

WCV July Cruise Report - Torrumbarry

The weather gods were mostly on our side for the July cruise on the Murray. The crew and boats who participated were

Art and Ania Sekula on "White Eagle"

Brad & Karen on "SURREEL"

Michael Agius on "Tilly" (he sold the boat 4 years ago and just bought it back again)

Scott Papeneux on "Jupiter"

Rod on "The Odyssey"

It all kicked off on the Friday with all boats getting in and docked. As you do in winter, we made full use of local facilities and built a great fire, a small rain interruption and then back into getting to know each other.



A foggy and misty start to Saturday and following the Captains Meeting, we got underway around 10.00am with the plan to cruise past Deep Creek and pull in for lunch. After getting past the fishermen in their tinnies, we got up on the plane. Unfortunately, Scott's engine didn't seem to be running on all cylinders, so he putted back to Torrumbarry and pulled out.



We continued on and cruised at around 24 knots, the sun cleared the fog and a beautiful winters day emerged. We noted that the lagoon is looking good and clear of reeds. Being winter, the river was very quiet so we rarely needed to come off the plane.



There were several houseboats along the way, and we all voted this as the best



But this one has a roof slide



Once past Deep Creek, we cruised for another 10 kms and got to the mid point between Torrumbarry and Echuca (40kms of cruising). We pulled into my usual beaching spot and the

current was so slow, we didn't even use stern ropes, just beached on the sand. Michael threw a line in to no avail and we all kicked back, enjoyed the sun and had a leisurely lunch.



We then headed back to Deep Creek Marina and settled into afternoon tea under the big gum trees. Russell Breguet also joined us and stayed for dinner at the pub. As always, an enjoyable evening and then back to the boats to continue the revelry.





The next morning we headed back to Torrumbarry for the fun and games of getting the boats back on the trailers, the wind was blowing one direction and the current the other and the weir was quite full. It took a couple of us several goes to get on the trailer, however once we realised that due to the steepness of the ramp, we needed to have less of the trailer in the water than usual to stop the stern floating and causing issues with the anchor hitting the trailer post. Once sorted, everyone got out successfully and all agreed it was a great cruise with great company.