

Bearing safety for the future

The next generation of bearing protection has arrived thanks to a Gold Coast manufacturer

ONE of the big maintenance problems when running any kind of trailer is wheel bearing break down.

Five years ago, a local commercial fisherman invented a system to protect the wheel bearings in boat trailers and other trailers, including caravans.

The result was the Durahub system. Andy Chan of Durahub said boat trailers were particularly at risk.

"Trailer wheel hubs generate tremendous heat under normal travelling conditions," he said.

"When a boat trailer is

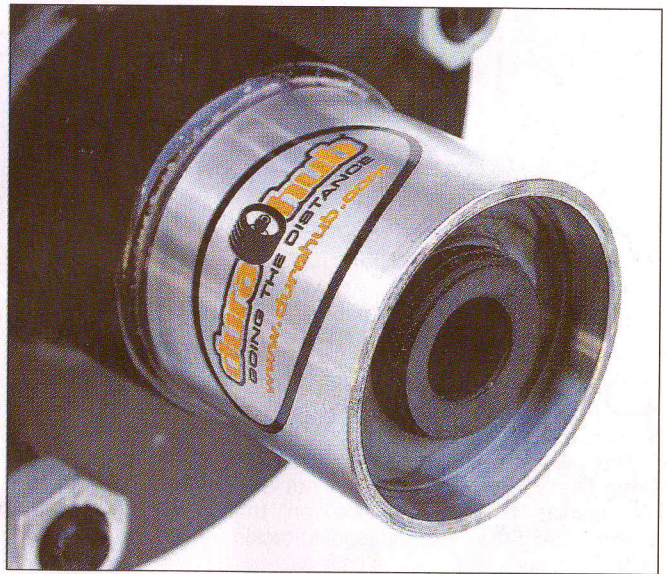
backed into the water to unload the boat, the wheel bearings become submerged and the hubs are suddenly cooled quickly. The air inside contracts and a vacuum is created.

"Water and dirt are sucked into the hubs through the rear inner seals and corrosion sets in immediately.

"From then it is only a matter of time before the wheel bearing is likely to fail."

Mr Chan said Durahub gave a high level of protection for the wheel bearings and made it easy to check lubrication levels.

"Oil is a much better



A new kind of wheel bearing

lubricant than grease, and running bearings in oil reduces drag, improves seal life and reduces fuel consumption when towing. What this does is protect the bearing from exposure to seawater and the damage it causes."

Mr Chan said Durahub had undergone four years of extensive testing before going onto the market in April this year.

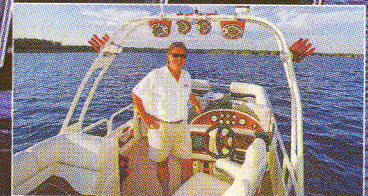
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