

MINUTES

RVAG Meeting No. 78

Date	13/11/2018		
Time	1700 - 1945		
Venue	Meeting Room 1A & 1B, RMS Maritime, 33 James Craig Rd, Rozelle.		
Chairperson	Neil Patchett		
Attendees	David Hunter Geoff Duval Natalie McLean Adam Smith Alex Barrell Chris de Jong Mike Jarvin Glenn Evans Malcolm Poole Adam Smith Tony Hystek Shane Wilson Murray Clarke Peter Hunter Amie Wilson Maria Bikou	DH GD NM AS AB CJ MJ GE MP AS TH SW MC PH AW MB	RMS Aust Power Boat Assoc. RMS ABC RMS Boat Owners Assoc. BIA Marine Rescue NSW RFA NSW ABC Boating Paddle NSW BIA NSW Rowing Assoc. PWC rider rep. DPI Secretariat
Apologies:	Matt du Plessis Anthony Chen Phil Dulhunty Carl Webster Greg Blackburne Andrew Mogg	MdP AC PD CW GB AM	SLS NSW DPI Seaplane Pilots Assoc. 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.</p>	Chair
2.	<p>Review of minutes from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RVAG accepted the meeting minutes 11 September 2018 	All

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<p>3. Review of actions from previous meeting – 11 September 2018</p> <p><u>Update on RVAG Action items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action items</u> -1, 3, 9, 10, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 (completed) • <u>Action item 2</u> - Update on Murray River wakeboarding ban – (DH) (verbal update provided) (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restrictions placed on the Murray River would have an impact on industry, tourism and the regional economy of the area between Corowa and Mulwala NSW. ○ Restrictions won't be imposed this boating season. ○ Public messaging will be out in the next couple of weeks explaining the same. ○ RMS will continue to gather evidence (taking measurements and collection of data). ○ The Maritime Advisory Council (MAC) will be given a status brief on the issue. ○ The Minister is up to date on the issue. ○ No further action required. • <u>Action item 4</u> - Confirm when RMS removes the orange diamond exemption (NM). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The issue is resolved from the Operational Compliance perspective. ○ Memo is with the Executive Director Maritime for sign off. ○ AB to confirm whether the Orange Diamond exemption has been removed. <p>ACTION: AB to provide RVAG an update on the removal of the Orange Diamond exemption (out of session).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 5</u> - To provide soft access points with Paddle NSW to integrate into the Boater Map to improve their app (NM). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NM would like to meet with Paddle NSW to work on safety, environment and access with the industry/user groups. ○ TH to organise meeting with RMS Operation Compliance and Paddle NSW industry members to devise a strategy. <p>ACTION: TH to set up a meeting after Christmas with several key stakeholders to discuss issues surrounding stand up paddle boarding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data for boating companion apps has not been provided <p>ACTION: CMS to provide contact details to RVAG for app developers Deckee and Boatable (as launched at Sydney International Boat show)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 7</u> - Provide RBAG Chair summary reports to RVAG (NM). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NM provided MB summary reports for circulation ○ MB to package summary reports and circulate with 	

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<p style="text-align: center;">minutes of this meeting</p> <p>ACTION: MB to circulate RBAG summary reports to RVAG members with minutes from this meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 8</u> - Forward RBAG member list as the list becomes available or is updated (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RBAG members requested their details remain private. ○ Summary of minutes will continue to be shared with members of RVAG. ○ NM to provide CdJ contact names for representation of RBAG meetings. ○ No further action required. <p>ACTION: NM to provide CdJ point of contact for RBAG meetings. (completed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 11</u> - Present paper on key operational activity statistics of Marine Rescue (Glenn Evans). (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MRNSW statistics and Annual Report are available on the website ○ CMS is receiving updated incident data from MRNSW. ○ Data received by MRNSW is pooled together with data received from RMS Eagle, NSW Health, Port Authority NSW and NSW Police data. ○ The analysis of data will assist with the development of policy and strategy, safety and the development of infrastructure (access and storage). ○ MRNSW is also undertaking work to improve on the collation and reporting of data. ○ No further action required. • <u>Action item 12</u> - Deliver an education campaign on radio usage esp. promoting VHF and noting limitations of mobile and 27 meg (HC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carried over to next meeting • <u>Action item 14</u> - Status of RMS and the Middle Harbour user groups (CD). (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CdJ requested a copy of the Middle Harbour User Group letter advising the group was terminated to share with his members. ○ DH confirmed a letter was not circulated rather applications went out to members encouraging membership for RBAG. ○ No further action required. • <u>Action item 15</u> - Evidence supporting a proposal for limited PWC use at night and send to the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PH clarified proposal is to amend legislation to allow PWC activity during the hours of sunrise (morning civil twilight) and sunset (evening civil twilight) for fishing. ○ PH to provide information on new PWC technology and hull arrangements around the bow of a PWC for example the Silver and Sequester craft. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 16</u> - Provide RVAG calendars of state and national event details to the Chair to develop a uniform planning calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calendars were submitted by Ski Racing and BIA ○ RMS circulated key campaign dates in September ○ Groups are encouraged to continue sharing event details. ○ MP to provide fishing calendars for large events ○ This item will remain a permanent listing on the Agenda. ○ Status - Ongoing <p>ACTION: MP to provide RVAG calendar of events on large scale fishing tournaments (coastal and freshwater)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 17</u> - Develop an engagement plan in Batemans Bay for those affected and those visiting. (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RMS engineers won an award for their community engagement at Batemans Bay Bridge ○ Moorings were relocated as a result of the new bridge. There were issues with wind, depth however is acceptable. ○ No further action required. • <u>Action 21</u> - Add stats on the number of monthly download of each app as a regular standing item of RVAG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two apps were showcased at the Sydney International Boat show. Apps are Deckee and Boatable. ○ Deckee is used by a greater number of users due to the depth of information available on the app. ○ MP commented it is useful to collect and analyse useable data on where people go out for boating e.g departure and arrival. <p>ACTION: CMS to contact both app developers to obtain data analytics from both those products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action 24</u> - Provide licence and registration data by postcode or LGA areas for future meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maps were received well from RVAG. ○ MP commented he would like to see maps concentrating on the Sydney area ○ DH suggested RMS provide MP the data for research and analysis reasons. ○ NP commented the online boating survey will take place early next year. ○ NP will share with RVAG the question set. The questions are around behaviour. ○ NP to give members a week turnaround for feedback on the survey questions. <p>ACTION: DH to provide MP RMS excel file with data for the purpose of research and analytics.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to share online boating survey question set with RVAG members with a one week turnaround for feedback.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action 27</u> - Provide an update re status of Brisbane Water and dredging in Port Stephens at next meeting. (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paper provided by AM, refers to Actions 3, 18, 27 ○ Information provided on dredging at Ettalong and Swansea. ○ No further action required. <u>Action 29</u> - AW to discuss with TH problems caused with disused oyster leases and potential measures to better mark or remove them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MP commented it is costly to remove oyster leases. Lessees prefer to pay ongoing fees than to outlay the money required to remove the lease. ○ Better Boating funds could be used as a suggestion to permanently remove leases to open the pathway for recreational boating in the area. ○ Fishing alliance is happy to remove the leases provided new licences are not issued. ○ The plastic racks currently used are deteriorating due to UV exposure and this affects the oyster itself. Nambucca and North Coast is mostly affected due to equipment used. ○ A number of options to manage the abandoned leases are currently being discussed. ○ Oyster structures in the interim are to be clearly marked to improve safety in the area. <p>ACTION: CMS to follow up with DPI the marking of oyster leases to improve safety and allow for safe boating activities.</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>CMS Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maritime Safety Plan (MSP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fatalities have increased to four (4) fatalities and 20 serious injuries since the finalisation of the report. ○ The count is tracking below the target in terms of the MSP which is a 30 per cent reduction. ○ The average age of the fatalities is >70. Common thread between fatalities is the issue of inflatable lifejackets in several of the investigations. ○ The overall message to boaters is the importance of pre-wear check and the servicing of lifejackets. ○ 14 per cent of the MSP actions have been completed ○ A significant amount of projects (from the 81 listed) are currently in progress ○ The Executive Committee that oversees MSP met last week. The Committee members are Angus Mitchell, Bernard Carlon and Mark Hutchings. • Centre for Maritime Safety (CMS) update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of CMS activities are attached. ○ CMS update on the Waterway Toll updated to 4 fatalities. ○ No other comments. 	

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<p>5.</p> <p>RMS Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boating Incidents, Licence and Registration report update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Items discussed ○ No further action. <p><u>GM Update (Summary of key activities across the divisions)</u></p> <p>Alex Barrell - GM Industry and Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CVAG met on the 25 September 2018 next meeting is on the 27 November 2018. ○ Key point from the meeting is the requirement for pump out facilities for use by commercial vessels operators and recreational vessels within Sydney Harbour. ○ Through strong consultation users now have access to Blackwattle Bay Marina pump out facility this boating season. RMS is investing money in the facility to make it operational. The opening of the site will bridge the gap in the network. ○ Commercial Vessels will continue to run targeted compliance campaigns this boating season. ○ Commercial Vessels is currently undergoing an (internal and external) debrief on how the container ship incident was managed. <p>Natalie McLean - GM Operations and Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operations and Compliance ran check the decks (a state-wide campaign) to launch the boating season. ○ The campaign resulted in 2500 boat checks and 200 infringements mainly for lifejacket non-compliance. ○ Concurrently region based campaigns were conducted. Campaigns are called Barracuda - located on the Murray River. Victorian Compliance Officers and Media were in invited to participate in the campaign. ○ The campaign produced 623 boating safety checks, 100 penalty notices and a number of random breath and drug tests. ○ Next Barracuda is scheduled in Sydney and will focus on Jet Ski compliance on the Georges River and surrounding areas. ○ A community engagement strategy was also launched. Angus Mitchell participated in a number of media events including Channel 7 sunrise and father's day campaign to promote boating safety. <p>David Hunter - GM Operational Policy and Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operational Policy and Performance (over the next six (6) months) will be trialling new environmentally friendly moorings. Trial locations will include Port Stephens and the Lake Macquarie areas. The mooring is a hybrid between the seagrass friendly version and the block and chain version. ○ The Minister opened the new Tweed Marine Centre. The centre is the second centre in NSW. The first was opened at San Souci. ○ The Marine Centre concept is where different agencies such as RMS, MAC and DPI work together and use the same resources including operations, office space and 	

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<p>vessels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operational Policy and Performance are also trialling a boat count camera system to help collect evidence, data and usage on the waterways. ○ The technology is not only capable of counting the number of boats but is able to identify the type of boats and the type activity the boats are conducting via an algorithm. ○ The cameras are currently being trialled and will be located in key waterways across the state (mainly rivers) ○ Operational Policy and Performance is also working with Ski Race Australia to assist racing with the development of their risk assessments, surveys and standards for personal protective equipment (helmets, lifejackets and vessels) ○ Boating Safety Officers are trialling body worn cameras. There are 16 cameras in the field. The trial commenced in July and will continue until the first or second quarter of next year. If successful all BSOs will wear the cameras including the Investigations team. ○ WHS is the primary reason for the use of the cameras. ○ The Officer declares the presence of the camera and provides the customer the opportunity to consent or refuse the recording. 	
<p>6.</p> <p>Members Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commercial use of the boat ramp at Tunks Park. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MP - A truck and barge have been commercially using the boat ramp (for considerable lengths of time) at Tunks Park to move spoil leaving spillage on the ramp from the spoil transfer. The truck is also parked at the ramp overnight using multiple bays. ● Batemans Bay Bridge Boat Ramp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MP - Concerns with boaters needing to travel through the township to access the boat ramp. ○ There needs to be some consideration into relocating the boat ramp for better access. <p>ACTION: DH to discuss the issues surrounding boat ramp access at Batemans Bay bridge with MP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDOs) offer to Councils regarding maintenance of Council owned boat ramps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MP suggests Maritime should undertake a campaign to address maintenance issues at Council owned boat ramps. ○ MP also suggested there is a requirement for a Maintenance team to rectify damaged boat ramps. ○ NP asked how boat ramp damage is currently reported? ○ TH advised the app SNAP SEND SOLVE takes photos, records the location (via GPS) and contacts the appropriate Council. ○ Salesforce is another database system used by RMS 	

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<p>that captures these issues. RMS Wharf Maintenance receives a number of boat ramp complaints.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CdJ suggested MP discuss issues raised direct with AM <p>ACTION: NP to speak to AM regarding the potential to use various mechanisms to efficiently report infrastructure issues such as sinking pontoons etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MP requested to see the Maritime Annual report. ○ MP commented there is a requirement for better reporting around the financials and boaters funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maritime assistance with the Sydney Melbourne boat race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SW thanked Maritime for their assistance ○ SW commented the race was a success ● Friends of Sydney Harbour Amplified Noise Flyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MJ commented a flyer is circulating advising the public to report amplified noise from vessels. ○ MJ requested a report at the next meeting detailing the number of noise complaints received via info line as a result of the flyer. ○ MJ suggested that this item is added as an agenda item for CVAG. <p>ACTION: NM to collate and circulate noise complaint data to RVAG members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RTPs - Training agreements framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AS commented there should be a new system in place by March next year. ○ MJ suggested Hendrik Clasie present on the status of RTPs at the next RVAG meeting. ○ AS commented two practical PWC training courses were successfully conducted at Penrith and Taren Point. <p>ACTION: HC to present on the status of RTPs at next RVAG meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Power Boat Season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GD commented power boating racing season is well underway ○ In January two American drivers will be competing against Australia. Top end boats are used in the races. ○ The association now undertakes breath and drug testing. ○ The database used randomly picks contestants for testing. ○ The association is encouraging other states to undertake testing at least once a year. ● Issues with PWC behaviour label <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PH commented BEOs are experiencing issues with the PWC behaviour label. The label does not last more than three months. The quality needs improving. ○ PWC handbook needs to include the speed comparison conversion table to educate users. 	

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