



MARINE INDUSTRY ACTION AGENDA

newsletter

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Mr Baldwin presents the Exporter of the Year Award to Sean Griffin of GME.

The Marine Industry Action Agenda report was launched by the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, in January. Minister Macfarlane appointed an industry team to implement the Action Agenda.

The Hon Bob Baldwin MP, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister Macfarlane, is the Australian Government champion for the Action Agenda. He is passionate about the industry, with a long professional and recreational involvement with the sea. He is very keen to help implement the Action Agenda and assist the industry to grow.

Recent activities helping the marine industry are covered below.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT

THE ACTION AGENDA:

- is seeking information on barriers to exports. Australia is negotiating, or considering, trade agreements with China, Malaysia, the Gulf States, ASEAN and Japan. These negotiations give the marine industry an opportunity to reduce trade barriers. If there are trade barriers hindering your exports please contact the [Action Agenda secretariat](#).
- supported the 2006 Australian Marine Showcase. This brought international buyers and journalists to Australia. It was organised by the Australian International Marine Export Group ([AIMEX](#)).
- is working with Tourism Australia to adopt the [brand Australia logo](#) for international promotion of the industry.
- is developing a [calendar of marine exhibitions](#), boat shows and conferences to help Australian exporters.
- Australia is working with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Shipbuilding to reduce overseas support for shipbuilding. The OECD is studying support provided to shipbuilding by other countries and its impact on the shipbuilding industry.

REGULATION AND ENVIRONMENT

- The Action Agenda is studying water front land tenure arrangements in the States and Northern Territory to identify good practice.
- In June Mr Baldwin launched the Australian Marine Spatial Information System ([AMSIS](#)). This website maps Commonwealth waters with information and tools to help people using the sea. AMSIS contains over 80 layers of information including maritime boundaries, marine parks, physical and environmental information, legal interests, fisheries and shipping.





- The Australian Government clarified the [taxation](#) of income from boat hire in the recent budget. This allows taxpayers, who cannot show that they are carrying on a business using a boat, to deduct costs related to their boating from income generated from boating.

SKILLS AND TRAINING

- The Action Agenda is working on ways to attract people to the marine industry and improve training.
- Information on how to use the [skilled migration program](#) as an option to deal with short-term staff shortages has been provided by the Action Agenda.
- The Migration Occupations in Demand List ([MODL](#)) has been expanded to include boat builders and repairers. This makes it easier for boat builders to migrate to Australia. It also means that new boat building apprentices are eligible for the Australian Government's [tools for your trade](#) initiative.

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

- The Action Agenda has prepared an overview of [group purchasing](#), but has not found strong interest in group purchasing in the industry.
- The Action Agenda sponsored the [2006 Australian Marine Awards](#) in May.
- The inaugural [Australian Super Yacht Industry Awards](#) were held in May.
- The [Marine Safety Conference 2006](#) will be held on the Gold Coast on 12-14 September 2006.
- The [Marinas 2007 conference](#) will be held on the Gold Coast on 28-30 May 2007.



An [Implementation Team](#) is leading the implementation phase of the Action Agenda. It comprises:

Mr Steve Davies, Operations Manager, Infrastructure - Worley Parsons (Chair).

Mr Richard Chapman, Managing Director – Course Master Autopilots and HyDrive Engineering

Mr Lance Cushion, Executive Director – Super Yacht Base Australia

Ms Sherry Donaldson, Chief Executive Officer – Australian Marine Industries Federation

Mr Robert Falzon, Managing Director – FMCA

Ms Liz Hay, Chief Executive Officer – Australian Shipbuilders Association and Australian Ship Repairers Group

Mr Andrew Hayes, President – Australian Marine Industries Federation

Mr Barry Jenkins, President – Boating Industry Association of Queensland

Mr Jeff Leigh-Smith, Managing Director – Gold Coast City Marina

Mr Alistair Murray, Managing Director – Ronstan International

Mr Iain Murray, Owner of Azzura Group

Mr Mike Lawson, General Manager, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources



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