

Maritime Advisory Council**DRAFT MINUTES**

Date	23 August 2017	
Time	1030 to 1330	
Venue	52 Martin Place	
Chairperson	Darren Vaux (Chair)	
Attendees	<p>The Hon. Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight (Minister)</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Alan Blake (AB)</p> <p>Lawrie McEnally (LM)</p> <p>Jan Thurgar (JT)</p> <p>David Edwards (DE)</p> <p>John Barbouttis (JB)</p> <p>Anthony Haworth (AH)</p> <p>Kay Cottee</p>	<p>Invited Advisors</p> <p>Polly Bennett, Office of the Minister for Roads, Maritime & Freight (MD)</p> <p>Angus Mitchell, RMS (AM)</p> <p>Michael Drake, CMS (MD)</p> <p>Lucas Taylor, CMS, Secretary (LT)</p>
Apologies	Nil.	

Agenda Items	
1.	Welcome and Apologies (Minister, Chair)
1.1	The Chair welcomed attendees and the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight to the meeting. The Minister welcomed Members and thanked them for accepting reappointment to the meeting. The Minister congratulated Anthony Haworth on his appointment to the Council.

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	<p>The Minister thanked Brett Moore and Ian Ford for their contribution to the Council over the years. And noted that they were invited to participate in the Recreational Vessel Advisory Group and the Commercial Vessel Advisory Group. committees</p> <p>Michael Jarvin and Chris Mitchell were congratulated on being awarded the Maritime Medal at the Sydney International Boat Show.</p> <p>The Minister commented that the maritime community in NSW was in a strong position and acknowledged the Council had played an instrumental role in advocating for Industry.. The Minister mentioned improved safety on the water, including an increasing lifejacket wear rate and declining trends in fatalities. The Minister remarked that 65 projects have been completed with another 108 of the \$70 million Boating Now program to be completed by 2018. An additional \$17 million has been committed to round two of the program.</p> <p>A number of achievements and ongoing projects were noted, including the Maritime Safety Plan being developed by Transport for NSW that will set the strategic direction for the maritime clusters safety programs over the next four years.</p> <p>The Government has recognised the importance of port and maritime uses within the Bays Precinct, in particular White Bay and Glebe Island work is underway to develop long term plans for that area incorporating maritime uses.</p> <p>It was recognised that work still needs to be done and the Council will be important in progressing this work in the future.</p>
2.	Confirmation of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest (Chair)
2.1	<p>The Chair confirmed the Agenda with members.</p> <p>JT raised that she was involved in the Coroner’s inquest into High speed water-ski fatalities, which will be discussed later in the agenda. No other conflicts noted.</p>
3.	Minutes from MAC meeting –12 August 2016 (Chair)
3.1	<p>The Minutes of the 16 December 2016 MAC meeting were presented and moved as an accurate record, this was seconded by AB and JT.</p> <p>The Minutes of the 12 August 2016 MAC meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record.</p>

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4.	Actions from MAC meeting – 12 August 2016 (Chair)
4.1	<p>Actions from previous meeting were discussed.</p> <p>AM advised that there has been no change from the previous update regarding live-aboard vessels. No new complaints have been received which suggests progress.</p> <p>AM provided an update on maritime property including that the Bays precinct was subject to announcements by Urban Growth. It was acknowledged that commercial vessel storage was important and has been included in the plans.</p> <p>The Minister stated that the Government has led major work to keep Sydney Harbour a working harbour in to the future. Government initiatives in infrastructure building mean construction materials will need to be bought into the city for at least the next 10 years.</p> <p>The importance of maritime property and the Bays precinct was noted by the Minister who highlighted that 1 in 5 Chinese tourists attend the fish markets within 24 hours of arrival into Sydney.</p> <p>AM mentioned that maritime property policy was now on the website and finalised and stakeholders updated. The Chair stated that this was a good outcome.</p>
5.	Opportunities for the new MAC (Chair)
5.1	<p>The Chair discussed the opportunities for MAC to continue to contribute to making NSW waterways safe and enjoyable and the best possible boating experience. In order to achieve this the Council must continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a finger on the industry pulse and raise changes and emerging trends in the sector; • Drive the agenda of the Council and provide the Minister with the details needed; and • Raise items and get them formally into the system so that they can be progressed and responded to. <p>The Council will be given advanced notice of meeting times and a timetable will be produced for the next series of meetings.</p> <p>Papers will be sent out three weeks in advance in single PDF so that they can be view on a device and reduce paper needs.</p>

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6.	Terms of Reference Update
6.1	<p>The Chair clarified section 3. Para 5. There should be four meetings a year.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed the Minister can send papers for advice at any time and the Chair will discuss whether advice can be provided in written form or if a meeting is necessary.</p> <p>A question was raised by the Chair in regard to Section 2, the Code of Conduct and which code this refers to. MD commented that the Premier and Cabinet publish a Code of Conduct for all of Government advisory boards.</p> <p>Action: Secretariat to circulate DPC Code of Conduct to all Members by October 2017.</p> <p>MD raised that a resource is available for Members to assist with the administration in order to put papers together for any items or issues Members which to raise.</p> <p>Chair asked if the Terms of Reference were accepted. DE and KC moved and seconded the motion to accept the Terms of Reference</p>
6.2	<p>Dates</p> <p>A general discussion was held on indicative dates. A schedule will be produced and circulated to members.</p> <p>Actions: Secretariat to circulate meeting schedule to members by end of month.</p>
7.	Members item
7.1	<p>Dive flags</p> <p>LM detailed safety concerns regarding spear fishing practices and some diving practices. In particular when people engaged in diving activities failure to display a flag or move far from dive flags or indicators and surfacing close to vessels, without the knowledge of the vessel operator.</p> <p>MD detailed current regulatory and operational settings. This included the inclusion of high visibility flags, with over 1000 flags distributed to clubs, to accompany the internationally recognised dive flag. MD agreed that safe dive activities may need to be examined again.</p>

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	<p>Actions: LM to prepare paper on the issues for the next meeting.</p> <p>MD to investigate dive safe activities and report back to MAC.</p>
7.2	<p>Profile of future boaters</p> <p>The Chair provided a summary of the presentation he delivered at Marine17 regarding the future of boaters.</p> <p>The presentation provided an insight into the future profile of boaters, and highlighted the need to consider how best to engage new younger boaters and support boaters into their later years.</p> <p>A number of emerging trends, critical to understand how to provide support and services for future boating were highlighted. These included that the majority of immigrants are millennials, living density is shifting into high density apartment living with limited storage capacity</p> <p>The lack of vessel storage on traditional private dwellings is already being experienced with conflict arising between vessel owners in high density areas and local councils.</p> <p>The presentation discussed how tastes and expectations are changing with the younger generation of boaters looking for experiences as opposed to ownership. Younger boaters have shown tendencies to look for instant satisfaction as opposed to the traditional boat ownership path of buying small initially and purchasing larger vessels when able.</p> <p>The chair discussed a number of other emerging issues that will change the boating sector including autonomous vessels, climate change, vessel power and propulsion, the sharing economy and monetising underutilised assets.</p> <p>The emergence of Uber in the Australian market was discussed as a case study of how new technology can arrive un expectedly and force a market response.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the need for women to be engaged and promoted with the industry and as customers.</p> <p>The Minister described how she recently attended a vessel manufacturer on the mid-north coast and was shown the technology being built which included autonomous surveillance vessels for recording ocean currents and other ocean data.</p>

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	<p>MD described how AMSA is being consulted and supported to prepare for the introduction of new technology and how this will be addressed from a safety and compliance standpoint under the National Law.</p> <p>Actions: A vessel sharing workshop to be set to discuss how to respond to new schemes. The outcomes of this workshop will be raised with state and federal partners. MD to report back to MAC.</p>
8.	Draft Maritime Safety Plan 2017 - 2021
8.1.	<p>MD provided an outline of the recent history of the development of Maritime strategy. This included the Maritime Policy Agenda in 2012 and the Regional Boating Plans in 2015. The Maritime Safety Plan (MSP) will set the agenda for the next four years of safety and infrastructure programs.</p> <p>MD detailed the success of previous safety work including declining boating fatalities to record low numbers and the increasing lifejacket wear rate.</p>
8.2.	<p>Maritime Safety Plan Actions</p> <p>MD referred to the paper containing the draft action and initiatives of the MSP. The MSP will renew its focus on prevention of incidents, building on the success of recent years with lifejacket wear and other treatments.</p> <p>MD outlines the development of the MSP which was built on an evidentiary foundation which included the problem definitions, a data analysis conducted by a behavioural scientist.</p> <p>The overall goal of the MSP is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by 30% by 2021 based on 2014 levels.. The long term goal is to achieve Zero trauma on the waterways which is in line with NSW government ambitions for all transport networks.</p> <p>MD explained how safe systems work.</p> <p>MD asked members of the council for their view on the actions. Action members to provide feedback on Agenda paper within two weeks so that the MSP can capture/include feedback.</p> <p>KC raised an issue with a navigation aid at the Yamba wall where the light was out potentially due to the solar power.</p>

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	<p>Action: Angus will confirm the status of the light and power unit prior to the next meeting</p> <p>BC explained that as part of the MSP hospital data will for the first time be accessible allowing more accurate identification of emerging issues.</p> <p>Minister acknowledged that safety outcomes are being achieved. Congratulate BC on synthesising data capture from other sources including hospital data.</p> <p>The plan was well received by MAC members as a comprehensive reflection of current safety issues and a detailed plan of action to address.</p> <p>DV complimented the document.</p> <p>LJ suggested considering a swap and go lifejacket model. Commercial model promoted by RMS and supported by industry. Additionally, move forward cold water initiatives as they are important.</p> <p>Action: MAC to return recommendations on PWC activity to Secretariat by September 8.</p>
9.	Boating incident report
9.1.	<p>Prior to the discussion JT recused herself due to her affiliation with Ski Racing NSW.</p> <p>AM detailed the recommendations made by the Coroner in regards to RMS.</p> <p>AM discussed work RMS is undertaking with stakeholders to respond to the Coroners recommendations. These include an immediate increase in safety inspections amounting to 11.5% increase.</p>
10.	Waterways fund update
10.1.	<p>AM gave a presentation outlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boating now. • Emergency repairs funding. • Local council and NSW discussions regarding funding. <p>AM presented the Father's day lifejacket video. This video was produced by TfNSW and RMS to be released prior to Father's day, encouraging children to make sure their father is wearing a life jacket when on the water and that he has checked the serviceability of inflatable jackets. The video is</p>

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	<p>intended to be shared on social media.</p> <p>The Minister has been meeting with Councils and is confident that councils have a good understanding of Boating now and how to access the program to improve facilities in their area . Father's day message is a great idea and has been well executed.</p>
11.	Report on MRNSW funding arrangements
11.1.	<p>MD outlined the ongoing work in updating a new funding agreement.</p> <p>TfNSW is involved in the project to allow RMS to remain separate as the safety regulator. TfNSW negotiated an agreement with OEM. TfNSW will require deliverables. OEM is then responsible for the management of MRNSW.</p> <p>DV summarised the case why MAC wanted deliverable provisions in an agreement. The border to boarder complete Radio network hasn't been delivered and the vessel response capability is not complete across across the state. Given the scale of the levy raised to date it is important to note that the Levy was raised from Boaters on a platform of delivering a number of outcomes that the separate organisations could not deliver. MAC supported this and it has not been completed to date and as such funding from boaters going forward should be tied to delivery KPIs.</p> <p>MD summarised the original business case and MRNSW achievements to date. BC suggested the need to return to the original agreement and ensure accountability for the originally intended outcome.</p> <p>MD suggest that the state rescue board are accrediting MRNSW to provide the services and that this should be sufficient to ensure funding.</p> <p>The Minister added that volunteers do a great job and the issue is the funding to pay for the infrastructure that will deliver seamless rescue services. The current arrangements will be extended until we can sort out a suitable agreement incorporating the required outcomes.</p> <p>MD added that he is not aware of any issues with MRNSW not being able to perform a rescue.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Performance measures/KPIs would be reviewed and they would have an outcome focus.</p>

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	Action: Members to advise TfNSW on any concerns they have regarding MRNSW operations or instances where MRNSW were unable to fulfil their obligations prior to the next meeting.
12.	Coastal Infrastructure Unit
12.1.	<p>AM provided details about the development of a consolidated Coastal Infrastructure Unit (CIU).</p> <p>DV added that there is a need for a whole of government strategic maritime approach to property and the water interface and welcomed the introduction of the planned CIU.</p> <p>The Minister is seeking to establish a CIU in order to create investment in line with government policy , to provide a coordinated customer service to stakeholders, and to facilitate improved and timely delivery of coastal infrastructure.</p>
13.	Boating Now
13.1	Details were provided on the Boating Now program and stage two grants are being finalised.
Other Business	
<p>The Minister thanked everyone for their hard work and attending the meeting.</p> <p>AB raised the advanced skipper program and commented on the potential the program has for educating boaters.</p> <p>AH raised the difficulties for commercial vessel storage and the importance of commercial vessel storage in the bays precinct.</p> <p>JB added that Sydney Harbour planning and infrastructure land/water interface is difficult.</p> <p>KC raised dredging and added that dredging is a safety issue. AM suggested raising a dredging issues with him and he will endeavour to help.</p> <p>JT asked after river erosion management plans and when they will be implemented.</p> <p>AM responded that RMS taking a leading role in erosion management to avoid calls for boating restrictions.</p> <p>JT asked what was being done in the Hawkesbury. AM commented that the Hawkesbury was not identified as a priority yet, however raise any issue with him directly.</p>	

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	Action	Status	Responsible/ Due Date
1.	Item 6.1 Terms of Reference Update ACTION: Circulate DPC Code of Conduct to all Members	Completed	Secretariat October 2017
2.	Item 6.2 Dates ACTION: Circulate meeting schedule to members.	Completed Sent	Secretariat 30 August 2017
3.	Item 7.1 – Dive Flags ACTION: LM to prepare paper on the issues.	Completed	Lawrie McEnally 2 November 2017
4.	Item 7.1 – Dive Flags ACTION: MD to investigate dive safe activities.	To be discussed as agenda item 4	CMS May 2018
5.	Item 7.2 Profile of Future Boaters ACTION: Actions: A vessel sharing workshop to be set to discuss how to respond to new schemes. The outcomes of this workshop will be raised with state and federal partners.	To be discussed at agenda item 7	CMS May 2018
6.	Item 8.2 Maritime Safety Plan Actions ACTION: Angus will confirm the status of the Yamba light and power unit.	Angus to update at agenda item 11	RMS 2 November 2017
7.	Item 8.2 Maritime Safety Plan Actions ACTION: Return recommendations on PWC activity to Secretariat.	Completed	MAC 8 September 2017
8.	Item 11.1 Report on MRNSW funding arrangements ACTION: Members to advise TfNSW on any concerns they have regarding MRNSW operations or instances where MRNSW were unable to fulfil their obligations.	Completed	MAC 16 October 2017