

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER, 2005
AT SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1.00 PM**

The meeting venue is Sutherland Council, Council Chambers, Level 2, Administration Building, 4-20 Eton Street, Sutherland. Parking is available adjacent to the Administration building and in surrounding streets. A map of the meeting location and parking is attached.

A light Christmas lunch will be provided by Sutherland Shire Council prior to commencement of the meeting.

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1. OPENING

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the SCCG held on 17 September (Attached) 1

Recommended that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the SCCG held on 17 September 2005 at Warringah Council be confirmed.
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3.2 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 20 October at the City of Sydney. (Attached) 12

Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 20 October 2005 at City of Sydney Council be received and noted.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE 18

5.1 Sent and Received Correspondence

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

6.1 Coastal Projects Officer Contract

Recommended that the RCEO's brief verbal report be received and noted.

6.2 Final Draft SCCG Strategic Plan 2005 – 2008

Briefing Notes

Following presentation at the SCCG AGM, the SCCG Technical Committee and SCCG Strategic Plan Directional Committee have met to consider the Draft SCCG Strategic Plan 2005-2008. After some amendment the final Draft Plan is being tabled at the meeting for final comments. Once endorsed at the meeting the Strategy will be sent to all member council Mayors and General Managers for sign off. It is anticipated that the Final Plan will be tabled at the March SCCG for final sign off.

Recommended that

- 1) Verbal report of the RCEO summarizing Plan amendments by the SCCG Technical Committee and the Strategic Plan Directional Committee be received and discussed.
- 2) The final draft Strategic Plan be sent to General Managers and Mayors for their consideration and endorsement prior to SCCG March SCCG meeting.
- 3) Pending above - the final SCCG Strategy be tabled at the March 2006 SCCG meeting for formal sign off.

7. PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MOU - SCCG & MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Briefing Notes

The SCCG Secretariat has been pursuing the proposed partnership program with the Department of Physical Geography at Macquarie University since the SCCG resolved to provide in principle support for the partnership at the March SCCG meeting. The draft MOU was tabled at the June SCCG meeting and has now been finalized for formal sign off.

Discussions between the Secretariat, Sydney Coastal Council Group (SCCG) and staff from Macquarie University (MU) have identified a range of fundamental research questions, strategic objectives and policy and management related needs of the SCCG in relation to future climate change. Staff at MU have a variety of skills, expertise, experience and knowledge in relation to delivering outcomes that will meet the needs of the SCCG. Specifically, MU staff and students may make to assist the SCCG address the impacts, effects, and management of future climate change.

Dr Dale Dominey-Howes BSc PhD FGS FRGS, (Risk Frontiers), Department of Physical Geography, Macquarie University will provide the meeting with an overview of the MOU including the partnership program elements and expected outcomes.

Recommended that:

1. the report and presentation be received and discussed.
2. Delegates adopt the Final MOU and the Chairperson sign the agreement at the meeting on behalf of the SCCG.

8. PRESENTATION

8.1 Coastal Vulnerability data base – Risk Frontiers

Dr Keping and Dr Haynes from Risk Frontiers will provide the meeting with an overview of the coastal vulnerability database and some potential uses for such information.

Drs Keping Chen is Risk Frontiers specialist in Geographic Information Systems and Image Processing and the use of such information to create risk-informed decision tools. Dr Kat Haynes is a social scientist with specialist skills in risk perception and communication. They will talk about the creation of the coastal vulnerability database and some potential uses of such information including those of identifying critical infrastructure and other assets at risk to coastal erosion, sea level rise and storm surge. Using another Risk Frontiers database, this time for bushfire-prone properties, they will illustrate examples how this spatial information can be has been combined with social and demographic data to help identify community risks, improve evacuation plans and allocate resources.

Recommended that the presentation be heard and considered at the meeting.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs - Clr. Harvey

(Report attached)

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Recommended by the Beachwatch Advisory Committee representatives that:

- 1) the report on Beachwatch and Harbourwatch Programs be received and noted.
- 2) the Representatives' report be heard.
- 3) The SCCG provide a submission to DEC on the review of the BAC.

9.2 Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Update

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Briefing Notes

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

Recommended that the report be received and discussed.

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

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Briefing Notes: SCCG Caulerpa Taskforce update report attached (prepared by James Sakker – DPI)

Recommended that the report be received and considered.

9.4 Identifying Water Cycle Management Priorities for Sydney (Attached)

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Briefing Notes

The SCCG convened a meeting with all metropolitan ROCs on 24 November to identify water cycle management priorities for Sydney. The RCEO will provide delegates with an overview of the outcomes of the meeting and will lead discussion of ways forward.

Recommended that

1. The report be received and noted
2. The RCEO provide delegates with an overview of the outcomes of the meeting and will lead discussion of ways forward.

9.5 Update Report on SCCG Summer Activities Program (Attached)

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Briefing Notes

The SCCG in partnership with member councils has put together a series of activities to encourage the community to enjoy our coast and to become involved in the protection, management and rehabilitation of our coastal and marine environments. Full details of activities are contained in the Business Papers. The S.A.P. will run from 4 –31 January 2006. The SCCG CPO will provide the meeting with a summary of SAP 2006 including sponsors, patrons and lists of activities.

Recommended that

1. the report be received and noted.
2. the CPO verbal report be received and considered.

9.6 Final – SCCG Groundwater Management Handbook for Local Government

(final document to be distributed at the meeting)

Briefing Notes

The SCCG Groundwater Working Group has now finalized the "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 considered
2. The SCCG forward 2 hard copies and an electronic version of the Manual to all member councils
3. The SCCG promote the release of the Manual to Local Government across the country via relevant newsletter and media releases.

9.7 Report on Outcomes of the NSW Coastal Conference (report attached) 39

Briefing Notes

The SCCG Secretariat and some SCCG elected and staff delegates attended the 14 Annual NSW Coastal Management Conference at Narooma. The theme of this year's conference was "**Living on the Edge**". The conference featured keynote addresses, platform presentations, interactive presentations, poster presentations, case studies and coastal field trips.

A list of conference papers is attached the report. Delegates are encouraged to highlight any 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.

9.8 SCCG Submissions (Attached) 43

- I. Sydney Water Five year water quality drinking plan.
- II. EPBC Referral re: Proposed Desalination plant – Kurnell, Ref. No. 2005/2331
- III. Incorporation of the Unions NSW site "Currawong" into Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park
- IV. ALGA Increasing Coastal Councils Capacity to Manage the Natural Resource base
- V. NSW Standard LEP Template

Recommended that the SCCG submissions be received and endorsed.

9.9 Annual SCCG Full Group Survey (to be distributed and completed at the meeting)

The Third Annual SCCG survey is 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 completed surveys be distributed and completed at the meeting.
- 2) The survey be included in the minutes for completion by delegates not present at the meeting.
- 3) The Secretariat prepare a survey response report to also include results of the Technical Committee survey at the first SCCG meeting in 2006.

9.10 Key Activities Report for September – December 2005 (Attached) 66

Recommended that the SCCG Key Activities report for September – December 2005 be received and noted.

10. TREASURER’S REPORT

10.1 Financial Statement for period ending October 2005 83

Recommended that the Financial Statement for period ending 30 October 2005 be received and noted.

10.2 Final Audited Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report for the period 1 July 2003 to 1 June 2005 (Statement / auditors report will be circulated at the meeting - pending)

Recommended that the Final Audited Financial Statement and auditors report for financial year 2004-2005 be received and noted.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Items for Press Release

Recommended that items for press release be considered.

11.2 Agenda items for the next SCCG meeting

Recommended that delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting proposed for Saturday 18 March 2005.

11.3 Suggested 2006 Meeting dates

- Saturday 18 March 2006 at 12noon
- Saturday 10 June 2006 at 12noon
- Saturday 16 September 2006 at 12noon
- Saturday 9 December 2006 at 12noon

Recommended that:

- 1) The four meeting dates be considered for 2006
- 2) An interested member council be sought to host the Saturday 18 March 2006.

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