



15 November 2022
1400-1530
MS Teams

Minutes

Recreational Vessel Advisory Group (RVAG)

Attendees

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

In attendance:
Cherrie Ashford, Louise Koutrouzas, Rosemary Donley, Hamid Eqbal, Jen Robinson, Shayne Wilde, Kay Heycox, Darren Schott, Ken Cameron, Emma Humphries, , Rohan Walter, Michael Jarvin, Neil Patchett, Alan France, Adam Smith, Terry Barber, Murray Clarke

Apologies:
Bahram Abedi, Suzanne David, Marie Lodge, Peter Tate, Geoff Duvall, Darren Wood, Tatiana Nasoufi, Hendrik Clasie, Nicole Watts, Sian Nivison, Cliff Palmers

Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

Accepted

Item

End of life Vessels Policy Options Paper

Rosemary Donley

Transport is working on an end-of-life vessels policy options paper as part of the mooring reform program.

There are 15 policy options.

BIA positively acknowledged the development of the policy options paper and noted that industry is keen to contribute to the opportunity.

Maritime Safety Plan Update

Rosemary Donley

Maritime Safety Plan 2026 was released on 26 Oct 2022. A mail out was distributed to stakeholders/ members last week. Members to advise the Secretariat if the link to the plan has not been received.

Minor amendments to the Plan have been made. No changes were made to existing lifejacket laws, but these will continue to be investigated as it's a significant safety issue.

Public consultation is open until 20 January 2023, via the 'Have your Say' portal. Please let the Secretariat know if you



did not receive the notification.

Use of Boat Bags on Moorings

Submitted by Ken

Response Kay Heycox

Committee members are asking for a direction in regard to boat bags and the BSO approach on the matter (enforcement of Maritime Legislation). Discussion around anti-fouling with reference to poison standards and members of the public using chorine tablets in the bags. Looking for a consistent approach across BSOs and owner responsibility

Kay has advised there are no changes in policy, and this is an operational safety decision. There are various versions of boat bags, some are left in the waterways and can be substantial plastic structures. There are operational safety reasons that they are not permitted.

MIDO Update

Lun Yeung

Boating Now Round 4 formal application stage has closed 28 Oct 2022 and collation and review is currently underway, BAM application phase closed on 30 Sep 2022.

Boating Asset Maintenance (BAM) sub-program has been developed to assist asset owners of public recreational boating facilities to maintain these assets.

Boating Infrastructure Emergency Repair Pool guidelines have been revised to better accommodate flood recovery activities and competing activities after a flood event.

Advisory Group update

Jen Robinson

Consultation showed there was a strong consistency between stakeholders, new ideas, and risks, and what had been considered. Helpful perspectives were shared and a consideration of the bigger picture of what is happening with recreational vessels into the future, networking, and stakeholder consultation.

The difference between the CVAG and RVAG has been considered. Regional boating advisory groups will be reviewed also pending approval

An update on how this will roll out in the New Year to be provided.



Members Report

Alan France,

- Floods and cooperation from the BSOs on the Manning River
- Welcomed by the locals and asking when they will be back
- Grafton bridge to bridge called off
- Cancellations on the Murray for racing
- Oceania Championships
- Hawksbury shallow areas on the river- meeting with Hawksbury council in regard to dredging – more navigable

Adam Smith, Australian Boating College

- Slow 12 months due to weather around NSW
- Boating is still active since COVID

Terry Barber, Surf Lifesaving Australia

- Crews, boats, personnel out assisting SES in the flood rescue
- Community Engagement Programs
- Funding to hand out life jackets to rock fishermen once completed the course (day program)

Ken Cameron, Boat Owners Association

- Mooring transfer
- Boating bags update pending

Emma Humphries, Australian Sailing

- Activities back to normal levels, membership numbers stable, 39,000 sailing members
- Major events going ahead back to normal
- New child safety standards



Darren Schott, Marine Rescue



MRNSW Stats
FY22-23 as of 30 Sept

Michael Jarvin, Advanced Marina Management

Murray Clarke, Rowing Australia

- Doing the best, they can since COVID and floods
- Pollution around Penrith Centre
- 8 lane courses not available in Sydney (smaller course around Iron Cove)

Neil Patchett, Boating Industry Association

- BIA positively acknowledged the development of the End-of-Life Vessel Policy
- 3 month discover boating media campaign – using to promote safe responsible boating
- Industry launched life cycle analysis across 42 countries completed by first quarter 2023 to have clarity in technologies in carbon

Upcoming meetings

February 2023



Actions from Previous Meeting 28 July 2022

Darren Wood/Andy Robertson	<p><u>28 July 2022</u></p> <p>2.0- Botany Yacht Club; Navigational markers reflect safe channel. Andy to update the club OPEN</p>
Darren Wood	<p>2.0 – Darren to update at next meeting October regarding dredging at Swansea</p> <p>PENDING secretariat to include notification about dredging work to the MIDO update (Darren Wood, Louise Koutrouzas)</p>
Ken Cameron	<p>4- Ken to email Cherrie & Kay proposal paper for Maritime to facilitate the transfer of vessel ownership /mooring</p> <p>PENDING Cherrie Ashford and Kay Heycox review paper and come back with an action plan</p>

New Actions 15 October 2022

Neil/Rosemary	<p>Find out where the government is at with work(s) around anti-fouling. Neil to send Rosemary info links etc so Rosemary's sustainability team can investigate it</p>
Cherrie/Kay	<p>Put together a list of people to progress boat bag issue further – internal discussion and then come back with a response to the RVAG Group -Cherrie/Kay</p>
Hamid/Secretariat	<p>New licence issued numbers- Dashboard update to be provided to the committee for next meeting in February</p>
Terry Barber	<p>Email Secretariat life jacket- rock fisherman details</p>