



**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
**2027 NATIONAL WHITTLEY RALLY**  
**GIPPSLAND LAKES**

**24 February to 3 March 2027**

Whittley Club Victoria (WCV) invites Victorian and interstate Whittley Club members interested in attending the 2027 National Whittley Rally at the Gippsland Lakes to submit an expression of interest (EOI) via the link below by **Sunday 14 June 2026**.

Submitting an EOI will help the Victorian National Rally Organising Committee gauge interest and support event planning. Due to limited berthing at Paynesville, participation is currently **capped to 40 boats**.

A formal invitation to register your attendance will be issued later in the year once planning is further advanced. Priority will be given to Club members who have submitted an EOI. A waiting list will be created if capacity is reached.

EOI Link: <https://forms.gle/GbtoUgUFWkHEm11N7>







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#### Rally Format

For something different the rally will run over 8 days / 7 nights including:

- 5 guided cruising days
- 1 rest and/or land-based sightseeing day
- 1 launch day
- 1 retrieval day.

This extended format allows participants to fully enjoy the Gippsland Lakes and supports travel for interstate Whittley boat owners.

The Gippsland Lakes are one of WCV favourite cruising destinations and we would love to share this amazing destination with our fellow Whittley boat owners from NSW and Queensland. Cruising highlights include Lake King and Lake Victoria with visits to Loch Sport, Paynesville, Metung and Lakes Entrance, as well as the Mitchell, Tambo and Nicholson Rivers.

Please note, no official post rally cruises are planned. However, WCV can provide information on other cruising destinations to interstate Whittley boat owners.





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#### **Location and Facilities**

The rally will be based in Paynesville, using Gippsland Ports berths in the town centre. Centrally located on the Gippsland Lakes, Paynesville is an ideal base for day cruises and is about 293 km (3.5–4 hours' drive) from Melbourne CBD. Onshore shower and toilet facilities are limited, so you may need to use your boat's amenities.

Local amenities include:

- 24-hour on-water fuel is available at the fuel jetties in Paynesville, Metung and Lakes Entrance.
- Marine sewerage pump out facilities for holding tanks and porta-potties are situated in various locations around the lakes. No dumping of sewerage waste directly into the water is permitted in the Gippsland Lakes.
- The local IGA is a 5-minute walk where you can buy all your groceries to provision your boat. There is also a bottle shop for your convenience.
- The local pub is a 2-minute walk and has a bottle shop that also serves great take away pizza.
- The pharmacy and medical centre are located opposite the berths.
- There are several restaurants within walking distance.





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**Rally Schedule**

- Day 1 - Wed 24 Feb 2027: Launch and welcome
- Days 2 – 4 - Thu 25 Feb to Sat 27 Feb 2027: Guided cruises
- Day 5 - Sun 28 Feb 2027: Rest & relaxation
- Day 6 - Mon 1 Mar 2027: Guided cruise
- Day 7 - Tue 2 Mar 2027: Guided cruise & farewell dinner
- Day 8 - Wed 3 Mar 2027: Retrieval



**Contacts and Updates**

WCV will provide regular updates through your Club Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Gary Honeychurch, 2027 National Whittley Rally Organising Committee Lead on 0409 188 126.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Gippsland Lakes in 2027.

Cheers

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