

MINUTES

Maritime Advisory Council

Date	Friday 8 November 2013	
Time	09:00am to 12 noon	
Venue	Level 5, 207 Kent Street, Sydney	
Chairperson	Darren Vaux	
Attendees	Members The Hon. Duncan Gay, Minister for Roads and Ports John Barbouttis David Edwards Guy Bailey Malcolm Poole Jeff Richards Jan Thurgar Ian Ford Howard Glenn	Visitors Maryanne Graham, RMS Michael Wright, RMS Matt Jones, Office of the Minister for Roads and Ports Jessica Linsell, TfNSW Michael Drake, TfNSW David Surplice, TfNSW, Secretary Kylie Jones, TfNSW 09:00-09:30
Apologies	Brett Moore David Lyall Peter Duncan, RMS Andrew Mogg, TfNSW	

1.	Welcome and Apologies (Chair)
1.1	The Chair acknowledged the apologies.
2.	Confirmation of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interests (Chair)
2.1	The Chair confirmed the Agenda with members. The Chair sought any conflict of interest from members. No Conflicts of Interest were declared.
3.	Minutes from MAC meeting – 17 July 2013 (Chair)
3.1	The Chair presented the Minutes of the 17 July 2013 MAC meeting. Jan Thurgar moved the adoption of the Minutes; Guy Bailey seconded. The Minutes of the 17 July 2013 MAC meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record.
4.	Actions from MAC meeting – 20 March 2013 (Chair)

4.1	<p>The Chair read through the Actions of the 20 March 2013 MAC meeting.</p> <p>The Chair noted that all items are complete or underway and/or are subject to a tabled paper.</p> <p>Item 6.3 Boating Infrastructure Partnership Program Jeff Richards spoke on behalf of David Lyall on this item. David wished to report his satisfaction with RVAG's work to establish infrastructure assessment standards for funding proposals.</p> <p>Item 6.4 Maritime Property Policies Jeff also spoke on David's behalf on this item. David wished to express thanks to RMS for assistance provided to Marine Rescue Middle Harbour's Review of Environmental Factors application.</p> <p>Item 6.6 Roads and Maritime Services Restructure The Minister advised that he will discuss options to improve the delivery of the Maritime program across the cluster with the incoming Director General, TfNSW.</p>
5.	Maritime Management Centre Items on Notice (Howard Glenn)
5.1	<p>Update on Boating Safety Initiatives</p> <p>The MAC noted progress on the delivery of the boating safety initiatives from the Maritime Policy Agenda (MPA).</p> <p>Michael Drake is the new Principal Manager Boating Safety, Maritime Management Centre. Michael replaces the retiring Ed Kwanten in this role.</p> <p>5.1 (A) Lifejackets</p> <p>Howard introduced Kylie Jones, Campaigns Manager, Customer Service Division of TfNSW. Kylie is working closely with MMC to develop the new lifejacket wear campaign.</p> <p>Kylie advised that the new campaign will be harder hitting than the previous campaign and will focus on depicting realistic boating scenes and the benefits of new slim-line inflatable lifejackets. Kylie announced that Australian actor Shane Jacobson will be the face of the new campaign under the tag-line 'It's not on with Shane'.</p> <p>Howard advised that this boating season there will be a greater focus on lifejacket compliance. Only 220 infringement notices were issued in 2012/13 for lifejacket wear offences.</p> <p>5.1 (B) Fish Traps</p> <p>The MAC agreed that there is need for more education to alert boaters of the presence of fish traps. This is the responsibility of the appropriate regulatory authority, in this case the NSW DPI.</p> <p>5.1 (C) Boating Safety Day</p> <p>The Boating Safety Day at Bonnie Vale Beach has been postponed to 24/11 due to inclement weather.</p> <p>Jeff Richards commended RMS on excellent management and enforcement of restrictions during the International Fleet Review. The Minister paid tribute to RMS and the transport cluster for their collaborative work on the IFR.</p>
5.2	<p>Boat Storage and Waterways Access</p> <p>The MAC noted progress on the delivery of boat storage and waterways access initiatives in the MPA.</p> <p><u>Boating Infrastructure Partnership Program</u></p> <p>MMC is in the process of finalising negotiations with the preferred service provider to undertake a state-wide infrastructure audit and develop a set of eleven Regional Boating Plans.</p> <p><u>Boat Trailer Working Group (BTWG)</u></p> <p>The Government's response to the recommendations of the BTWG is expected to be announced shortly. Malcolm Poole expressed concern that the BTWG Report did not recommend amending s.200 of the Road Rules to allow trailers over 7.5m in length to park on roads for longer periods.</p>
5.3	<p>Red Tape Reduction</p> <p>The MAC noted progress on the delivery of reducing red tape initiatives in the MPA.</p>

	<p><u>Moorings Review</u></p> <p>A Moorings Issues Paper is very close to release and will be distributed to MAC members out of session. MMC welcomes comment from the MAC on the scope of the Review.</p> <p>ACTION: MMC to circulate Mooring Issues Paper to MAC for out of session comment.</p> <p><u>Property Policies Review</u></p> <p>MMC and RMS held a roundtable meeting with key stakeholders on 31 October 2013 to introduce the draft Maritime Property Policy and seek initial feedback. Representatives from DP&I also attended the roundtable to identify opportunities for harmonising policies and procedures for the management of submerged lands across the State.</p> <p>Howard advised that MMC will also discuss possibilities to harmonise property policies with Sydney Ports Corporation.</p> <p>Jeff Richards congratulated RMS and MMC on the progress of the Review.</p>
<p>The Meeting broke for morning tea at 10:25. The Minister left the meeting. The MAC reconvened at 10:40.</p>	
5.4	<p>Whole of Government Initiatives</p> <p><u>Bays Precinct</u></p> <p>Howard tabled the Bays Precinct Interim Waterways Management Plan. MMC will discuss the preferred location for a boat ramp in the Precinct with Sydney Ports Corporation.</p> <p><u>Glebe Island Bridge Cost Benefit Analysis</u></p> <p>MMC is currently collating responses received from the Glebe Island Bridge Cost Benefit Analysis.</p> <p>Ian Ford advised that in order to maintain competitiveness, the size of commercial vessels will need to increase for operators to maintain viable economies of scale. As the Bays Precinct is the main commercial vessel storage area in Sydney Harbour, widening the navigation channel would allow for the commercial vessel industry to remain viable without having to relocate elsewhere.</p> <p>MOTION: Jeff Richards proposed and Guy Bailey seconded a motion that the MAC advises it is in favour of removing the Glebe Island Bridge, provided that appropriate works are undertaken to commemorate the Bridge's maritime heritage. The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA)</u></p> <p>Howard tabled the Marine Estate Management Principles Paper. MMC is represented on the MEMA Board. MAC Members' issues should be forwarded to MMC.</p> <p>The MAC discussed MEMA's current direction and expressed concerns that documents released to date have failed to adequately capture the economic value of the marine industry to the Marine Estate. Ian Ford noted that there has been no recognition of the annual humpback whale migration and the resultant growth in the maritime tourist industry and related economic activity. The MAC noted that further recognition of the value of commercial and recreational boating to the marine estate is required.</p> <p>ACTION: MMC to feed MAC's views on the importance of the boating industry to the value of the Marine Estate to MEMA.</p>
5.5	<p>Marine Rescue NSW - Financial Information and Governance</p> <p>The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has agreed to a Governance Review of Marine Rescue NSW, to be led by MMC.</p> <p>The MAC noted recent financial information provided by Marine Rescue (MR). Members expressed concern at the apparent growth in expenditure on administration and staff salaries and increasing expenditure attributable to a growing central bureaucracy, rather than towards improvement of operational capabilities/resources.</p> <p>Members also expressed concern about the overall value of the Marine Rescue levy, which is funded from an additional charge applied to boat licence and registration fees. Concerns included the substantial increase in the organisation's overheads, the increase in unallocated cash surpluses, the</p>

	<p>decrease in expenditure on training, and general concerns about the governance of MR.</p> <p>Members queried whether a decline in expenditure on training, combined with the acquisition of state of the art vessels, may have contributed to the recent loss at sea of three new, expensive vessels.</p> <p>ACTION: The MAC's concerns about Marine Rescue funding, expenditure and governance to be fed into the Governance Review.</p>
6.	MAC Member's Items on Notice (Members) <i>There were no member's items on notice.</i>
7.	Technical and Standing Items
7.1	<p>Boating Incident Statistics</p> <p>The MAC noted the number of boating incidents and fatalities for July 2013 through to September 2013.</p>
7.2	<p>RMS Updates (Michael Wright)</p> <p><u>New Procedures – Review of Environmental Factors</u></p> <p>Michael Wright advised that new procedures for the Review of Environmental Factors and now available. RMS will circulate to MAC members out of session, with an accompanying explanatory memo.</p> <p>ACTION: RMS to circulate new Review of Environmental Factors procedure to MAC members out of session, with an accompanying explanatory memo.</p> <p><u>Waterways Fund Savings Update</u></p> <p>The MAC noted updates on the \$20 million savings-funded boating safety and infrastructure initiatives, including the hiring of extra Boating Safety Officer's and Education Officers, which will deliver boating safety education at boat ramps over summer. Michael advised that this scheme has generated significant interest from the boating public and progress will be reported at the next MAC meeting.</p> <p>Other projects not addressed at other agenda items include improvements to boat ramp information and signage, as well as to the bar crossing and alpine waters safety camera network.</p> <p>Howard advised that not all projects have been publicly announced and are therefore in confidence.</p>
7.3	<p>RMS Strategy and Delivery Plan (Maryanne Graham)</p> <p>The MAC noted that regular public reporting will occur against the delivery actions outlined in the <i>Roads and Maritime Strategy and Delivery Plan 2013</i>, and that the MAC will also be progressively updated.</p> <p>Maryanne stated that RMS will ensure that the Maritime program is more readily identifiable in RMS planning and strategy documents.</p>
7.4	<p>Better Boating Program Update</p> <p>The MAC noted the update on the Better Boating Program, including that the program has now funded almost \$40 million in boating infrastructure grants since its inception in 1998.</p> <p>The BBP Assessment Committee met on 22 October 2013 and considered 100 applications for 2013/14. The Committee included representatives from the Boating Industry Association, Boat Owners Association, Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing and the Local Government Association as well as the General Manager, Maritime Management Centre and the A/Director NSW Maritime.</p> <p>Successful grants will be announced by the Minister in December 2013 or early January 2014.</p> <p>Jeff Richards thanks the BBP team for their excellent work.</p>
7.5	<p>Waterways Fund Financial Summary</p> <p>The MAC noted the summary of 2012-13 Waterways Fund revenue and expenditure and that the Financial Summary 2012-13 will be published as an appendix to the 2012-13 Roads and Maritime Services Annual Report.</p> <p>Darren Vaux noted that there was a significant surplus this year. Michael Wright advised that the surplus resulted from greater than expected cost savings from the RMS merger and would be spent as</p>

	part of the savings-funded priority initiatives.
8.	Other Business
8.1	<p>Clean Safe Wharves</p> <p>Malcolm Poole advised that he would like to progress a media campaign about mess left on wharves.</p> <p>ACTION: Malcolm Poole to provide an update on Clean Safe Wharves at the next MAC meeting.</p>
8.2	<p>New RMS Branding</p> <p>Maryanne Graham advised that the new RMS branding will be released shortly, with the 'Splice' logo representing both roads and maritime activities.</p>
8.3	<p>Moorings Review</p> <p>Ian Ford, on behalf of Brett Moore, requested that members carefully consider the context of the moorings review, particularly in relation to the issue of vessel insurance. Some insurers are no longer covering vessels on moorings.</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Maritime Advisory Council is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Thursday, 13 February at TfNSW, Lee St, Chippendale. Further details to be confirmed.</p>
END	The meeting closed at 12:00pm