



The Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc
Consumer Action in Boating

BOA Alert February 2019

Good evening member,

Welcome to our first Alert of 2019! And of course you can

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A few things for your review:



Members - what can you do for your Association?

Introduce a new member!

And they can join and pay online!

All organisations like the BOA thrive on the breadth and scope of our membership. The more members we have, the better job we can do for you when we talk to colleague organisations, government and the bureaucracy. ***If you have a friend who is also a boatie, why not introduce them to the BOA?*** The more members we have, the stronger our voice! Just go to www.boatowners.org.au to find out more or call 9960 1859

Regional Area Members - we need your assistance please!

RMS hosts Regional Boating Advisory Groups up and down the coast of NSW. These groups provide a great opportunity for local boaties to have direct input to the RMS on matters that affect YOU.

The BOA is always invited to send representatives to these meetings and we need local members to participate.

If you are interested, please contact Vice President Chris de Jong - he'll be very

happy to give you more information - c.dejong@bigpond.com



Bateman's Bay Dredging Funding approved

The state government has announced the provision of \$450,000 for dredging works at Bateman's Bay.

The BOA had been one of several groups agitating for the funding to be approved and we are delighted to see that the government responded

appropriately.

This is another excellent example of what can be achieved when action by local boaties is supported by a larger Association in the form of the BOA. For more information click [here](#)

Manning River mouth dredging still a work in progress

Whilst some funding has been made available to dredge parts of the Manning River, the river mouth remains an area at issue. The BOA continues to lobby government to make a recurrent commitment to these vital dredging works

Lifejacket Servicing Clinics - Don't Become a Drowning Statistic!

Roads and Maritime will be holding inflatable lifejacket self-service clinics at two locations around Sydney in the coming weeks. Participants will be eligible to receive free lifejacket replacement parts or a \$15 voucher towards the purchase of a lifejacket or parts.



The clinics are already gathering quite a bit of interest, so I strongly recommend registering as a participant to ensure your place.

For more information on the clinics or to register visit:

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/lifejacketclinics

The next two dates are:

Bayview on Sat 23 February

Banksmeadow on Sun 24 February



Station Beach Submission

Northern Beaches Council has sought comment on a proposal to permit dogs to access Station Beach (Pittwater). BOA Environmental & Technical Advisor, Mitch Geddes, has prepared a submission to the Council arguing in favour of the changes, but suggesting a broadening of the access arrangements to accommodate boaties whose boat-bound pooches need a comfort break.

To read the submission click [here](#)

Beware Boat Wash!

When you see a 'No Wash' sign and a speed limit sign (eg. 4 or 8 knots) in the same area, do not assume you can travel at the maximum speed posted. That will depend on your particular vessel and the wash it makes at slower speeds, you may need to slow down to well under the maximum speed limit to minimise your wash. For more information click [here](#)

Don't Deal With Freedom Marine Services

Commissioner for NSW Fair Trading Rose Webb has issued a public warning advising consumers not to deal with Freedom Marine Services Pty Ltd and its Director, Deborah May Barron. Freedom Marine Services was primarily involved in the sale and repair of new and second-hand boats and trailers. For more information click [here](#)

Enjoy the tail end of summer!

Regards

Andrew McKinnon

President
