

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 17 MARCH, 2007
Hosted by Botany Bay City Council
AT THE BOTANY BAY TOWN HALL
12.00 NOON**

The meeting location is Botany Bay Town Hall, 1423 Botany Road, Botany. Some parking is available in surrounding streets. 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 9 December 2006 (Attached) | 1 |
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Recommended that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 9 December 2006 at Mosman Council be confirmed.
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| 3.2 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 14 December 2006 at City of Sydney Council. (Attached) | 14 |
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Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 14 December 2006 at City of Sydney Council be received and noted.

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| 3.3 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 15 February 2007 at Randwick Council. (Attached) | 23 |
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Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 15 February 2007 at Randwick Council be received and noted.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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| 6.1 | Sent and Received Correspondence (Attached) | 33 |
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Recommended that the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.

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| 6.2 | Correspondence Actions from SCCG meeting - 9 December (Attached) | 38 |
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- 2007 NSW State Election Information Package (attached)

At the December meeting delegates discussed possible actions to increase the awareness of coastal management issues that the Group could undertake in the lead up to the State and Federal elections in 2007. Delegates agreed that a Working Group would be established the progress the following actions:

- Writing to all major parties requesting that they outline their positions on key issues relating to coastal management; and

- Writing to all candidates in the Sydney coastal region requesting that they outline their positions on key issues relating to coastal management

The SCCG has since developed the correspondence with working group delegates and the Technical Committee written to all NSW Political Parties, current sitting members of NSW coastal electorates and all sitting members within the SCCG region. ccs have been provided to all General Managers and Mayor of all NSW coastal Councils, the LGSA, and the Natural Resources Commission.

Recommended that feedback received to date be considered for further action(s).

- **Brooklyn STP**

At the December meeting delegates resolved to support Hornsby Council and again write back to the Minister for Water Utilities, seeking:

- Responses to the unanswered questions relating to reuse potential and possible ecological impacts raised in the initial letter,
- Further clarification of why the Government is not considering reuse and recycling in light of current drought conditions, community expectations, future development growth and significant water shortage currently experienced on the Central Coast

The letter to be c.c. to: Minister for Department of Primary Industries and Chairman of the Hawkesbury / Nepean Catchment Management Authority.

Recommended that feedback received to date be considered for further action(s).

- **Natural Resource Management in the Sydney coastal region**

The SCCG write to the Chair of the Sydney Metro CMA, Bob Junor seeking:

- Regular update and progress reporting to all Councils in the CMA region to include formal quarterly reports that can be submitted to full Council and relate Council committees;
- Formally inquire regarding progress on appointing the Coastal and Marine Coordinator; and
- Seeking clarification of how the SCCG can participate in the development of the CMA's Annual Investment Strategy(s).

Recommended that feedback received to date be considered for further action(s).

7. **PRESENTATION - The Role of the Natural Resource Commission in assisting coastal management in NSW**

Dr John Williams - Commissioner

Dr John Williams heads the NRC as the Natural Resources Commissioner. Dr Williams is an eminent scientist who retired from CSIRO as Chief of Land and Water in 2004, having been Chief or Deputy Chief since 1996. More recently he was Chief Scientist and Chair of Department of Natural Resources' Science and Information Board and Adjunct Professor in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management at Charles Stuart University. Dr Williams has extensive experience in providing national and international thought leadership in natural resource management, particularly in agriculture production and its environmental impact (Source: www.nrc.nsw.gov.au)

Recommended that Dr Williams be thanked for his presentation.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Technical Committee Report

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Briefing Notes

The CPO will provide the meeting with a summary update on the actions, key agenda items and resolutions of the SCCG Technical Committee coming from the December and February Technical Committee Meetings.

Recommended that the report be received and considered.

8.2 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. Harvey OAM

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

8.3 Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Update (Attached)

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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.

8.4 Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia* (To be tabled at the meeting)

Briefing Notes

The SCCG have requested Department of Primary Industries provide the regular quarterly report. This report is attached for delegates information and comment.

Recommended that

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

8.5 Annual SCCG Survey - Responses Report (Attached)

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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 will 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 for potential implementation.
- 3) A final SCCG 2007 Action Sheet(s) incorporate Annual Survey recommendations and actions.

8.6 SCCG Summer Activities Program - Outcomes Report (Attached)

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Briefing Notes

Outcomes report for the 2007 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 2007 Program.
- 3) SCCG promote the Summer Activities Program throughout the year.
- 4) SCCG continue to facilitate the Summer Activities Program (Education) 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 Update

Briefing Notes

The RCEO will review recent SCCG grant applications that have been submitted on behalf of the Group. See 'SCCG Key Activities Report' (Item 8.12) for further information.

Grant projects underway:

- **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".

- **Australian Greenhouse Office - Urban Integrated Assessment Programme**

"Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises" – SCCG- CSIRO partnership grant.

Grant Applications still pending

- **Urban Sustainability Program**

"Urban Sustainability Support Alliance", (LGSA; Eurobodalla; Manly; DEC; Baton Forum; LGMA; SCCG/IES) (\$1,551,500)

- **Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (SCCG has re-submitted 2006 proposal with amendment)**

"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" (\$100,000)

Recommended that the report be received and noted.

8.8 Collaborative Partnership Program with SCCG & Institute of Environmental Studies (Uni of NSW) (Attached)

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Briefing Notes

Final 2006 reports

Copies of the final 2006 reports will be distributed to each Council at the meeting. This includes:

- Barriers to and issues with the use of swimming pool backwash for irrigation (Sutherland)
- A review of previous studies assessing the abundance of in-fauna and epi-fauna in beach sands and the impact of this fauna on beach management practices (Manly)
- An assessment of methods for Triple Bottom Line Reporting (SCCG)
- A review of existing Climate Change policy and regulation (SCCG)
- Appropriate monitoring methodologies and designs to measure and demonstrate the impact of environmental projects, such as Lagoon dredging. (Warringah).

Nominations for 2007 Projects

The 5th round of project(s) nominations 'Expression of Interest' has been requested. The nomination involves member councils and the Secretariat following a process of submitting an 'expression of interest' for hosting a partnership project. Details of projects nominate to date are detailed in the attached report.

Recommended that:

1. The report be received and discussed.
2. 2006 Project outcomes be received and noted.
3. 2006 report be posted formally to member council General managers for their information.
4. Nominations for 2007 be received and considered.

8.9 National Disaster Mitigation Program – Landslide Taskforce (AGS/SCCG documents) (To be tabled at meeting pending documents finalization)

Briefing Notes

The 2 grant projects funded under the National Disaster Mitigation Program are continuing with the Final drafts having been reviewed during the National Exhibition in December and January. The RCEO will review the process for publishing and distributing the projects.

Recommended that the report be received and considered.

8.10 Development of SCCG Fact Sheets (Groundwater Management and Climate Change)

Briefing Notes

The CPO will lead discussion on the development of several Fact sheets for member councils and their communities. Draft copies will be provided for discussion at the meeting.

• **Groundwater Fact Sheets**

SCCG Intern Stuart Aynsley developed 5 Groundwater Fact sheets based on the information contained in the *Groundwater Management Handbook – A Guide for Local Government* published by the SCCG in 2006. The Groundwater fact sheets are intended to provide clear and concise information on key issues such as groundwater characteristics of the Sydney coastal region, groundwater monitoring as well as construction and development guidelines.

• Climate Change Fact Sheets

Climate change fact sheets are being produced as part of the Macquarie University MOU. The SCCG has been working with Macquarie University to develop climate change briefing notes based on TC suggestions. 3rd Environmental Science students have been asked to prepare the Fact Sheets for use by SCCG Member Councils to inform their elected representatives and communities of the potential impacts of climate change. As a result 5 briefing notes on the following topics are being finalised:

- 1) How might climate change affect the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100?
- 2) Possible sea level rise in the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100?
- 3) The frequency and intensity of climate related 'extreme events' in the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100?
- 4) Potential socio-economic impacts of climate change in the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100?
- 5) What can individuals, households and communities do to respond / adapt to climate change?

Recommended that:

- 1) the proposal be received and considered.
- 2) Delegates provide feedback on the format, content and distribution of the fact sheets.

8.11 SCCG Coastal Walkways Project (Attached)

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Briefing Notes

The Sydney Regional Great Ocean Walk Proposal is being facilitated by the SCCG with numerous Sydney walking club volunteers, the Department of Planning and SSROC. To progress the project a series of working groups involving council representatives and the walking volunteers have been established to map possible routes and address issues of consistent signage and promotion. At present the Secretariat is also looking at possible funding opportunities to assist with payment of maps, brochures and additional promotional materials for the project.

Recommended that the report provided by the CPO be received and noted.

8.12 Key Activities Report for December 2006 – February 2007 (Attached)

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Recommended that the SCCG Key Activities Report for December 2006 – February 2007 be received and noted.

8.13 SCCG Submission (To be tabled at the meeting)

I. Draft Land Owners Consent Policy

Recommended that the SCCG Draft submission be considered at meeting with delegates providing comments.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

9.1 Final Audited Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report for the period 1 July 2005 to 1 June 2006 (Statement / auditors report will be circulated at the meeting)

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Recommended that the Final Audited Financial Statement and auditors report for financial year 2005-2006 be received and adopted.

9.2 Financial Statement for the period ending January 2007 (Attached) 125

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

9.3 SCCG Operational Budget Estimates 2007 – 2008 (to be tabled at the meeting following consideration of the SCCG Executive Committee)

Recommended that the SCCG Operational Budget Estimates for 2007 – 2008 be received and adopted.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- o The Flying Angles - The RCEO will distribute and discuss a proposal from the 'Flying Angles'.

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 9 June 2007 starting at 12 noon.

10.3 Next Meeting

Recommended that the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 9 June 2007 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
