



Another month gone already? Scary really isn't it... I'm just not sure where the time is going anymore!

This month we had a regular trip with a difference! It was a trip to Mandurah, the difference being that we rented a house in Yunderup, and those that could stay stayed and those that wanted a day trip, yes you guessed it... had a day trip!

The weekend started with myself and Rachael, Steve &

Dionne and Sam, Ian and Maryann arriving at the house Friday afternoon, loaded up with enough food and drink to keep a small country in supplies for a few years. After putting the boats in, mooring up against the house jetty, unpacking and cracking a beer open (in no particular order) we had a look around at the excellent house, A jetty big enough for 2 boats (we fitted 4!!) a beautiful setting and a patio right next to the jetty. As the sun went down fairly quickly, only beaten by the speed at which the mozzies found us, we headed inside to make some food, grab another beer, and Steve lit the fire to keep us nice and snug.

The evening was one of lots of laughter as we had taken our Wii with us, which kept some of us busy while the games room at the house was equipped with a pool table which kept the rest of us busy!

Saturday morning came, and surprisingly we all woke up without fuzzy heads. We cooked our breakfasts loaded the boats up with our stuff and headed back to the ramp to meet Terry & Linda, Ian & Julie and to collect Peter who was going to spend the day with us. The boats were in the water nice and quickly and then we headed off in the unusual part of the trip.. we went in reverse to our usual route, to Mandurah for fish and chips.

The trip was led by Steve & Dionne, and the weather was superb, the peel was flat, the sun was out and once in Mandurah the dolphins were out too.

As per usual there was plenty of space to moor at Nino's (at Dolphin Quays) so we all managed to get our rather tasty fish and chips without incident. As a nice surprise Liz & Keith joined us by driving down! We even had time for a wander around the market and have a drool at the tasty boats in the boat yard there. We spent a bit of time trying to convince Peter that it would be good for the section if he bought one.. but he didn't fall for it! Maybe next time.

Our return journey was via Dawesville so we could 1, have a high speed run across the Peel inlet there and back and 2, so we could grab a coffee. We were in luck there too as there was plenty of space there for us to moor up. Once we had coffee'd and as it was well past 3:30 we decided to head back to the house. The weather was brilliant! (did I mention that once before?) We said our goodbyes to Peter, Julie & Ian and went about trying to get 4 boats on a 2 boat jetty.. of course we managed!



Breakfast was cooked on the BBQ, stuff was packed away and the house cleaned all before Robbo & Gay turned up about 9:30... an impressive effort!

Once again we headed off down the Murray to the Peel inlet, crossed the Peel in the usual fashion (quickly) albeit a bit bumpier than it was on Saturday, and headed back to Dawesville for another fabulous coffee! The run across the Peel gave Robbo chance to blow a few cobwebs out of his engine! It also gave Zak a chance to have a bark at everything he saw!



The coffee was of course, good as ever, and the company surprisingly perky considering how full the recycling bin had become. Zak was intent not to sit on the boat so after enough begging and pleading he ended up looking very smug at the side of Robbo & Gay.

We left Dawesville around 11:30 and headed back to the Ravenswood pub. On arriving there it was apparent that mooring was going to be an issue.. our luck had run out! The river was high by about 400-500mm (1ft4" – 1ft8" in old money) which meant all the mooring areas were flooded and took some impressive manoeuvring to get us all in position. 6 boats in 2 boats spaces! Again with our luck not running well the place was very busy so the wait for food was longer than usual. We did manage to grab a table outside and the sun was shining too. It wasn't all bad!



As with all trips they end too soon and it wasn't long after we had eaten that we had to leave to go and get our final things from the house, drag the boats out of the water and say our goodbyes.

Another fabulous trip for us, and a big thank you to all the section members that make these trips a pleasure!

Saturday evening turned out to be everything the section is about, having fun! We started by having a few drinks while watching the sun go down, then we fired up the BBQ cooked dinner and then started playing on the Wii and the pool table. It was hilarious watching people playing on the Wii for the first time, and even more hilarious later on with Terry, Linda and Dionne playing pool cue guitars!

The evening like the drinks went far too quickly. We had to be ready reasonably early the following morning as Robbo & Gay were joining us, so we retired to bed about midnight!

Upcoming events

- July 4th or 11th** - Cruise to Swan Yacht Club, Terry to find out about Trivia Quiz.
- July 17th** - Commodore's Ball.
- July 24th** - End of season Dinner

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