



28 July 2022
3.00pm-5.00pm
MS Teams

Minutes Recreational Vessel Advisory Group (RVAG)

Attendees

Welcome, Apologies, Acknowledgement of Country:
Cherrie Ashford, Chair

In attendance:

Cherrie Ashford, Louise Koutrouzas, Darren Wood, Mark Scali, Rosemary Donley, Hamid Eqbal, Tatiana Nasoufi, Jen Robinson, Shayne Wilde, Kay Heycox, Adam Smith, , Darren Schott, Ken Cameron, Emma Humphries, Geoff Duvall, Rohan Walter, Michael Jarvin, Neil Patchett, Hendrik Clasié, Nicole Watts, Sian Nivison, Hendrik Clasié

Apologies:

Bahram Abedi, Suzanne David, Marie Lodge, Peter Tate, Murray Clarke, Alan France, Terry Barber

Confirmation of minutes from
previous meeting

Accepted

Item

Independent review of Ports and
Maritime Administration Act &
Port Botany Landslide
Improvement Strategy

Marie Lodge

An Options Paper was released and is available on the PAMA Review page of the TNSW website. [The PAMA Act and PBLIS Independent Review | Your Say Transport for NSW](#)

Submissions on the PAMA Act Options paper closed on 29 July 2022.

Key points to note within the Options paper are Waterways Fund will remain hypothecated, and advice about property dealings will be added to functions of the Maritime Advisory Council

Maritime's current activities to be recognised including the expanded infrastructure role and wider environment work

Australian Sailing

Boating now- requiring formal application. – Darren will have an update within the week and reach out for formal



Emma Humphries

applications

Darren Wood

Botany Yacht club regarding navigational marks to better reflect safe channel- Survey results still coming through.

Swansea Chanel- Dredge is still pending information to Maritime. Working with Aboriginal Land Council agreements, noise, and environment protection licence – ref to go out Mid-August > feedback > tender> dredging Sept> completion November > additional 2023

MIDO Update

Darren Wood

Power point presentation Coffs Harbour Maritime Operation Centre Refurbishment – Operation base, smaller version of Rozelle – response centre

Coffs Harbour- Fuel facility

Tweed heads- Boat Maintenance Facility

Port Macquarie- Update break wall

Crowdy head harbour update

Rozelle Sewer Pump-out facility

Eden Safe Harbour

Woolooware Bay Aquaculture

Waterways projects are not all MIDO

Have your say portal

End of life vessels

Rosemary Donley

Noting Ken Cameron's Paper – ELV is a broader issue than the presence of vessels on the water, there are links recycling pathways.

Maritime Strategy and Policy in CMS have undertaken extensive research on this issue and developed a policy options paper.

The paper will be released shortly. It contains a number of options across different time scales for action, such as:

Address legislative issues -NSW

Series of actions in longer time frame – such as recycling pathways and extended producer responsibility.

There is support at ARBSC level for a national approach to this issues.



Paper will be out for public consultation shortly (6-week consultation)
 Programs for vessels to be removed- environmental outcome
 National approach is best due to the complexity
 Suggest Ken Cameron has a look at the paper and come back with any questions.

End of life vessels
 Ken Cameron

Facilitate transfer of vessels by contacting owning (mooring)
 Process to enable transfer of vessel – proposal for Maritime NSW to facilitate transaction regarding mooring
 A mooring accessible to all, affordability, transparency, move away from the culture of closed
 Take over the mooring proposal

Flood Response
 Shayne Wilde

3 major events since commencement of 2022
 Significant amount of work including aids to navigation including signs
 EPA funding for cleaning debris in the waterways/river systems
 Maritime assisted with high-risk items in the waterways to ensure safety to the public
 Restricted speed limits for boaters during flooding
 Wildlife risks
 Would be good for boaters to see all the statistics and all the help Maritime has been involved in
 Numerous vessels taken away from moorings and sunk during the flooding

Members Report

Rowan Walters, Seaplane Pilots Association

- Google map overlay for members of the association where they can land, contacts, different areas

Ken Cameron, Boat Owners Association

- Action by waterways, looking into EOLV is current focus

Emma Humphries, Australian Sailing

- Club participation on the website to retain members
- Grant of \$50k to assist with training

Darren Schott, Marine Rescue

- Report sent off to review as attachment E
- Last 3-month period report
- Search and rescue exercises
- System does not directly report – able to view last location
- Flood response assistance and volunteers
- New Application shown at the Boat Show, trial available to download

Geoff Duvall, Australian Power Boat Association

- 4 clubs underwater due to flooding
- 100 metres of club house damage – no racing 6



months, impact for competitors

- International competitions cancelled
- 3 Australian championships cancelled
- Australian Junior championships to go ahead

Michael Jarvin, Advanced Marina Management

- Suggestion of an Org Chat visible to the public so we know who is who so boaters are aware

Neil Patchett, Boating Industry Association

- Happy to use RVAG to promote messages, work across the state -pathways to relay information
- Focus on jobs, career pathways, students briefed
- Life jacket portal- suitable jackets for different body types and find service agent
- Maritime Safety plan status? Tentative timeline
- EOLV- industry happy to work with Transport in regard to options, BIA happy to participate

Greg Blackburne, Scuba Clubs Association NSW

- Boat lost on a wreck at 54 metres – 7.5 metre vessel, not found

Previous Actions
Rosemary Donley

5 April 2022

5.1 – ‘Don’t Make Waves’ brochure to be circulated to members for feedback:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/Dont-make-waves.pdf>. **COMPLETE**

Hamid Eqbal

5.2 – Data dashboard layout to be circulated to members for comment with the Meeting Minutes. Feedback is required to be received prior to 31 May to enable further development and refinement of the RVAG dashboard to be presented at the



Rosemary Donley	next meeting. Please send feedback to the Secretariat. Plan next Steps for the working group, fine tune dashboard, 3 representatives
Sandra Ricklefs / Neil Patchett	5.3 – Rosemary to investigate recreational boating access at White Bay and Glebe Island and provide update at next meeting. Register on website and circulate the link after the RVAG Meeting
	5.3 – Option to conduct next meetings at ICC during the Sydney Boat Show. COMPLETED

New Actions	<u>28 July 2022</u>
Darren Wood/Andy Robertson	2.0- Botany Yacht Club; Navigational markers reflect safe channel. Andy to update the club
Darren Wood	2.0 – Darren to update at next meeting October regarding dredging at Swansea
Jen Robinson	3 – update on who covers what project within Maritime NSW
Secretariat	3- Add Agenda item “Have your Say” on projects for October RVAG
Ken Cameron	4- Ken to email Cherrie & Kay proposal paper for Maritime to facilitate the transfer of vessel ownership /mooring

Upcoming meetings	October 2022
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