

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.  
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 18 JUNE, 2005  
AT THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE  
1.00 PM**

The meeting is being hosted by Pittwater Council at their Coastal Environment Centre, North Narrabeen, Parking is available in the Lake Park Road Car Park adjacent to Narrabeen Lagoon. Please see map attached for details.

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| 1.  | <b>OPENING</b>   |                 |
| 2.  | <b>APOLOGIES</b>   |                 |
| 3.  | <b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b>   |                 |
| 3.1 | <b>Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 12 March (Attached)</b>   | <b>1</b>        |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 12 March 2005 at Randwick Council be confirmed.                    |                 |
| 3.3 | <b>Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 14 April 2005 at Hornsby Council. (Attached)</b>                                 | <b>11</b>       |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 14 April 2005 at Hornsby Council be received and noted. |                 |
| 4.  | <b>ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b>  |                 |
| 4.1 | <b>Appointment of a new CPO</b>  |                 |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the RCEO's verbal report be received and noted.  |                 |
| 5.  | <b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>  |                 |
|     | Business arising from minutes other than those items listed below in Reports.  |                 |
| 6.  | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>  |                 |
|     | • <b>Recreational Boaters</b> (from General Business - Mr Phil Colman)   | <b>21</b>       |
| 6.1 | <b>Sent and Received Correspondence report (attached)</b>  | <b>25</b>       |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.   |                 |
| 7.  | <b>PRESENTATION</b>  |                 |
| 7.1 | <b>Services Sydney - Mr John van der Merwe</b>   |                 |

Briefing Notes

Third Party access to the sewers of Sydney Water (the Monopoly Service Provider) to provide informed choices for Customers for the delivery and operation a truly sustainable water system in Sydney:

- The future water system of Sydney: global warming, droughts, population growth, ocean disposal of sewage, environmental flows to the Hawkesbury Nepean River, the needs of the Shoalhaven River, increased water transfers from the Shoalhaven River, large scale water reclamation and desalination;
- The Impact of permanent water restrictions on the economy of Sydney and the Shoalhaven;
- Community support, Consumer Choice and Value for Money;
- Making the Case for Interconnection rights to Sydney Water's Sewers at the National Competition Council;
- Meeting the declaration Criteria under Part IIIA of the Trade Practices Act; and
- The roles of the National Competition Council, the State of NSW and the Australian Competition Tribunal.

**Recommended that:**

1. The presentation be received and discussed.
2. Mr John van der Merwe be thanked for his presentation.

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. Harvey/Mr. Colman 41 (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 Minutes of the Beachwatch Advisory Committee meeting No. 69 be noted.
- 3) The Representatives report be heard.

### 8.2 Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Update Report 49

A Sydney Metropolitan CMA update report is attached for delegates' information. The report also includes the SCCG letter to the Premier and the State Government response seeking details and clarification of the Sydney CMA.

Also attached to the report is a summary of NRM grants available to Local Government and their communities. This report has kindly been prepared for the SCCG by Charlie Hewitt – Sydney Coastcare Facilitator.

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

### 8.3 Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia* 72

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. An Activities Update report is attached for delegate's discussion.

**Recommended that:**

- 1) The Activities Update report prepared by Rebecca Chapman (DPI) be received and discussed.
- 2) Outcomes to date be considered by the Committee for additional actions.

## 8.4 Groundwater Management Handbook for Local Government – Final Document

(To be tabled at the meeting)

### Briefing Notes

The SCCG Groundwater Working Group has now finalised the SCCG, 2005, "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.

An exhibition period was undertaken during April –May (closing 1 June). Outcomes of the consultation will be reviewed at the meeting. The Final Document is envisaged to be available at the meeting for all delegates.

#### **Recommended that**

- 1) The report be received and discussed at the meeting.
- 2) The final document be endorsed and forwarded to member councils and other interested stakeholders.

## 8.5 SCCG – Macquarie University – Proposed Partnership Program – DRAFT MOU and Proposed SCCG / Macquarie University Climate Change Workshop 75

### Briefing Notes

At the last SCCG meeting it was resolved for the SCCG to give in-principle support for the Partnership Program and to table a Draft MOU to establish the program at the next meeting. The Draft MOU is attached for delegates' consideration.

As also resolved at the last SCCG meeting, the SCCG and the MU are currently scoping the Climate Change workshop (proposed for 20 July). Details of the proposed workshop is included in the report attached the Business Papers.

#### **Recommended that**

1. The report be received and MOU considered.
2. Comments on the Draft MOU be received at the meeting (and/or before 1 August).
3. The final MOU be tabled at the SCCG AGM for sign off.
4. Delegates provide comment on the draft SCCG/MU Climate Change Workshop proposal.
5. SCCG delegates attend the Climate Change workshop (scheduled for 20 July – pending)

## 8.6 Outcomes and Recommendations from the SCCG - CSIRO Workshop - Discussion Paper 86

### Briefing Notes

A Discussion paper developed following the SCCG – CSIRO workshop held on 23 March is included in the Business Papers for delegates' consideration and discussion on ways forward.

#### **Recommended that**

1. The report be received and considered.
2. Comments on the Draft Discussion Paper be tabled at the meeting
3. The SCCG negotiate a project proposal (in conjunction with other relevant stakeholders, eg. Sydney Catchment Management Authority) with CSIRO to develop an integrated coastal research framework for the Sydney region.
4. Following from the integrated coastal research framework, pilot project proposals (case studies) be developed with relevant member councils and other stakeholders to illustrate the benefits of tackling coastal management issues in an integrated way.

- 8.7 SCCG - AGS Geotechnical Grant Projects (Update Report attached) 93**
- Briefing Notes
- The 2 grant projects funded under the National Disaster Mitigation Program have now commenced. The RCEO will review the Project detail and update report attached to the Business Papers.
- Recommended that** the report be received and considered.
- 8.8 Draft Coastal Risk Management Status and Recommendations Report & SCCG Coastal and Estuarine Risk Management Forum 104**
- Briefing Notes
- The Draft report attached to the Business Papers provides an overview of the current status and activities of coastal risk management in member Councils including recommendations for future priorities. The report is to provide assistance to direct and scope the SCCG Coastal Risk Management Forum to develop action and policy strategies to improve on current practices.
- Recommended that:**
1. the report be received and discussed
  2. Delegates provide comment on the “Draft Status and Recommendations Report – Risk Management for Sydney Coastal Councils” at the meeting (and/or) **by 1 July**.
  3. Delegates provide comment at the meeting on the proposed structure and content of the impending SCCG Coastal and Estuarine Risk Management Forum (See Appendix 2 of the Draft Report).
- 8.9 Key Activities Report for March– June 2005 (Attached) 137**
- Recommended that** the SCCG Key Activities Report for March– June 2005 be received and noted.
- 8.10 SCCG Submissions (Attached) 156**
- a) Guidelines for the Assessment and Management of Groundwater Contamination
  - b) Initial Comment from SCCG on (DUES) Draft Water Saving Guidelines
  - c) Contribution to the NSW Government Environmental Education Plan 2006-2009.
- Recommended that** the SCCG submissions be received and endorsed.
- 9. TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 9.1 Financial Statement for the period ending April 2005 (attached) 166**
- Recommended that** the Financial Statement for period ending April 2005 be received and noted.
- 9.2 SCCG Operational Budget Estimates 2005 – 2006 (to be tabled at the meeting)**
- Recommended that** the SCCG Operational Budget Estimates for 2005 – 2006 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 (Annual General Meeting)

**Recommended that** delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting proposed for Saturday 17 September 2005.

### 10.3 Next Meeting

**Recommended that** the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 17 September 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 (p172)**

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