



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc

*Consumer Action in Boating*

## **BOA Alert, July 2017**

Members, your update on some of the activities that your Association has been engaged in over the past month.

*One final reminder – if you haven't yet renewed your BOA membership, we hope that you will do so ASAP. Your support means that we can continue to look after your interests on the water. Simply contact Joann on 9960 1859.*

There have been a disparate range of things happening this month.

**Boating Industry Association collaboration** – Committee members Chris de Jong and Andrew McKinnon met with Howard Glenn and Shane Wilson from the BIA to discuss possible future formal collaborations between the two organisations.

Whilst only in the very initial stages, the discussions were very promising and we all agreed that a more detailed look at how the two groups could work together much more closely could yield very valuable outcomes for all concerned.

We'll keep you advised as these discussions progress.

**NSW Boating Now Funding Applications Open** - On Friday 23 June, the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey, announced that applications for funding under Round 2 of the Boating Now Program are now open. Under this second round, \$17 million is available to councils, other

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authorities, community groups and other boating stakeholders to help deliver improved recreational boating infrastructure across NSW.

Projects in the past have included new and upgraded boat ramps, boat trailer parking facilities, pontoons, jetties and sewage pumpouts.

Applications for funding are open until 20 August 2017 and further details are available at:

[www.rms.nsw.gov.au/boatingnow](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/boatingnow)

If there is a particular project that you feel is worth funding but need some assistance in lodging an application please email us at [admin@boaters.org.au](mailto:admin@boaters.org.au) and we'll be in touch.

**Crab pots/trap lines – where does responsibility lie?** In the June issue of *Afloat* magazine, boater Mike Barry raises some very interesting points about traps and who is responsible if a boat becomes entangled. See

<http://magazine.afloat.com.au/?iid=153301#folio=8>

The issue is a very important one and the BOA will be taking this up with RMS on behalf of members.

**Bays Precinct geo-tech testing** – as part of the works which are part of the Bays Precinct project, testing bore holes will be sunk in Wentworth Park and Bridge Rd in Glebe over the coming months. The works will be conducted during daylight hours and at the conclusion of works the sites will be remediated to their current state.

More information is available at <https://thebayssydney.com.au/geotechnical-testing-for-bays-market-district/>

**Regional Boating Advisory Groups (RBAGs)** – The Association has been contacted by RMS who are trying to revitalise the advisory panel structure from waterways users back to the RMS. Vice President Chris de Jong is leading discussions as to how we can assist the process. ***If any member has an interest in being a participant in a local RBAG*** (there are about 13 around NSW) would you please email Joann on [admin@boaters.org.au](mailto:admin@boaters.org.au) and let her

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know. We can then talk to RMS about how we can get you involved.

**Architectural firm chosen to design the new Sydney Fish Market** - NSW

Premier, Gladys Berejiklian has announced that Copenhagen-based 3XN Architects have been given the job of designing the new \$250 million plus Sydney Fish Market at the head of Blackwattle Bay.

3XN Architects, one of Europe's leading architectural firms, was awarded the contract after a competitive process that attracted over 60 registrations of interest from Australian and international design studios. The firm has extensive experience designing award-winning and adaptable waterfront buildings around the world, from Scandinavia, to North America, and now Sydney.

**Marine 17 International Conference** is being held from 30 July – 1 August at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. If you are interested in the conference please see <http://www.marine17.com> for more information.

And of course the **Sydney International Boat Show** is on at Darling Harbour from 3-7 August – for details see <http://www.sydneyboatshow.com.au/>

With my best regards to you all,

Andrew McKinnon

President

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