



# 2009 RMBOA River Ramble

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For twenty-three years the River Murray Boat Owners Association (RMBOA) has organised the **RMBOA River Ramble** to enjoy the beauty of the Murray River and good company in a leisurely, relaxed holiday atmosphere.

The RMBOA is pleased to announce that its 2009 River Ramble will commence at Blanchetown on the 14<sup>th</sup> April and end at Waikerie on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. The Ramble overnights at Blanchetown, Murbko, Morgan, Cadell, Hogwash Bend and Waikerie.

The Ramble caters primarily to displacement hulled vessels such as cruisers, houseboats or even kayaks, with crews ranging from novices to experts. Each leg of the Ramble normally only takes a few hours at a very leisurely 6 to 10 kph (about 4 knots) and allows the Ramblers plenty of time to appreciate the river and its wildlife.

Vessels with planing hulls are also welcome, but their skippers are responsible for deciding if their boat's hull design and engines are suited to travelling at the fleet's relatively low cruising speed.

In support of this diverse flotilla, the RMBOA provides toilet facilities and a communal BBQ at all overnight stops. Local service clubs also provide optional catered evening meals at most locations. Ramblers don't have to do the evening dishes and the local service clubs generate revenue from the catering. Evening entertainment is provided by a combination of talented members and professional entertainers.

Although the skipper of each vessel must be a current member of the RMBOA, a promotional membership, is available for non-members wishing to go on the 2009 Ramble.

More information about the Ramble can be found on the River Murray Boat Owners Association (RMBOA) website (<http://www.rmboa.org.au>) or by contacting the Secretary (Michael) on 0417 870 955.

