

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 21 MARCH, 2009
AT WARRINGAH COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12 noon**

The meeting venue is Warringah Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Pittwater Road, Dee Why.
Parking is available behind the Civic Center.

A lunch will be provided by Warringah Council prior to commencement of the meeting.

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| 1. | OPENING | |
| 2. | APOLOGIES | |
| 3. | DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS | |
| 4. | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES | |
| 4.1 | Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 6 December 2008 (Attached) | 1 |
| | Recommended that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 8 December 2007 at the City of Sydney be confirmed. | |
| 4.2 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 11 December 2008 at Hornsby Council. | (Attached) 14 |
| | Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 11 December 2008 at Hornsby Council be received and noted. | |
| 4.3 | Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 February 2008 at North Sydney Council. | (Attached) 26 |
| | Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 February 2009 at North Sydney Council 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) 38 |
| | Recommended that the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted. | |
| 6.2 | Correspondence Actions from SCCG meeting – 11 December (now received) | |

CONTAINER DESPOSIT LEGISLATION

The SCCG wrote to both State and Federal Ministers for Environment and Climate Change, (and Shadow Ministers) urging them to support the introduction of a national scheme for Container Deposit Legislation.

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT – THE Hon. PETER GARRET MP

The Group has again written to the Hon. Peter Garret MP inviting him to present to the SCCG during 2008 and also seek *clarification from the Commonwealth Government party on their plans to action the policy pledge to hand over Malabar Headland to the New South Wales Government for protection as national park and public open space.*

Recommended that the SCCG correspondence and Ministerial responses (where available) be received and considered.

7. PRESENTATION – Sydney Water Corporation**Warwick Eyles, Sewerage Strategic Asset Manager**

As resolved at the 2008 SCCG AGM, Sydney Water has been invited to provide a briefing on their major programs underway across the SCCG region, including what they are doing and where.

Warwick Eyles kindly accepted this invitation and has been asked to focus on key issues including:

- Implementation of the Sydney Water Plan
- Sewerfix program / Sewerage augmentation programs (eg extension to the NSST)
- Recycling initiatives and challenges
- Desalination
- Climate Change risk assessments and strategies
- Potential further / enhanced collaborations with SCCG and Local Government

Recommended that:

- 1) The presentation be heard and considered at the meeting,
- 2) Warwick Eyles be thanked for his attendance and presentation.

7.1 SCCG Sewage Management Activities - A Review (Attached) 42Briefing Notes

As resolved at the SCCG AGM the RCEO has prepared an inventory report for discussion detailing related SCCG Sewage Management campaigns, advocacy and related submissions

Recommended that the report be received and discussed.

8. REPORTS**8.1 Technical Committee Report (Attached) 44**Briefing Notes

The SCPO 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. McMurdo (Attached) 56Briefing Notes

Delegates are encouraged to consider the attached report providing details of the recent

Beachwatch and Harbourwatch monitoring programs.

The Secretariat has also again contacted the Beachwatch Manager seeking details of when the Beachwatch Advisory Committee will be reconstituted. The SCCG was informed that a submission on the 'reconstituting' the BAC has been provided to DECC Executive. If all goes ahead, this will now be called the Beachwatch Liaison Group and have a wider representation than the BAC. It is hoped that nomination packages will be forwarded next month. It was further noted that the SCCG heads this list of invitees.

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

- 8.3 (a) Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority's Update** (Attached) **59**
(b) Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority's Update (Attached)

Briefing Notes

Update reports prepared by the Sydney Metropolitan and Hawkesbury Nepean CMA are attached for delegate's information. These reports have kindly been prepared by the CMA Support Teams.

Recommended that the reports be received and discussed.

8.4 Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia* and other Marine Pests

Briefing Notes

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

As resolved at last meeting the Group supported the DPI suggestion that, in future DPI reports, DPI provide SCCG with quarterly reports regarding aquatic biosecurity management in NSW with a specific Annual Caulerpa update report. This report will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommended that:

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

8.5 SCCG Capacity Building Officer – Directions Document and Survey Discussion (Attached) **73**

Briefing Notes

In December 2008 the SCCG welcomed Ragnar Haabjoern to the Secretariat as the SCCG Capacity Building Officer. As noted in the scoping paper for the position, the Secretariat is now working with Member Councils to ensure the new position meets councils' needs and aspirations. As part of this a report on the SCCG Capacity Building Officer's recent and planned activities is proposed to be a standing item on all future Technical Committee and Full Group meeting agendas.

For this meeting Ragnar will discuss with delegates the following:

- The findings of the facilitated workshop at the December TC Meeting
- The SCCG Capacity Building Program – Draft Directions Document
- The SCCG Capacity Building Program – Member Council Scoping Survey

Recommended that:

- 1) the report be received and noted.
- 2) Initial results of the position scoping survey be presented and discussed
- 3) the draft agenda for the 'SCCG Alternative Energy Forum' be tabled and discussed.

8.6 Annual SCCG Survey - Responses Report (Attached) 77

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 2009 Action Sheet(s) incorporate Annual Survey recommendations and actions.

8.7 SCCG Summer Activities Program - Outcomes Report (Attached) 87

Briefing Notes

Outcomes report for the 2009 S.A.P. has been prepared and will be presented and discussed. Delegates are requested to identify any ideas for the 2010 program.

Recommended that:

- 1) The report be received and noted
- 2) SCCG promote the Summer Activities Program throughout the year.
- 3) SCCG create a database of event photographs to assist with future promotions.
- 4) SCCG continue to promote and coordinate the Summer Activities Program in future years investigating seeking program partners and other supporters including sponsors.

8.8 SCCG / CSIRO - "A Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies

Final Report – "Case Studies of Adaptive Capacity"

Briefing Notes

The SCCG – CSIRO Partnership program entitled "A Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies" has now been completed with all grant contract reporting and finance being acquitted with DCC.

The 3rd and final stage report has been finalised and printed after a substantial rewrite of the first draft. Outcomes of the this report will be reviewed with hard copies of the report distributed to delegates.

Recommended that report(s) be received and considered by delegates.

8.9 Recent SCCG Grant Program Update (Attached) 89

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 8.10) 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”.

- **Urban Sustainability Program**

“Urban Sustainability Support Alliance”, (LGSA; Eurobodalla; Manly; DEC; Baton Forum; LGMA; SCCG/IES)

- **Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (Offshore Sands for Beach Nourishment)**

“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”

- * **Department of Environment and Climate Change/ Randwick City Council/Sutherland Council/ SCCG**

“Antifouling Technologies for Coastal Pools and Platforms

Recent Grant applications (awaiting notification)

- **National Disaster Mitigation Program**

- “Mapping and Responding to Coastal Inundation”
- “Education empowerment of Landslide Risk Management to regulators and practitioners”
- “Development of Landslide Inventory for Landslide Susceptibility and Hazard Zoning across the Sydney Coastal Councils region of Sydney and Wollongong LGA”

Upcoming Applications

- **Caring for Country (Commonwealth)**

“Intertidal Biodiversity Risk Assessment and Action project

- **Local Adaptation Pathways Program (Commonwealth)**

Coastal Risk Management Planning Program

- **Education for Sustainability Grants (Commonwealth)**

‘Broadening Community Education Markets through Social and Values Profiling’
(A review of consultation and engagement strategies and techniques for Sustainability Education / and Behavioural Change - Developing a Decision Support Tool)

Provision of The SCCG Annual NRM Grant List

The SCCG Secretariat is again producing Annual NRM Grants List document. This will be tabled at the meeting (pending 100% completion).

Recommended that the report be received and noted.

8.10 Key Activities Report for December 2008 – March 2009 (Attached) **94**

Recommended that the SCCG Key Activities Report for December 2008 – March 2009 be received and noted.

8.11 SCCG Submission / Advocacy (Attached) **107**

SCCG Submissions

- I. NSW Biodiversity Strategy Improving the NSW Planning System: Discussion Paper

SCCG Advocacy (letters)

- II. Sydney wide strategy for the storage of recreational boats
 III. NSW Government Climate Change Activities
 IV. Sustainable Fisheries
 V. The New Zealand Household Energy End-Use Project (HEEP)

Workshop discussion - NSW Government - Draft Sea Level Rise Policy Statement (Due 4 April)

- Initial consultation from members will be reviewed
- Delegates will be asked to highlight and discuss additional issues and concerns
- The SCCG will then finalise the submission and send to DECC for consideration

Recommended that the SCCG submissions and advocacy letters be received and noted.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

9.1 Financial Statement for the period ending January 2008 (Attached) **129**

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

9.2 SCCG Operational Budget Estimates 2009 – 2010 (to be tabled at the meeting following consideration of the SCCG Executive Committee – PENDING)

Recommended that the SCCG Operational Budget Estimates for 2009 – 2010 be received and adopted.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussion Item

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 13 June 2009 starting at 12 noon.

10.3 Next Meeting

Recommended that the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 14 June 2009 at the City of Sydney Council.

- **2009 Meeting dates**

Confirmed dates

- Saturday 21 March 2009 at 12 noon
- Saturday 13 June 2009 at 12 noon
- Saturday 12 September 2009 at 12 noon (AGM)
- Saturday 5 December 2009 at 12 noon

Location

- (Warringah Council)
- (City of Sydney)
- (North Sydney)
- (City of Sydney)

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