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Jayde Ferguson & Kristen Hall with Santa

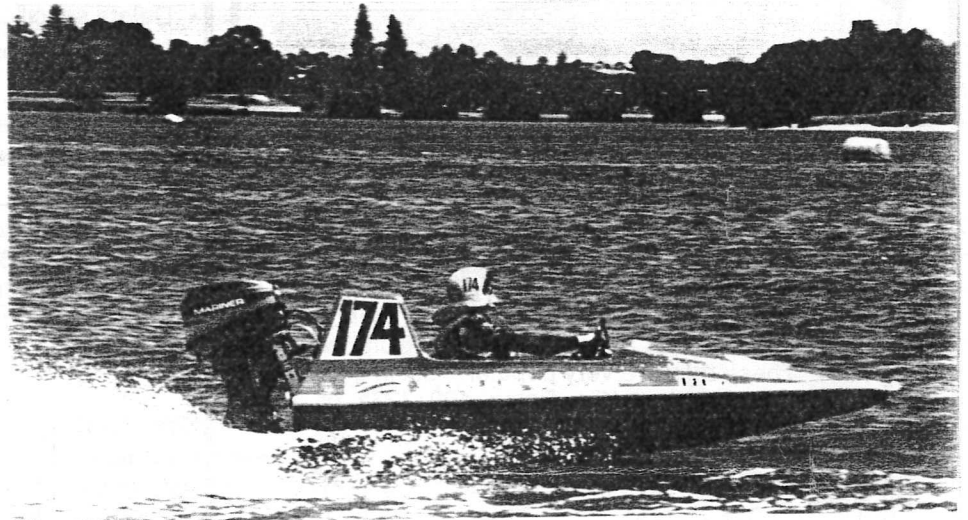
NEXT MEETING

8 January 1996
at 8.00 pm

The Palms
Cnr Rokeby Rd &
Nicholson Rd
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100 Club

Jeremy Paull in action

Grab the final tickets now!

Buy a team ticket, family ticket etc and have
the chance to win 1000s of \$\$\$\$\$.

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FOR THE FIRST DRAW**

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Remember Flags and Flares for Bussleton Festival

MURCHISON RIVER EXPEDITION

There is a vacancy for one driver (bring your own boat and motor) and three co-drivers (no "deckies" on expeditions) on the next expedition to the Murchison River. Preference is given to holders of a "B" Class motor driver's licence. The expedition is planned for March 1996. A cyclone watch is being kept. These trips are very popular. Get in quick. For more information contact Kim Epton 490 3235 or Tony Overstone 446 1465.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE JANUARY MEETING TO DISCUSS CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS REGARDING POWER DINGHY RACING FOR 1996

THIS COULD EFFECT EVERY MEMBER

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Many of you will be in full holiday mode when you receive this newsletter and dinghy racing may well be the last thing on your minds. I hope that you survived the inevitable over indulgence of the festive season and wish you all a successful, prosperous and happy new year.

Perhaps one of your 1996 new year resolutions could be to attend more PDRC general meetings!

The 11 December General Meeting was very poorly attended with less than the 30 financial member requested to form a quorum. Consequently no business was undertaken and three months worth of motions remain undiscussed and unresolved. Judging by the high turnout we get when any controversial items are on the agenda I can only assume that a) the members are happy with the way the Club is being run and b) the motions that are currently on notice are not of particular concern to many members.

The next meeting is on 8 January and the motions to be considered are:

- The "5 mm rule" for standard propellers
- Formula 8 specifications
- Formula 8 driver licence points
- Delete specification limiting cc rating
- Remove ban on oversize pistons

Full details were in the November and December Newsletters.

I look forward to seeing many more of you at the next meeting and at Bussleton for the next event. The Bussleton weekend is an ideal opportunity to get away from the city for a few days and relax, enjoy the racing and the holiday atmosphere.

Kim Bolvary's Rockingham Regatta is the big event for February. The inaugural event last year was HUGE with entertainment, licensed marques, food stalls and a superb location. Full details of this year's event will appear in the February Newsletter.

Keith Brooker

COMING EVENTS

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| General Meeting: | 8 January 1996 |
| Rockingham Regatta: | 18 February 1996 |
| Burswood Enduro: | 17 March 1996 |

BUSSELTON FESTIVAL

Saturday 27 January 1995

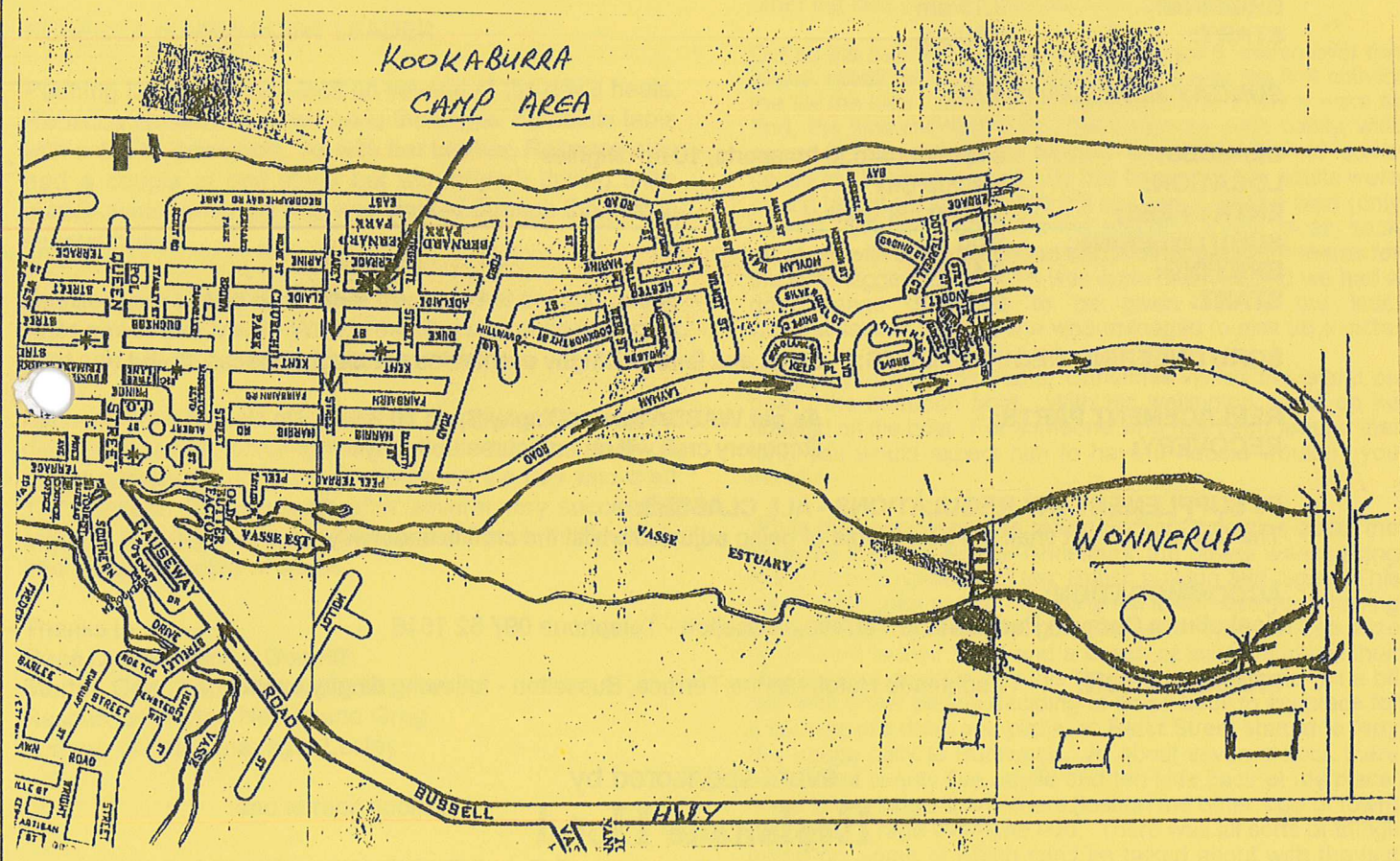
Racing location details for Tubs and Formula 8s

Enter Bussleton via Bussell Highway, turn right at Peel Terrace (traffic lights), continue through roundabout on Peel which becomes Layman Road and follow all the way to Wonnerup Bridge, turn right over bridge.

From Kookaburra Caravan Park

Head away from ocean, down Carey Street, turn left into Peel Terrace which becomes Layman Road, follow to Wonnerup

PARKING IS RESTRICTED



BUSSELTON FESTIVAL 1996

Saturday 27 January - Formula 8 (all classes) and Bathtub racing. An exciting new location at Wonnerup, just outside Busselton in the Vasse River Estuary. (The Vasse River in Busselton has been closed due to algal bloom.)

Sunday 28 January - Dinghy racing - our one and only ocean event, an exiting 35 km dash around Geographe Bay from Meelup, around the Busselton jetty (the longest jetty in the Southern Hemisphere) to finish on the beach at Busselton. Will it be a repeat of last year when the choppy conditions really sorted the men from the boys or 1994 when the Bay was like glass and deckies dozed off under the sun?

Don't forget Friday 26 January is Australia Day and a **public holiday** so come down early and have a long weekend break.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

DATE: 27 - 28 January 1996
RACE DIRECTOR: Glen Paull 097 524 749

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 1996 (directions to venue - see over)

CLASSES: Ladies F8, Mens F8, Rookies, Bathtubs
LOCATION: Wonnerup, Busselton
ENTRY FEES: \$30.00 per craft: Multiple \$50.00 (same race ID) Rookies \$10.00
SCRUTINEERING: 8.30 am
BRIEFING: 9.15 am
START: 9.30 am

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 1996

CLASSES: 8 hp standard, 8 hp sports, 10 hp dinghies
LOCATION: Meelup Bay
ENTRY FEES: \$30.00 per craft
SCRUTINEERING: 8.00 am
BRIEFING: 8.45 am
START: 9.00 am

SCRUTINEERING REQUIREMENTS: Flags and flares - Dinghy events - as per dinghy specs 7.8 and 7.9.

REPLACEMENT PARTS: As per WASDA Power Dinghy Spec 10.3
RECOVERY: Recovery craft will be on course both days

F8 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS - ALL CLASSES:

The transom height shall not be capable of being adjusted whilst the craft is underway.

ACCOMMODATION:

Kookaburra Caravan Park, Marine Terrace, Busselton - Telephone 097 52 1516

PRESENTATION: Esplanade Hotel, Marine Terrace, Busselton - following dinghy event

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Esplanade Hotel
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BURSWOOD CHRISTMAS BASH

MASS TUB FLEET AGAIN HITS THE WATER

A wall of white water, fibreglass flying, the thump of aluminium and the tubbers emerge one by one out of the first buoy. This was the case for 5 heats of the Burswood Bash as the new breed of competitors brought back memories of the early '80s.

Darren Austin slotted into his last year's form to win 4 out of 5 heats with Justin Skewes on his tail. The Suzukis showed a power of strength to take out 1st, 2nd and 3rd over the day while points leader Jarrod Street gradually watched his tub disintegrate as each heat went by.

JEREMY PAUL DOES IT AGAIN

The Whiteland 174 entry of Jeremy Paull again took the award at Burswood but only after being hotly pursued all day by the Barden Boys who again had their own private tussle. This class is becoming very competitive and some of these boys will give the men a good chase next season as they move up a class.

TYRON GETS THE CHECKERED

With first to third placing being decided on a countback, the men's formula 8 event became a real tussle with individual heat winners. Tyron Wilson again stuck with consistency whilst Daniel Rutherford put on a great display of driving to come through the field after a couple of bad starts.

REBECCA IS NEW POINT LEADER

Pushing her boat to the limit on several of the day's heats, Rebecca Rutherford now heads the ladies' F8 points table with a win at Burswood. As with her brother, Rebecca also had a couple of bad starts but with superb driving skills quickly made up for lost time and worked through the field in several heats.

Jennifer Leek picked up another trophy in her second outing while newcomer Maree Watt in the Branson outfit collected third and will be a threat in future events.

Although not a big field of Ladies F8s, the girls put on a great display of racing, bringing the large crowd to their toes on many occasions. One boat missing on the day was craft 117, Colleen Skewes, who after several very successful seasons of racing has hung up her wetsuit to sit on the shore and sip on a couple of wines.

Thanks to:

Race Director, Kevan Goodall
Starter, Con, Lap times Mary and Ros
Rescue Ian, Peter, Neville and Greg
And our catering manager Lesley

and to race sponsor

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BURSWOOD CHRISTMAS BASH RESULTS

Formula 8 Ladies			
1	183	R Rutherford	22
2	124	J Leek	18
3	144	M Watt	16
4	250	J Webb	10
5	011	K Coates	9
Formula 8 Mens			
1	105	T Wilson	19
2	183	D Rutherford	19
3	144	J Branson	19
4	174	G Paull	11
5	184	T Morey	7
Formula 8 Rookies			
1	174	J Paull	22
2	028	P Barden	16
3	113	S Barden	13
4	148	D Brooker	11
5	144	M Branson	8
6	059	L Watson	5
Bathtubs			
1	064	D Austin	24
2	117	J Skewes	20
3	005	J Ferguson	12
4	167	T Williamson	10
5	138	J Street	7
6	150	S Bennett	2
7	139	S Tregurtha	0
8	183	D Rutherford	0
9	184	T Morey	0

THE KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HERRISON ISLAND

What a magic day. Despite the wind and rough waters, after a good day's racing all the kids, adults and all the in-betweens (ie adults who still want to be kids) were ferried across to Herrison Island on board the Murdoch boat, skippered by Keith Brooker. There was however, one exception to this, being the 005 boat of Justin and Jarrad which ferried them and four other big kids over and landed them quite wet.

During the morning, 20 small surprises were hidden over the island, ready for the treasure hunt which was the first activity for the kids. Despite how difficult some of them were to find, the kids seemed to find the treasures quite easily, with some of the older kids helping the littlies to find some treasures. Well done guys. By this time all of the adults were having heaps of fun as well so the rest was a bit of a blurr (only joking). We went on to having egg and spoon races, sack races etc with a few father/son and mother/daughter teams for the three legged races. This was quite hilarious and we had a good range of prizes to be given out to the kids. Congratulations to everyone who managed to pick up a prize.

For the younger kids Father Christmas visited the island on board the Murdoch boat. With his wellington boots on he hobbled off the boat. For someone who has been around that long you would expect him to have a hobble wouldn't you think!

While the youngens were telling Father Christmas about the pressies they wanted for Christmas, the others were getting ready for a combination of tag, British bulldog and rugby. This went on for quite awhile. It was great to see everyone having so much fun and all the kids going home with at least one prize or present in their hand and a bunch of lollies either in their stomachs or pockets. By this time it was starting to get a bit late with a few people deciding to come back to my place for a bit more of a drink and pizza, so Peter Street started to ferry the troops back to Burswood. At about seven o'clock there was about twenty five adults and ten kids back at my place, some taking longer than others (lost on the other side of town) and what a rage everyone had. There was all sorts of things going on, some of which can't be talked about with the last ones to leave at about 1.30 am Monday morning.

There should be more of this type of socialising within the Club as everyone went home with a smile on their face. Special thanks to the Bardens, the Brookers and the Streets and of course Father Christmas.

The Vice-Commodore



FOOTHILLS MARINE WASDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1995/96

Formula 8 Mens

D Rutherford
T Wilson
G Paull
J Branson
T Morey
J Coates
K Brooker

280
240
180
140
60
6
1

Formula 8 Ladies

R Rutherford
J Webb
J Leek
C Skewes
C Coates
J Watson
L Brooker

8HP Standard

G Barndon
M Barndon
G Paul
R Payne
B Barden
K Barden
P Kinnersly
S Tregurtha
D Currey

280
220
140
80
46
66
20

8HP Sports

S Bennett
K Williams
L Norton
P Tregurtha
I Williamson
T Williamson
G Evans
S Overstone
D Austin
K Bolvary

700
700
532
532
341
341
219
207
206

10 HP Sports

J Skewes
P Hink
F Berloth
G Hall
G Pouw-Bray
J Faul
V Miragliotta
R Wilson
G Tanner
J Ferguson

401
381
381
340
321
321
320
286
286

620
620
421
281
241
207
207
200
200
180

Bathtubs

J Street
S Bennett
T Williamson
J Ferguson
J Skewes
D Austin
B Barden
DRutherford
T Morey
S Tregurtha

200
186
160
120
100
100
40
18
18
126

Rookies F8

J Paull
S Barden
P Barden
D Brooker
M Branson
L Watson

240
200
180
160
120
12

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