



## AGENDA

### Commercial Vessel Advisory Group (CVAG)

<b>Date</b>	25/08/2020		
<b>Time</b>	2:00 - 5:00 pm		
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams – video conference		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Hendrik Clasie – GM Industry and Environment Section – NSW Maritime		
<b>Attendees</b>	Andrew Stirzaker Alan Steber David Hunter Harley Ogden Hayley Ablott Hendrik Clasie John Paton Michael Jarvin Phillip Pitt Richard Cordwell Richard Ford Rosemary Donley Sarah Joyce Shane Wilson Stephen Nichols Suzanne Davies Tatiana Nasoufi Nick Lester Simon Robards Simon Walter	AS AS DH HO HA HC JP MJ PP RC RF RD SJ SW SN SD TN NL SR SW	CVA Stebercraft TfNSW Maritime The Island Sydney TfNSW Maritime TfNSW Maritime Bravo Fishing Charters  Pacific Boating Sydney Harbour Attractions Bass and Flinders Cruises TfNSW CMS Sydney Coastal Council Group BIA TfNSW Maritime Marina Industry Association TfNSW Maritime Australian Cruise Group AMSA AMSA
<b>Apologies:</b>	Alex Barrell, Anthony Howarth, Bahram Abedi, Chris Doolin, Phillip Pitt, Tricia Beatty	AB AH BA CD PP TB	TfNSW Maritime Captain Cook Cruises TfNSW Maritime TfNSW Maritime Pacific Boating PFA

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1.	<b>Welcome – Apologies</b>  Apologies noted - Bahram Abedi, Alex Barrell, Philip Pitt, Anthony Haworth.	Hendrik Clasie
2.	<b>Review of minutes from previous meeting</b>  Minutes moved as accepted.	Hendrik Clasie/ All

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<p><b>3. Review of actions from previous meeting</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Re oily water discharge facility at White Bay - has not progressed further. A Rozelle facility is under consideration to replace the Blackwattle Bay pumpout station and a determination should be made by in the near future. Action remains pending based on feasibility of alternate site. <i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker</i> – request for this action item to remain front of mind and stresses the importance of having this facility made available.</li> <li>2. No response from the Department of Planning as of yet. Action remains pending. <i>Comment from Michael Jarvin</i> – move to update the action item to ask Maritime Property Advisory Group to update on action item 2 by way of presentation from Andrew Mogg to CVAG members. David Hunter and Hendrik Clasié to meet with Andrew Mogg. Supported by Andrew Stirzaker, Hendrik Clasié and David Hunter.</li> <li>3. The latest advice provided by Maritime Property Group is the lease is to be signed however no detailed infrastructure plan has been provided as of yet. Have not yet seen detailed infrastructure plan. Remains pending.</li> <li>4. Detail to be provided in more detail in item 8 – general business. <i>Comment from Richard Ford</i> – will this lease impact the ability for CV to use the third wharf or is this separate? <i>Response from Hendrik</i> – suspected the third wharf will not be impacted and will provide an update once further details are received. There is a commercial property approach that balances private industry proposals and public access without locking out all areas. It is noted main public accessibility is King St. <i>Comment from Michael Jarvin</i> – request noted to pass this upwards to Alex Barrell to ensure commercial vessels will still have access. Action item remains pending.</li> <li>5. Link to wharf upgrade program is publically available on Transport website <a href="https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/projects/ferry-wharf-upgrade-program.html">https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/projects/ferry-wharf-upgrade-program.html</a>. To note - Woolwich wharf is closed, scheduled to reopen October 2020. Kissing Point wharf closed in August for 5 month upgrade. North Sydney wharf upgrade 2021. Double Bay wharf to be upgraded with no timeframe provided. Kurraba wharf is closed for maintenance, scheduled to reopen 19 September. Of note, all dates are subject to change. Action item moved to close as completed.</li> <li>6. Introduction of Rosemary Donley, CMS - the new Manager Strategy and Policy. In regards to action item 6, issues have been raised in respect of the planning framework. No decisions have been made as of yet and the team are in discussions regarding the best way forward. Noted Rosemary is currently not in a position to provide an update at present and will provide one moving forwards. <i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker</i> – the frustration within industry is that</li> </ol>	Hendrik Clasié/ All

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<p>the study provides an important document to inform the importance of a working harbour and the issues arising from this. Andrew is calling for an interim release of the consolidated information. Reiterates the industry's frustration in not being able to cite the document which informs collaboration. Andrew requests the release of the document for public view. <i>Response from Rosemary</i> - Will take Andrew's comments on board and report back. Action remains pending.</p> <p>7. Addressed previously. As of today, staying on recreational vessels in accordance with legislation is as per usual. Item marked as complete.</p> <p>8. To note - Simon Walter now reports to the Vessel Operations Unit at AMSA. AMSA is finalising a webinar to go out to industry regarding the passenger safety campaign. This includes animations on changes to Marine Order 504. When approved for publishing, Simon will send to Tatiana to distribute for comment before public consultation. A Q&amp;A is also available on AMSA website.  <a href="https://www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operators/domestic-commercial-vessels/changes-passenger-safety-regulations-your-questions">https://www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operators/domestic-commercial-vessels/changes-passenger-safety-regulations-your-questions</a> Simon requests to raise any issues so this can be included on the website. <i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker</i> – haven't been able to allay Industry's fears however welcome the fact AMSA is moving forward with more industry education campaign and webinars. Appreciate all the engagement. Still concerns over operators having difficulty meeting letter of compliance under new 504 requirement. <i>Response from Hendrik Clasie</i> – need to look at how compliance will be monitored noting Marine Orders change periodically and will have opportunities to review. <i>Item is marked as completed.</i></p> <p>9. Decided on term "End of life vessels". Transport Maritime and CMS have been working to develop an issues paper which has been finalised and identifies the problem and its causes. Work is currently being carried out to develop an options paper. The options paper will look at identifying solutions to the problems. The aim is to come up with a preferred solution which may include a number of initiatives to be implemented to solve the problem. This issue is both nationwide and global. David Hunter met with Alan Steber and CMS on 9 June 2020 and outlined the project and Alan outlined solutions. The agreement is to remain in touch. <i>Comment from Alan Steber</i> – heavily involved with Neil Patchett and BIA. Will take some time but working with BIA. <i>Comment from Rosemary Donley</i> – the intention is to provide a formal briefing to CVAG regarding issues paper and what is included. Move to close action item. Complete.</p> <p><i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker</i> – request to record in minutes that industry has been given the opportunity to engage in relation to sewage pollution prevention certificates and discussions had with industry on development of scheme.</p>		
4. Member reports	CVA	Andrew Stirzaker

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	<p>General welcome to Suzanne Davies as an observer in the CVAG forum.</p> <p>Industry is “grim”. The industry is currently on life support with job keeper, rent relief and loan repayment support. Industry may need to work with social distancing over summer and there’s significant impact regarding the cancellation of major events. Serious concerns regarding the survival of businesses. Industry is reaching out to the Government to put in place policies to nurture industry through the Covid19 situation. Of note is the exemplary support from Alex Barrell, Hendrik Clasie and Maritime. Currently has an application on pause requiring an exemption for the 4 square metre rule. Reiterates how imperative it is to see extension of rent relief. Some operators continuing whale watching. There will be a realignment of how industry operates. Scheduled operators looking at bringing back product on weekends including restaurants targeted at local market. Need to look at policy pieces with TfNSW and AMSA regarding constraints and/or financial support to continue to operate.</p> <p><i>Hendrik Clasie</i> notes the impact on operations and activities due to Covid19.</p> <p><i>Comment from Richard Ford</i> – recognises industry has been reactionary. All access policies, provisions and rules have been developed in regards to what was and not what will be. This is an opportunity to look forward at what might be and have we got the right provisions in place to mandate how businesses return to work. We may need a complete shift in how all of industry works.</p> <p><i>Comment from David Hunter</i> – Transport Maritime would be happy to meet with industry to discuss.</p>	
	<p><b>BIA</b></p> <p>No slow down over winter in recreational boating.</p> <p>There is no international boat show this year which has had a significant impact on the market. Smaller shows are looking less likely. Unlikely to see boat shows until mid next year at best. Continue to promote meeting through social media - Promote Boating Australia, national boating week late September. Working with Government agencies for National Boating Week. There has been an increase in demand in regards to purchasing vessels.</p>	Shane Wilson

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	<p>Acknowledges support for commercial tenants through TfNSW for COVID Marina Rent Relief. Neil Patchett wishes to acknowledge Alex Barrell and David Hunter regarding the End of Life project.</p> <p>Hendrik Clasie recognises the challenge in translating Federal policy into State legislation regarding rent relief.</p>	
	<p><b>SCCG</b></p> <p>Represents 9 councils in the Sydney area.</p> <p>Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management program aims to improve waterway health in Sydney Harbour and Parramatta River, including ecosystem health and water health for public recreation. Focusing efforts on reducing stormwater discharge and increasing absorption into catchment areas and key management of street sweeping schedules largely managed by councils to reduce debris in the Harbour. 33 organisations on board including 21 councils.</p> <p>Raised as an issue of concern - Councils have raised concern regarding party boats on Sydney Harbour and broken glass bottles being washed up on beaches. Appear to be both DCV and private boats.  <i>Comment from Hendrik Clasie</i> – requests evidence supporting glass from specific vessels or recreational vessels. <i>Comment from Michael Jarvin</i> – suggests to contact access lines to collect evidence and to determine whether there has been an influx in these occurrences. Michael Jarvin requests to add to the next agenda to discuss.  <i>Comment from Hendrik Clasie</i>- requested further detail to follow up and address in regards to whether this is a perceived or actual issue. Notes there are a number of responsible operators who have systems in place.  <i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker</i> – raises concerns with the “party boat” lens the industry is seen through. Sought clarity on whether the complaints were specifically pertaining to glass and bottles on the foreshore. Sarah confirmed however the source is yet to be confirmed. Andrew</p>	Sarah Joyce

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	<p>suggests Sarah and SCCG participate in foreshore council meetings and the provision of facilities.</p> <p><i>Comment from David Hunter</i> – has been approached regarding the development of a marine cemetery in Rose Bay, Vaucluse and Manly. The idea is to use the deceased ashes in the creation of a cage-like structure and placed on the seabed approximately half a metre in diameter with the structure generating sea life on the seabed. This would take pressure off land cemeteries. David suggests this is an issue that can be resolved through the SCCG. Sarah Joyce responds that this is not a Council issue however it will impact on waterway health and the EPA and SCCG team will need to oversee. David and Sarah will discuss at their next meeting.</p> <p><i>Comment from Nick Lester</i> – have the reports been given a timeframe? Is this an issue that has been happening over time or is it related to border closures and recreational boating increase?</p> <p><i>Response from Sarah Joyce</i> -reports are recent however this issue has been raised in the past. Recognises valid point raised and will investigate further.</p>	
	<p><b>PFA</b></p> <p>Transport Maritime met with Tricia regarding lost containers from the APL England incident in June and what it means for fishermen and submerged containers. Ongoing action lead by AMSA undertaking a search to detect containers.</p> <p>Partnership between PFA and AMSA in promoting use and wear of inflatable lifejackets involving dialogue in videos and activating inflatable lifejackets. <i>Comment from Simon Robards</i> – finalising contract in searching for missing containers.</p>	<i>Hendrik presented an update on engagement with PFA.</i>
	<p><b>Charters – Passenger vessels</b></p> <p><i>Harley Ogden</i> – CVA and Syd Harbour Liquor Accord – moved to discuss in general business.</p> <p><b>Harley Ogden</b> - raised the lack of pump out at Blackwattle Bay and how it will look moving into summer season.</p>	Anthony Haworth Harley Ogden Richard Ford

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	<p><b>Richard Ford</b> – seeing slow return to ferry patronage. Sydney Ferries are operating around 13-15% on last year with slightly higher volume from Manly. Decrease in Sunday fun day. Parramatta wharves patronage increased in July. Expects to see more movement on the harbour as it begins to warm up. No sightseeing or leisure activity on passenger vessel charters. Whale watching may need to be discussed regarding social distancing requirements and how to manage over summer.</p> <p><i>Response from Hendrik Clasie</i> – have had discussions with whale watching operators reported in social media breaching social distancing. One operator is keen to share their actions and how they are managing distancing in outdoor and indoor spaces. Will share measures industry is using to keep community safe.</p> <p><b>Nick Lester</b> – international tourism charter space has a grim outlook with border closures. It is not looking like there will be any international tourism for another year. Anthony and Nick share concerns around the rental relief situation. Expecting the relief package will continue and has spoken with CI Australia on when discussion around Jobkeeper can take place and what can be done to support rental relief. Mentions event and restaurant industry overlay, which policy does each one comply with?</p>	
	<p><b>Boat Share - Pacific Boating</b></p> <p>Apology noted.</p>	Phillip Pitt
5.	<p><b>TfNSW CMS Update</b></p> <p>The next Maritime Safety Plan (MSP) is to be released for 2022 – 2026. Working on evidence, policy settings, priority safety issues, stakeholder engagement approach. CVAG will be engaged heavily during the development of the MSP. 69 Boating Now projects announced by the Minister on 24 July. 26 of the 69 projects in Sydney. Working with Maritime safety partners including Police and Marine Rescue. Looking at new initiatives around trends in weather data.</p>	Rosemary Donley
6.	<p><b>AMSA Update</b></p> <p>AMSA offices are open but not for public walk up. If needing to attend office, make a booking through AMSA Connect.</p> <p>Two publications published on AMSA website: Annual DCV incident report 2019 calendar year, can be found on</p>	

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<p>the AMSA website under news and community/ news and media releases. Link: <a href="http://www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operations/incident-reporting/domestic-commercial-vessel-annual-incident-report-january">www.amsa.gov.au/vessels-operations/incident-reporting/domestic-commercial-vessel-annual-incident-report-january</a></p> <p>National Compliance Plan 2021 financial year can be found on website. Link: <a href="http://www.amsa.gov.au/about/corporate-publications/national-compliance-plan-2020-2021">www.amsa.gov.au/about/corporate-publications/national-compliance-plan-2020-2021</a></p> <p>Draws attention to DCV inspection priority groups – P1-P4. 2200 inspections planned across the nation for 2021. 15% P1 Vessels, 10% P2, 7% P3, 5% P4. Cognisant of impact of Covid19 and industry sectors.</p> <p><i>Comment from Hendrik Clasie in regards to safety alerts – raises issues of fishing vessels, passive fin stabilisers and fires on board vessels. Subscribe to the below link to receive these alerts</i>  <a href="https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/newsletters/amsa-safety-alerts-2020">https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/newsletters/amsa-safety-alerts-2020</a></p> <p><b>John Paton</b> – the recent bad weather has had a significant impact as well as social distancing. There has been more interest in going fishing with more people engaging in recreational fishing. Restrictions are causing major implications on smaller boats. Have had success in grants program and received some relief for the business.</p> <p><b>Alan Steber</b> – raises proposal for export. Manufacturing onshore. The Pacific Islands want Australia to manufacture vessels in Australia and complete in their country. They are not interested in export. Request to submit a formal proposal to AMSA for export for partial boats. Suggesting export application form with no or minimum fee and issue UVI number and link to accredited surveyor to complete. SE Asia and Pacific Islands don't have funds. Defence boats support the idea. Support neighbouring Islands. Request for CVAG members to contact Alan to discuss proposal.</p> <p>Simon Robards will contact Alan Steber. See no issue facilitating for Pacific Islands.</p>	
<p>7. <b>TfNSW Maritime update</b></p>	<p><b>Operations</b></p> <p><i>Hendrik Clasie on behalf of Chris Doolin – no update regarding major aquatic events going ahead. NYE event under discussion with decision pending. Further information expected in September.</i></p> <p>Australia Day and Sydney to Hobart race remains TBA regarding whether it goes ahead.</p> <p><b>David Hunter</b> – 3 statewide compliance operations campaigns planned over boating</p>
	Chris Doolin



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<p>season commencing in October. The main theme is improving people's judgement eg weather being major contributor to fatalities in the last financial year. The campaign is focused on knowing sea and weather conditions and exercising better judgement. A media campaign is to be associated with these operations with a dormant campaign planned to be launched during a weather event.</p> <p>Local campaigns include north coast, south coast and Murray river with some in Sydney. RVAG is also feeling the impact of Covid19. Feedback from rec vessel members is the same – “grim”. Major event season closed. Ski Racing Australia closed for the season and won't be opening any events until January 2021 at the earliest. Peak bodies rely on revenue from membership fees and sponsorship which are on the decline. Murray river border patrol –Houseboat hire heavily impacted and require permits to enter NSW waters. There is currently construction work across the Murray river. Due to border closures, workers are finding it difficult to work and return due to delay in permits. The Murray Regional Tourism Board are working with TfNSW regarding an arrangement for houseboat owners to house workers and pay a fee to live on board the houseboat. Currently requesting approval from Police and Health to progress with the arrangement.</p> <p><b>Hendrik Clasie</b> - King St Wharf 3 maintenance contractors are working on facilities. As the boating season approaches, options for that wharf are being considered which will be confirmed once notice is received for the vacating of contractors. At this stage it appears to be that one side will be used as ad hoc booking with the other side to be leased out, pending advice. The decision will be made by October.</p> <p><i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker</i> – to note – there is a commercial vessel being berthed overnight at King St 3. Has there been a change in policy for this to occur? <i>Hendrik will take on notice and update with further advice.</i></p> <p><i>Comment from Richard Ford</i> – request to review usage of wharves around the area to maintain social distancing in busier periods.</p> <p><i>Response from Hendrik Clasie</i> – will pass comment to Chris Doolin in regards to reducing crowding in King St area.</p>	

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	<p><b>DCV Safety</b></p> <p>75 inspections, primarily class 2, 3 and 4 vessels. 9 sewage system reviews completed. Focusing on pollution and not safety aspect of inspections. Undertaking statewide campaigns focusing on pollution systems, data collection and education. Statewide campaign on safety, equipment, SMS documentation and requirements for incident reporting.</p> <p>Other projects – contributing to AS1799 and ABP review. Assisting Water Police on current investigation. Naval architect assisting David Hunter with mooring standards review. Bahram Abedi subject matter expert for upgrade of maritime training package for GPH certificates and training for Indigenous Trainees Program.</p> <p><i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker – recognises the value of inspection regime and surveys in regards to the proposal for pollution certificate. Requests an ongoing opportunity to see if there is another way of achieving the same outcome without having to go to the extent of receiving the certificate?</i></p> <p><i>Response from Steve Nichols – Federal and State level of Government legislation state certificates are to be issued.</i></p> <p><i>Response from Hendrik Clasie – to be further discussion after scheme is introduced. The certificate could be considered an acknowledgement or receipt of inspection. Will continue the dialogue and be clear on what the certificate document means.</i></p>	Steve Nichols
8.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>Check latest Covid19 safety document as the template continues to be updated.</p> <p><b>Whale watching industry</b> - proposing to work with CVA for industry briefing to share documents prepared by operator to increase knowledge and share ideas in regards to how to address Covid19 safe practices. Hendrik and Andrew will discuss and provide an update.</p> <p><b>OTSI report</b> - release of OTSI report in relation to fatality in February 2019 – release of gas from sewage system in confined space. Recommend industry review the report for education purposes.</p> <p><b>Harley Ogden on Sydney Harbour Liquor Accord meeting.</b> Initiative by Andrew Stirzaker and CVA. <i>Comment from Andrew</i></p>	

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<p><i>Stirzaker</i> – aware of social distancing on wharves. Parameters around commercial vessels and groups gathering. As coordinator of wharf booking system we need to get together to determine the restrictions around the wharf booking system. It is important for operators to know when wharves are being used due to the number of people gathering at any given time and to ensure social distancing is occurring. This issue has been requested to be discussed offline. The Liquor Accord is giving comfort that the industry is referencing these activities and concerns around social distancing provisions. Suggestion to put together a summer forum to discuss.</p> <p><i>Comment from Harley Ogden</i> – it was mentioned in the Liquor Accord meeting the suggestion for signage on wharfs or something that can be put in place before crowds increase.</p> <p><b>John Paton on weather</b> – the major problem with people not understanding what is going to happen regarding the weather is that they are unaware there is a difference between the coast and 60 miles seaward. John has been suggesting “near shore” waters out to 15nm and “offshore” out to 60nm and not just inshore and offshore. Could BOM issue near shore and offshore forecasts to clarify conditions?</p> <p><i>Response from David Hunter</i> – Rosemary and the team are engaging with BOM.</p> <p><b>John Paton on dredging in Gunnamatta Bay</b> - John has been approached by a commercial operation wanting to dredge Gunnamatta Bay in Port Hacking. The private contractor wants to take sand out of the channels and transporting the sand by barge to Port Kembla which is then to be taken ashore and washed and recycled for clean sand. The private contractor spoke to Andrew Mogg but the issue did not progress.</p> <p><i>Hendrik will seek advice from Andrew Mogg and MIDO team.</i></p> <p><i>Comment from Richard Ford</i> – Tweed river is an example of dredging and replenishing the local beaches with the sand rather than being recycled for infrastructure.</p>	
<p>8.1 COVID-19 update</p> <p>Continuing to work with industry through CVA and Department of Health regarding exemptions. Will continue asking questions around managing the pandemic and industry responsibilities.</p>	Hendrik Clasie
<p>8.2 Wharf Bookings Update</p> <p>Bulk bookings for October 2020 to April 2021 have been received and closed. Invoices have not yet been issued. Bookings have been loaded into the system as placeholders and operators will be contacted to determine the need of the booking and if it is not needed the booking will be released.</p> <p><i>Comment from Andrew Stirzaker</i> – in regards to the commuter wharf permit expiring in September, has there been any consideration to the fee structure regarding the Covid19 predicament?</p>	Hendrik Clasie

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	<p><i>Response from Hendrik Clasie</i> – Hendrik does not have the answer and is conscious of support being needed and will be provided where possible.</p> <p><i>Comment from Richard Ford</i> – policy needs discussion around refusal on renewal after not requiring bulk bookings.</p> <p><i>Hendrik will take on notice.</i></p>	
9.	<p><b>Next meeting</b> <b>Tuesday 24 November 2020</b></p>	

## Actions

Item number	Action	Status	Responsible / Revised due date
1	For the oily water discharge facility HC will report on status of a facility	Pending	Hendrik Clasie
2	Obtain update on where the consolidated SEP is up to and report back to Hendrik Clasie. <i>*Item amended to include - David Hunter and Hendrik Clasie to request Andrew Mogg present at the next CVAG meeting and provide an update from Maritime Property.</i>	Pending	Tatiana Nasoufi
3	HC to request update on status of Barangaroo proposal	Pending	Hendrik Clasie
4	TfNSW Maritime Ops to follow up on access to King St Wharf 3, provide update on current situation of KSW 3 and asset maintenance schedule for other wharves.	Pending	Chris Doolin
5	Hendrik to contact asset maintenance to seek advice on ability to share schedule of ferry wharves upgrade and confirm whether Double Bay is on the list	Complete	Hendrik Clasie
6	CMS update on status of Sydney Harbour Working Study	Pending	Rosemary Donley - CMS
7	Respond on current status of overnight stay on recreational vessels	Complete	Hendrik Clasie
8	Industry concerns for passenger monitor implementation as per amendments to Marine Order 504	Complete	Simon Robards
9	TfNSW Maritime to communicate with Alan Steber on proposed agenda item 'Boat end of lifecycle/ disposal'	Complete	David Hunter
10	Gunnamatta Bay dredging – Feedback from MIDO team	New	Hendrik Clasie