

It's a daggy day

DINGHY owners are being invited to take their boats to Franklin, south of Huonville, next Saturday with a proviso — the worse condition they are in the better.

“We are calling it ‘Daggy Dinghy Day’, ” said Living Boat Trust member and event co-ordinator Ros Barnett.

The idea had stemmed from a chat over a neighbour’s fence about a lovely but neglected clinker dinghy that had been upside down in his back yard for many years.

“I encouraged Robert [Archer] to bring the boat down to the LBT shed at Franklin for an assessment and advice on how — or whether — to restore it,” she said.

From that had grown an idea to invite other owners of old timber dinghies to bring their boats along as well.

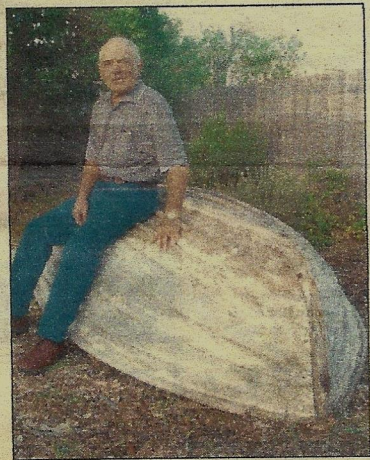
The aim was to possibly save some gems that at present lie at the bottom of gardens, in sheds, along river banks or dragged up on beaches.

There will be several experts on hand to make assessments and offer advice on possible restoration.

Barnett said there had also been inquiries from people interested in acquiring an old wooden dinghy.

Daggy Dinghy Day next Saturday would start at 9am at the LBT shed next to the Wooden Boat Building School and include a sausage sizzle and a bring-and-buy boats bits stall. As well, the Trust’s shed — where boats are being both restored and built — will be open and the fleet of Grebe dinghies available for hire on the river.

■ For more information ring Ros Barnett on 0448 316 618 or visit www.lbt.org.au



WORTH SAVING: Robert Archer with his dinghy due for some tender loving care.