

MINUTES

Meeting title	RVAG Meeting No. 82		
Date and time	Tuesday 11 February 2020 – 5:00pm - 7:00pm		
Venue	Rozelle, Conference rooms 1A & 1B, Bluejeans		
Chairperson	David Hunter (DH) TfNSW (Maritime)		
Peter Harvey Adam Smith Chris De Jong Malcom Poole Phil Dulhunty Shane Wilson Glenn Evans Tony Hystek Natalie McLean Hendrik Clasie Geoff Duval Carl Webster My As ABC Boating CdJ Boat Owners Association MP RFA NSW Poble RFA NSW Boating Industry Association Boating Industry Association Boating Industry Association MP RFA NSW Boating Industry Association MP RFA NSW Boating Industry Association MI The Seaplane Pilots Association MI Tous Hendrik Classe HC The Maritime MI Tous Hendrik Clasie HC Tous Hendrik Clasie GD Aust. Power Boat Association MI Tous Hendri		ABC Boating Boat Owners Association RFA NSW Seaplane Pilots Association Boating Industry Association Marine Rescue NSW Paddle NSW TfNSW (Maritime) TfNSW (Maritime) Aust. Power Boat Assoc. – APBA Sailing NSW Rowing Assoc. TfNSW (Maritime) Advanced Marina Management Surf Life Saving NSW Surf Life Saving NSW Visitor Visitor TfNSW (visitor) TfNSW (visitor) Secretariat (Maritime)	
Apologies	Greg Blackburne Evonne McCabe Dush Sharma Phil Ayres	GB EM DS PA	Scuba Clubs Association of NSW TfNSW (Maritime) TfNSW (CMS) SLS NSW

		Responsible person / Due date
1.	Welcome and Apologies and membership changes	Chair
1.1	 DH: Welcomed members and noted apologies. Cliff Ellmers to replace Peter Hunter. MJ: introduced his visitors; Troy Tindill and Lorraine Yates to members. Briana Coyte and Terry Barber will represent Surf Life Saving NSW / Phil Ayres DH: RMS merged with TfNSW 	
2.	Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting RVAG accepted and approved Minutes from previous meeting (20 Aug 2019)	ALL

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3.	Annex A: Actions arising from previous meeting (20 August 2019) Annex B: New Action Items from meeting (11 Feb 2020)	
4.	Ski Racing NSW Ski Racing NSW membership application was reviewed, discussed and agreed.	ALL
5.	Members Report and Discussions:	
	How can we achieve zero fatalities" Members discussed the issue and provided feedback including:	ALL
	 Weather conditions are a main factor. Education and communication to the public needs to be strengthened. Consider installation of signs at the marinas in different languages regarding weather condition and to check the forecast. There are adds on TV regarding road/vehicles fatalities and perhaps we need adds regarding vessel/ water fatalities. We know the stats about fatalities on our waterways, is the public aware of the fatalities even though its confronting information perhaps they will take better caution and prevention? Boat licence education and testing could include a section regarding severe weather conditions. Warnings on VHF and social media could be made more frequent and prominent. Number of people/activity on the water has increased. Inexperienced vessel operators. Marine Rescue and TfNSW, how we can link data together with our partners and external clients. 	
	Following the bushfires (and other incidents this summer) – what are the key impacts Maritime and CMS can expect on the boating industry and boating in general	ALL
	 Impacted on major events and some events have been cancelled South coast tourism turned away, North coast more concerns about drought. 	
	 Floods - Members on Hawkesbury River, flood damage. Houseboat operations have been impacted and will not operate as per usual. Major Maritime (TfNSW) safety campaign was repurposed due to the 	
	 bushfires. Boating activities reported to be low this period/weather warning. 	
	 Paddle NSW; 75% reduction in paddle craft activity was reported. Powerboat events: two major events cancelled. 	
	 Some infrastructure damage, e.g. loss of facilities of one of major clubs on Lane Cove River. 	

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	 Taree (Easter long weekend) Power boat racing—two meetings in Victoria and biggest powerboat race. The St George Motor Boat Club will be celebrating its 100 year birthday on Tuesday 26 May 2020; to mark this occasion; Saturday 23 May & 24 May 2020: Speed Boat Spectacular; Vintage boats display & Junior Boat Racing Championships. 	GD
	Update on seaplane association activities	PD
	 Rosehill Boat Show Sat, 4 Apr 2020 – Sun, 5 Apr 2020; featuring more than 30 exhibitors with over 250 boats on display at the free-to-enter event. Everything for the fun-loving or serious boatie will be on display, from family favourite bow riders to fishing tinnies and jet skis. MJ recommended that an RVAG meeting should be held in a regional venue that has been impacted by bushfires – consensus of agreement by members noting conference facilities would be available for those unable to 	MJ
	 Surf Lifesaver NSW celebrated 50 years of sail boat 2019; Since its 	ТВ
	inception in the summer of 1969, the boat has completed thousands of missions and looking forward to another 50 years	
6	 Marine Pollution Act Amendments TfNSW Freight Branch provided an update on the review of the Marine Pollution Act and outlined proposed amendments to harmonise NSW laws with international and national standards and protect the NSW marine environment 	ML/DH
	 The two key proposed amendments are to broaden the definition of 'State waters' and include recreational vessels under the Act so that one Act will cover marine pollution from all vessels in NSW waters. This means recreational vessels will be subject to the requirements under the Act, including offences for illegally discharging oil, sewage and garbage. 	
	 Depending on the size of the vessel, some administrative requirements may also apply. Garbage management plan – vessels carrying over 15 people or over 100 GT 	
	 Garbage sticker – vessels over 12 metres in length Garbage record book – vessels over 400 GT Oil record book – vessels over 400 GT Oil pollution emergency plan – vessels over 400 GT Other proposed amendments address specific issues, streamline regulatory requirements and support implementation of the Act requirements. 	
7.	 Maritime Reports Recovery of MV Efficiency containers lost off the Port Stephens coast scheduled to commence Mid-March/April. HC advised he attended the local briefings held by AMSA. AMSA has engaged a contractor to remove and dispose of the 61 containers on the seabed in commercial fishing grounds. HC will keep RVAG members informed. 	нс
	 Bark Canoe: The Bark Canoe will be transported to Police Headquarters in Parramatta in anticipation of it being displayed for the "Bark Canoe Delivery to Police HQ" event on 19 Feb 11am-12pm - the Commissioner will be attending. The purpose of the program was increasing boating safety education in the Aboriginal community. 	NM

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	 Maritime is working on a possible arrangement with NSW Marine Rescue to collect flares 24/7 on set dates. Looking at delivery of this service in a more cost effective way than is currently achieved. The total number of flares collected this summer is 11,307. Draft Education Delivery Plan is with ED Maritime for approval. The 	
	objective of this Plan is to ensure that the Maritime Boating Education unit maximises its reach and its impact on boating safety through a systematic and collaborative approach to the delivery of education throughout NSW.	
	 BSOs have reported a quiet summer regarding boating activity, particularly in regional areas. Many South Coast Maritime operations team members were personally impacted by the bushfires. 	AB
	Operational resources across the state were assigned to assist with the bushfire emergency response and recovery phases. The team rallied in response to the emergency across NSW. It was an opportunity to test our business continuity and ability to work with other agencies in a time of crisis.	
	 The planned state wide safety campaign on weekend 15-16 February will be re-purposed to focus on safety and recovery effort. AB and DH will provide further information and updates on RBAG meetings. 	AB/DH
8.	 CMS Reports Boating Infrastructure Emergency Repair Pool (BIERP) Program under the Boating Now Program The \$28 Million Boating Now Round 3 announced in October 2019 continues to fund the Boating Infrastructure Repair Pool (BIERP) which provides funding towards repair or replacement of recreational boating infrastructure that is lost or damaged in natural events including bushfires. Funding requests for emergency repairs can be received at any time by completing and submitting the relevant application form and supporting documentation. Further details are available on the Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office Boating Now Round 3 website https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/projects/boating-now/index.html Other Business 	PH
3.	 DH provided an update on the project to establish a ferry service between La Perouse and Kurnell DH advised new CEO, Commenced Vessel Association (CVA) Mr Andrew Stirzaker. Mr Stirzaker has requested an opportunity to attend a RVAG meeting and brief members on his vision and goals for the CVA as its new CEO. Members agreed to invite Mr Stirzaker to attend a future meeting. 	DH
10.	Next Meeting: 12 May, 11 August and 10 November 2020 Noting: One of these meetings may be held in Regional area. Meeting Closed at 7:15pm	

Annex A: Actions arising from previous meeting (20 August 2019)

3A.1	 Update on RVAG Action Items from 20 August 2019 Action Item 1- 20 Aug 2019 – Peter Hunter (Cliff Ellmers) to work with Industry to develop a paper for the next RVAG meeting on PWC licence and Registration costs. Carry over to next meeting 	CE (On hold pending comment/agreement by CE) Ongoing
3A.2	 Action Item 2 – 20 Aug 2019 – Murray Clarke - Lodgement/Permission to Lodge – Marine to follow up and advise Chris Doolan. Proposed marina under Gladesville Bridge. Reduced room for ferry traffic and other vessels under Gladesville Bridge. Alex will discuss offline with Murray 	MC/ AB: Ongoing
3A.3	 Action item 3 – 20 Aug 2019 - Tony Hystek to coordinate stand up paddle boarding meeting with key stakeholders. Purpose: Paddle Board safety in the Harbour. 	TH: Ongoing
3A.4	 Action item 4 – 20 Aug 2019 – Peter Harvey to liaise with Marine Rescue regarding the usage of 27 Mhz and report back to RVAG. General agreement for CMS to further investigate uptake of VHF and long-term phase out of 27 MHz, including consideration of a national approach and ACMA licence requirements as a hurdle to uptake. 	PH: Completed
3A.5	Action item 5 – 20 Aug 2019 – Peter Harvey to report back on lifejacket standard work and how it can be updated to better incorporate emerging technology and overseas lifejackets. Peter Harvey will replace Neil Patchett on the Standards Committee. Detailed information about our problem definitions is available in the latest Boating Incidents in NSW report. https://maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/documents/nsw-boating-incidents-report-200708-201617.pdf https://maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/staying-safe/boating-statistics/index.html Action item 5 – 20 Aug 2019 – Peter Harvey to report back on lifejackets on lifejackets. Peter Harvey to report the updated to better incorporate will be updated to be updated to better incorporate will be updated to be updated to better incorporate will be updated to be updated t	PH: Completed
	On the water 65 Plus - https://maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/staying-safe/65plus/index.html	
3A.6	 Action item 6 – 20 Aug 2019 – David Hunter to pass on thanks and congratulations to Neil Patchett Boating Industry Association President Darren Vaux today announced the appointment of Neil Patchett to the Association's new role of General Manager Policy and Advocacy. David to provide letter of thanks, on behalf of RVAG Members, recognising the contribution of the previous chair. SW advised that Neil Patchett has acknowledged letter and thanked RVAG members. 	DH: Completed
3A.7	Action item 7 - 20 Aug 2019 – Life Jackets and Flares: Maritime to align the two programs as best as practicable. Natalie McLean to advise dates to RVAG Members. Collected 2476 flares, Expired flares 5066, north greater than South Eastern. Building an agreement with Marine rescue to be able to pick up flares 24/7 on set days.	NM: Completed

3A.8	Action Item 8- 20 Aug 2019 – BC/TB/DH: Send Surf Lifesaving information to David Hunter regarding Control cameras – DH to forward to RVAG Members	BC/TB/DH: Ongoing
3A.9	Action Item 9 – 20 Aug 2019 – Visibility to the Ocean by control of cameras. There are hazard surf warnings at Shelly Beach & Snapper Rock beach. Linking Modem situated on hills allows it to be redirected to mobile.	TB/BC: Ongoing
3A.10	Action Item 10 – 20 Aug 2019 - Rolling out Bark Canoe construction project- (Nat to provide dates) The Bark Canoe to be transported to Police Headquarter in Parramatta (1 Charles St) on Monday 10th in anticipation of it being displayed at HQ for the "Bark Canoe Delivery to Police HQ" event on the 19th Feb 11am-12pm which the Commissioner will be attending	NM: Completed
3A.11	Action Item 11- 20 Aug 2019 – Rose Ussia to amend minutes to make for easy reading and include page numbers. Papers to be distributed 5 days prior to future meetings.	RU: Completed

Annex B: New Action Items from meeting (11 Feb 2020)

3B.1	•	Action Item 1 – 11 Feb 2020 – DH: to contact Ski Racing NSW advising acceptance of membership	DH
3B.2	•	Action Item 2 – 11 Feb 2020 – NSW Don't make waves (Booklet) investigate who produced the booklet. Maritime education team recently produced an updated version to assist with issues in Pittwater/Broken Bay.	DH: Completed
3B.3	•	Action Item 3 – 11 Feb 2020 - Provide updates from RBAG meetings.	AB/DH
3B.4	•	Action Item 4 – 11 Feb 2020 – Recovery of MV Efficiency containers lost at Port Stephens - Mid March/ April. Update RVAG members.	HC
3B.5	•	Action Item 5 – 11 Feb 2020 - Marine Pollution Act Amendments: RVAG members to contact Marie Lodge (TfNSW) or DH to provide further comments.	ALL
3B.6	•	Action Item 6 – 11 Feb 2020 - DH to invite Andrew Stirzaker (CEO CVA) to address next RVAG meeting.	DH