



## Media Release from Moama Water Sports Club

28<sup>th</sup> September 2007

The Barrie Beehag Ski Race in its second year and hits the water of the Murray River on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The event is conducted by the Moama Water Sports Club in conjunction with the Perricoota Boat Club.

The race travels from Deep Creek Marina from 11am, after a briefing at the boat ramp at the Deep Creek Marina at 9am. The first 20 boats will leave at 1 minute intervals with the remaining 85 boats leaving at 30 second intervals. The boats travel the 30 kilometre course to Torrumbarry Weir. Once all the boats have been accounted for – the all clear is given for the boats to return to the Marina – a race distance of approximately 60 kilometres. The river is closed to other users from 6.30am to 6pm on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2007. This restriction is from Torrumbarry Weir to Fraser Road Boat Ramp.

Families competing together are what this event is all about. Barrie Beehag (who the race is named after) spent 30 years of his family's life travelling the countryside, competing at water ski racing events with his family and this event epitomises the family aspect of the sport.

There are over 50 families competing during this event. 41 families will compete together in the same boat for the event. The *Moist* crew is made of two sets of brothers – older brothers Ian & Keith are in the boat, towing Keith's son's Kent & Jordan. They have been competing together now for a number of years and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with playing and working together.

*Black Ice* is another one family team. Dad Greg is driving, Mum Jenny is observing for their daughters Kate & Tayla in the Juniors class.

There are at least then another 14 families that will be competing in different boats within the event. These family members could also be competing against each other.

Travis Cuff will be driving his family boat *Revenge* in the Juniors towing one son, Aiden. Whilst is other son Dylan will be skiing behind *The Drainer*. His wife Sue will be found on the judge's boat, assisting with the officiating of the event.

Paul Tannenburg will find it hard to watch his son Jarryd for whom he is observing for in *All Fired Up*, especially if the other son Dayne is gaining on them, whilst skiing behind *Cinders*.

There is no love lost in the Groves family when brothers Nick and Brad are on the water. They often compete against each other in the SMOC class at events all over the country. Brad drives his boat *Stalker Racing*, whilst Nick is skiing behind *Kaned It*. It is often a close tussle to see who wins, we will need to wait until Saturday afternoon to find out the winner of this brotherly competition.

Sharon Stratton will be biting her nails as she watches her sons Wade & Clinton compete against each other in Juniors and whilst also waiting for her daughter Zoe to finish behind *Grumpy Mongrel* in SMOC.

Wayne Duggan has been competing in water ski racing events around Victoria for over 25 years. He has often skied behind *Cinders* in many of these events. In the Barrie Beehag, he is skiing behind *Viscious Rumours* in the SMOC class *Cinders* now has a new owner, but the Duggan relationship with the boat continues. Son, Beau will be skiing behind *Cinders* in the Juniors class.

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Beside all the competitors that are on the water, we must not forget the support crews on the land, which are often made up of family members. These members provide back up as trailer crews, cart petrol around, mechanics or assist in a volunteer capacity in the running of the event or just looking after the smaller kids on the river bank. Water Ski Racing is not a sport which can be done alone and families make up many of the team competing.

Along with families competing in the event, families are encouraged to come along and watch the racing in a picnic type atmosphere. There is a gold coin donation to enter the Deep Creek Marina site to watch the racing. Catering is provided by the Apex Club of Echuca / Moama and there will be face painting, show bags and spray on tattoos available for the kids at Deep Creek.

At Torrumbarry Weir, the Gunbower Lions will be providing catering. There are many bends along the river to catch all of the action on the water, with a BBQ or picnic lunch – a great family day out. So make a day of it and come and watch the racing.

For further information regarding this event, you can visit the Southern 80 web page [www.southern80.com.au](http://www.southern80.com.au) and follow the links to the BB Ski Race Classic or phone the Moama Water Sports Club on 0354806754.

Please find following – Many of the families who are competing in the Barrie Beehag Ski Race.



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### **Families who are competing together in the same boat:**

Brothers Travis and Daniel Branson. Daniel will be driving *Mickey D* in the SMOC class whilst Travis will be one of the skiers.

Michael Brooks will be driving his boat *Jim Beam* and towing his son Mathew in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class.

Travis Cuff will be driving the family boat *Revenge* for son Aiden in the Juniors class, whilst other son Dylan will be skiing behind *The Drainer*, also in the Juniors class.

Max Wilkinson will be driving *Breakaway* in the 60mph class, whilst his partner Debbie Dunbabin will be observing.

The *Moist* crew competing in the 6 Litre class are all related. Brothers Keith and Ian are in the boat, whilst, Keith's son's Kent and Jordan will be doing the skiing.

Brothers David and John Egan are in the team from *Rumblin* in the 8 Litre class. David is driving, whilst John is skiing.

Peter Goodchild is observing in *Old Mate* in the 60mph class for his daughter Asha.

Greg Gunther is driving *Fastcash* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class whilst his son Michael is doing the skiing.

Peter Hally is driving *The Jury*, whilst his son Dale is skiing in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class.

Steven Hammond is driving *Korrupt* in Juniors, whilst his son Jackson is one of the skiers.

Dave Bishop is driving his boat *Spinal Tap* in Juniors with his partner Louise Mudgeway is in the observers seat and their daughter Tayla Stent doing the skiing.

Geoff Jochinke is driving *Smokin Injuin* for his daughter Elise in MOC.

Jamie Jones is driving *Sonic*, whilst his son Riley is one of the skiers in Juniors.

Tim Kelly is the observer in *The Witch* for his daughter Chelsea.

Toby Jordan is driving *High Voltage* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class whilst his brother Aaron is the observer and other brother Stewart is one of the skiers.

*Outlaw* in the 8 Litre class will see father and son Damian and Geoff Lewis in the boat.

John Macdermid will be driving *The Drainer* for his son Adam in the Juniors Class.

Jennifer Linaker will be observing for husband Dale who is skiing behind *The Jury* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class.

Ashley Mansfield will be driving *FSR* for son Kyle in SMOC whilst other son Chris will be skiing behind Elm Street in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class.



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Brothers Jonathon and Kane Masters will be driving and observing respectively in *Predator Racing* in the 6 Litre class.

The Newton family with dad Mark driving *Gangster* and son Matthew skiing are in the 8 Litre class.

Father Russell Nicholls is observing in *Bad Influence* whilst son Daniel is driving and daughter Kristy is skiing, whilst other son Craig is skiing behind *Evolution*.

Michael Nix is observing in *Gro-Up* whilst brother Adrian is skiing in the 6 Litre class.

Greg Plummer is driving *Pure Gold* in 6 Litre, whilst his son Blair is one of the skiers.

Father Gary Sadler is observing in *Strapp On* in the 2.5 Litre class, whilst his son Matthew is one of the skiers.

The Shipp family are all competing in the event. Dad Steve is driving for daughter Chloe in 60mph class, his son's girl friend Casey Parsons is the other skier – that is in *Clip On Racing*. Son Daniel is one of the skiers behind *Chief* and wife Vicki is skiing behind the family boat *Shipprek* in the MOC class.

The Senior brothers Rod and Colin are skiing behind *Kamikaze* in the 6 litre class.

Brothers Paul and Sean Savage are competing with their boat *Streaker Racing* in the 2.5 Litre class. Paul is driving, whilst Sean is skiing.

Father Andrew Stevenson is driving *Super Slak Racing* whilst son Dylan is one of the skiers in the 8 Litre class.

Michael Summers is driving *Riverdance*, whilst son Jason is one of the skiers in the 6 Litre class.

Paul Tannenberg is the observer in *All Fired Up* for son Jarryd, whilst other son Dayne is skiing behind *Cinders* in the Juniors class also.

Cameron Watson will be driving *Migraine* in the 6 Litre class, whilst son Shayne will be one of the skiers.

Leo Welch is the observer in *The Mistress* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class, and he will be observing for his sons Jai and Zac as they ski.

Phillip and Annette Woods are competing in their boat *Kane It Again* in the 2.5L class. Phillip is the driver, whilst Annette is the observer.

Gavin Woolman is observing for his son Lloyd in the Juniors Class with the boat *Ballistic*. Other son Peter will be skiing behind *Shady Ace*.

The Wright family are all competing together in the Juniors class with their boat *Black Ice*. Dad Greg is driving, Mum Jenny is observing for their daughters Kate & Tayla.

Husband and wife Cameron and Fiona Wymer are competing in the MOC class with the boat *Toecutter*. Fiona is skiing, whilst Cameron is observing. Cameron's brother Lachlan is observing in *Gangster* in the 8 Litre class.

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Wife Donna Aylmer will be driving *X Factor* for husband Brett Aylmer in the SMOC class.

Michael Coghlan will be observing in *Flamen Senile* in the SMOC class, for son Daniel. Whilst his other son Ben will be skiing behind *Simply Senile* in the 8 Litre class.

Justine James will be observing for her brother Shaun in *BL Marine* in the MOC class. Dad, Greg is observing in *Chief* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class.

Peter Jack is driving his boat *Grumpy Mongrel* in SMOC and his son Kerrin is observing.

### **Families competing, but not in the same boat:**

Greg Atkins will be driving his boat *Under the Hammer* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class, whilst his son Gerard will be skiing behind Petty Cash in the MOC class.

Brad Altham will be skiing behind *Kaned It* in SMOC and his partner Karen will be observing in *Stalker* in SMOC.

Stephen Boyer will be the observer in *Jim Beam Racing*, whilst his daughter will be skiing in the SMOC class behind *Hitman*. Stephen's brother Mark will be skiing behind *Synthetic* in the 6 litre class, whilst his daughter Maddison, will be skiing in the SMOC class behind *Still Crazy*.

Wayne Duggan will be skiing behind *Viscious Rumours* in the SMOC class, whilst sons Beau will be skiing behind *Cinders* in Juniors and Rhys will be skiing behind *Lumberjack* in 6 Litre.

Caron Easton will be skiing behind *Toecutter* in MOC, whilst son Jordan will be skiing behind *Sonic* in Juniors.

Chris Gelle is skiing behind *Hellrazor* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class, whilst his sister Suzie will be skiing behind *Breakaway* in the 60 mph class.

Brad Groves will be driving his boat *Stalker Racing* in SMOC, competing against his brother Nick who will be skiing behind *Kaned It*.

Andrew Hinterholz is skiing behind *Breakaway* in the 60mph class. His son Jacob is skiing behind *Korrupt* in Juniors and his daughter Tayla is also skiing in Juniors but behind *Spinal Tap*.

Ashleigh Hogben is skiing behind *Still Crazy* in SMOC, whilst her brother is skiing behind *Team SBR* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class.

Jeff Howard is observing in *Revenge* in the Juniors class, whilst his son Kane is skiing behind *Elm Street* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class.

Mark Johnson will be driving *Recovery's Reflection* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class, whilst is son will be skiing in Juniors behind *All Fired Up*.

Ben Pearse will be skiing behind *Revenge* in Juniors, whilst his sister Jessica will be skiing behind *Streaker Boats Racing* in the 2.5L class,

Wade Stratton will be skiing behind *Loose Unit* in the Juniors class, whilst his brother Clinton is also in Juniors but behind *Ballistic*. Sister Zoe is one of the skiers behind *Grumpy Mongrel*.

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Chris Taylor is skiing behind *Fastcash* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class, whilst his brother John is skiing behind *FSR* in SMOC.

Shaun Williams will be observing in *Illusion* in the Unlimited Inboard / Outboard class, whilst his brother Craig will be skiing behind *Bandit* in the 6 Litre class.