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RVAG Meeting No. 79

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| Date | 12/02/2019 | | |
| Time | 1700 - 1945 | | |
| Venue | Meeting Room 1A & 1B, RMS Maritime, 33 James Craig Rd, Rozelle. | | |
| Chairperson | Neil Patchett | | |
| Attendees | Chris de Jong Matt du Plessis Amie Wilson Patrick Tully Adam Smith Mike Jarvin Tatiana Nasoufi David Hunter Greg Blackburne Phil Dulhunty Carl Webster Chris Doolin Geoff Duval Malcolm Poole | CdJ MdP AW PT AS MJ TN DH GB PD CW CD GD MP | Boat owners Assoc. SLS NSW DPI DPI ABC BIA RMS RMS Scuba Clubs Association of NSW Seaplane Pilots Assoc. Australian Sailing RMS Aust Power Boat Assoc RFA NSW |
| Apologies: | Natalie McLean Andrew Mogg Alex Barrell Peter Hunter Glenn Evans Murray Clarke Shane Wilson Peter Tate Tony Hystek Hendrik Clasio | NM AM AB PH GE MC SW PT TH HC | RMS RMS RMS PWC rep Marine Rescue NSW NSW Rowing Assoc. BIA Paddle NSW Paddle 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 minutes of the 13 November 2018 | All |

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| <p>3. Review of actions from previous meeting - 13 November 2018</p> <p><u>Update on RVAG Action items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action items</u> - 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 14, 16, 17 (completed) • Chris de Jong commented Action 1 is not complete. Chris Doolin to attach an update on the removal of the Orange Diamond exemption. <p>ACTION: CD to provide RVAG an update on the removal of the Orange Diamond exemption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 2</u> - Tony Hystek to coordinate stand up paddle boarding meeting with key stakeholders. (on hold) • <u>Action item 7</u> - Boating Survey Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The boating survey was circulated for comment. ○ The first survey was undertaken in 2018 and delivered through IPSOS. ○ The purpose of the survey is to capture (online) behaviours over a 3 month period (peak boating season) ○ The purpose of obtaining feedback from RVAG is to refine the survey. Questions that may need refining are questions based on infrastructure, participation (hours on the water), vessel type etc. ○ Feedback regarding this survey is required by 22 February 2019. ○ TfNSW is constructing a separate survey regarding maritime infrastructure. ○ The infrastructure survey will be circulated to a random sample of the RMS database (licence and registration holders) and other stakeholders including RVAG. <p>ACTION: RVAG members to provide CMS feedback on boating survey questionnaire by week ending 22 February 2019.</p> <p>ACTION: CMS to provide MJ link to boating survey questionnaire to share with members (end of March/April)</p> <p>ACTION: CMS to circulate separately Boating Now (infrastructure) questionnaire to RVAG for comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action item 8</u> - CMS to follow up with DPI the marking of oyster leases to improve safety and allow for safe boating activities (completed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DPI provided a response 12 February 2019. The response comments on strategies to improve safety around oyster leases. ○ Fisheries have a multi stepped approach to dealing with the issues. ○ CMS to circulate DPI response to RVAG members | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ David Hunter is the first point of contact regarding providing DPI assistance ○ AW to provide RVAG updates on the strategy <p>ACTION: CMS to circulate DPI response regarding improvements to the safety of oyster leases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Action item 10</u> - CMS to speak to AM regarding the potential to use various mechanisms to efficiently report infrastructure issues such as sinking pontoons etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AM suggested there is a requirement to form a sub-committee to raise infrastructure issues ○ MJ suggested Ned O'Neil to also join this committee. <p>ACTION: RMS / MIDO to send invite for Infrastructure meeting (include Ned O'Neill), prior to the next RVAG meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Action item 11</u> - NM to collate and circulate noise complaint data resulting from flyer to RVAG members (Chris Doolin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noise complaint data included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2016 = 11 complaints ▪ 2017 = 13 complaints ▪ 2018 = 20 complaints ▪ 2019 = 2 complaints ▪ 6 campaigns have been run to date and there have been no breaches. ○ Monthly data peaks in December and March with party boat noise ○ 2 ½ 000 flyers were circulated by FOSH. The group received 112 responses, 70 were noise related. ○ Data provided in total does not support noise as an issue of concern for Sydney Harbour residents ● <u>Action item 12</u> - HC to present status of RTPs Accredited Training Provider (ATP) (David Hunter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft package of documents was developed in consultation with stakeholders. Package included an agreement, guide, application form (one to become a provider and another to be a nominated representative) ○ Documentation was finalised November 2018 ○ Providers have been asked to complete their application forms by end of March. The scheme will commence in April 2019. ○ Current providers have been notified of the changes by letter and advised to submit an application by March 2019 ○ An information session will be held for providers on the 27 February 2019. More information can be found on the RMS/Procurement website. ● <u>Action item 13</u> - HC to deliver an education campaign on radio usage esp promoting VHF and noting limitations of mobile and 27 meg. (David Hunter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A stakeholder and communication/engagement plan has been devised to encourage the public to use VHF rather | |

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| <p>than the 27 Mega Hertz and HF radio communication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The plan is not ready for circulation and is in draft form ○ RVAG is to provide feedback to David Hunter/Hendrik Clasié commenting on the key messages including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VHF is the preferred radio device ▪ Mobile phones are not substitute for marine radio ▪ Mobile phones should not be solely relied upon in distress situations ○ MJ commented a motherhood statement is also required regarding the benefits of radio and how many lives it has saved ○ NP provided update on licence regime through ACMA. ○ NP to liaise with Marine Rescue regarding the usage of 27 Mega Hertz and report back to RVAG. ○ HC will attend the next meeting to provide updates on ATPs and Radio. <p>ACTION: NP to liaise with Marine Rescue regarding the usage of 27 Mega Hertz and report back to RVAG.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to provide further updates on national licence regime for VHF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Action item 15</u> - NM to update PH on the installation of PWC distance off markers. (Chris Doolin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maritime have conducted 3 state-wide campaigns and 6 regional campaigns (Sydney, North and South) ○ December 2018 Sydney campaign was PWC focused. Patrols took place Botany Bay, Port Hacking area ○ Educational PWC videos (distance off markers) were developed focusing on keeping a safe distance and behaviour ○ Distance Off (yellow buoys) marking the 200m mark were installed at Brighton Le Sands as a visual reference for PWC riders. The markers worked well and may be rolled out into other areas. Majority of PWC users stayed out of range of the markers. ○ BIA supports the idea, following PH approval. <p>ACTION: CD to circulate the PWC videos, following PH approval</p> <p><u>Action item 17</u> - Monthly downloads of boating apps (Deckee and Boatable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Usage data was circulated ○ Apps to extend to national levels and in collaboration with other NGOs (such as SLSs). ○ MJ suggested that the apps need continued funding from the Government to remain valuable. ○ NP advised that the apps may diversify funding streams through national take up and use. | |
| <p>4.</p> <p>CMS Reports</p> | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterways Toll update attachment provided shows 6 fatalities and 32 serious injuries to date. Numbers are still tracking below the target • Completed actions through the MSP are on track with a number to be completed this year • Maritime Infrastructure Plan (MIP) 2019-2024 launch in December and funding being sourced for the next round of boating now • PWC campaigns in production ('Stop it or Cop it' and 'Waterways we ride') for release at Sydney International Boat Show 2019 • Maritime Compliance camera tender is in process • MP suggested there is a requirement for more bar cameras • CdJ suggested Longnose Point requires a camera to monitor speeding vessels | |
| <p>5.</p> <p>RMS Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boating Incidents, Licence and Registration report updates are provided in the attachments <p><u>GM Update (Summary of key activities across the divisions)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maritime Infrastructure Plan (MIP); RMS, Crown Lands and Transport are developing business cases to secure funding to implement the new programs for the plan • The reason for the activity is that Boating now expires December this year. The MIP will replace Boating Now • Boating Now (current plan) – 152 round 1 projects completed and 13 round 2 projects completed • Announcement of 450k allocated towards Batemans Bay dredging (to be completed by May) • Sydney Harbour Boat Ramp Maintenance Pilot Program - 3 boat ramps repaired and completed • Expired flares campaign underway. "Inflatable lifejacket self-service clinic" trial to replace the old for new campaign is underway. Feedback from members was positive. Some discussion about standards role in improving inflatable lifejacket design, the locations of the clinic and the intention of the pre wear check element of the clinic. • Southern 80 - successful outcome for ski racing teams. One minor serious injury but no major incident. • GP 50 event on Sydney Harbour this weekend. • Body warn cameras. BSOs have been trialling the cameras for last 6 months. Cameras will now be rolled out permanently. MAC Officers are also using the cameras. The purpose of the cameras is for safety and evidence collection. • Cruise ships are also visiting regional ports. Routes are administered by Port Authority or RMS. • MJ suggested a link to cruise schedules on the RMS website would be useful. • Spike in theft from boating in last few months (valuables from back yard boats and boats in camping parks). Message - look after your stuff. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH presented data circulated during the meeting on enforcement activity. CT noted that boating incident data correlates with drowning timing. • Angus Mitchell Executive Director Maritime announced his resignation after 5 years with Maritime. Angus will be joining Maritime Safety Queensland. <p>ACTION: AM to discuss with CdJ dredging issues in Manning River, Harrington.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to report back on lifejacket standard work and how it can be updated to better include manual inflate lifejackets.</p> <p>ACTION: HC to consult with RVAG on the inflatable lifejacket service trial and get feedback from RVAG on the continuation and the locations for any further ramps.</p> <p>ACTION: NP to advise RVAG when a replacement for Angus Mitchell is announced.</p> | |
| <p>6. Members Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Hunter (via Chair) - PH raised the issue of why is the cost of a PWC licence registration greater than other licences. • Potential for discount for good behaviour. • BIA asked for background information on data on costs. It hasn't appeared to have a negative impact on the licence and registration increase. • Consider stopping CPI increases and an examination of the fees by IPART. <p>ACTION: Peter Hunter to work with industry to develop a paper for the next RVAG meeting on PWC licence Vs registration costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP - Wants to raise the idea of a public boat ramp and parking at Anzac bridge. • DPI - Fisheries body warn camera trial went well. Fisheries is also rolling out the program as well. Fisheries has amended legislation and policy to use body worn cameras. • CdJ - would like RBAG reports to continue to be distributed to members. Jervis Bay currently has a safety issue with the removal of courtesy moorings (safety issue being there are not enough moorings). <p>ACTION: NM to confirm Jervis Bay mooring issue and provide quarterly report on regular basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MdP raised public rescue for river and other waterways. Australian standard buoys that can be used. • Permanent emergency response beacons at hotspots. • Surf Life Saving is currently reviewing and updating equipment | |

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| <p>for use such as jet skis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ribs with 2 stroke engines to be updated to 4 stroke engines- exemption using 2 stroke engines expires in 2020. <p>ACTION: MdP to provide RVAG an update on the Australian Standards of buoys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TN provided an updated on DCV rollout, SLA with AMSA, recent • Working with MAC on the investigation relating to a commercial fatality (Lady Rose), • Pollution enforcement. | |
| <p>7. Other business N/A</p> | All |
| <p>8. Next Meeting Tuesday 14 May 2019, Tuesday 11 February 2020 added to meeting</p> | Chair |

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