

SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER, 2006
HOSTED BY MOSMAN COUNCIL
AT THE MOSMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
12 NOON

The meeting location is the Mosman Council Chambers, Level 1, Myahgah Rd, Mosman, starting at 12 noon. A map of the meeting location and parking is attached. Parking is available behind Council in the Council car park and in surrounding streets.

A light lunch will be provided by Mosman Council prior to the commencement of the meeting

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1. **OPENING** (Welcome to Mosman Council)
2. **APOLOGIES**
3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
- 4.1 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the SCCG held on 16 September at the City of Sydney Council.** **1**

Recommended that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the SCCG held on 16 September hosted by the City of Sydney Council be adopted.

- 4.2 **Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 October at Rockdale Council.** **15**

Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 October hosted by Rockdale Council be received and noted.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

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

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** (summary report attached)

- 6.1 **Sent and Received Correspondence** **23**

Recommended that the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.
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- 6.2 **SCCG correspondence from the last meeting (including responses where available)**
 - I. Brooklyn STP (reuse potential) – Minister of Planning, The Hon. Frank Sartor MP.
 - II. Hosting the SCCG Secretariat – Sydney Lord Mayor, Clr. Clover Moore MP

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

7. PRESENTATION

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7.1 Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises – Associate Professor Tim Smith (CSIRO – Sustainable Ecosystems)

Briefing Notes

Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) have partnered with two CSIRO Divisions (Sustainable Ecosystems, and Marine and Atmospheric Research) to undertake research on regional approaches to managing climate vulnerability in the Sydney region. This program has recently been funded through the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) “National Climate Change Adaptation Program” (\$430K). The project was scoped over the last 18 months following interest in systems approaches to the management of climate variability in the Sydney region by local governments.

Over the course of almost two years, the Sydney integrated assessment project will seek to inform the region’s coastal councils regarding the potential biophysical changes that climate change may cause in the region, with subsequent emphasis on examining local capacities to adapt to potential climate change impacts. These activities will be carried out in a series of stages:

- i) Vulnerability mapping;
- ii) Stakeholder consultation;
- iii) Assessment of adaptive capacity;
- iv) Project assessment.

A/Prof. Smith will provide the meeting with a review of the program’s rationale methods and expected outcomes. A 10 minute question time will also be allocated.

Recommended that:

1. The presentation be heard and considered at the meeting,
2. Associate Professor Tim Smith be thanked for his attendance and presentation.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs - Clr. Harvey (Minutes and 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.

8.2 Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Update (attached)

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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.

8.3 Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia* (to be tabled at the meeting)

Briefing Notes

An Activities Update report is attached for delegate's discussion. The report to be tabled at the meeting includes management update details from the DPI and also an update on action coming from the SCCG *Caulerpa taxifolia* Task Force meeting held on 5 September.

Recommended that:

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

8.4 SCCG - Institute of Environmental Studies (IES) UNSW Partnership Program 2nd Semester Projects 2006 (Attached) 48

Briefing Notes

Final copies of the 2nd Semester SCCG – UNSW (IES) Masters Projects will be distributed and discussed at the meeting. Research projects include:

- Barriers to and issues with the use of swimming pool backwash for irrigation (Sutherland)
- A review of previous studies assessing the abundance of in-fauna and epi-fauna in beach sands and the impact of this fauna on beach management practices (Manly)
- An assessment of methods for Triple Bottom Line Reporting (SCCG)
- A review of existing Climate Change policy and regulation (SCCG)
- Appropriate monitoring methodologies and designs to measure and demonstrate the impact of environmental projects, such as Lagoon dredging. (Warringah).

Recommended that:

- 1) The report be received and considered
- 2) The SCCG forward final project reports to Member Councils together with promotion for the program (GMs and Mayors)
- 3) Delegates interested in nominating 1st semester 2007 projects discuss proposed projects.

8.5 January 2007 - SCCG Summer Activities Program (Attached) 49

Briefing Notes

The Secretariat is proposing to again undertake the SCCG Summer Activities Program in January 2007. The SAP Working Group have resolved that the program be run over January.

The SCCG in partnership with its member councils is to 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. The SCCG aims to have at least one activity per member council. Activities may include: Rock pool rambles, Geomorphology tours, Spot lighting, Headland / history walks, Snorkeling.

The SCCG CPO will provide the meeting with details of programs and activities being organised under the guidance of the SCCG Education (SAP) Working Group.

Recommended that:

1. The report be received and noted,
2. The CPO provide a report on activities and promotion for the 2007 S.A.P.
3. SCCG work with Member Councils and the media to ensure effective promotion of the initiative.

8.6 SCCG – Macquarie Uni Partnership MOU – Draft Climate Change Fact Sheets 50

Briefing Notes

The SCCG has been working with Macquarie University as part of their MOU program to develop climate change fact sheets based on TC suggestions. 3rd Environmental Science students have been asked to prepare climate change fact sheets to be used by SCCG Member Councils to inform their elected representatives and communities of the potential impacts of climate change.

Feedback from the last Technical Committee meeting was used to help scope and direct the student projects. As a result 5 fact sheet themes have been developed for TC consideration:

Sydney coastal landscapes in AD2050 and AD2100

- 1) - How might climate change affect the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100? (focus biodiversity (marine and terrestrial), erosion and cliff retreat, a comparison of International, National and Regional climate change strategies)
- 2) Possible sea level rise in the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100?
- 3) The frequency and intensity of climate related 'extreme events' in the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100? (focus on storm events (such as 'east coast lows', river floods, bushfires)
- 4) Potential socio-economic impacts of climate change in the Sydney coastal region by AD2050 and AD2100? (focus on human health, recreational opportunities, housing, business and insurance)
- 5) What can individuals, households and communities do to respond / adapt to climate change?

Recommended that the report be received and considered.

8.7 15th NSW Coastal Conference – “Coasting Towards a Sustainable Future” - Outcomes Report 51

Briefing Notes

The 15th Coastal Conference was held on 7-9 November in Coffs Harbour.

Both the RCEO and CPO presented papers at the Conference. The RCEO also presented the SCCG Model as part of the “Conference Symposium” that discussed the establishing a NSW Coastal Councils Group.

SCCG Papers include:

- Geoff Withycombe & A/Prof. Tim Smith (CSIRO), ***Managing for Climate Variability in the Sydney Region, Issues, Needs and New Solutions for Local Government***
- Craig Morrison, ***Overcoming barriers to coastal sustainability and facilitating improved delivery of regional management: A Case Study of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group.***

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 Secretariat of the conference paper titles of which they would like copies.

8.8 SCCG - AGS Geotechnical Grant Projects (Update Report attached) 65

Briefing Notes

The 2 grant projects funded under the National Disaster Mitigation Program are nearing completion. As resolved a project update report is included in the Business Papers. The RCEO will provide responses to any inquires about the projects. It is anticipated that the national exhibition of the draft report will occur in January 2007.

Recommended that:

- 1) the report be received and considered.
- 2) Delegates assist with member council feedback on the draft documents during the Exhibition to be undertaken in January 2007.

8.9 Proposed Sydney Regional Great Ocean Walk Proposal (attached) 71

Briefing Notes

The CPO will provide delegates with a review of the proposed Sydney Regional Great Ocean Walk Proposal being facilitated by the SCCG with numerous Sydney walking club volunteers, the Department of Planning and SSROC.

This project first proposed in the 2005 TC Survey is now being advanced. The CPO will review activities to date and seek input from delegates.

Recommended that the CPO update report be received and considered.

9.0 SCCG Submissions 72

1. NSW State Plan.
2. NSW Guideline for Sewered Residential Premises (Single Households) Greywater Reuse.
3. "Proposals for Two Protection Zones over Submarine Cables off Narrabeen and Tamarama – Clovelly Beaches - August 2006.

Recommended that the recent SCCG submissions be received and noted.

10. Key Activities Report for September – December 2006 (attached) 90

Recommended that the SCCG key Activities report for September - December 2006 be received and noted.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

11.1 Financial Statement for the period ending 31 October 2006 (Attached) 114

Recommended that the Financial Statement for period ending 31 October 2006 be received and noted.

11.2 Final Audited Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report for the period 1 July 2005 to 1 June 2006 (Statement / auditors report will be circulated at the meeting - pending)

Recommended that the Final Audited Financial Statement and auditors report for financial year 2005-2006 be received and noted.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 Items for Press Release

Recommended that items for press release be considered.

12.2 Agenda items for the next SCCG meeting

Recommended that delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting proposed for Saturday 17 March 2007.

12.3 Suggested 2007 Meeting dates / Next Meeting

- Saturday 17 March 2007 at 12 noon
- Saturday 9 June 2007 at 12 noon
- Saturday 15 September 2007 at 12 noon
- Saturday 9 December 2007 at 12 noon

Recommended that:

- 1) The four meeting dates be considered for 2007
- 2) An interested member council be sought to host the Saturday 17 March 2007.

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