

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 17 JUNE, 2006
AT RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12.00 PM**

The meeting is being hosted by Randwick Council at their Chambers cnr. of Frances Street and Avoca Street Randwick. Parking is available in adjacent to the chambers and in surrounding streets.

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3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 18 March (Attached)	1
<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 18 March 2006 at North Sydney Council be confirmed.</p>	
3.2 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 20 April 2006 at Botany City Bay Council. (Attached)	12
<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 20 April 2006 at Botany Bay City Council be received and noted.</p>	
4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	
4.1 RCEO Contract Renewal (Attached)	25
<p>Recommended by the Executive Committee that the Group consider renewing the RCEO employment contract.</p>	
5. BUSINESS ARISING	
Business arising from minutes other than those items listed below in Reports.	
6. CORRESPONDENCE	
6.1 Sent and Received Correspondence report (attached)	36
<p>Recommended that the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.</p>	
6.2 SCCG correspondence from the last meeting (including responses where available)	44
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal Minister for the Environment ○ Natural Resources Commission ○ NSW Minister for the Environment ○ Minister for Primary Industries Fisheries ○ NSW Premier & Minister for Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHT arrangements Establishment of a Coastal Sub Committee Continuation Beachwatch Advisory Committee(Item 8.1) SCCG Caulpera Taxifolia Taskforce (See Item 8.3) Desalination, groundwater, pricing.
<p>Recommended that the SCCG correspondence and Ministerial responses (where available) be received and considered.</p>	

7. PRESENTATION

7.1 Revised Sydney Metropolitan Water Plan

Ms Marian Bennett (Director – Sydney Metropolitan Water Directorate)

Briefing Notes

The revised Sydney Metropolitan Water Plan was released in May 2006. Marion Bennett will provide an overview of the revised plan and outline the role Local Government can play in assisting sustainable water management in the context of the Metropolitan Water Plan.

Recommended that:

1. The presentation be received and discussed.
2. Ms Bennett be thanked for her presentation.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. Harvey

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Briefing Notes

Action from Last meeting The Group write to DEC Director General seeking an update on the review of the B.A.C. and again highlighting the SCCG very strong support for the continuation of the Beachwatch and Harbourwatch programs in Sydney. Copy of this correspondence and the reply from Bernard Carlon, (Chair Beachwatch Advisory Committee) is attached for delegates information.

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

Briefing Notes

Mr Stephen Lees – (Sydney Metro CMA - General Manager) will provide an update report to the meeting. This will include latest and planned activities including a review of the CMA Catchment Action Plan development and its finalization.

Recommended that

- 1) Mr Stephen Lees be thanked for his attendance and presentation
- 2) The verbal report be received and discussed.

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

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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 kindly prepared by Dr James Sakker (DPI) is attached for delegates information.

At the last meeting of the SCCG it was resolved to:

1. The Group write to the Minister noting interest to reconvene the Taskforce
2. The SCCG re-convene the TaskForce seeking:
 - * An update on the science and research regarding the weed;
 - * An update on control and education activities; and
 - * A workshop to discuss alternative removal and control activities including strong participation of the community.

The Ministerial response to this request will be tabled at the meeting for consideration.

Recommended that:

- 1) The update report be received and considered,
- 2) Correspondence to and from the Minister for DPI be received and considered.

8.4 Groundwater Management Handbook for Local Government – Final Draft Document

(To be tabled at the meeting)

Briefing Notes

The SCCG Groundwater Working Group has now finalised the Final Draft SCCG, 2006 "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.

Recommended that

- 1) The report be received and discussed at the meeting.
- 2) Member Council provide final comments on the document by end of June.
- 3) The final be forwarded to member councils and other interested stakeholders when complete.

8.5 SCCG - AGS Geotechnical Grant Projects (Update Report to be tabled at the meeting)Briefing Notes

The 2 grant projects funded under the National Disaster Mitigation Program are continuing. As resolved a project update report is included in the Business Papers. The RCEO will provide responses to any inquires about the projects.

Recommended that the report be received and considered.

8.6 Recent SCCG Grant Applications**58**Briefing Notes

The EO and CPO 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".
- **Australian Greenhouse Office - Urban Integrated Assessment Programme Application Form 2006-2007**
"Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises" – SCCG- CSIRO partnership grant. "
- **Environmental Trust Research Program**
"Finding Suitable options for cleaning ocean rock pools and platforms to assist Councils throughout NSW manage ocean rock pools and platforms in a safer and ecologically sustainable manner. "

- **Environmental Trust Education Program**
“Groundwater Education Project – the sharing of Knowledge and capacity to improve groundwater education and management. “

Recommended that the update report be received and considered.

8.7 Report on Outcomes of the National Coast to Coast Conference (report attached) **60**

Briefing Notes

The SCCG CPO attended the National Coastal Management Conference ‘ Coast to Coast 2006 on behalf of the Group. The CPO has prepared a summary report including a list of conference papers. Delegates are encouraged to highlight any papers they wish to have copies of.

Recommended that:

- 1) The report be received and noted,
- 2) Members advise the SCCG secretariat of the conference paper titles of which they would like copies made to them.

8.8 Proposed Surf Life Saving Legislation (report attached) **63**

Briefing Notes

Clr. Alex McTaggart MP, (Member for Pittwater and Mayor of Pittwater Council) together with other independents are working on legislation for the protection of surf life saving clubs and their members.

Attached to the agenda papers is an explanatory letter and some discussion points. It is noted that the legislation is still a work in progress. It is assumed that the legislation will be moved forward over the next few months with Clr. McTaggart MP seeking feedback.

Recommended that:

- 1) The report be received and considered,
- 2) A SCCG response be considered at the meeting.

8.9 Key Activities Report for March– June 2006 (Attached) **70**

Recommended that the SCCG Key Activities Report for March– June 2006 be received and noted.

8.10 SCCG Website report **92**

Briefing Notes

This new report is to provide delegates with an update on the level and type of use experienced by the SCCG web site. The CPO will review outcomes.

Recommended that the report be received and considered.

8.11 SCCG Submissions (Attached) **94**

- I. NSW Inquiry into Municipal Waste - Parliamentary Committee
- II. Issues Paper, Development of No Regrets Climate Change Adaptation Actions for Local Government
- III. Finding Solutions to Sydney’s Water Needs - Letter to the Premier of NSW
- IV. Beachwatch and Harbourwatch Program Review

- V. NSW Coastal Advisory Panel
- VI. National funding for Coastal Initiatives
- VII. Sydney Metropolitan CMA draft Catchment and Management Targets

Recommended that the SCCG submissions be received and endorsed.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 9.1 **Financial Statement for the period ending April 2006** (attached) **118**

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

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

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

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1 **Australian Aerial Patrol** (attached) **128**

(**NB** additional information from AAP will be tabled at the meeting)

Randwick City Council (RCC) has again requested the SCCG to consider this issue of continuing the Australian Aerial (shark) patrol.

At the RCC meeting held on 28 February, Clr. Procopiadis (a previous SCCG Vice Chairperson) tabled a motion:

"That Council support a meeting of the SCCG (including Pittwater , Warringah, Manly, Waverly, and Sutherland Councils) to determine the Australian aerial patrol continuing the aerial shark patrol and that this meeting of Mayors and General managers be hosted by Randwick Council"

After debate Council subsequently carried the following motion from Councillor Andrews and Nash:

"That the matter be referred to the Sydney Coastal Councils Committee and ask our delegates to support representation by the aerial patrol company" .

In the attached correspondence from RCC, Council noted it has appreciated the work of the SCCG has undertaken on issue over the years and seeks advice on this matter. Also attached is SCCG correspondence sent to Randwick Council in 2001.

Recommended that the SCCG consider:

- 1) The request from Randwick City Council
- 2) The previous activities and outcomes of SCCG work on this issue
- 3) The information provided by the AAP
- 4) Providing feedback to RCC on the outcomes of the above.

10.2 NSW Coastal Management Conference – *Coasting Towards a Sustainable Future* 130

The initial conference flyer including a call for papers is attached for delegates information. The 2006 Conference will be held at Coffs Harbour, 7-9 November. Call for papers closes 30 June.

Recommended that delegates considering attending the Conference and preparing Conference papers.

10.3 Items for Press Release

Recommended that items for press release be considered.

10.4 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 16 September 2006.

10.5 Next Meeting

Recommended that the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 16 September 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 (p132)
