

Saturday, Ruby Tuesday (Marisca and Wilco) launched as they had arrived late Friday so launched on the Saturday along with Lady Selvil (John and Nadia) for their first cruise with club as we the rest of the members joined them from our over night stay up on the Ovens.

The first Cruise for Lady Selvil. We launched into Bundalong Ramp, with the much appreciated, help from nearly everybody there.

With much excitement, we Launched. All went well, of course.

Lunch, Yarrawonga Ski Club

A flotilla of Whittley boats headed off to Yarrawonga Ski Club, via the Mulwala Lake Forest, well it seemed that way, as there were so many dead trees that we navigated through. We felt safe though, while being led by Mario and Filomena in ***Sienna Belle***, Cruise Leaders.



Sienna Belle, amongst the trees



Lady Selvil , on the Murray and on the Plain.



The Whittley Club, Docked at the Yarrawonga Ski Club



Murray river Paddle steamer. P.S Cumberoona



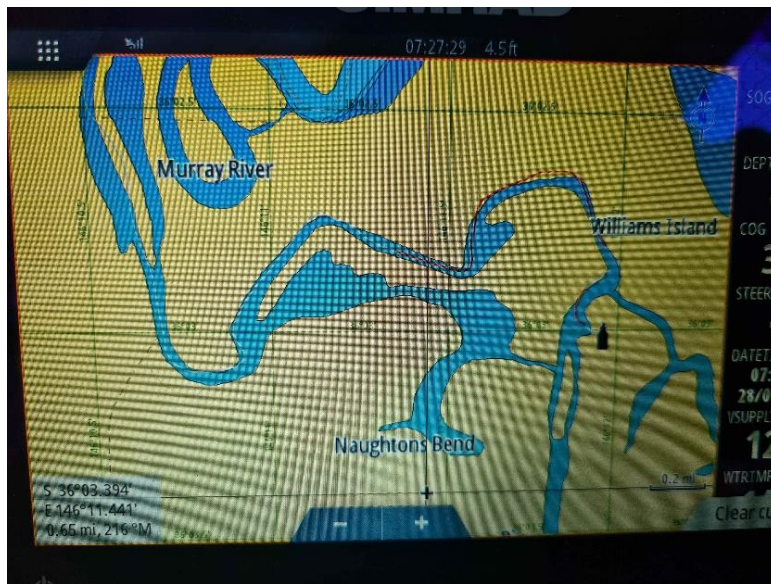
Lunch was Yummy

Lunch at the Yarrawonga Ski Club was great, very busy, as the AFL grand final was on, and many people had come to watch.

On the return trip back towards the boat ramp, somebody, (me/John Villella) under estimated the amount of fuel that was required. Well, if it was a lesson that I needed to learn, then thank god it happened with friends around, thank you all for your understanding and help.

Lesson learned; I won't do that again.

Refuelling done and we are off to the camp site for a BBQ and sleep over.



The camp site, (somewhere on this map.)





Parked for the night on the Murray River, The boys are making things secure.

We all had dinner and some snacks. And a glass of wine, or two.

Time to settle in and have a restful sleepover in our floating caravans, a beautiful calm and restful night.



Crew members ready to help.

The next day 28 September, After a relaxing night's sleep, its back home for most of the crew, except for Jay Jay and Lady Selvil who decided to stay another night and leave on Monday morning.

Sunday 28th September



Camp fire by the river, and then it rained, there's nothing like sitting by a camp fire in the rain.

After a relaxing night on our boats the next morning both Jay Jay and Lady Selvil headed home after a great breakfast in Wangaratta.

What a great cruise. Thanks to all that attended and extended their assistance to each other where needed.

Written by Mario Greco and John Villella and Nadia Selvi.