



Making Waves

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The Sydney Coastal Councils Group Monthly Update
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Welcome to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) Monthly Update. The aim of the update is to provide Member Councils and interested stakeholders with a quick and easy to read summary of the Group's recent activities. If you would like more information on any of the projects or issues discussed please contact the SCCG Secretariat on (02) 9246 7702.

SCCG Key Activities

Australian Government – Inquiry into Climate Change and environmental impacts on coastal communities

In preparation for a submission to this inquiry, the SCCG Secretariat has prepared and distributed a survey to all SCCG Member Councils on the key issues related to the Inquiry Terms of Reference. The SCCG Secretariat will collate the survey findings and prepare a submission that outlines the issues and needs of the councils in the Sydney coastal region in response to climate change *and environmental impacts on coastal communities*. All interested persons and organisations are invited to make submissions addressing the Terms of Reference by Friday 30 May 2008. For more information go to www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ccwea/coastalzone/index.htm

SCCG presentations Thailand Department of Natural Resources and Chinese delegation from the Yuxi Municipality, Yunnan Province

SCCG Executive Officer, Geoff Withycombe and Coastal Projects Officer, Craig Morrison have presented on the aims and activities of the Group to a delegation of 60 from the Thailand Department of Natural Resources and smaller delegation of 6 from the Chinese Yuxi Municipality, Yunnan Province. Both delegations were particularly interested in the activities of the SCCG relating to climate change, groundwater management as well as community education and engagement.

Developing a G.I.S. tool to assess vulnerability to catastrophic marine floods in Sydney

SCCG has partnered with the University of New South Wales to undertake a research project that will apply and test a newly developed and highly novel GIS tool to assess the vulnerability of coastal infrastructure to catastrophic marine floods in two of Sydney's coastal embayments. This project may be used by Councils to assist with decisions about long-term strategic planning and development and emergency management response. The map outputs from this project will be specific to the study areas but very importantly, the 'method' used and a resultant manual will be a significant output that may be utilised by all member councils of the SCCG and other coastal councils. The project outcomes will be presented at a forum hosted by the University of New South Wales on May 19. RSVPs are essential please contact geoff@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au

SCCG & Institute of Environmental Studies (Uni of NSW) Partnership Program

Two research projects are being undertaken as part of the SCCG – UNSW (IES) Partnership Program during the first semester of 2008. The titles of the projects are:

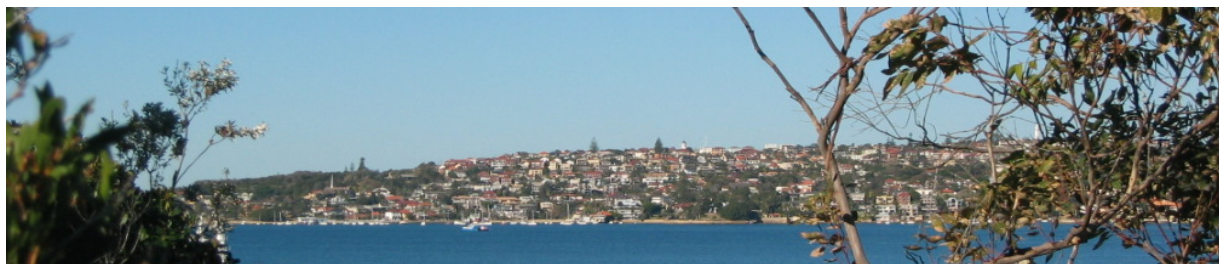
- Connecting public and private green spaces for biodiversity enhancement; and
- Going Carbon neutral options, can this be effectively/legitimately achieved and what are the cost benefit implications?

Copies of these projects and all other research projects undertaken as part of the partnership since 2004 are available via the SCCG web site or UNSW IES: www.ies.unsw.edu.au/partnerships/sccg.htm.



Member Council Actions and Issues

Every Month the Sydney Coastal Councils uses this section of the update to provide a summary of some of the actions being undertaken and emerging issues for Member Councils.



Pittwater Council Sea Level Rise workshop

Pittwater Council, in conjunction with Warringah, Manly and Mosman Councils are delivering an all-day seminar entitled Sea Level Rise - Building adaptive capacity to cope with sea level rise. The Seminar will be held on Thursday 29 May 2008 at The Royal Motor Yacht Club, Newport. The Seminar will deal with the sea level aspects of Climate Change and how it will impact NSW Coastal Councils, leaving the broader implications of Climate Change to other forums. It will provide an opportunity for Councils to share their knowledge and the likely scope and severity of the rise and the likely consequences for Local Government.

For more information go to:
www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/33816/Sea_Level_Rise_Seminar_Program.pdf#Sea%20Level%20Rise%20Seminar

Natural Resource Management Grants Summary

The Sydney Metropolitan CMA has produced the 2008 Natural Resource Management Grants Summary. The summary contains details of the grants available to councils and community groups for natural resources management in 2008. The grants summary can be found at

www.sydney.cma.nsw.gov.au/index.php?option=com_remository&Itemid=24&func=select&id=9

Maroubra Bay Flood Study

Randwick City Council is currently undertaking a flood study in the Maroubra area and is asking residents to share their knowledge and memories of flooding in the area. The Flood Study covers the entire Maroubra catchment draining to Maroubra Bay, including portions of South Maroubra. The catchment extends to areas around Bond Street and The Corso to the north, Anzac Pde to the west and Malabar Rd to the south. The study may provide information on the level and velocity of floodwaters within floodways, and also help define the nature of the flood risk in the catchment area. For more information

www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/?id=1251

Waverley Council World Environment Day Festival

Waverley Council is holding its annual World Environment day festival at Bondi pavilion on Sunday 25th May from 11am - 4pm. The day is a celebration of the local environment with music, dance, information stalls with the Bondi Pavilion Community Cultural Centre and the Marine Discovery Centre. For more information www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/info/calendar/calddetail.asp?EventID=534

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