

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.  
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 18 MARCH, 2006  
AT NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL  
12.00 noon**

The meeting venue is North Sydney Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney. Some parking is available behind the Civic Centre. Additional Parking is available in the Ridge Street Parking Station and in the car park in the St. Thomas Church, enter of McLean Street. A map of the meeting location and parking is attached.

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| 3.1 | Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 3 December 2005 (Attached) | 1 |
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**Recommended that** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 3 December 2005 at Sutherland Council be confirmed.

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| 3.2 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 8 December 2005 at Woollahra Council. (Attached) | 10 |
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**Recommended that** the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 8 December 2005 at Woollahra Council be received and noted.

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| 3.3 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 16 February 2006 at Warringah Council. (Attached) | 15 |
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**Recommended that** the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 16 February 2006 at Warringah Council be received and noted.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

##### 4.1 Final SCCG Strategic Plan 2005 – 2008

###### Briefing Notes

Following presentation at the SCCG AGM, the SCCG Technical Committee and SCCG Strategic Plan Directional Committee have met to consider the Draft SCCG Strategic Plan 2005-2008. After some amendment the final Draft Plan was tabled at the December meeting.

As resolved at the meeting the Final draft Strategic Plan was then sent to the final draft Strategic Plan be sent to General Managers and Mayors for their consideration and endorsement prior to SCCG March SCCG meeting.

Final details of responses will hopefully be available for the meeting and the final SCCG strategy Plan will be tabled at the meeting for formal sign off.

###### **Recommended that**

- 1) Verbal report of the RCEO summarizing member council's feedback be presented.
- 2) (Pending above) - the Final SCCG Strategy be tabled at the meeting for formal sign off.

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING

Business arising from minutes other than those items listed below in Reports.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### 6.1 Sent and Received Correspondence (attached) 23

**Recommended that** the circulated “sent” and “received” correspondence be received and noted.

## 7. PRESENTATION (Pending - to be confirmed)

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. Harvey 29

**Recommended by the Beachwatch Advisory Committee representatives that** the report on Beachwatch and Harbourwatch Programs be received and noted

### 8.2 Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Update 32

Briefing Notes

An update report prepared by the Sydney Metropolitan CMA is attached for delegate’s information. The report has kindly been prepared by the Sydney CMA support Team.

**Recommended that** the report be received and discussed.

### 8.3 Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia* (Attached) 36

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. SCCG *Caulerpa* Taskforce update report attached (prepared by Michael Hollaway).

**Recommended that**

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

### 8.4 Finding Solutions to Sydney’s Water Needs 38

In July 2005 the NSW Government announced plans to construct a desalination plant on the Kurnell Peninsula to Supply Sydney with more water. Following this announcement an environmental assessment of the project was released in late 2005 and community forums on the project undertaken in January 2006. SCCG, its Member Councils and Community Groups opposed construction of the proposed desalination plant without an open comparison of all the options needed to address Sydney’s water needs. In light of the recent announcement by the NSW Government to postpone proceeding with the desalination proposal SCCG continues to promote sustainable solutions and education strategies to ensure a sustainable water supply for Sydney.

**Recommended that**

- 1) The report be received and considered,
- 2) The Group discussion further actions and opportunities.

## 8.5 Annual SCCG Survey - Responses Report (Attached) 46

### 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 survey report be received and noted.
- 2) Any additional Key recommendations and potential actions be discussed and implementation determined at the meeting.
- 3) A final SCCG 2006 Action Sheet incorporating Annual survey recommendations and actions coming from the new SCCG Strategic Plan will be circulated for SCCG delegates comments.

## 8.6 SCCG Summer Activities Program - Outcomes Report (Attached) 54

### Briefing Notes

Outcomes report for the 2006 S.A.P. has been prepared and will be presented and discussed. Delegates are requested to identify any ideas for the 2007 program.

#### Recommended that

- 1) The report be received and noted
- 2) The Summer Activities Working Group be thanked for their contribution to the 2006 Program.
- 3) SCCG promote the Summer Activities Program throughout the year.
- 4) SCCG continue to facilitate the Summer Activities Program Working Group.
- 5) SCCG create a database of event photographs to assist with future promotions.
- 6) SCCG continue to promote and coordinate the Summer Activities Program in future years.

## 8.7 Recent SCCG Grant Applications 57

### Briefing Notes

The EO will review recent SCCG grant applications that have been submitted on behalf of the Group.

- **Community Action Grant Application:**

“Quantifying the Value of Sydney Beaches in order to assess cost / benefit of necessary coastal protection / abatement measures as a result of enhanced climate change impacts”.

- **Natural Disaster Mitigation Program:**

“Scoping Study for the extraction of sand reserves from the ‘Sydney Shelf Sand Body’ for development protection and augmentation of beach systems under immediate threat from coastal storm activity”

- **Natural Resources Advisory Council “Forging Partnerships”:**

“Groundwater Education Project – the sharing of knowledge and capacity building to improve groundwater management and education”

**Recommended that** the report be received and noted.

## 8.8 Draft Environmental Grant List for Member Councils and interested stakeholders

Charlie Hewitt (Sydney Coastcare Facilitator) has kindly prepared a revised Grant List for 2006.

### Recommended that

- 1) the report be received and considered
- 2) Delegates inform colleagues of the production of this grant list

## 8.9 Collaborative Partnership Program with SCCG & Institute of Environmental Studies (Uni of NSW) (2005 Project final reports & 2006 project nominations)

### Briefing Notes

#### Finalisation of 2005 reports.

Copies of the final 2005 reports will be distributed to each Council at the meeting. This includes:

- **Community Engagement in NRM – Lori Li**  
The research is primarily a literature review that looks into the theories and leading practises with regards to engaging communities in natural resource management (NRM). On this basis, it reviews the Mermaid Pool project (a community engagement NRM project) and analyses how the project mobilises community members to clean up and rehabilitate the Mermaid Pool. Summary and recommendations are followed.
- **Community Education Programs to Decrease Greenhouse Emissions Stage II Katherine Hole**  
This research was the second part of a research project, Community Education and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, The project involved assisting Rockdale City Council, develop a community education program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The education program is a component of Rockdale's *Community Greenhouse Action Plan*, which is one of the actions Council is undertaking as part of the Cities for Climate Protection program. The project focused on an education program that would be effective for encouraging behavioural change amongst non-English speaking background (NESB) households.

#### Nominations for 2006 Projects

The 4<sup>th</sup> round of project(s) nominations Expression of interest has been requested. The nomination involves 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 2006 include:

- Biodiversity Conservation Incentives on private lands) - Warringah (Botany / Woollahra)
- Towards Sustainable Coastal Tourism – Manly / Randwick, (Waverley ?) "(to be finalised)
- Evaluating Community Sustainability Education Programs - North Sydney / Willoughby,
- GreenBiz – Rockdale
- Health, and soil, groundwater/aquatic Implications of applying treated sewer water to playing fields - Sutherland Council (to be finalised)
- Barriers to and issues with the use of swimming pool backwash water for irrigating playing fields – Sutherland Council (to be finalised)

### Recommended that:

1. The report be received and discussed.
2. 2005 Project outcomes be received and noted.
3. Nominations for 2006 be received and considered.

## 8.10 National Disaster Mitigation Program – Landslide Taskforce (AGS Practice Note) 59

### Briefing Notes

For the information of delegates, Andrew Leventhal has provided the SCCG with an update report on progress of the SCCG / AGS NDMP grant projects addressing Landslide Risk.

**Recommended that** the report be received and discussed.

## 8.11 Key Activities Report for December 2005 – February 2006 (Attached) 69

**Recommended that** the SCCG Key Activities Report for December 2005 – February 2006 be received and noted.

## 8.12 SCCG Submissions (Attached) 87

- I. Desalination Environmental Assessment.
- II. National Recycled Water Guidelines.
- III. Parliamentary Inquiry into a Sustainable Water Supply for Sydney.

**Recommended that** the SCCG submissions be received and endorsed.

## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 9.1 Financial Statement for the period ending January 2006 (Attached) 107

**Recommended that** the Financial Statement for period ending January 2006 be received and noted.

### 9.2 SCCG Operational Budget Estimates 2006 – 2007 (to be tabled at the meeting - pending)

**Recommended that** the SCCG Operational Budget Estimates for 2006 – 2007 be received and adopted.

## 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 10 June 2006 starting at 12 noon.

### 10.3 Next Meeting

**Recommended that** the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 10 June 2006 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

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