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## NEXT MEETING

13 November 1995  
at 8.00 pm

The Palms  
Cnr Rokeby Rd &  
Nicholson Rd  
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### ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cannington Greyhounds  
Saturday 25 November 1995

Make up a group for a great night out

Tickets \$40.00/head  
Need to be purchased  
by the end of Northam Weekend  
Available from Lesley Brooker



### Children's Christmas Spectacular

Sunday 3 December 1995  
(note new date)

Herrison Island Burswood  
Following PDRC Event

Contact Kerry ASAP on telephone  
572 1730 to advise the number of  
children who will be attending



**RACE REPORT  
BUNBURY CARNIVAL 15 OCTOBER 1995**

The debut event of the summer racing calendar was an enormous success despite the fact that it was only 2 weeks after the Blackwood. The weather was extremely kind to the competitors and spectators and the venue - well we could hardly have found a better venue.

I arrived fairly early and with trepidation after few hands showed they were attending this event. I was wrong, there were already Formula 8's in abundance, they were scattered everywhere. Bathtubs and dinghies weren't far behind. The number of boats far exceeded expectations.

With scrutineering over and done with, the Men's Formula 8's were the first to hit the water, the racing fast and furious. Last year's State Champion Daniel Rutherford came out blasting - with the newcomer to this class Tyron Wilson, fast on his heels, came a very credible 2nd (on countback), Glenn Paull who appeared as though he was a strong contender suffered a mechanical failure in his craft and was relegated to 3rd position. For the first time (since we split the men and ladies) we had a very strong field of men racing. Three other newcomers participated in this class including the Commodore, Keith Brooker,



The ladies were the next to hit the water, can Rebecca repeat her 1993 effort? It appears so, with very little effort, Rebecca cleaned the Ladies out! Several newcomers also made their debut in this class. The hard luck story of the day has to be awarded to Lesley Brooker, after suffering an early setback in her own boat, she converted to a GFR sponsored boat, only to suffer fate yet again, this time in the form of a broken steering cable. Not Lesley's day! She was shaping up in great early form to give the placegetters an excellent run for their money, maybe Northam, Lesley. Jaime Webb also showed excellent early season form taking off 2nd place. Third place went to Colleen Skewes.

The bathtubs gave viewers some exciting moments, although no flips YET!! The boys are obviously saving them up. There were quite a few new faces in the tubs, including some young faces from the GFR team. Well done guys, you put in a stirring effort. Brent Barden also a new face in the tub scene went out and blitzed the field in the first heat - may have something to do with that Suzuki he put on the back, but can he keep it up - obviously not, or not yet anyway!

The Rookies, after being banked for the last six months showed great enthusiasm at getting back in their boats. Welcome to Matthew Branson, the Club's newest Rookie. The Rookies raced extremely well, clean and safe and should all be very proud of themselves. A few of them

suffered early season setbacks, with their boats breaking down, cooking their motors etc. Never mind guys I keep being told "that's racing". The Barden boys took the honours fighting each other all the way. Shane taking 1st place, Peter 2nd place and David Brooker, racing extremely well (considering he'd never been in the boat he raced before) taking 3rd place.

Dinghies showed strong form with a field of 14 standard dinghies, eight sports dinghies and five 10hp dinghies taking part. The standard racing was fast and furious. A few names to put in the book - ready for the flipper of the year

award, Honours in the standard class were awarded to Greg and Margot Barndon. Why was that so surprising! How about giving someone else a go guys. Ian and Todd Williamson were also in fine form, showing a lot to the other crews how to race. The 10hp dinghies were the last to take to the water, the racing was excellent, well worth watching. Greg and Margot tried to show some of the regular 10hp

competitors how to race - that is until they lost their gearbox - mighty expensive day for this team. Michael Lenz and Kim Pozzi took the honours, congratulations guys, the Skewes/Hink combination were also in fine form taking 2nd place.

Presentations were extremely civilised, being conducted in the clubrooms of the Bunbury Power Boat Club. For the members that were present it certainly drove home just what an asset the Burswood Clubrooms are going to be. Thank you to Lester Crouch and the Bunbury Power Boat Club who not only put on a sausage sizzle, tea and coffee for lunch, but opened their clubrooms throughout the course of the day, for our members' use. The Bunbury Power Boat Club made us extremely welcome.

Special thanks to Peter Street (the commentary was excellent and made it a lot more exciting to watch), Dennis and the boys for towing the trailer to Bunbury and setting up early on Sunday morning. Thank you also to the ladies that participated in the lap counting, Kate Paull and Margot Barndon, the timekeepers, Peter Kinnerlsy and Deanne Street, the rescue teams, Greg Barndon, Ven Bowness, Con Pitsikas, Ros Howard, Jaime Webb, Scott Bennett and Colleen Skewes. It is all the members that willingly donate their time that make these events the success that they are.

*Brent and Kerry Barden*

The event sponsor was  
**ALLBUILD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**  
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**ALLBUILD CONSTRUCTIONS  
BUNBURY CARNIVAL RESULTS**

**FORMULA 8 MENS**

- 1 st Boat 183 Daniel Rutherford
- 2nd Boat 105 Tyron Wilson
- 3rd Boat 174 Glenn Paull
- 4th Boat 144 Jay Branson
- 5th Boat 184 Tyrone Morey
- 6th Boat 110 John Coates
- 7th Boat 148 Keith Brooker

**FORMULA 8 LADIES**

- 1 st Boat 183 Rebecca Rutherford
- 2nd Boat 250 Jaime Webb
- 3rd Boat 117 Coieen Skewes
- 4th Boat 110 Casey Coates
- 5th Boat 148 Lesley Brooker

- 1 st Boat 113 Shane Barden
- 2nd Boat 028 Peter Barden
- 3rd Boat 183 David Brooker
- 4th Boat 174 Jeremy Paull
- 5th Boat 144 Matthew Branson

**BATHTUBS**

- 1 st Boat 150 Scott Bennett
- 2nd Boat 139 Jarrod Street
- 3rd Boat 167 Todd Wilamson
- 4th Boat 113 Brent Barden
- 5th Boat 005 Justin Ferguson
- 6th Boat 184 Tyrone Morey
- 7th Boat 183 Daniel Rutherford

**8HP SPORTS DINGHIES**

- 1st Boat 167 I Williamson/T Williamson
- 2nd Boat 173 K William/L Norton
- 3rd Boat 174 G Paull/R Payne
- 4th Boat 144 J Branson/R Branson
- 5th Boat 183 D Rutherford/T Morey
- 6th Boat 139 J Street/S Tregurtha
- 7th Boat 110 J Coates/C Coates
- 8th Boat 127 P Kinnerlsy/Bowness

**8HP STANDARD DINGHIES**

- 1st Boat 081 G Barndon/M Barndon
- 2nd Boat 167 I Williamson/T Williamson
- 3rd Boat 174 G Paull/R Payne
- 4th Boat 173 K Williams/L Norton
- 5th Boat 144 J Branson/P Branson
- 6th Boat 184 Rutherford/R Rutherford
- 7th Boat 127 P Kinnerlsy/V Bowness
- 8th Boat 148 K Brooker/L Brooker
- 9th Boat 110 J Coates/C Coates
- 10th Boat 183 D Rutherford/T Morey
- 11th Boat 155 J Taylor/C McDonald
- 12th Boat 011 L Goddard /C Goddard
- DNF Boat 139 S Tregurtha/J Street
- DNF Boat 005 J Ferguson/J Elliott

**10HP SPORTS DINGHIES**

- 1st Boat 052 M Lenz/K Pozzi
- 2nd Boat 117 J Skewes/P Hink
- 3rd Boat 081 G Barndon/M Barndon
- 4th Boat 127 P Kinnerlsy/R Rutherford
- 5th Boat 144 J Branson/R Branson

**THE 1995 BLACKWOOD CLASSIC 250**

Saturday 30 September saw 52 boats lined up for the start of this year's Blackwood Classic. Dinghy racers have enjoyed perfect weather at our events this year and the Classic was no exception with superb conditions and it was to stay that way throughout the weekend. Despite some reports of high water levels, the average flow a little higher than 1994 did not surprise many of us and it was obvious that days 1 and 2 were to be about survival as well as speed.

The start at Bridgetown went smoothly and without incident (role model for starting day 2 of the Avon Descent!). Within minutes, and by the time support crews had reached the first river access, several front runners were in trouble. Peter Kinnerlsy and Ven Bowness in 127 were camped out in the middle of a rapid, leaving most boats no option but to ride over them. Forty-five minutes and the entire field went by before their much battered boat was freed. Nearby Greg

and Margot Barndon in 081 were lucky to have boat 051 carrying their spare gearbox when their Suzuki crunched a pinion gear in another nearby rapid.



The log jam presented no problem to those that had either done a 'reccy' or were alert enough to pick the

correct route, those that dragged around on the right hand bank lost many minutes when a clear run under the main log was available.

The first three boats to checkpoint 2 - Maranup Ford, arrived simultaneously, jostling for the lead. Paul Tregurtha and Scott Overstone in 139 and John Goodbody and Kevin Green in 162 kept going. John Faull and Vince Miragliotta in 125, after working their way through the field from grid 45 were still confident enough to pull in for a leisurely 5 min 35 sec fuel stop. They were still on the bank when Frank and Grant came through in 124 in 4th position 1 min 18 sec later. Three minutes 20 seconds behind them was 126 the first standard boat of David Ritson and Linley Anderson. Over the next hour 33 boats passed this checkpoint; 16 of them chose to stop for fuel, averaging 3-4 minutes lost time. Merisa Lenz in 051 was limping badly on an injured knee but jumped back in her boat. On the whole the refuelling was atrocious, I saw only one crew that did not spill fuel (fortunately there will be no refuelling during this event in future years).

By 10.50 am 125 had again blitzed through the field to break up the leading trio and arrive at Checkpoint 6 - Dudinalup Bridge, 3 minutes ahead of 162 and 9 minutes ahead of 139. Local boat 126 was next past this point followed by 122 - Gary Evans and Scott Bennett who were

having a great run and were to finish the day in 2nd place 8hp sport and 3rd overall. Minutes from Dudinalup 117 was in big trouble with a smashed swivel bracket and tiller arm and had to watch the fleet pass as they waited for replacements.

Finish Day 1 saw 125 23 minutes ahead of their nearest 10 hp rival 124 and 15 minutes ahead of the fastest 8 hp sports boat 162. Glen Paull and Ray Payne in 174 made superb time in standard class and were almost 6 minutes ahead of Brent and Kerry Barden in boat 028 who held second place.

Jeff and Tom Hodgkinson in 007 limped home with major below decks damage only to find that their boat was in much better shape than Jeff's Range Rover which had done a spectacular roll-over on the way to Nannup (the repair bill is over \$20,000 plus the CD player which was stolen from the damaged vehicle that night!)

Unfortunate controversy during Saturday afternoon and evening concerning the disqualification of two craft for using illegal standard class propellers marred the event for some, but others enjoyed the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at Nannup. The pits were a hive of activity all afternoon with repairs going to the very last minute of pit opening time. The number of boats requiring work took the organisers by surprise but larger repair areas will be set aside in future events.

Day 2 was again a clean start despite very limited room on the water under the railway bridge. Jalbarrugup bridge had been the subject of much debate the previous day, those that decided on a full speed jump were correct and 125 and 162 flew over in that order 1½ minutes apart. Frank and Grant in 124 came 5 minutes later, they too hit the bridge flat out but without kicking the motor, rubber gearbox met concrete kerb at 80 km/h followed a split second later by the kerb on the other side! The ground shook, dogs barked, spectators winced but somehow it held together and they powered on. Gary and Scott in 122 were only seconds later but were the only one of the first 12 boats to stop for fuel. Glen Paull in 174 also hit the bridge, but with the boat, and catapulted Ray over the bow in a not so graceful head first dive into the water- a great crowd pleaser Glen! Of the 26 boats I saw through Jalbarrugup only 5 stopped for fuel

Greg and Margot in 081, by far the fastest standard boat on day 2, still had a huge job ahead to make up time. John and Kevin in 162 were now 9 minutes ahead of the next sports boat 122 and were racing textbook style, they looked unstoppable and were to continue to easy victory.

Day 3 - an 80 minute dash to Augusta for the fastest 10 hp craft. The weir presented no problems even though it was a sheer drop of nearly one metre. Most craft sailed over in style with only one or two managing to land in the small patch of ti-tree at the bottom.

The estuary was like glass, 125 and 124 touselled in a nail-biting duel and only 10 seconds separated their day 3 time at the Augusta finish. Geoff Hall and Geoff Massam in 003 enjoyed their quick run with a borrowed motor after earlier mechanical damage forced them to go conditional.

After placegetters' motors and props were impounded for scrutineering a good crowd filled the Augusta Hotel for presentations and celebrations.

The full race results are included in this newsletter. Congratulations to all those that competed and thanks to all the sponsors, organisers and race committee for the enormous effort and long hours of work. The general consensus is that this event, other than the propeller episode mentioned earlier, ran exceptionally smoothly. The atmosphere was certainly friendly and relaxed, the racing fast and keen. As a spectator I found the checkpoints efficient and well informed and the signposting was good. The planning for next year's event needs to start soon, your input would be appreciated, some new PDRC faces on the organising committee would, I'm sure be most welcome.

Keith Brooker

Best Prepared Entry Boat 110 John Coates / Darryl Beer

Fastest Male/Female Entry Boat 028 Brent & Kerry Barden

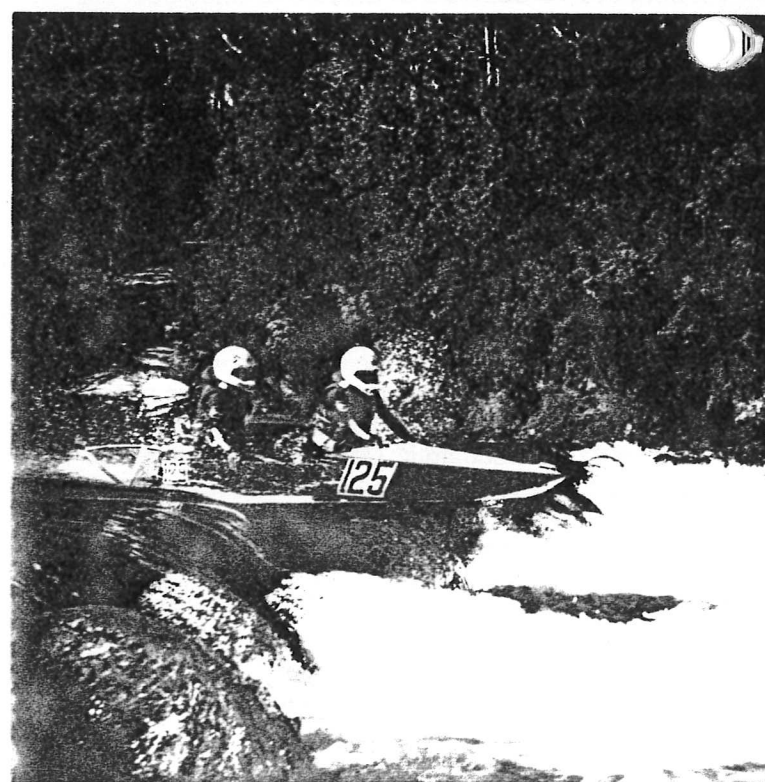
Fastest Father & Son Boat 142 Steve & Murray Brown

Fastest Novice Boat 178 Scott & Evans (Boat 025 was awarded this trophy at presentation ceremony but subsequently failed post -race scrutineering)

Fastest Team Entry Boat 125 Faul / Mirragliota Boat 139 Tregurtha/ Overstone Boat 081 Greg & Margot Barndon

Fastest Veterans Boat 004 Don Haynes / Barry Perks

Best Hard Luck Story Jeff & Tom Hodgkinson Boat 007 and bent Range Rover



## Results Blackwood Classic 250

8HP STANDARD

Boat	Driver	Co-driver	Grid Posn Day 1	Time Day 1	Posn Day 1	Time Day 2	Posn Day 2	Time Day 3	Overall Time	Final Class Posn	Final Overall Posn
174	Paull	Payne	13	3.48.23	1	2.57.15	2	1.46.40	8.32.18	1	7
028	Barden	Barden	22	3.54.53	2	3.03.21	3	1.48.03	8.46.17	2	8
121	Massam	Metcalfe	10	4.24.58	6	3.05.20	4	1.44.41	9.14.59	3	9
081	Barndon	Barndon	3	5.10.35	11	2.49.20	1	1.38.07	9.38.02	4	12
044	Branson	Burger	25	4.10.23	4	3.48.43	14	1.43.17	9.42.23	5	13
142	Brown	Brown	36	4.24.48	5	3.23.36	7	1.58.34	9.46.56	6	14
202	Kitcher	Hewitt	12	4.28.16	7	3.41.26	12	1.58.30	10.08.12	7	17
049	Barnett	Mickle	15	4.29.25	9	3.37.46	11	2.09.26	10.16.37	8	18
090	McNamara	Webster	34	4.06.32	3	4.03.48	15	2.13.32	10.23.52	9	20
138	Street	Street	39	5.32.53	13	3.17.11	6	1.56.41	10.46.45	10	21
025	Olijnyk	Gerrad	52	5.17.43	12	3.26.52	8	2.07.58	10.52.33	Disq	-
130	Tyrrell	Tyrrell	40	5.03.01	10	4.05.20	16	1.55.28	11.03.49	11	22
010	Stolp	Stolp	49	6.07.46	17	3.17.10	5	1.49.32	11.14.28	12	23
178	Scott	Evans	51	5.47.23	15	3.27.52	9	1.59.41	11.14.56	13	24
101	Oversby	Howarth	41	5.47.17	14	3.28.03	10	2.04.42	11.20.02	14	25
170	Culley	Henderson	50	5.48.45	16	3.47.49	13	2.12.20	11.48.54	15	26
127	Kinnersly	Bowness	5	4.29.10	8	DNF	-	-	-	W/D	-
126	Ritson	Anderson	6	3.35.49	Disq	3.05.23	21	1.54.45	-	Disq	-
118	Griffiths	Goddard	4	DNF	-	4.32.51	18	2.10.48	-	Cond	-
165	Bijl	Spanghero	9	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-
056	Cahill	Garland	30	DNF	-	5.52.59	19	2.13.17	-	Cond	-
023	Smetherham	Smetherham	32	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-
197	Maxwell	Marsh	37	DNF	-	4.15.40	-	1.55.57	-	Cond	-
194	Brockman	McGuckin	44	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-
192	Marinoni	Mead	16	4.20.36	Disq	-	-	-	-	Disq	-
120	Metcalfe	Austin	48	5.10.27	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-

10 HP SPORTS

Boat	Driver	Co-driver	Grid Posn Day 1	Time Day 1	Posn Day 1	Time Day 2	Posn Day 2	Time Day 3	Overall Time	Final Class Posn	Final Overall Posn
125	Faul	Mirragliotta	45	3.12.15	1	2.28.36	1	1.19.13	7.00.04	1	1
124	Berloth	Pouw-Bray	14	3.35.44	2	2.38.57	2	1.19.23	7.34.04	2	2
190	Parnell	Black	31	3.52.59	3	2.53.11	3	1.35.32	8.21.42	3	6
117	Skewes	Hink	7	5.08.33	7	2.55.08	4	1.29.03	9.32.44	4	11
176	Brehehy	Brehehy	26	4.32.23	6	3.41.15	6	1.47.11	10.00.54	5	16
003	Hall	Massam	33	4.16.10	5	DNF	-	1.32.54	-	Cond	-
052	Lenz	Pozzi	21	DNF	-	3.04.32	5	2.21.55	-	Cond	-
007	Hodgkinson	Hodgkinson	43	4.40.43	9	DNS	-	-	-	W/D	-
162	Williamson	Woolhouse	42	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-
163	Prater	Forrest	27	3.58.35	4	DNF	-	-	-	W/D	-
184	Griffin	Rutherford	23	5.54.41	8	3.42.14	7	DNF	-	W/D	-

8 HP SPORTS

Boat	Driver	Co-driver	Grid Posn Day 1	Time Day 1	Posn Day 1	Time Day 2	Posn Day 2	Time Day 3	Overall Time	Final Class Posn	Final Overall Posn
162	Goodbody	Green	2	3.27.37	1	2.37.21	1	1.31.59	7.36.57	1	3
122	Evans	Bennett	29	3.30.12	2	2.46.06	2	1.33.54	7.50.12	2	4
139	Tregurtha	Overstone	1	3.35.08	3	2.55.06	3	1.36.19	8.06.33	3	5
064	Bolvary	Austin	20	4.46.15	6	2.59.39	4	1.32.50	9.18.44	4	10
051	Hills	Lenz	19	4.20.42	4	3.50.48	10	1.43.45	9.55.15	5	15
134	Butlin	Brody	11	4.37.23	5	3.35.57	6	2.04.49	10.18.09	6	19
191	Cox	Fuller	46	6.04.33	8	3.47.06	9	2.02.28	11.54.01	7	27
110	Coates	Beer	28	6.04.16	7	3.40.07	8	2.12.44	11.57.07	8	28
004	Haynes	Perks	18	6.23.06	9	3.38.53	7	1.56.18	11.58.17	9	29
183	Rutherford	Rutherford	47	7.27.53	11	3.29.25	5	1.52.02	12.49.20	10	30
171	Henderson	Burgess	35	6.27.12	10	4.34.33	11	2.41.26	13.43.21	11	31
173	Williams	Norton	8	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-
144	Branson	Branson	17	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-
111	Haynes	Abbott	24	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-
005	Ferguson	Elliott	38	DNF	-	-	-	-	-	W/D	-



**FOOTHILLS MARINE PDRC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1995/96**

Formula 8 Ladies		Formula 8 Mens		Bathtubs		Rookies F8		8HP Standard		8HP Sports		10 HP Sports	
R Rutherford	100	D Rutherford	100	S Bennett	100	S Barden	100	G Barndon	620	K Williams	361	J Skewes	540
J Webb	80	T Wilson	80	J Street	80	P Barden	80	M Barndon	620	L Norton	361	P Hink	540
C Skewes	60	G Paull	40	TWilliamson	60	D Brooker	60	G Paul	526	P Tregurtha	340	F Berloth	420
C Coates	40	J Branson	20	B Barden	40	J Paull	40	R Payne	526	G Evans	321	G Hall	281
L Brooker	20	T Morey	1	JFerguson	20	MBranson	20	B Barden	341	S Bennett	321	G Pouw-Bray	241
		J Coates	6	T Morey	6			K Barden	341	S Overstone	320	V Miragliotta	206
		K Brooker	1	DRutherford	6			P Kinnersly	219	D Austin	286	J Faul	206
								S Tregurtha	205	K Bolvary	286	R Wilson	200
								D Currey	168	J Branson	268	G Tanner	200
								J Street	166	I Williamson	261		
										T Williamson	261		

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