



WHITTLEY CLUB NSW Inc

Lake Macquarie, September 2015

Attendees: Craig, Leanne & Keira on Imagine, Sue and Peter on James D, Herb and Tricia on Herway, Roger and Athena on Athena, Tony on Halcyon, Ken and Helen on Glissando, Colin and Alison on Synergy, John and Jan Whittles on Two Can Tango, and Chris and Val on Sea Tong

The weather promised a wonderful sunny weekend! Craig was able to finish work early and we

were on the road by 2:45pm on the Friday. We arrived at Dora Creek in good time to find launching arrangements in full swing! Herb Porter and Peter Bell were busily escorting various boats the couple of kilometers to the boat ramp, launching off the boats with their owners and bringing those owners' car and trailer back to be parked



safely outside of Peter's house. Tony had the misfortune of an overheating boat engine and was planning on going home, but we talked him into putting in anyway and Herb and Tricia slowly towed him, with us as an escort to our raft up for the night at Point Wolstoncroft. Tony wasn't the only one to have a bit of bad luck. As we were slowly motoring across, we could hear on the radio that Ken's boat was taking on water! He had forgot to put the bung plug in! John Whittles came to the rescue and donned a wetsuit (the water was cold! And it was dark!) and dived in and put the bung plug in while underwater. Finally, by about 9pm everyone was rafted up and having a few quiet drinks.



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Saturday dawned bright and sunny and mid morning we all upped anchor and went for a cruise around lake and stopped for lunch at The Boathouse, while Craig and Tony stayed behind to see if they could work out why Tony was having boat problems. We then (Herb and Tricia went back to get Tony) made our way over to Pelican and spent the afternoon relaxing as only Whittley people can! As the sun sunk low on the horizon, we took our chairs, a couple of folding tables and the usual over abundance of nibbles and just enough alcohol and lit a campfire and enjoyed each other's company for the next couple of hours. Although most of the people were back in their boats and in bed by 9pm, such party animals!



The Boathouse, Murrays beach lunch on Saturday





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Sunday promised to be another beautiful day, and Herb and Tricia organized for us to have lunch at the Belmont Yacht club, where we enjoyed nice food, nice music and good company before heading back to Dora Creek and waited for our cars and trailers to be brought around. Sue and Peter, Jon and Jan, Colin and Alison were lucky enough to spend Sunday night at Styles Point before heading home on Monday.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Peter Bell and Herbert Porter for all their work in ferrying cars and trailers back and forth and making us secure in the knowledge that our cars and trailers would be in a safe spot for the

weekend!

Leanne Williamson



At Style Point