

# FREEDOM NEWS

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## FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK TO THE D.R.T.

For some time now there has been a request for us to have a newsletter that provides us up to date information on our activities and also what is coming up. So here we are with our first attempt.

The problem with such publications is providing the content and also finding the time to attempt putting it together. Such things will only work if we all contribute to the input.

Initially we will attempt to put this together on a bi-monthly basis and see how we go. If this is successful we can then have a go at increasing the frequency. This will only happen if we have contributions provided by all and sundry.

You do not have to be a wordsmith just put on paper a few words and we will brush up the grammar, if it needs it!!!!

Joan Wade has agreed to accept all contributions which should be with her before



The DRT Off to the Nationals

the end of the month for inclusion in the next issue. With that in mind we will endeavour to have the next issue out for the beginning Feb 2002, just after our return from the holiday break.

We would also welcome suggestions as to how we could improve and use this publication. Can anyone suggest a better

All Volunteers are invited to Hollywell on Friday 7th December to receive an official Government Certificate

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## FROM THE LOUNGE ROOM

The season has started off very well with record number of sailors, in fact in February 19th we broke the record with 64 disabled sailors. These numbers are testing and stretching our resources so we need to continue to ensure that our activity and professionalism are of the highest standard.

It was mentioned in the last edition that the key issues are volunteers and the efficiency of our operations.

**VOLUNTEERS:** It is pleasing to see most of our regular helpers returning after the break as well as a few new faces joining. Having said this we must not be complacent and continue to find more people to come along and help each Tuesday. The best way for us to find new helpers is by word of mouth. That means that each of us, volunteers and sailors, must try to "Bring Your

Friend" (BYF). So lets start a campaign of "BYF" with us all trying to bring along someone you know who will get the same benefit as you do by joining us on Tuesdays. **The challenge is with you!!**

**Operations:** We will continue to make changes to the efficiency of Tuesday's operations. In particular we must try and split the work load so that people are able to get a break during the day, especially as the number of sailors increase. This is also a key reason for the need for more volunteers. Additionally we need to make sure we support Bill Wade on the tarmac to ensure sailors are ready to get into the boats.

Primarily, we should all recognise that the Officer of the Day (O.O.D.—the guy with red jacket) has first and last say on operational issues.

**President**

## Special Points of Interest

- Volunteer Awards 7th Dec
- Break up Tues 11th Dec
- Start up Tues 22nd Jan.
- Committee Meeting: Date to be agreed
- Dories for Sale
- ASPAC Games

## CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

Sailors, Volunteers & Carers are invited to join us on Tuesday 11th Dec at 3.30pm for a Christmas Break Up Shindig.

Christmas is all about the coming together of family and friends

Come and have fun and lots of laughs.



Food and drink is supplied

*(All we ask is a small entry fee of \$2.00 per person)*

### SAFETY ISSUES

*We need to continue to be vigilant on safety in everything we do. Up to now our record has been very good. A couple of issues that need more careful control are :-*

- *Wheel chairs should not be left on the jetty whilst their owners are on the water.*
- *Every sailor going down to the boats must be accompanied by a volunteer or carer.*

*Should any person see an incident, have a concern on safety or indeed see a way we can improve please let Barry Lefevre or Terry know.*

### FOR SALE

We were given two Dorries, which we have trying to sell. At this time we have a price on them but they are not moving so we have reduce the price and will be happy to let them go for

**\$1000 each.**

They would be great for fishing or just mucking about on the Broadwater. Please try and help us move them as the cash would be more useful to the Association.

If you can find a way for us to sell them then lets us know??

### PAYNE OPERATIONS

Many thanks to **Phil Newsome** who has spent a great deal of time giving practical training to skippers and crew for the larger boats. Due to this we now have a good choice of people to man these boats and consequently we shall commence running a roster system to ensure every body gets a chance.

Part of the system will be that these crews will be responsible for getting the boats out and ready in the mornings and put away and cleaned at the end of the day.

We are looking for someone to be in charge of maintenance of these boats?

### VOLUNTEERS

Why not bring down a friend? So they can have put in to assist our sailor friends to enjoy the water.

who has kindly agreed to come back and visit us.

Following the presentations you and your partners are welcome to join us

Why not bring down a friend?

for a good old Aussie platter or two, as well as a few ales.

Please make an effort to be there with your partners.

### SAILABILITY RACING NEWS

Over the past year we have been very successful in the dinghy sailing events we have entered, with great wins and placing's by many of our entrants.

Special mention should be made of **Sonja** who has continued to take Gold Medals and become a real talent on the water!

*(Ok you racing people lets have your newsy items for this section as well as those of you on Salvos).*

**Results from Lennox Head**

#### 15th & 16th September 2001

**Div 1 :** Gary Fludder : Silver.  
**Div 2 :** Kevin Mowberry : Gold.  
Gerry Dyst : Silver.  
**Div 3 :** Peter McGee : Gold.

**Highest Score Greg Williams**  
**Kevin Mowberry had 6 wins from 6 races**

**Top Gun:** Barry Newton - Coates : Silver  
Kevin Garcia : Bronze.  
**Top Bird:** Dawn Blake : Gold  
Julie Dyst : Bronze

*A team with 5 dinghies will be going to Lake Coothrabra on the 1st & 2nd Dec.*

**Good Luck To You All**



**Some Recent Medal Winners**

#### **Breaking News**

**Southport Yacht Club have won the right to hold the 2002 AUSPAC Games**

**22nd - 29th September 2002**