

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 12 MARCH, 2005
AT RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL
1.00 PM**

The meeting venue is Randwick Council, Council Chambers, 30 Frances Street, Randwick. Parking is available adjacent to the Administration building and in surrounding streets. A map of the meeting location and parking is attached.

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| 2. | APOLOGIES | |
| 3. | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES | |
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| | Recommended that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 18 December 2004 at Rockdale Council be confirmed. | |
| 3.2 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 9 December 2004 at Mosman Council. (Attached) | 13 |
| | Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 17 December 2004 at Mosman Council be received and noted. | |
| 3.3 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 17 February 2005 at Waverley Council. (Attached) | 22 |
| | Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 17 February 2005 at Waverley Council be received and noted. | |
| 4. | ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS | |
| 4.1 | Performance Reviews of RCEO and CPO | |
| | Recommended that the Chair and the RCEO's verbal report be received and noted. | |
| 5. | BUSINESS ARISING | |
| | Business arising from minutes other than those items listed below in Reports. | |
| 6. | CORRESPONDENCE | |
| 6.1 | Sent and Received Correspondence (attached) | 31 |
| | Recommended that the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted. | |
| 6.2 | SCCG Workshop with CSIRO (attached) | 41 |
| | Recommended that the SCCG members consider attending workshop on 23 March. | |

7. PRESENTATION

7.1 Proposed Partnership Program between SCCG and Macquarie University 43

Briefing Notes

The SCCG Secretariat have been pursuing the proposed partnership program with Risk Frontiers from the Department of Physical Geography at Macquarie University.

Discussions between the Secretariat, Sydney Coastal Council Group (SCCG) and staff from Macquarie University (MU) have begun to identify a range of fundamental research questions, strategic objectives and policy and management related needs of the SCCG in relation to future climate change. Staff at MU have a variety of skills, expertise, experience and knowledge in relation to delivering outcomes that will meet the needs of the SCCG. Specifically, MU staff and students may make to assist the SCCG address the impacts, effects, and management of future climate change.

Dr Dale Dominey-Howes BSc PhD FGS FRGS, (Risk Frontiers), Department of Physical Geography, Macquarie University will provide the meeting with a review of works and expertise of Risk Frontiers, review the proposed partnership program elements and expected outcomes,

Recommended that:

1. the report and presentation be received and discussed.
2. Delegates consider providing in-principle support for the Partnership Program.
3. The secretariat draft a MOU (or similar) to establish the partnership and this be tabled at the June meeting for consideration of adoption.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. Harvey/Mr. Colman 51 (Minutes and report attached)

Recommended by the Beachwatch Advisory Committee representatives that:

- 1) the report on Beachwatch and Harbourwatch Programs be received and noted
- 2) the Representatives' report be heard including outcomes of the Beachwatch Advisory Committee meeting 69.

8.2 Report on the Activities of the Sydney Harbour Catchment Management Board and the establishment of the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority 55

A verbal Report will be provided to the meeting.

A result of the resolution at the last meet, the Group wrote to the Premier seeking details and clarification of the Sydney CMAs. Terms of reference, direct and indirect Federal and State Budget allocations; other financial resources to support Catchment Action Plan and specific details of the roles and responsibilities of the authority to be established. A copy of the letter is attached and it is hoped that a response will be received prior to the meeting.

Recommended that the report be received and noted.

8.3 Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia* 56

Briefing Notes

The SCCG have resolved that *Caulerpa taxifolia* be a standing item on SCCG agendas until such time that the issues is adequately addressed. The RCEO will provide delegates with a verbal report on progress.

Recommended that

- 1) The report be received and considered,
- 2) Outcomes to date be considered by the Committee for additional actions.

8.4 Report on SCCG Summer Activities Program (Attached) 59

Briefing Notes

From 10 –23 January 2005 the SCCG put together a series of activities to encourage the community to enjoy our coast and to become involved in the protection, management and rehabilitation of our coastal and marine environments. A review the outcomes of the 2005 Program will be provided.

Recommended that the report be received and noted.

8.5 Draft – Groundwater Management Handbook for Local Government (To be tabled at the meeting)

Briefing Notes

The SCCG Groundwater Working Group has developed the Draft "Groundwater Management Handbook for Local Government". The handbook is the first of its kind in NSW and is designed to provide advice on the management of groundwater resources across the SCCG region for State and Local Government organisations, industry and the local community.

The RCEO will provide a brief review of draft document and seek SCCG delegates input and comment. Comments and suggestions from this internal review (including Councillors) will form an important part of the consultation process that will be undertaken during a public exhibition period (April).

Recommended that

- 1) The report be received and discussed at the meeting.
- 2) Comment on the draft Manual be returned by **Friday 25 March**.

8.6 Annual SCCG Surveys 2004 (Technical Committee and Full Group) 67

Briefing Notes

A brief overview of the annual SCCG surveys (Technical Committee and Full Group) will be provided at the meeting. Key outcomes, recommendations and potential actions to be discussed.

The annual SCCG surveys are designed to enable the SCCG Secretariat identify what activities have assisted member councils and importantly identify avenues and activities to further enhance this assistance.

Recommended that

1. the Annual SCCG surveys for 2004 be received and discussed.
2. Delegates consider the proposed action listed in the report prior the meeting
3. Delegates finalise the proposed actions at the meeting for Secretariat implementation.

8.7 Collaborative Partnership Program with SCCG & Institute of Environmental Studies (Uni of NSW) (Project nominations Expressions of Interest)

Briefing Notes

Finalisation of 2004 reports.

Copies of the final 2004 reports will be distributed to each Council at the meeting. This includes:

- **Project 1 “Community Education Programs to Decrease Greenhouse Emissions”** – Rockdale Council
- **Project 2 - “Biodiversity Management in Urban Environments”** – Pittwater / Rockdale
- **Project 3 - “Assessing and Managing Coastal Risk”** – SCCG, Sutherland and Pittwater
- **Project 4 - “Educating for Sustainability – Community Needs and Engagement Strategies”** – North Sydney Council
- **Project 5 - Ecological Footprint - North Sydney - Stage 2 Calculation of North Sydney Council's Ecological Footprint** - North Sydney

Nominations for 2005 Projects

The third round of project(s) nominations Expression of interest has been requested. The nomination involve member councils and the SCCG following a process of submitting an ‘expression of interest’ for hosting a partnership project. This includes the submission of Expression of Interest Project proforma.

Projects nominated for 2005 (so far) include (first semester)

- Sustainability Planning in Local Government - Woollahra
- Bushland Conservation Incentives (on private lands) - Warringah
- Sustainable Coastal Tourism (visitor impacts) - Waverley, Randwick, Manly
- Evaluating Environment Education Programs - North Sydney, Willoughby, Coastal Environment Centre
- Ecological Footprint Stage 3 : Community Footprint for North Sydney.

Recommended that:

1. The report be received and discussed
2. Nominations for 2005 be considered for implementation.

8.8 Water Conservation Plans for Local Government

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Briefing Notes

As part of the State Government’s Sydney Metropolitan Water Plan councils supplied by Sydney Water will be required to prepare water conservation plans by March 2006. Guidelines are currently being developed to assist councils with this planning.

The Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) and the Local Government Association have now endorsed the Local Government Liaison Group to provide advice on the implementation of the Water Conservation Planning Guidelines. The Group has meet twice and includes representatives from SSROC, Southern Councils group, the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) project, WSROC, NSROC, Sydney Coastal Councils Group, SHROC, the Hawkesbury/Nepean Catchment Management Authority, MACROC, the LGSA and DEUS.

A report is attached outlining issues and concern being addressed by the Liason Group and DUES on behalf of member councils.

Recommended that

- 1) the report be received and noted
- 2) the RCEO provide a brief verbal update and seek to identify any additional issues of interest from delegates.

8.9 Key Activities Report for December 2004 – February 2005 (Attached) 81

Recommended that the SCCG Key Activities Report for December 2004 – February 2005 be received and noted.

8.10 SCCG Submission (Attached) 99**a) Sydney Metropolitan Strategy – Discussion Paper**

Recommended that the SCCG submissions be received and endorsed.

9. TREASURER’S REPORT**9.1 Financial Statement for the period ending January 2005 (To be tabled at the meeting)**

Recommended that the Financial Statement for period ending January 2005 be received and noted.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS**10.1 Items for Press Release**

Recommended that items for press release be considered.

10.2 Agenda items for the next SCCG meeting

Recommended that delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting proposed for Saturday 11 June 2005.

10.3 Next Meeting

Recommended that the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 11 June 2005 at a council to be determined at the meeting.

A current contact list of delegates and member councils is attached to the back of the business papers (p106)
