

SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 2009
AT NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 12.00 noon

The meeting venue is North Sydney Council Chambers, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney

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

A lunch will be provided by North Sydney 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 13 June at the City of Sydney Council. 1**

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 13 June 2009 hosted by the City of Sydney be received and adopted.</p>

- 4.2 Minutes of the SCCG Executive Committee held on 13 June at the City of Sydney Council. (Attached) 13**

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the SCCG Executive Committee held on 13 June 2009 at the City of Sydney Council be received and noted.</p>

- 4.3 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 25 June hosted by Rockdale Council. 19**

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 25 June hosted by Rockdale Council be received and noted.</p>

- 4.4 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 13 August hosted by Botany Bay City Council. 29**

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 13 August hosted by Botany Bay City Council be received and noted.</p>

5. BUSINESS ARISING

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

7.5 Executive Members

Incumbents:

1) Clr. Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
2) Clr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick Council
3) Clr. Lesa de Leau	Rockdale Council

7.6 Nominations for SCCG Honorary Members

The SCCG consider nominations for Honorary membership for 2009/2010 to include by not limited to:

• E/Prof. Bruce Thom	Incumbent
• Mr Phil Colman	Incumbent
• Mr George Cotis	Incumbent
• Ms Shirley Colless	Incumbent
• Ms Judy Lambert	Incumbent
• Mr George Copeland	Incumbent

As resolved at the SCCG Executive Committee in 2008

Honorary members be nominated at the AGM. Those invited Honorary members will be asked to provide a one pager on their interest in the position and what they might be able to bring / offer the SCCG. Honorary members will also be asked to prepare a brief annual report submitted as part of the AGM proceedings reviewing their year and providing any comments and or suggestions for the Group.

7.7 Nominations for External Committees (if required)

The members of external committees are appointed by the relevant State Government agencies or Ministers. Nominations for the committees below are not required unless a representative is resigning from a committee. The Chairperson will ask if members of external committees wish to continue. If there are to be no changes the agenda moves on to the next item of business.

A Beachwatch Advisory Committee – Dept of Environment, Climate Change and Water

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water commenced a review of the BAC some time ago. Although this review is not yet finalized, the Chair of the BAC, Bernard Carlon has noted that it is clear that there is a continued need for a committee. Terms of Reference and representation are currently being considered. The Chair has also informed the SCCG that the SCCG has been represented on the BAC since the committee's inception in 1993 and given that SCCG continues to be a key stakeholder, it is expected that ongoing representation from our Group will be sought.

Incumbents: Clr. Wendy McMurdo / SCCG Secretariat

8. CORRESPONDENCE (summary report attached)

8.1 Sent and Received Correspondence

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Recommended that the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.

8.2 SCCG correspondence from the last meeting (including responses where available)

• NSW GOVERNMENT – CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVITIES - (FEBRUARY 2009)

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

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 – NORTH SIDE STORAGE TUNNELL

At the June SCCG Full Group Meeting of Councillor delegates it was unanimously resolved that the SCCG write to Sydney Water to:

- Express extreme disappointment in the recycling pipeline for the Northside Storage Tunnel not being utilised;
- Seek clarification as to why the recycling pipeline had never been used and was now considered not appropriate to repair and maintain;
- Question the processes and standards for the construction of recycling pipeline within the Northside Storage Tunnel; and
- Seek specific details as to possible “alternative supply approaches” (as noted in the attached correspondence) that are more cost effective and reliable than utilising the recycling pipeline constructed as part of the Northside Storage Tunnel.

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

9. PRESENTATION – Carbon Footprinting and Building Sustainability

Mr Michael Long - Sustainability Executive - Environment | Lend Lease Corporation

Michael Long will provide delegates with a key note presentation regarding Carbon Footprinting and benchmarking measures and also provide a brief review of sustainability elements and measures in Lend Lease’s ‘Bond’ building.

Recommended that:

1. The presentation be heard and considered at the meeting,
2. Michael Long be thanked for his presentation.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

10.1 Review of the Draft SCCG Strategic Plan (2009-2013)

Recommended that the report and mini workshop be received and considered.

11. REPORTS

11.1 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs - Clr. McMrudo **48** (Minutes and report attached)

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

11.2 Technical Committee Report (attached) **51**

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 June and August Technical Committee Meetings.

Recommended that the report be received and considered.

- 11.3 (a) Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority's Update** (Attached) **66**
(b) Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority's Update (Attached)

Briefing Notes

An update report prepared by the Sydney Metropolitan and Hawkesbury Nepean CMA is attached for delegate's information. The report has kindly been prepared by the CMA support Team.

Recommended that the reports be received and discussed.

- 11.4 SCCG Capacity Building Officer – Program Update Report** (Attached) **83**

Briefing Notes

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

- Update SCCG web site and Capacity Building Resource data base
- Review of SCCG forums
 - Community Climate Change Forum – 23 August
 - Councillors Climate Change Forum – 30 August
 - Adaptation Planning (in partnership with CSIRO) (Oct)
 - SCCG - Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institute – “Utilising GIS Forum” (October)

- 11.5 Annual Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia* Update Report**
 (to be tabled at the meeting)

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. The SCCG requests the Department of Primary Industries to provide regular quarterly update reports regarding aquatic biosecurity management. As resolved a specific Annual Caulerpa update report is included as part of the SCCG AGM.

Recommended that:

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

- 11.6 Launch of - A Method for Assessing the Vulnerability of Buildings to Catastrophic Marine Flooding** (Attached) **86**

Briefing Notes

In 2008, the SCCG partnered with the University of New South Wales and its Natural Hazards Research Lab and the Department of Environmental Science as well as the University of Bologna, Italy to undertake a research project that tests a newly developed and highly novel GIS tool to assess the vulnerability of coastal infrastructure and buildings to catastrophic marine floods (Tsunami). The project used two selected case study sites (Randwick and Manly Council Local Government Areas) and a flood associated with a locally generated submarine-landslide tsunami just off-shore of the Sydney coast. Outcomes equally applicable for the assessment of building vulnerability to storm surge floods.

Recommended that the final reports be received and noted and forward to all member council for their information and utilization.

- 11.7 Recent SCCG Grant Program Update and Scoping Report** (Attached) **89**

Briefing Notes

The Secretariat will review recent SCCG grant applications that have been submitted on behalf of the Group.

Grant projects underway:

- **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”

- **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)

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)

Grant Application – Still pending

- **Cooling CALD Communities \$962,610 (Australian Government Jobs Fund)**

The project aiming to increase the economic and environmental sustainability of participating Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities in the Sydney region, build resilience to the impacts of extreme heat resulting from climate change and promote regional growth and employment in the sectors of energy saving and efficiency.

Recent Unsuccessful Grant Applications

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- “Development of Landslide Inventory for Landslide Susceptibility and Hazard Zoning across the Sydney Coastal Councils region of Sydney and Wollongong LGA”
- Building Resilience of Sydney’s Salty Communities (\$1.7M) (Caring for Country)

Proposed Project Scoping - NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts

The SCPO will undertake a brief scoping workshop to determine ideas for a SCCG grant application under this program – Councillors are encouraged to bring their ideas along.

Recommended that:

- 1) the report be received and noted.
- 2) SCCG project ideas for grant funding under the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts be determined.

Briefing Notes

The SCCG has had significant press presence over the past year. The attached report provides details of the printed and news articles broadcast in Sydney and nationally between June – August.

Recommended that the report be received and noted.

11.9 Key Activities Report for June - August 2009 (Attached) 102

Recommended that the SCCG Key Activities report for June - August 2009 be received and noted.

11.10 SCCG Submission / Advocacy (Attached) 116

SCCG Submissions

- I. Application Number: MP 08_0100 - Proposed Redevelopment of the Stamford Plaza Hotel, 33 Cross Street Double Bay
- II. NSW Minister for Planning Briefing Note and Delegation report
- III. NSW Government (DLG) – Draft Integrated Planning Framework
- IV. Northside Storage Tunnel - Recycling Pipeline

Recommended that the SCCG submissions be received and noted.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

12.1 Annual Financial Statement for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (Attached) 133

Recommended that:

- 1) The Annual financial statement for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 be received and noted.
- 2) That Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc make the following statement (subject to the satisfactory audit of the SCCG finances).

In the opinion of the Members of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc:

(a) the accompanying general purpose financial report of and special schedules of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc for the period ending 30 June 2009 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:

- (i) the state of affairs of the Group as at 30 June 2009, and the operating result and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date and all controlled entities; and
- (ii) the other matters required to be disclosed;

(b) the general purpose financial report and special schedules are in accordance with the accounting and other records of the Group; and

(c) the general purpose financial report is drawn up in accordance with accounting policy disclosed in the statement; and

(d) no circumstances have arisen which would render the report false or misleading in any way.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

o Discussion Items

- o **Review of Sydney Harbour National Park Management Plan** (Clr. Veronique Marchandean and Clr. Cathy Griffith)

13.1 Items for Press Release

Recommended that items for press release be considered.

13.2 Agenda items for the next SCCG meeting

Recommended from 13 June meeting

- ***NSW Maritime***

NSW Maritime be invited to speak to the Group regarding the Boat Storage Strategy and other issues in relation to Marinas, moorings, waterway conflicts and environmental sustainability issues for the department.

Recommended that delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting scheduled for Saturday 5 December 2009 starting at 12 noon.

13.3 Next Meeting

Recommended that the next meeting of the Group be the SCCG Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 5 December at City of Sydney Council.

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