

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.**  
**AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING**  
**TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 13 JUNE, 2009**  
**AT CITY OF SYDNEY COUNCIL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12.00 noon**

The meeting venue is the City of Sydney, at their new temporary Council Chambers, Level 3, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney. Delegates are to enter via the Kent St. sliding glass door Entrance, across from the escalator that leads up to Sydney Square where the Commissionaire and / or security will direct delegates to the Council Chambers.

**The SCCG encourages delegates travel by Public Transport or car pool with delegates from adjacent Councils.**

**A lunch will be provided by the City of Sydney Council prior to commencement of the meeting.**

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| 1.  | <b>OPENING</b>  |                 |
| 2.  | <b>APOLOGIES</b>  |                 |
| 3.  | <b>DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS</b>   |                 |
| 4.  | <b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</b>  |                 |
| 4.1 | <b>Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 21 March 2009</b> (Attached)   | <b>1</b>        |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 21 March 2009 at Warringah Council be confirmed.    |                 |
| 4.2 | <b>Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 21 March 2009</b> (Attached)                                      | <b>13</b>       |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the SCCG held on 21 March 2009 at Warringah Council be confirmed. |                 |
| 4.3 | <b>Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 16 April 2009 at the City of Sydney.</b> (Attached)               | <b>17</b>       |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 16 April 2009 at City of Sydney.         |                 |
| 5.  | <b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>   |                 |
|     | Business arising from minutes other than those items listed below in Reports.   |                 |
| 6.  | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>   |                 |
| 6.1 | <b>Sent and Received Correspondence</b> (Attached)  | <b>31</b>       |
|     | <b>Recommended that</b> the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.                                  |                 |

## 6.2 Correspondence Actions from SCCG meeting

### • NSW GOVERNMENT – CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVITIES

To assist in facilitating council consultation and participation in all NSW Government information assessments and consultations, the Technical Committee resolved that:

The SCCG write to the NSW Premier and Minister of Climate Change and Environment asking them to provide information on all the climate change related activities being undertaken by the NSW Government and its various agencies.

The SCCG has requested the Government to provide information on the entire range of climate change related activities being undertaken by NSW Government. The correspondence noted that the SCCG will then circulate the information provided to its Member Councils to enhance their understanding of current NSW Government climate change initiatives and facilitate their participation wherever possible.

### • SYDNEY WATER CORPORATION – PRESENTATION LAST MEETING

Following the SWC presentation at the last meeting SWC was requested to act on the following the meeting resolutions:

- 1) The SCCG offer to co-facilitate an initial scoping meeting / workshop with key water manages to help define where the proposed enhanced SWC / Local Government collaborations could focus and where additional research and investment is required to achieve better water management outcomes
- 2) Rodney Kerr provide the Group with:
  - i. Details of the Post Implementation Report regarding the Northside Sewage Tunnel including assessment of implementation commitments of the tunnel and its operating performance;
  - ii. Information on vulnerability of Sydney Water assets to climate change;
  - iii. A summary of Sydney Water's consideration of opportunities for the enhanced recovery of bio-solids and also phosphorous.

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

## 7. PRESENTATION – Seagrasses and Seagrass Friendly Moorings

**Mr Scott Nichols - Conservation Manager - NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)**  
Aquatic Habitat Rehabilitation Unit

As resolved at the September 2008 SCCG meeting, NSW DPI (Fisheries) has been invited to present on issues related to seagrasses and seagrass friendly moorings.

Mr Scott Nichols will present information including:

- The values and threats to seagrasses
- Review of various mooring techniques that can prevent seagrass damage
- Details of the various trials happening in Sydney (Pittwater, Manly and Port Hacking)
- Details of the longer term goals for an integrated approach for sustainable moorings
- What councils can do to assist protect Seagrasses

**Recommended that:**

1. The presentation be heard and considered at the meeting,
2. Scott Nichols be thanked for his attendance and presentation.

## 8. REPORTS

### 8.1 Technical Committee Report (Attached) 39

#### 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 April Technical Committee Meeting.

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

### 8.2 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. McMurdo (Attached) 46

#### Briefing Notes

Delegates are encouraged to consider the attached report providing details of the recent Beachwatch and Harbourwatch monitoring programs.

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

### 8.3 (a) Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority's Update (Attached) 49 (b) Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority's Update (to be tabled)

#### 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 (Attached) 55

#### Briefing Notes

The SCCG request the Department of Primary Industries to provide regular quarterly update reports. This report is attached for delegates information and comment.

DPI provide the 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 – Program Update Report (Attached) 59

#### Briefing Notes

Ragnar Haabjoern will provide a review of the SCCG Capacity Building program. Highlights will include:

- Details and Outcomes of the “SCCG Alternative Energy For Coastal Cities Forum”
- Details and Outcomes of the SCCG / CRC Antarctic Climate & Ecosystems “Estimating Sea-level Extremes in an Uncertain Future”
- Consultation outcomes for the SCCG web site and Capacity Building Resource data base
- Development and meeting of the SCCG Capacity Building Steering Committee

- Review of the upcoming SCCG forums
  - Community Climate Change Forum - July
  - Councillors Climate Change Forum - August
  - Adaptation Planning (in partnership with CSIRO) (July – August)

**Recommended that** the report be presented and discussed

## 8.6 USSA Report: Barriers and Drivers to Sustainability in Local Government

(Attached) **62**

### Briefing Notes

The Urban Sustainability Support Alliance (USSA), of which the SCCG is a partner organisation, aims to help councils progress towards sustainability. It is a partnership approach made up of a number of organisations who, over 3 years, will develop tools and resources as well as deliver training and professional development.

As part of the USSA Project the SCCG has designed and is supporting the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at the University of Technology Sydney deliver the following project activities.

- Stage 1: Analysis of strengths and weakness of Local Government
- Stage 2: Leading practice case studies of sustainability
- Stage 3: Evaluation and monitoring - for sustainability implementation monitoring

The first outcome of this work is the “Barriers and Drivers to Sustainability in Local Government”. This report documents the research undertaken by the ISF and covers:

- The main drivers and barriers in relation to achieving sustainability in Local Government experienced by council staff;
- The tools and approaches being used by NSW councils to measure progress towards sustainability; and
- A summary of evaluation frameworks and tools used more broadly in Australia and overseas.

The report also outlines ways that the USSA could support councils in overcoming barriers to sustainability in their council and will be tabled at the meeting.

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

## 8.7 Recent SCCG Grant Program Update

(Attached) **65**

### 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.

### **Feature Project: “Antifouling Technologies for Coastal Pools and Platforms” (To be tabled)**

The additional report for this item focuses on the outcomes of Stage 1 of the “Antifouling Technologies for Coastal Pools and Platforms” projects being undertaken by the UNSW Centre for Marine Biofouling and Bio-Innovation with funding support from the Department of Environment and Climate Change/ Randwick City and Sutherland Councils and the SCCG.

### **Additional 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” .

### Recent Successful Grant applications (2009)

- **National Disaster Mitigation Program**

- “Mapping and Responding to Coastal Inundation” (\$150,000)
- “Education empowerment of Landslide Risk Management to regulators and practitioners” (\$240,000)
- “Development of Landslide Inventory for Landslide Susceptibility and Hazard Zoning across the Sydney Coastal Councils region of Sydney and Wollongong LGA” (unsuccessful)

### 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)

<b>Recommended that</b> the report be received and noted.
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## 8.8 SCCG in the Press

(Attached) **70**

### Briefing Notes

The SCCG has had significant press presence so far on 2009. The attached report provides details of the printed and news articles broadcast in Sydney and nationally between March - June.

<b>Recommended that</b> the report be received and noted.
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## 8.9 Key Activities Report for March – June 2009

(Attached) **80**

<b>Recommended that</b> the SCCG Key Activities Report for December 2008 – March 2009 be received and noted.
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## 8.10 SCCG Submission / Advocacy

(Attached) **106**

**SCCG Submissions**

- I. NSW Government - Draft Sea Level Rise Policy Statement
- II. Energy Australia Botany Bay Cable project – Modification Application
- III. Department of Local Government – Sustainability reporting (to be tabled)

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

**9. TREASURER'S REPORT****9.1 Financial Statement for the period ending April 2009 (to be tabled)**

**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) (to be tabled)**

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

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- o Discussion Items

**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 (SCCG AGM) scheduled for Saturday 12 September 2009 starting at 12 noon.

**10.3 Next Meeting**

**Recommended that** the next meeting of the Group be the SCCG Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 12 September 2009 at North Sydney Council.

- **2009 Meeting dates**

**Confirmed dates**

- Saturday 12 September 2009 at 12 noon (AGM)
- Saturday 5 December 2009 at 12 noon

**Location**

(North Sydney)  
(City of Sydney)

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

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