

Jenny's a positive for club



JENNY Heery admits she knew nothing of greyhound racing when five years ago she answered a call for the secretary position at the Townsville club.

“Phil Wode’s daughter Jennifer told me the job as secretary of the club was available and suggested I apply,” Jenny told *The Journal*.

It was back in December, 1999 and Jenny got the job. It was her first job for 11 years. She’d been busy becoming a mother before that. Morgan 15, Kristen 13, Luke 11 and Connor 8, certainly made sure of that.

Jenny spends 20 hours a week running the club’s office and admits her knowledge of greyhound racing has improved dramatically.

“I enjoy the position,” she said. “The job has its moments but the positives far outweigh the negatives.”

Jenny’s husband Jim is a supervisor with a local construction company and the entire family is involved in the Picnic Bay surf club.

“Peter Gage, the dog club’s video specialist, is the surf club’s publicity officer,” he said. “All our family competes.”

Jenny admits she is not ready to branch out and join the ranks of owners or trainers.

“It is one of the reasons I enjoy it, I’ve remained neutral in the racing side of the industry,” she said.

Greyhound racing in Townsville is better for Jenny Heery’s involvement.