

## Power boat Section Report April '11

Is it me or is this year flying by faster than an out of control jetski?

April has been a busy month for us and the club, with the section heavily supporting the Jazz night, the quiz night and the sensational sundowner with Just4Kix! In the mere 30 days that was April we still managed to get out on the boats and the trip for this month was a Boating 4 Kidz event in partnership with MIFWA (Mental Illness Fellowship of WA) MIFWA support families that have been affected by mental illness within the family, and the idea of the day spent with us rabble was to give the families, or in some cases just the kids, a day of fun and the opportunity to something just that little bit different!

The day was laid out very much the same as our previous events that you may or may not have read about. The families and carers turn up, the kids have a run about and a play while we get organised, we sort out the floatation devices for the kids and get them, the family and the carers all kitted out (and very smart they look too!) and then we take them for a jaunt up the river past the city! Sounds easy eh? Oh yeah... I forgot to mention that when we get back a feast of sausages, drinks, cakes and lollies awaits..

The power boat section and Angie (MIFWA) were all ready and raring to go in plenty of time, Angie had organised for families to arrive with the carers, which due to distances etc lead to a small delay in getting started, no matter it just gave us time to get settled and more time for the kids who were already there to wear themselves out a little more!

Unfortunately we had a few families drop out, so Angie had to do a last minute reorganisation of who was going on which boat, and it left us with 2 boats that were for want of a better word, surplus to requirements! Fortunately David was game to take the carers out (brave man) and we took Phyl and Frank along and used us as the lead boat / camera boat. Everyone else had full families on board which worked out just perfectly!

The river trip started a little tentatively as Terry and Linda bumped over a few wakes and had some nervous little cherubs on board but it wasn't long until Terry announced over the radio that we could now pick up speed as they 'were happy little vegemite's' now... The river trip lasted just under an hour and the only incident was David breaking his aerial under the causeway bridge (we think he did it on purpose for sympathy from his all women crew) as we turned around we phoned Trevor, the beach master for the day, and told him and his motley crew to get cooking!

On our return, we were helped into shore by the beach based crew and just in time for everything to be ready... the kids and families (and us boaties) were all hungry enough to put away 100 sausages between us, and we followed that up with a fair mountain of cake and lollies! David took a while to recover, as apparently he had more screams and shouts from the carers than he had ever had from his kids... he was being a (safe) boat hoon tho... as Angie didn't join us, due to an involuntary reaction caused by boats... we have made it our goal to get her out next time!

After the food and while the adults stood around and chatted, most of the kids spend their time in the water catching jellyfish.. and putting them in a bucket (just in case you are wondering what it is in the picture!) it seemed like they had a ball!



The day had to end at some point... and around 2pm people started drifting off as their afternoon commitments got closer.. and eventually we got the boats back on the trailers and headed off home!

Thanks go to MIFWA especially Angie for organising, David & Pat, Terry & Linda, Trevor (Beachmaster), Phyl & Frank, Graham, Brett, Liz & Keith, Ron & Dora, Peter, Ros & Ryan and Les & Joan.

Another great event...

### Upcoming events

**Easter Weekend – Cockburn overnigher**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – Boating 4 Kidz - Cerebral Palsy**

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