



# Power Dinghy Racer

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## Next Meeting

12th Jan 1998

8.00pm

Burswood Clubrooms

# Oh what a night!

Another club Christmas Party over and what a night. What started out with a few quiet drinks at the Burswood ended up as a demolition of numerous people as the progressive dinner wound its way through the streets of Perth. The first stop was Kings Park where the guests were greeted with a candle lit tables (which some were already working their way under) and entrees under the stars.

John Goodbody broke the 100 meter dash record to the food. (no wonder he is getting slower on the water, it's all

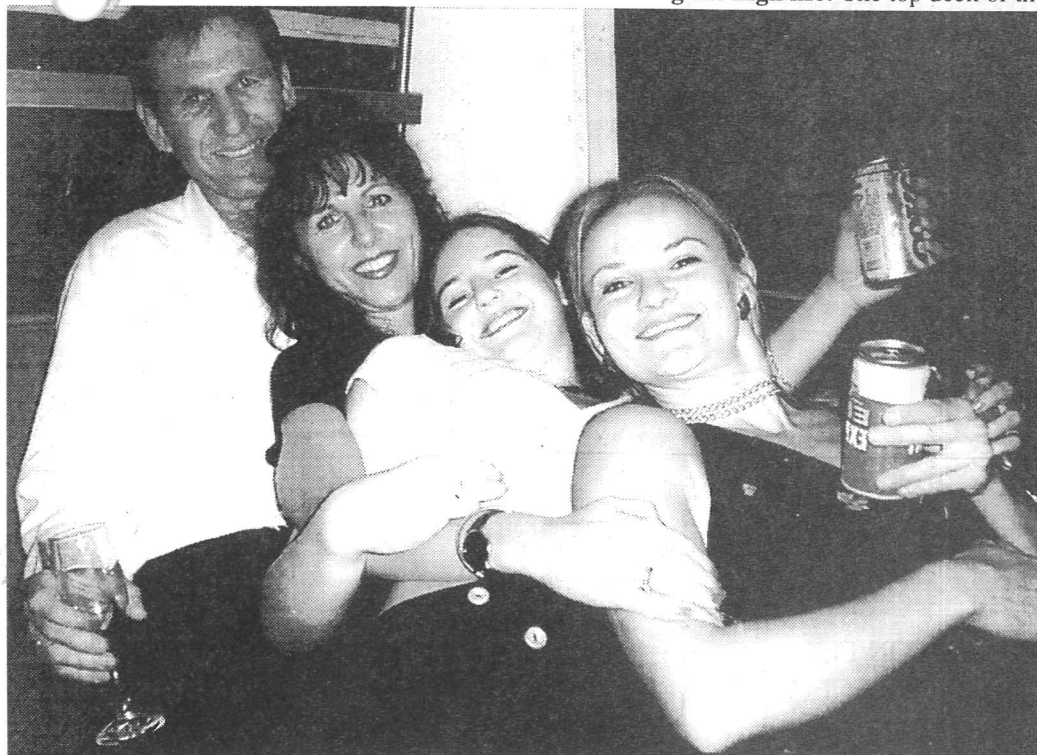


Living the high life: The top deck of the Bus seemed to be the plice to be

the food he eats) Hopefully he won't be reading this as the Goodbody family trek their way around the U.S.A. Back on the bus, much to the drivers disgust, and a rowdy trip up the freeway.

Jeff Hodgkinson, with the help of Kylie, Caroline and Julie Green made every effort to ensure the wine didn't go off by emptying all the bottles as the party goers poured themselves off the bus into Tony and Tanzy Maxfield's home for the main course. And what a feed it was! A sure sign was it was the first time in the evening there had been any drop in the noise level.

Greg Barndon must have been off his food, he only had a couple of helpings as Tony and Tanzy looked around wondering why they had been so



The call him Mr. Popular: Jeff sufferering as Dale, Kate and Carolyn lavish him with affection

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**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS  
DEC/JAN 1997**

Since the publishing of the last newsletter, it has been quite an eventful seven weeks. This newsletter brings you the results of three circuit races, the adults xmas party plus the general news and goss.

This years circuit racing numbers have been down slightly on last years and one can only assume that the destruction from this years low Avon has played a role in this. If anyone has any other input to make on this subject, I would very much like to hear your comments at the next General Meeting on January 12. We also have two rules going to the floor for voting so be there to make your vote count.

The Adult Xmas Party on November 29 was absolutely brilliant. Thanks to Leonie and Scott along with their helpers and also Tony and Tanzi Maxfield and Ian and Todd Williamson for opening up their houses to the masses. I don't think there's anyone who didn't have fun at this one. (I certainly did from what people tell me.)

Now that everyone has had a few weeks off from racing with another month to go, you have no excuses for not having you rigs in top shape for the Busselton weekend. No excuses! Busselton is an excellent opportunity to get away for a relaxing weekend combined with some circuit racing on the Saturday afternoon and the ocean race on Sunday morning. This leaves you with nothing better to do than a BBQ and a few cold ones Sunday afternoon and Monday to find your way back home.

There are still some important issues that need to be discussed, resolved and acted upon before this season is out, so let your ideas be heard at the coming General Meetings.

This brings us to the end of 1997 and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that 1998 is prosperous for you all.

See you in 1998!

*Dennis Peach*

**W.A.R.W.S.A. Burswood Report**

With regular bookings coming in for our Burswood Clubrooms from affiliated clubs and outside parties, members are asked that if they require the use of these premises for a private function to book early to ensure that the date required will be available.

Further development of the Clubrooms at this stage is being hampered by the lack of sufficient funds. However regular meetings are still held to plan future development and to ensure that maintenance and the general facility is kept up to standard. We are still negotiating with several parties who have shown interest in leasing part of the building which would give WARWSA funds to continue with further development.

Parking — Members are reminded that **all vehicles** are to be parked in the car park area and not in the upper area surrounding the building. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Burswood Bash Report**

With a field of five in both Bathtubs and Mens Formula 8's, six in Ladies Formula 8's and only three in Rookies, the small field made a good days racing out of it.

With no dinghy racing it only took four hours for the days activities. The conditions were good and everything ran smoothly. Surprisingly there were no restarts except for a bathtub race where the caution flag was up for the duration of the heat as a result of Jarrad Elliot flipping in the middle of the tight course. There were only a couple of jumped starts.

A great effort was made by all racers. Thanks to Rin Rutherford, Julie, Jarrad Elliot, Todd Williamson, Trevor Bennett, Jan Bennett, Leonie McGlew, Brent Barden, Jaime Webb, Kerry Barden, Kevin Goodall and all others who helped throughout the day.

**Results****Rookies**

1st	113	Shane Barden	25pts
2nd	028	Danika Barden	19pts
3rd	127	Scott Bennett (Jnr)	11pts

**Mens Formula 8**

1st	113	Peter Barden	23pts
2nd	011	Jamie George	19pts
3rd	174	Jeremy Paull	16pts
4th	127	Brett Baskerville	10pts
5th	183	Craig Baskerville	6pts

**Ladies Formula 8**

1st	011	K.C. Coates	20pts
2nd	183	Jenni Leek	18pts
3rd	113	Kerry Barden	18pts
4th	250	Jaime Webb	12pts
5th	174	Trevlyn Ryan	6pts

**Bathtubs**

1st	005	Justin Ferguson	21pts
2nd	150	Scott Bennett	21pts
3rd	054	Jarrad Elliott	18pts
4th	167	Todd Williamson	9pts
5th	183	Daniel Rutherford	2pts

**Time trials for the Avon**

In an effort to increase media interest and action for competitors, the Northams Avon Descent are looking into the reintroduction of time trials for grid positions for the 1998 Avon Descent. For those not familiar with this practice, a time trial course was the method originally used to award grid positions rather than previous years race times. The course originally used was from Upper Swan to Middle Swan bridge on the Swan river. If you have any comments to make on this idea it may pay to be at the January meeting of the club or forward your opinion in writing to Dennis Peach.

**New rule proposals**

Change rule 8.12

Non standard swivel and clamp brackets may be fitted if made from the same material.

**Proposed:** John Haynes **Seconded:** Jamie George

I propose that the amendment to the specifications regarding the fitting of exhaust adaptor plates (8.31) (proposed April newsletter, passed April General Meeting) be recinded.

The reasons for this are:

1) The exhaust adaptor plate described in the amendment is actually the 15hp exhaust tube. It effectively changes the power of the motor from a 10hp to a level approaching a 15hp (depending on carburation.) Many members were not aware of this when they voted on the amendment.

2) By allowing specification 8.31 it is in direct conflict with specification 8.7 (as amended Jan 94 to May 96) Specification 8.7 prevents retuning of a powerhead with anything other than the manufacturers' recommended conversion kit. The adaptor plate is not the manufacturers' recommended conversion kit.

3) Specification 8.31 is also in direct conflict with specification 8.7 and 4.5 because it changes the horsepower of a motor.

The passing of the amendment was not in accordance with the specifications and is therefore illegal. This therefore exempts my amendment from the "12 month" rule that precludes amendments from being re-amended within 12 months. I recommend members who are interested in the long term future of our sport consider this amendment carefully and bring these motors back to what they should be — 10hp.

**Proposed:** John Haynes **Seconded:** Jamie George



THE NEXT EVENT IS THE BUSSELTON FESTIVAL ON JANUARY 24/25. DINGHY RACERS DON'T FORGET YOUR FLAGS AND FLARES.

## Busselton Festival

- DATE:** Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th  
**RACE DIRECTOR:** Glenn Paull Ph. 0897524749  
**SCRUTNEER:** Rin Rutherford  
**Saturday 24th**  
**LOCATION:** Wannerup (Call Glenn for details)  
**ENTRY FEE:** \$30.00 per craft, Multiple \$50.00, Rookies \$10.00  
**ENTRIES:** Available at registration on the day at Wannerup start line  
**CLASSES:** Ladies, Mens and Rookies F8 and bathtubs  
**SCRUTINEERING:** 8.30am  
**BRIEFING:** 9.15am  
**START:** 9.30am  
**Sunday 25th**  
**LOCATION:** Meelup Beach  
**ENTRY FEES:** \$45 per craft at Meelup Beach  
**CLASSES:** 10HP Sports, 8HP sports 8HPStandard  
**SCUTINEERING:** 8.00am Start line  
**BRIEFING:** 8.45am Start line  
**START:** 9.00am Meelup Beach  
**REPLACEMENT PARTS:** As per WASDA power dinghy specification 10.1  
**WITHDRAWALS:** Entrants withdrawing during a race MUST notify an official. Failure to do so will incur a \$100 penalty  
**RESCUE:** A sweep boat will cover the course.  
**COURSE DETAILS:** Approx distance 35km. Competitors will race from the beach at Meelup along Gepgrape bay, around the jetty at Busselton and finish on the beach at Busselton.  
**REFUELLING:** There will be no refuelling during the event  
**PRESENTATION:** Esplanade Hotel, Busselton  
**ACCOMODATION:** Kookaburra caravan park Tel: 0897 521516  
**NOTE:** Flag and Flares required

Event sponsored by  
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## BUNBURY CARNIVAL RACE REPORT

With the first taste of summer weather, the Bunbury carnival was a great success. Despite the tight schedule that had to be met, all races ran smoothly and the days racing provided a great spectacle for those enjoying the view from the Bunbury Power Boat Club's lawn area.

The Bunbury Power Boat Club was pleased to be involved in the event and they look forward to further involvement in the future. Rin Rutherford, race director, would like to thank all those who pitched in on the day to make it run as smoothly as it did.

### RESULTS

#### 10HP SPORTS

- |     |                   |                 |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Ian Williamson    | Todd Williamson |
| 2nd | Greg Barndon      |                 |
| 3rd | Daniel Rutherford | Jaime Webb      |

#### 8HP STANDARD

- |     |               |              |
|-----|---------------|--------------|
| 1st | Jarrad Elliot | Dave Johnson |
| 2nd | Glenn Paull   | Jeremy Paull |
| 3rd | Peter Barden  | Tyron Wilson |

#### FORMULA 8 WOMENS

- |     |               |
|-----|---------------|
| 1st | Kerry Barden  |
| 2nd | Jaime Webb    |
| 3rd | Trevelan Ryan |

#### FORMULA 8 MENS

- |     |              |
|-----|--------------|
| 1st | Jeremy Paull |
| 2nd | Peter Barden |
| 3rd | John Coates  |

#### BATHTUBS

- |     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Justin Ferguson |
| 2nd | Jarrad Elliot   |
| 3rd | Todd Williamson |

#### ROOKIES

- |     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| 1st | Shane Barden   |
| 2nd | Danika Barden  |
| 3rd | Scott Goodbody |



## Party on!

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generous by opening their house.

Here we go, here we go, here we go.... A little more noise, Neville Watsons laugh rings out over the din, and off to Kingsley for desert.

The spa was again hot at the Williamson's following the form of the last progressive dinner several years ago.

Also true to form, Geoff Hall was not going to miss out and had to give it a go. Fortunately for us all his jocks stayed on him this time and not the neighbors roof.

As the dessert table was cleared away the juke box was fired up and the dance floor came alive. The regulars guarded the bar to ensure that consumption didn't fall off while the ladies, led by Justine Watson, Belinda Carroll, Margot Barndon and Kerry Barden. (Try and get those two names right at one o'clock in the morning)

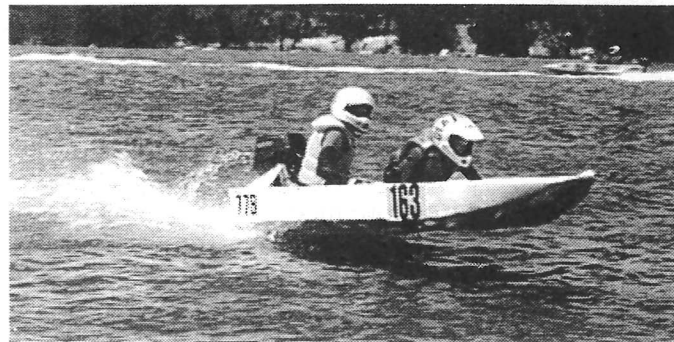
Vi Wesley and Sue Cottrill were some of the stayers as they threatened to kick butt in next years Avon (What's that saying....The drunker I get the better I was....or is that the better I get!)

Narelle Watson made a dash for the lime light leaping down the stairs followed by a trip to hospital while the Commodore found a nice quiet place to sleep. (In the middle of the driveway.)

Things slowly started to wind down around 3.30am as the last dregs fell out the door around four. (I only stayed so I could write this story)

A great big thanks to Leonie McGlew who put this fantastic night together, Scott Bennett and all others who assisted. Thanks to Tony and Tanzy Maxfield and Ian and Todd Williamson who were so cleverly conned into opening their houses to all members and guests, and so foolishly excepted. The T.V.'s, videos, jewellery, silverware, whips, handcuffs etc. will be returned soon.

Peter Street



Young guns in fine form: Tyron and Peter show the more experienced competitors how it's done

## More Northam

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was heading for a big one. Daniel Rutherford had manufactured a free standing drink dispenser which saw numerous bottles of Bourbon demolished. Brent Barden showed great foresight by celebrating the families next

days success. (He never did get that sentence out) The fires roared as the lies spewed out over the BBQ with the bodies gradually dropping from 1am until around 4am. (That's one farm where a bloody rooster is going to die one day.) A few cans of coke, a couple of panadol and Sunday started.

Thanks to Neville and Christine Watson and family, all those who helped out in recovery boats, timekeepers, lapcounters, flag marshalls. . . Another Northam gone by!

Peter Street

## RESULTS

#### FORMULA ROOKIES

- |     |            |
|-----|------------|
| 1st | S Barden   |
| 2nd | S Goodbody |
| 3rd | D Barden   |
| 4th | S Bennett  |

#### FORMULA 8 LADIES

- |     |          |
|-----|----------|
| 1st | J Leek   |
| 2nd | K Coates |
| 3rd | J Webb   |

#### FORMULA 8 MENS

- |     |           |
|-----|-----------|
| 1st | J Coulter |
| 2nd | J Paull   |
| 3rd | J Coates  |

#### BATHTUBS

- |     |            |
|-----|------------|
| 1st | S Bennett  |
| 2nd | J Skewes   |
| 3rd | J Ferguson |

#### 8HP STANDARD

- |     |          |          |
|-----|----------|----------|
| 1st | T Wilson | P Barden |
| 2nd | G Paull  | J Paull  |
| 3rd | J Elliot | J Leek   |

#### 8HP SPORTS

- |     |              |            |
|-----|--------------|------------|
| 1st | D Rutherford | S Bennett  |
| 2nd | D Peach      | T Wilson   |
| 3rd | T Williamson | N Lawrence |

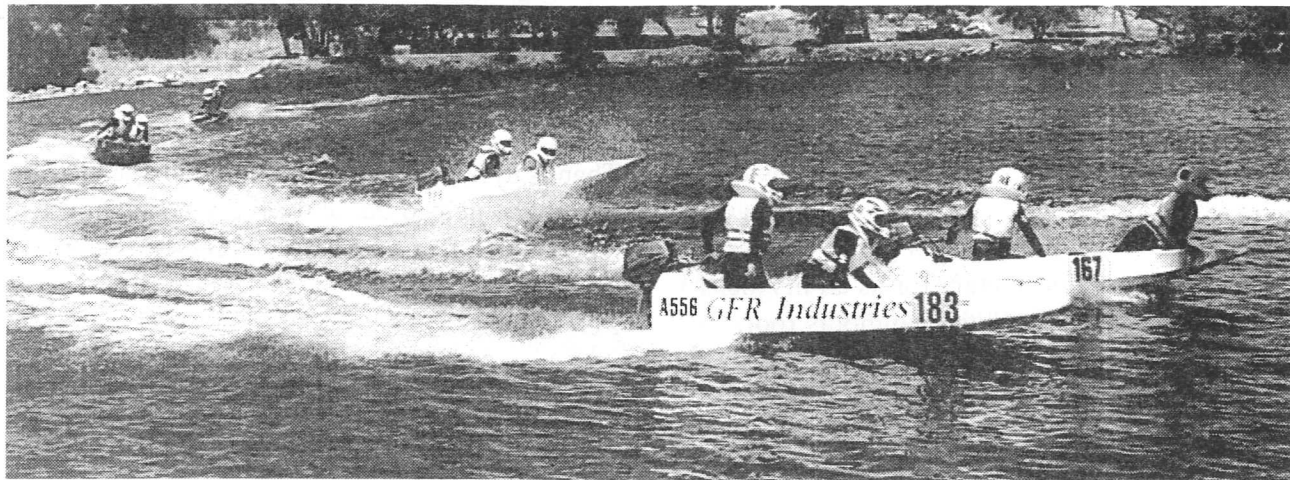
#### 10HP SPORTS

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|-----|--------------|--------------|
| 1st | D Rutherford | S Bennett    |
| 2nd | I Williamson | T Williamson |
| 3rd | J Goodbody   | D Peach      |

#### DASH FOR CASH

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|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Winners | Greg Barndon | Glenn Paull |
|---------|--------------|-------------|

## A big day and big night. . . Another Northam



Still suffering slightly from the effects of the Avon, dinghy numbers were slightly down from previous years, but good numbers in the Formula 8 and Bathtub fields tackled the tight and weedy course on the Avon River at Northam for the City of Northam regatta.

'Dan the bourbon man Rutherford' and Scott Bennett showed great form to lead the 10hp boys on both days with the Tohatsu of Ian and Todd Williamson in hot pursuit and Justin Ferguson and Jarrod Elliot as deckie thrilling the crowd with near flips and several abandon ships.

The Barden experience blasted the rookies away as Shane Barden collected the F8 trophy from Scott Goodbody. Scott Bennett gave the crowd a demo of a 360 degree prop walk while he and Danika Barden fought out the minor placings.

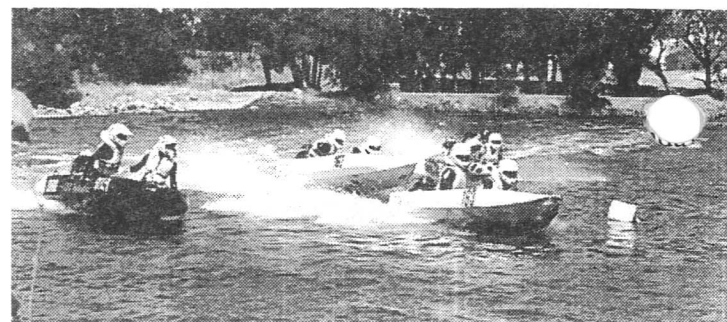
Big sponsorship saw Jenni Leek take the ladies F8 win. Following on from the Franks Marine sponsored entry of last season, Jenni Leek with new sponsor, GFR industries, claimed the honours in what looks to be a closely contended ladies Formula 8 season. Casey Coates took out the minor placings but not before Kerry Barden and Jaime Webb gave them a good run with some aggressive driving

The young guns lead the standard field. The newly formed combination of Tyron Wilson and Peter Barden headed off the more experience combination of Glenn and Jeremy Paull to win 8hp standard as Jarrod Elliot and Jenni Leek took out third after competing in only three of the five heats.

Rutherford and Bennett were consistent all weekend in their GFR entry taking out sports class despite a nice flip

manoeuvre on the last bend. Dennis Peach and Tyron Wilson, beaten only by a count back, looked dangerous all day and will be a big threat to championship points as the season goes by. Todd Williamson and newcomer Nathan Lawrence are also likely to be up there but were beaten on this occasion by an out of form motor.

More accustomed to go kart racing, Josh Coulter proved that consistency pays by winning the mens F8 in his first outing without winning a heat all weekend. Jeremy Paull, after being shunted and pushed around the course, held off John old man carby Coates and a large fleet of championship contenders who demonstrated that we are in for a big season in mens F8.



Finishing the day with more medals than a Chinese swimmer, Scott Bennett in the superquick Gary Evans Tub powered by the Dennis Peach Suzuki, worked his way through the field in every heat to take out a comfortable win in Bathtubs. Regular duelling partners Justin Skewes and Justin Ferguson featured in the minor placings as a very sick Jarrod Elliot pulled out of day two with an unusual bourbon virus.

Between all the racing a big night was had at the ranch. With most competitors and support crew making the most of the Watson families hospitality, Saturday night

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**8HP STANDARD**  
Steve Brown 720  
Shane Ballarine 720  
Kerry Barden 466  
Glenn Paull 448  
Jarrod Elliot 442  
Brent Barden 426

**8HP SPORTS**  
Blaise Paris 380  
Donna Elliss 380  
Jarrod Street 322  
Tom Hodgkinson 280  
Michael Prosser 280  
Cliff Hills 260

**10HP SPORTS**  
Jon Faull 526  
Russell Wilson 512  
Dennis Peach 361  
John Goodbody 361  
Russell Wilson 347  
Justin Skewes 301

**FORMULA 8 WOMENS**  
Jaime Webb 140  
Kerry Barden 140  
Casey Coates 120  
Jenni Leek 120

**FORMULA 8 MENS**  
Jeremy Paull 180  
John Coates 120  
Dennis Coulter 100  
Peter Barden 100

**BATHTUBS**  
Justin Ferguson 160  
Scott Bennett 100  
Jarrod Elliot 86  
Justin Skewes 80

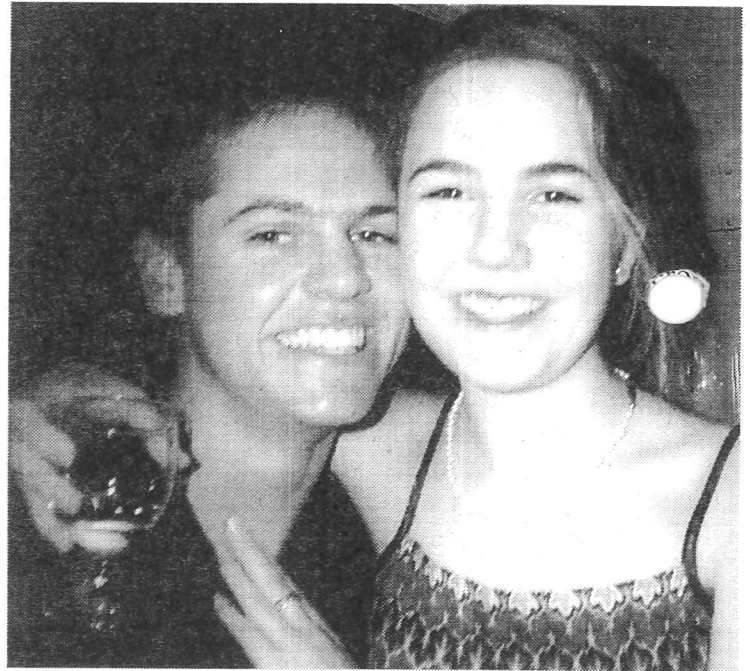
**ROOKIES**  
Shane Barden 200  
Danika Barden 140  
Scott Goodbody 140

## DINGHY DITTIES

No longer just a rumour, the boat's been sighted in the workshop as a previous Avon winner is nearing completion of his 10hp boat for 1998 and will be on the water by January. Meanwhile another very competitive former member is already on the water in a new boat. Looks like a bigger 10hp field for 1998.

One member who will remain anonymous but drives a boat with numbers similar to 054 was seen in distress a couple of Sundays ago after losing his liver, washed away during Steve Browns Bucks Party. Keeping up with team standards his deckie, while in a similar state at another party, broke two toes. Anybody interested in joining this team just remember that the initiation won't be easy!!!

While many enjoyed the splendor of the flora and fauna of Kings park, it seemed that a particular species of fauna, namely a possum, had decided to join the party for the evening. Fortunately he was hotly persued and kept at bay by a possum killer also present on the evening.



**The hunter and the hunted:** The possum is tamed by the possum killer.

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