

## MINUTES

### RVAG Meeting No. 76

<b>Date</b>	12/06/2018		
<b>Time</b>	1700 - 1900		
<b>Venue</b>	Meeting Room 1A & 1B, RMS Maritime, 33 James Craig Rd, Rozelle.		
<b>A/Chairperson</b>	Lucas Taylor		
<b>Attendees</b>	Shane Wilson Mike Jarvin Glenn Evans Murray Clarke Peter Hunter Chris de Jong Malcolm Poole Greg Blackburne Phil Dulhunty Declan Brennan Peter Tate Adam Smith Hamid Eqbal Lucas Taylor David Hunter Nat McLean Andrew Mogg Alex Barrell Alan Barrett Todd Cunningham Chris Clarke Amie Wilson	SW MJ GE MC PH CdJ MP GB PD DB PT AS HE DH NM AM AM AB ABT TC CC AW	Boating Industry Association Boating Industry Association Marine Rescue NSW NSW Rowing Association Personal Watercraft representative Boat Owners Association of NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Scuba Clubs Association of NSW Seaplane Pilots Association Australian Sailing Paddle NSW Australian Boating College TfNSW Centre for Maritime Safety TfNSW Centre for Maritime Safety RMS Maritime Division RMS Maritime Division RMS Maritime Division RMS Maritime Division RMS Maritime Division RMS Maritime Division Marine Area Command Department of Primary Industries Department of Primary Industries
<b>Apologies:</b>	Neil Patchett Anthony Chen Matt du Plessis Michael O'Keefe Tony Hystek Peter Hunter Geoff Duvall	NP AC MDP MK TH PH GD	Centre for Maritime Safety Department of Primary Industries Surf Life Saving NSW Marine Area Command Paddle NSW PWC Representative Aust Power Boat Association

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1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b> The chair noted David Lyall's resignation from RVAG and thanked David for his extensive contribution to MAC, RVAG and the Pittwater User Group over many years. The Chair moved and GB seconded a motion to send a letter of appreciation to DL.	Chair

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2.	<p><b>Review of minutes from previous meeting</b> Minutes were approved.</p>	Chair
3.	<p><b>Review of actions from previous meeting – 27 Mar 2018</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paddle Access Points Discuss soft access points with Paddle NSW to integrate into the Boater Map and provide further info to Paddle NSW to improve their app. Request Paddle NSW to share data to inform the new boating companion apps. <b>NM – Ongoing.</b></li> <li>2. 2017-18 Observational Study Circulate Summary. Closed.</li> <li>3. RMS interstate boating compliance data Circulate to RVAG. Closed</li> <li>4. ANZSBEG Meeting Minutes Request permission to circulate to RVAG. NP ongoing.</li> <li>5. Sydney International Boat Show 2017 Review Circulate to RVAG. Closed</li> <li>6. RMS Registered training providers Provide an update to RVAG. RTO model was reviewed and updated. <b>DH Ongoing.</b></li> <li>7. Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Coroners Report Circulate to RVAG. Closed</li> <li>8. Regional Boating Advisory Group's (RBAG) Provide Chairpersons summary reports to RVAG. NM advised that RBAGS are ongoing, and Narooma RBAG has been established. <b>DH Ongoing.</b></li> <li>9. MRNSW Operational Areas Provide current list to RVAG. <b>GE Ongoing.</b></li> <li>10. Broken Bay RBAG Provide an update of Broken Bay RBAG status. <b>NM Ongoing.</b></li> <li>11. Dive Safe Strategy Liaise with GB to review the current strategy. <b>NP Ongoing.</b></li> <li>12. Maritime Advisory Council Provide an update on maritime planning, and the investment strategy. Closed.</li> <li>13. Maritime Enhanced Enforcement Program (MEEP) Provide an update to RVAG. Closed.</li> <li>14. Member Report Present updates on progress of MSP Implementation Plan. Closed.</li> <li>15. Member Report Advise if Spot-Lock (dynamic positioning technology for recreational vessels) can be used in lieu of an anchoring system in lower-risk conditions. HE advised that the RMS technology Working Group determined that the Spot-Lock and similar dynamic positioning systems are more closely aligned to auto-pilot systems, than anchors. Therefore exemptions or concessions for a Master's responsibility</li> </ol>	Chair

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<p>when operating the vessel (similar to anchoring situations) are not applicable. Closed.</p> <p>16. Member Report Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office to present at next RVAG meeting. AM presented to RVAG and provided an overview of the office's functions. Closed</p> <p>17. Member Report Provide 2018-2019 RVAG meeting schedule. Closed.</p> <p>18. Member Report Change format of future RVAG meetings by commencing all meetings with member papers. Closed.</p> <p>19. Member Report Document specific proposed activity details, estimated numbers of proponents, range of travels, and evidence supporting a proposal for limited PWC use at night and send to the Chair. <b>PH to present at the next RVAG meeting.</b></p> <p>20. Member Report Investigate concerns regarding new emerald class vessels travelling at high speed and demanding right of way over less manoeuvrable powered vessels. <b>NP ongoing.</b></p> <p>21. Member Report Forward all of your state and national event details to the Chair to develop a uniform planning calendar. <b>All RVAG members, ongoing.</b></p> <p>22. Member Report Present strategy for relocating vessels affected by the new bridge at Batemans Bay. Closed, addressed in Agenda item 4.</p>	
<p><b>4. Facilities for vessels affected by new Batemans Bay Bridge</b> CDJ requested RMS to confirm that facilities will be in place for boaters arriving in BB to safely moor and go into town prior to the bridge being constructed.</p> <p>NM advised that engineers determined that it was too risky to maintain an openable bridge. The T-Wharf will be upgraded for suitability for short-term vessels to pick up and set down passengers and the marina upgraded accordingly. CDJ advised that the upgrades are too exposed to weather events.</p> <p><b>ACTION NM: Provide advice regarding the implementation schedule of the new facilities.</b></p>	CDJ
<p><b>5. Eden and Shell Cove Marina update</b></p> <p>The Department of Industry is planning to commence construction on the Eden wave attenuator in early 2019.</p> <p>Shell Cove is also planned to be flooded in early 2019.</p> <p>The overarching strategy is to provide a suite of safe havens along the NSW coast.</p>	CDJ

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<p><b>6. Middle Harbour and Hawkesbury User Groups/RBAGS</b>  Pittwater User RBAGS planned  Lower and Upper Hawkesbury RBAGS planned  <b>ACTION NM:</b> Forward RBAG nomination as they become available details to NP for RVAG circulation.  MJ recommended that all RVAG members attend RBAG meetings.  <b>ACTION RVAG:</b> Provide feedback on RBAG governance improvements to NP.  DH suggested that associated memberships could be trialled on RBAGS for succession planning.</p>	CDJ
<p><b>7. Orange Diamonds on Emerald Class Ferries</b>  AB advised that RMS are working with stakeholders and Harbour City Ferries to consider removal of the orange diamond exemption from the Emerald Class ferries. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p>	CDJ
<p><b>8. AMSA Exemption 27</b>  MJ advised that marinas need incremental increase of business and this is just another way to introduce boating to a wider proportion of the population by increasing accessibility.</p>	SW
<p><b>9. RMS licence system updates of deceased persons</b>  DH advised that RMS are working to establish a link with Births, Deaths and Marriages to amend records accordingly. This link is operational with RMS roads. DH advised that this has a flow-on affect with mooring licences.</p>	SW
<p><b>10. Murray River Wakeboarding Ban</b>  DH advised that following consultation progress in 2017 RMS prepared a final submissions report describing the engagement rationale and itemised comprehensive replies to the key responses. RMS is currently conducting further consultation with locals, and the industries to find the right balance.</p>	SW
<p><b>11. Hawkesbury Canoe Classic Start Times</b>  To be discussed offline.</p>	PT
<p><b>12. RMS Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office</b>  Collaborating with Crown Lands and DPI to reduce stakeholder confusion and bureaucracy. From 1 July staff at Crown Lands will report to MIDO as a trial. Legislation change may be required to Improve delivery of existing programs of RMS and Crown Lands such as Boating Now, and coastal infrastructure. Currently developing a comms and remit promotion package for stakeholders. MIDO will engage with all stakeholder groups over the next several months.  AM advised that emergency funding has been awarded for Ettalong. MIDO is working with TfNSW to develop a new strategy for transport infrastructure to go to Government to request funding. DB suggested MIDO work with the Office of Sport to increase soft and hard access to waterways. DB advised that watersport clubs face difficulties in dealing with Crown lands to increase storage and capability.  MP advised that stakeholders he represents had experienced extensive difficulties in dealing with Crown Lands and RMS regarding</p>	AM

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<p>the Recreational Fishing Trust Fund licencing difficulties in dealing with Crown Lands and RMS to rehabilitate coastal areas. MIDO needs to be sensitive to</p> <p>MIDO is offering a one off grant to local councils to fix boating facilities and engaging with councils to establish a reasonable framework for boating facility maintenance program schedule and funding.</p> <p>MJ asked AM to circulate the letter RMS sent to councils to expedite the process through RVAG members own council networks.</p> <p><b>ACTION AM:</b> Circulate RMS letter to councils to RVAG.</p> <p><b>ACTION NM:</b> Liaise with AM, MJ and BIA to enable a standardised assessment of each Sydney Harbour boat ramp with identified users to ensure that user priorities and subject matter expertise is effectively communicated to RMS project managers ensuring fit-for-purpose infrastructure.</p>	
<p><b>13.</b> <b>RMS Mooring Reform Program Implementation</b> Intent is to manage mooring resources, access and environmental performance more effectively. A suite of draft initiatives has been developed, with 8 being considered for trial. MP suggested that RMS should consider the impacts of boating on the environment and work out a remediation strategy to offset the damage done by vessel moorings.</p>	ABT
<p><b>14.</b> <b>NSW Police Marine Area Command Boating Season Summary</b> From Tweed heads to Eden and several inland waterways. Dec 2017 – April 2018 MET team deployed to target hotspots identified from the prior year's data. 5839 RBT, 286 MDT, 316 BIN, 448 Formal Warnings.</p> <p>No recent PWC confiscations so the message is getting out that anti-social and hoon behaviour will not be tolerated.</p> <p>MJ advised that BIA has formed a liquor accord and TC confirmed that MAC is working with BIA.</p> <p>DH advised that a marina upgrade is planned for the San Souci shared maritime base.</p> <p>MJ advised that the Food Authority is not providing officers for joint on-water operations that understand the differences between land and water.</p>	TC
<p><b>15.</b> <b>Maritime Safety Plan 2021</b> NSW Health hospital data is now being integrated into the Maritime serious injury and incident data and it is anticipated that the figures will increase as the issue of under reporting is minimised through more effective reporting.</p>	Chair
<p><b>16.</b> <b>RMS Update</b> Working out the strategies and KPI's for the next 12 months. 3 working groups have been established. An evidence-based approach is applied to all actions.</p>	RMS

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<p>RMS are developing SME social media content relating to bar crossings that are sensitive to boaters with a non-English speaking background.</p> <p>May compliance figures:  2600 BSO Vessel safety inspections  3300 BEO engagements  182 PWC safety checks  109 Commercial vessel safety checks  BEO BOSN2 application is being tested, with the BSO version due soon.</p> <p>MAC and the Federal Police will also have access to BOSN2. MJ advised stakeholders have advised him that BOSN2 is delivering a positive outcome that is delivering great outcomes for boaters.</p> <p>YM Efficiency Incident Update:  Today is Day 12 of the operation.  There are around 200 people involved with the majority contractors. The forward base is at Port Stephens and MES is on location participating with 750m3 of pollution collected to date.  No reported vessel strikes.</p> <p><b>ACTION RVAG: Feedback is requested on how this incident was handled, and ideas for improvements appreciated.</b></p>	
<p><b>17. AMSA Full Service Delivery</b>  AB advised that the transition is planned for 1 July 2018. RMS will transition to a new operating model with planned compliance and enforcement activity on AMSA's behalf. An update will be provided at the next meeting.  <b>ACTION AB: Present on transition to new model at next meeting.</b></p>	Chair
<p><b>18. Other Business</b>  MJ requested an update on the Boating Companion App, LT advised that following a TfNSW PitchFest several ideas are being worked on to provide mobile technology applications to inform boaters.  MJ advised that Western Australia is developing a boater profile to inform safety communication strategies.  <b>ACTION: Boating Companion is a standing agenda item.</b></p>	ALL
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	11 September 18



	<b>12 June RVAG Meeting Action Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Responsible / Due Date</b>
1.	Discuss soft access points with Paddle NSW to integrate into the Boater Map and provide further info to Paddle NSW to improve their app. Request Paddle NSW to share data to inform the new boating companion apps.		NM
2.	Provide an RTO update to RVAG.		DH
3.	Provide RBAG Chairpersons summary reports to RVAG.		DH
4.	Provide current list of Marine Rescue operational areas to RVAG.		GE
5.	Provide an update of Broken Bay RBAG status.		NM
6.	Liaise with GB to review the current dive safe strategy	<b>In progress</b>	Chair
7.	Document specific proposed activity details, estimated numbers of proponents, range of travels, and evidence supporting a proposal for limited PWC use at night and send to the Chair.		PH
8.	Investigate concerns regarding new Emerald class vessels (ferries) travelling at high speed and demanding right of way over less manoeuvrable powered vessels.		NM
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	infrastructure.		
<b>14.</b>	Present on transition to new AMSA National System model at next meeting.		AB
<b>15.</b>	Boating Companion update.		NP