

# Twin fast response craft for NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE



The partnership between Western Australian designer Mark Ellis Marine Design and New South Wales builder Britton Marine is one that can be well described as a perfect fit.

Mark Ellis is renowned as the designer of some of the best hull forms in the world while Britton Marine – a specialist builder of tactical, security response and boarding vessels – is a leading integrator of such designs, providing not only a high quality of build but also being able to incorporate their own expertise for vital vessel components such as command consoles and seating.

Britton Marine have supplied vessels to most of the major police agencies in Australia including the Federal Police, New South Wales Police, Victorian Police and Tasmanian Police and are also currently building vessels for the New Zealand Navy and the Indonesian military.

The two recently delivered fast response craft for the New South Wales police perfectly encapsulate the success of the designer-builder partnership. The all aluminium construction vessels feature a sea-kindly and extraordinarily swift Mark

Ellis designed hull capable of reaching a fully-loaded speed of 50 knots powered by twin Mercury Verado four-stroke outboards outputting 205kW each.

Designed for harbour security and harbour response operations, the Britton built command console, lumber support seats and spring loaded crew seats ensure optimal crew performance and handling while their solid mount A-frame located at the stern provides an elevated platform for mounting electronics.

The state-of-the-art electronics package was supplied by Raymarine and is complemented by specialised police computers and radios.

Built in survey to NSW – USL Code 2C, the vessels have an overall length of 8.85 metres on a 3.3 metre beam with a draught of just 0.55 metres. They are manned by a crew of two with seating for up to eight other police officers depending on operational requirements.

A heavy-duty collarette system surrounds the top of the hull providing protection when docking or coming along side other vessels. The striking camouflage pattern on the vessels' upper works was



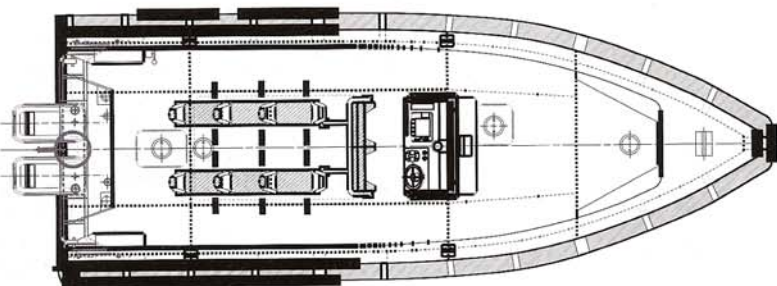
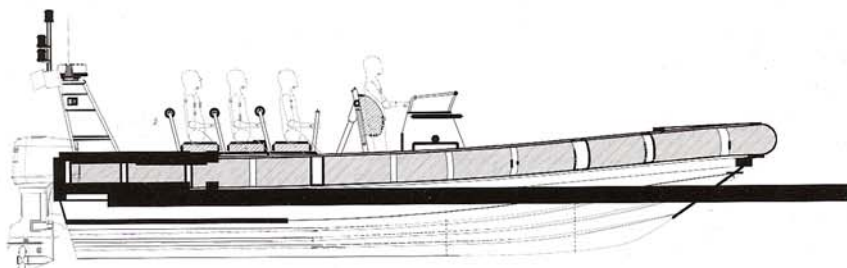
Command console

especially designed by Britton Marine to allow the vessels to blend into the typical New South Wales coastline.

The Commander of the NSW Water Police, Superintendent Terry Dalton, has expressed his happiness with delivered vessels, describing them as having some of the greatest capabilities of any vessels of their type in Australia and an important addition to the police fleet as his force takes the lead in implementing port security measures.

Britton Marine and Mark Ellis Marine Design are currently involved in a further three new vessel projects, which includes the first waterjet powered designs of their partnership.

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## NSW Water Police fast response craft

### SPECIFICATIONS

Type of vessel:	Fast response craft
In survey to:	NSW – USL Code 2C
Home port:	Sydney, Australia
Designer:	Mark Ellis Marine Design, Australia
Builder:	Britton Marine, Australia
Construction material:	Aluminium
Length overall:	8.85 metres
Beam:	3.3 metres
Draught:	0.55 metres
Main engines:	2 x Mercury Verado 4-stroke outboards, each 205kW
Maximum speed:	50 knots (fully-loaded)
Fuel capacity:	600 litres
Crew:	2 (+8)