

Preliminary notice of Murray River extended cruise.

We (Brian and Val) are heading down the Murray River **31 August to 15 Sept 2024** and are opening up our trip to interested club members. We have limited the number of boats to 10 and two spots are already taken.

-2 weeks (10 days on the water) Mildura to Cobdogla ~440kms down river + 7 locks.

-There is a 5-day section with NO resupply of fuel, food, 'drinking' water or rubbish removal.

-Your boat MUST be able to easily sustain 5knots running all day (~5hours each day)

LOTS and LOTS of info to follow. This notice is to provide plenty of time, for anyone intending to come, to get things/boat prepared. And to get an idea of what's required to help make up your mind.

Please let us know if you're interested.... ASAP .. Brian 0421979452 Val 0435242274

There will be a meeting before the trip for those interested in joining us.

Preparation- You will need the following.

- Do NOT bring your mast. Make up a stumpy one for your boom tent of sorts.
- Boom tent or means of protection from Sun and Showers/Rain. A removable side wall is also handy.
- If possible, a short rudder that can be easily lifted to clear weed.
- Stern ropes on BOTH sides twice the length of your boat minimum. These are tied to your stern, walked forward, and tied off at the bow to easily grab. These ropes are in addition to your bow rope.
- Pegs and mallet for when there are no trees to tie off.
- Princess plank (~3metres) for the bow of the boat to the bank and means to stow for easy use.
*The bank is mostly same height as your bow.
- Strong rubbish bags, as the first 5 days no rubbish dumps.
- Shovel to dig hole to empty porta pot in those first 5 days.
- Reliable radio communication as phone service will be intermittent.
- Means of battery charging if required.
- Tape, to tape up your rollers when transporting your empty trailer to the end point.
- Make sure your trailer has own lights for towing with no boat.
- Still bring your Anchor for bow tie off as a 'justin'.
- Enough fuel for 350kms. Refuel at the Custom's house. If you have 2 stroke don't forget the oil!
- Grey water storage (wash up etc) as grey water can't be dumped in river due to chemicals. But pee can !
Cows pee in the river so can we !! *can dump grey water some XX metres from bank.
- A means to shower either on boat or on shore 😊 *Solar shower hung from ??

** you'll be provided a set of strip maps for the River Trip.

Costs

- Obviously, fuel and food etc.
- ~\$50 storage of trailers.
- ~\$50 hire car contribution – trailer shuffle to retrieval point so there is no car shuffle at trip end 😊
- Some Shower fees
- Taxi fare split (or walk back) from hire car drop off point to where boats are.
- Caravan Park fees - launching and retrieval points.
- A couple of pub meals. One is a condition of cheap trailer storage 😊 and a nice way to end the trip.