

# Myall Lakes Easter Cruise-

15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022



By John and Lisa “Wanderer”

*We arrived at Violet Hill **Friday** morning with Phil and Kim around 9:15am and soon launched with the lake in minor flood. Only Time and Enchantress had arrived the previous day & we were soon motoring downstream.*

*We passed Boolambayte Creek where some club members use to go into in the past. For lunch we rafted up at Sunnyside camping area as it was too flooded to go to shore with Coconut Duck catching up to us.*

*Passing Culters Cottage and onto Mungo Brush for the night we found little sand due to flooded water and lots of campers. We tried Tamboy Jetty which had a large houseboat on it, so ended up at River Mouth where the Myall River runs up to Buladelah.*

*We anchored the 5 boats to form a “star” and enjoyed Happy Hour together on the water where we stayed the night.*





**Saturday**, we motored for an hour toward Buladelah with the river in minor flood over some low-lying properties. We then turned around and headed to Nerong Jetty/boat ramp for lunch and a walk around the area for some of us.

The water had gone down a bit and the jetty was only just out of the water.

On arrival Kev did a good deed and towed in a very grateful broken-down power boat. Happy Hour was at Legges Camp as they had beer on tap before heading to Freshwater for a nice campfire.



**Sunday** morning, we motored to Sheep Island and were shown a nice spot where Nev and Judy use to swim. Passing Johnsons Beach, we headed to Shelly Beach for lunch and a swim. The water was still 900mm deep behind our yachts so no one went to shore.

Following the shore in an anti-clockwise direction we landed at Neranie and had the place to ourselves. Most of us were able to back right in to shore and we had a pleasant evening around a campfire.



**Monday** -The following morning, we headed out for a “history walk” when we were approached by a Ranger who informed us the camping area was closed due to the toilets being out of action. We had to move on and so pulled up anchor a little earlier than intended.

Following the Lake in an anti- clockwise direction some managed to get a sail up for a short time before heading in towards Newtons Wharf, where eels use to be processed.



At Lunch time, for something a bit different, we decided to raft up all five boats to Wanderer as a send- off to the diesel motor. We cruised at 2.8 knots toward Mcgraths Island, I’m sure it would have been an interesting sight. Garry Jumped in for a swim and held a rope behind his yacht which turned us starboard and my rudder could not compensate. We broke apart and were soon retrieving at Violet Hill.

The weather was great, although the flooded water levels affected access to some camping areas, we got to see more of the Myall Lakes than we usually would. Thanks for running the trip Phil and Kim, we all had a very enjoyable Easter long weekend.

(Side note to minutes: Wanderer’s “smokey motor”- very quiet and didn’t let us down !)

