

## **Lazy Sunday on the Mary River**

With our feet up, resting back and the cool breeze ablow'n, we cruised along the Mary River. Logs of crocs floated around us giving us the eye before slipping and sliding down under.

It seemed like the whole of the wetland birds came to give us a wave or a honk, - there were the egrets, the darters, the radjah shelducks, whistling ducks, jacanas, flocks of magpie geese, jabirus and, as Pam said, brolgas who had already found their mates as no-one was dancing. We also spotted a white bellied sea eagle and a glossy ibis.

As soon as the sweet smell of barbecued onions drifted up to the top deck we all hunted for our meat to throw onto the barbie. After yummy cheesecake and fresh fruit how I longed for a hammock.

It really was something different - to be sitting for so long, with good company, on a boat, nothing to do, nowhere to go, nothing to say but to gaze out and be with our wonderful wetland.

Thanks to the ones who steered the boat and a special thanks to Lesley Clarke for organising such a lovely relaxing day. We wish you well on your journey! Hope you come back to us soon.

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