



# The Hon Duncan Gay MLC

## Minister for Roads and Ports

Deputy Leader of the Government  
Legislative Council

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MINISTER ANNOUNCES NEW MARITIME ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minister for Roads and Ports Duncan Gay today announced a new 11-member Maritime Advisory Council.

Mr Gay called for expressions of interest for membership last October, and received more than 40 responses from a wide range of the boating community.

“The new council will be pivotal in getting community views on priorities for the maritime portfolio”, Mr Gay said.

“Establishing a statutory Maritime Advisory Council was part of the transport reforms we implemented last year.”

“The council will ensure that boating issues are heard clearly within Transport for NSW. It will guide the work of the Office of Boating Safety within Transport for NSW and the service delivery by Roads and Maritime Services.

Mr Gay said he was eager to work with stakeholders in setting a maritime policy agenda for boating safety reforms, providing easier access to waterways, and making the best use of maritime property.

“Recreational and commercial boating safety will be central to the work of the council, as will developing a clear framework for the management of maritime property around the State. With continued growth in recreational boating, there are challenges in providing safe and quality access to the waterways and in planning for the expansion of boat storage, both on and off the water,” he said.

“It was heartening to see such a wide range of skills and talent on offer from the community, and we have identified a blend of expertise and experience across the maritime sector in the 11 members to be appointed.”

“I look forward to getting down to business with the first meeting of the council in March.”

Members of the Maritime Advisory Council:

#### **Darren Vaux (Chair)**

Mr Vaux is Director and Principal of the Empire Marina at Bobbin Head and an office bearer of three peak industry associations. He is currently the President of the Boating Industry Association, Chair of the Boating Industries Alliance of Australia and Vice President of the Marina Industry Association of Australia.

**Kay Cottee AO (Deputy Chair)**

Ms Cottee, a distinguished sailor and former Australian of the Year, has run a boat building business and a marina at Yamba. She was a member of the committee responsible for forming Marine Rescue NSW.

**Guy Bailey**

Mr Bailey has extensive involvement in commercial marine and marine infrastructure operations. He is the owner/operator of Rottneest Ferries and Director and Major Project Manager of Bailey's Marine Fuels Australia.

**John Barbouttis**

Mr Barbouttis is the owner of both the Gladesville Bridge Marina and Beacon Marine in Fremantle, Director of Motor Yacht Marine Holdings P/L and Commodore of the Royal Motor Yacht Club NSW Inc.

**David Edwards**

Mr Edwards is General Manager of Yachting NSW, a Board Member of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and a member of the Marine Rescue NSW Consultative Committee.

**Ian Ford**

Mr Ford is the founder of charter vessel companies Bass and Flinders and Manly Fast Ferries. He is Secretary of the Commercial Vessels Association of NSW.

**David Lyall**

Mr Lyall is a public service medallist who is currently NSW President and National Councillor of the Australian Institute of Building and a member of the Recreational Vessels Advisory Group. He is also a former Vice President of the Boat Owners' Association of NSW Inc.

**Brett Moore**

Mr Moore had a distinguished career with NSW Maritime, retiring in 2010 from the position of General Manager, Recreational Boating and Regional Services Division. In this role he oversaw the delivery of many important safety and service outcomes for the boating community.

**Malcolm Poole**

Mr Poole is Chair of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Inc. He is a member of the Estuary Prawn Trawl Management Advisory Committee and the Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee.

**Jeff Richards**

Mr Jeff Richards is the President of the Boat Owners' Association of NSW Inc. and was formerly a representative of the Boat Owners' Association on the Middle Harbour User Group.

**Jan Thurgar**

Ms Thurgar is President of the NSW Water Ski Federation and a member of the Recreational Vessels Advisory Group.