



MINUTES

RVAG Meeting No. 77

Date	11/09/2018		
Time	1700 - 1945		
Venue	Meeting Room 1A & 1B, RMS Maritime, 33 James Craig Rd, Rozelle.		
Chairperson	Neil Patchett		
Attendees	Chris de Jong Geoff Duval Glenn Evans Malcolm Poole Murray Clarke Phil Dulhunty Shane Wilson Tony Hystek Adam Smith Mike Jarvin Alan Barrett Chris Twine Amie Wilson Rachel Thomas Chris Doolin	CJ GD GE MP MC PD SW TH AS MJ AB CT AW RT CD	Boat Owners Assoc. Aust Power Boat Assoc. Marine Rescue NSW RFA NSW NSW Rowing Assoc. Seaplane Pilots Assoc. BIA Paddle NSW ABC BIA RMS SLSNSW DPI CMS RMS
Apologies:	David Hunter Natalie McLean Matt du Plessis Alex Barrell Anthony Chen Dan Riley Jack Hannan Maria Bikou Peter Hunter Anthony Chen Carl Webster Greg Blackburne Andrew Mogg	DH NM MdP AB AC DR JH MB PH AC CW GB AM	RMS RMS SLS NSW RMS DPI TfNSW CMS CMS PWC rider rep. DPI Australian Sailing Scuba Clubs Association of NSW RMS

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1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>NP welcomed all, acknowledged Aboriginal people and noted apologies and that several RMS members were absent due to a regional conference.</p> <p>Disappointment was expressed by MJ that some members were not in attendance and updates on outstanding actions not available for the meeting.</p>	Chair

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	ACTION: NP to raise with RMS the issue of attendance and the need for papers, esp when members are absent, provided on significant issues to ensure the group is updated.		
2.	<p>Review of minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>NP amendments agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda item 12 – remove sentence “sensitive to” (completed) Agenda item 13 – take out work “implementation” (completed) <p>SW requested update on agenda 10; Murray River wakeboarding ban.</p> <p>ACTION: DH to circulate update within 2 weeks.</p> <p>SW requested update on agenda item 12; Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office.</p> <p>ACTION: AM to provide paper update at next meeting.</p> <p>SW asked for update on agenda item 7; orange diamonds on Emerald class ferries.</p> <p>ACTION: NM to confirm when RMS removes the exemption.</p> <p>It was noted that the issue of wash from Emerald ferry was being addressed through MPAG and MAC.</p>	Chair	
3.	Review of actions from previous meeting – 12 June 2018	Chair	
3.1	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.	Carried to next meeting	NM
3.2	Provide an RTO update to RVAG.	Carried to next meeting	DH
3.3	Provide RBAG Chairpersons summary reports to RVAG.	Carried to next meeting	DH
3.4	<p>Provide current list of Marine Rescue NSW operational areas to RVAG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available on website: https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/find-a-unit/all-regions Further discussion occurred on use of licence levy funding and the benefit to licence payers and radio communications (27 MG, HF and VHF). <p>ACTION: GE to present paper on key operational activity statistics.</p> <p>ACTION: RMS to deliver an education campaign on radio</p>	Further actions to be addressed at next meeting.	GE

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	<p>usage esp. promote VHF noting limitations of mobile and 27meg</p> <p>ACTION: NP to raise barriers (cost and licence requirements) to use of VHF radios at ARBSC</p>		
3.5	<p>Provide an update of Broken Bay RBAG status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CD – to be discussed with user groups. Proposing 2 new RBAGs. New MO in October. <p>ACTION: CD to look into the issue of the status of RMS and the Middle Harbour user groups.</p>	Completed	NM
3.6	<p>Liaise with GB to review the current dive safe strategy</p>	In progress	Chair
3.7	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TfNSW communications campaign and Maritime Enhanced Enforcement Program is having a positive impact (NP). CD – 1st/2nd Dec there will be compliance campaign in Botany Bay, George River & Port Hacking. 	Carried to next meeting	PH
3.8	<p>Investigate concerns regarding new Emerald class vessels (ferries) travelling at high speed and demanding right of way over less manoeuvrable powered vessels. MJ asked how did this exemption occur in the first place?. CD said it was not considered a major issue and it has been appropriately reviewed and a determination made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMS MEMO to remove exemption is signed/about to be signed. To be circulated to group. 	Closed	NM
3.9	<p>Forward all of your state and national event details to the Chair to develop a uniform planning calendar</p>	Ongoing	RVAG (All)
3.10	<p>Present strategy for relocating vessels affected by the new bridge at Batemans Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intent is to move affected mooring holders (CD). CdJ raised concern over lack of safe moorings. <p>ACTION: RMS to develop a communications and engagement plan in Batemans Bay for those affected.</p>	Ongoing	NM
3.11	<p>Forward RBAG member list as they become available or updated to Chair for RVAG circulation.</p>	Carried to next meeting	DH
3.12	<p>Provide feedback on RBAG governance improvements to Chair.</p> <p>ACTION: DH to circulate governance (e.g., ToR and strategic configuration) documents to RVAG members.</p>	Carried to next meeting.	RVAG (All)
3.13	<p>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</p>	Carried to next meeting	AM

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	infrastructure.		
3.14	<p>Present on transition to new AMSA National System model at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NP provided a high level overview of transition. <p>ACTION: NP to forward contact details for Simon Robards and Michael Drake to RVAG.</p>	Closed	AB
3.15	<p>Boating Companion update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by NP. <p>ACTION: Circulate presentation and contact details for app to members.</p> <p>ACTION: add stats on number of monthly downloads of each app as a regular standing item of RVAG.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to provide further information to RVAG on the privacy and data mining potential within both apps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from SW that password too complicated for Boatable. 	Ongoing	NP
4.	<p>TfNSW Reports</p> <p>Papers noted.</p> <p>ACTION: circulate lifejacket guidance note with minutes</p> <p>ACTION: RMS to consider the provision of licence and registration data by postcode or LGA areas.</p>	Chair	
5.	<p>RMS Reports</p> <p>Papers noted. CD provided verbal update on upcoming activity for the start of summer boating season, an increase in noise complaints in Sydney Harbour. A verbal update was also provided on Boating Now projects.</p> <p>ACTION: DH to circulate annual RMS education and compliance program by 24th September</p>	RMS	
6.	<p>MSP</p> <p>Paper and update noted.</p>	Chair	
7.	<p>Member reports / issues</p> <p>PD – provided a verbal update on seaplanes and circulated a brochure.</p> <p>MP -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed group of Victorian infrastructure upgrades. Requested information on future of Boating Now – NP informed that TfNSW is working on a new infrastructure 	All	

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<p>strategy for the State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested update on Old4New program. NP advised that 5th year completed, future currently being discussed with RMS. • Expressed concern about North Sydney Council reducing boat parking in Tunggs park, poor maintenance of ramps, need for dredging, tower point resilitation, Terrigal and Norah Head and Anzac bridge boat ramp. <p>ACTION: AM to update at next meeting.</p> <p>CdJ</p> <p>ACTION: AM to update status of Brisbane Water and dredging in Port Stephens (reducing business for Oyster Farms) at next meeting.</p> <p>MJ – raised the issue of why a photo is not applied to the digital PWC licence.</p> <p>ACTION: RMS to update RVAG on the provision of a photo on the digital PWC licence (Ann Waddington).</p> <p>TH – Raised the issue of disused and or abandoned oyster leases and the hazard presented.</p> <p>ACTION: AW to discuss with TH problems caused with disused oyster leases and potential measures to better mark or remove them.</p> <p>CT – Mentioned the National Coastal Safety Report 2018 (https://issuu.com/surflifesavingaustralia/docs/ncsr-2018) was due for release the next day. NP congratulated SLS for its collaborative approach with Royal Life Saving Australia in coordinating the launch of their respective national drowning reports. The RLSA report is at https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/facts-and-figures/research-and-reports/drowning-reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information attached for information of the group <p>GD -</p> <p>ACTION: circulate upcoming events for the information of the group.</p> <p>SW – Reported that the Sydney International Boat Show went well with strong attendance figures of around 50,000 and also robust sales activity. SW stated his Boat Licence was now costing more than a Drivers Licence and expressed concern.</p> <p>AS – Reported ABC was preparing to run a new personal watercraft course.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to provide contact details of PH to AS for possible PWC videos</p> <p>ACTION: RMS to provide update at next meeting on the accreditation process for RTP in NSW.</p>	

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8.	<p>Sydney Working Harbour Study</p> <p>NP – Provided a high level overview of the study which has yet to begin but would engage RVAG members.</p>	Chair
9.	<p>Other business</p> <p>NP - Provided a verbal summary of the latest results of the TfNSW Observational Lifejacket Study with the overall wear rate at 43 per cent. It appeared that the overall wear rate had stabilised at around 43-44 per cent following strong growth over 10 years. It was noted that the overall wear rate was across all activity of observations regardless of whether lifejackets were mandated or not. For this reason, the study may be paused until the 2020-21 season to synchronise with the final year of the current Maritime Safety Plan.</p> <p>NP – Provided an update of the Marine Estate Management Authority and draft plans for a Marine Park. It was noted that CMS hosted a MEMA briefing for stakeholders the previous week at which DPI provided a detailed update. NP encouraged, supported by AW, all members to take time to consider the draft plan out for comment and to provide feedback via the formal channels to MEMA by the deadline of 27 September. NP said CMS was to coordinate a response to the draft plan on behalf of the Transport for NSW maritime cluster.</p> <p>ACTION: TfNSW to circulate a summary of the observational lifejacket study to members.</p> <p>ACTION: TfNSW MEMA presentation and information to be circulated to RVAG members.</p>	All
10.	Next Meeting Tuesday 13 November 2018	Chair

	11 September RVAG Meeting Action Summary	Status	Responsible/ Due Date
1	NP to raise the issue of attendance with RMS and the need for papers provided on significant issues to ensure the group is updated.	Completed	NP 25 th September
2	Provide an update on Murray River wakeboarding ban.	To provide verbal update	DH 11 th November
3	Provide paper on Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office.	Completed	AM 13 th November
4	Confirm when RMS removes the orange diamond exemption.		NM 13 th November
5	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 13 th November
7	Provide RBAG Chair summary reports to RVAG.		NM 13 th November
8	Forward RBAG member list as they become available or are updated		NM 13 th November
9	Provide RBAG governance documents (e.g. ToR and strategic configuration) to RVAG members. https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/maritime/usingwaterways/regional-boating-advisory-group-terms-of-reference.pdf	Completed	NM 21 st September
10	Provide feedback on RBAG governance improvements to Chair.	Completed	RVAG (All) 13 th November
11	Present paper on key operational activity statistics of Marine Rescue.		GE 13 th November
12	Deliver an education campaign on radio usage esp. promoting VHF and noting limitations of mobile and 27 meg.		HC 13 th November
13	Raise the barriers (cost and licence requirements) to the use of VHF radios to ARBSC	Completed	NP 13 November
14	CD to look into the issue of the status of RMS and the Middle Harbour user groups.		CD 13 th November
15	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 13 th November
16	Forward all of your state and national event details to the Chair to develop a uniform planning calendar. - Circulate upcoming Power Boat events for the information of the group.		RVAG (All) - GD
17	Develop an engagement plan in Batemans Bay for those affected and those visiting.		NM 13 th November
18	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. Note: Sydney Harbour councils have not accepted RMS's invitation to provide funding assistance to help establish a maintenance plan for their boat ramps.	Closed	AM 13 th November
19	Forward contact details for Simon Roberts and Michael Drake to RVAG.	Completed	NP 18 th September

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20	Circulate presentation and contact details for the new boating apps to members.	Completed	NP 18 th September	
21	Add stats on number of monthly downloads of each app as a regular standing item of RVAG.	In Progress	NP 13 th November	
22	Provide further information to RVAG on the privacy and data mining potential within both apps	Completed	NP 13 th November	
23	Circulate lifejacket guidance note with minutes.	Completed	NP 18 th September	
24	Provide licence and registration data by postcode or LGA areas for future meetings	Completed	DH 13 th November	
25	Provide explanation for boat licence costing more than driving licence	Completed	DH 13 th November	
26	Circulate the annual RMS education and compliance program to members	Completed	DH 24 th September	
27	Provide an update re status of Brisbane Water and dredging in Port Stephens at next meeting.		AM 13 th November	
28	Update the provision of a photo on the digital PWC licence.	Completed	DH 13 th November	
29	AW to discuss with TH problems caused with disused oyster leases and potential measures to better mark or remove them.		AW and TH 13 th November	
30	Provide contact details of PH to AS for possible PWC videos	Completed	NP 18 th September	
31	Provide update at next meeting on accreditation of RTP.	Completed	DH 13 th November	
32	Summary of TfNSW observational lifejacket study to be circulated.	Completed	NP 13 th November	
33	MEMA presentation and information to be circulated to RVAG members.	Completed	NP 18 th September	
34	Thank you letter to David Lyall	Completed	NP 13 th November	