

What glorious weather was given to 44 of our Members and Friends, with even an Interstate Relative to join our eager passengers on the " Captain Proud " Paddle Boat along our Mighty Murray River on Saturday last. Once boarded, we began our journey with a most welcome glass of Champagne.

Our Captain, Daniel introduced himself and his friendly, polite and very capable staff to us. After seating ourselves down in the most delightful and charming surroundings of this nostalgic 50 + year old boat, we began our slow, relaxing and historical meander through the water.

Captain Daniel then preceded with a description of the Vessel Structure, followed by some very important ' House Rules '.

Lunch was served, whilst a running commentary was provided by our experienced Captain.

So much history that most of us, would possibly not have been aware of. Buildings, Birdlife, Wrecks etc. and of course, the Paddle Boat Trade in its very hectic heyday.

Everyone took advantage of the beautiful sunny day, with only a slight breeze to stir. Standing out on the decks was refreshing indeed.

Dessert arrived, and all were happy.

My special treat was a Complimentary Cocktail from the Captain. How nice! My choice, What a lovely surprise!!

After a slow and silent { with only the graceful paddle wheel turning around } 3 Hour Cruise and a Lovely Luncheon, it was time for all to disembark, and head home from Murray Bridge.

Everyone was farewelled by our Captain and Staff.

A big ' Thank You ' to all who came along and shared the experience.

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