



## Power Boat Report

Well October has been and gone and the weather has still been very inconsistent which only saw us have one trip for the month, a day out with kids & carers from MIFWA for B4K's.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> wasn't sunny & dry which we would have liked, but we were determined to give all our guests a memorable day out.

As I arrived at Matilda Bay around 9:30, amongst light showers & threatening skies, Trevor was busy setting up the pergola near the BBQ, that he had been patiently reserving for us since the early hours of the morning. Steve O, with Sindy as deckie, plus Ron & Dora were at the ramps launching their boats, followed shortly after by Les and Joan, David and Pat and Julie and Ian, five boats in total. Brett Carter also arrived a short time later to assist with the onshore activities.

We didn't have to wait very long before the first group of members from MIFWA arrived and after all the greetings had been done it was time to sort out life jackets for everyone and groups for each boat. As there were a large number of MIFWA people already here and more expected to arrive, it was decided to make two river runs. Sindy decided to sit the first one out, so I went along with Steve O as deckie.

Up until now the showers had stayed away and there was very little wind to speak of, so once we had everybody on board, we headed down river towards Fremantle, while the others onshore kept themselves busy playing games and preparing for the BBQ lunch.

With Steve O leading the way and the others in convoy behind, we were soon opening up the throttles and powering our way down to Blackwall Reach, where we had to slow down for the 8 knot zone, then after another 15 minutes further downstream, we turned around to head back for lunch. A few showers came and went along the way, but most of us were able to stay reasonably dry except for those on board David & Ian's boats, as they very open to the elements.

As we arrived back into Matilda Bay, Steve paused to take some photos of the other boats coming in with all the kids beaming with smiles. Once onshore and greeting the late arrivals, we set about having some lunch before three of the boats, (this time Sindy as Steve's deckie), took the next group of kids and carers out for a run while the rest of us relaxed onshore finishing off lunch.

Once the second group got back and after all the happy kids exchanged stories with the first group on how much fun they had; it was time to start packing up & preparing to say our goodbyes on what was a very enjoyable day.

This was my first time being out with B4K's and I would just like to say it was very rewarding seeing all the parents and especially the kids, with big beaming smiles on their faces, having such a wonderful time. I'd also like to thank Trevor for getting there so early in the morning, to reserve a spot for us, but most thanks have to go to David, for all the hard work he does that too often goes without thanks, when organising these days out with those less fortunate than us.

## Upcoming Events

### 13/01/12 - 14/01/12 Rotto overnight trip

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