

SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.
AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER, 2004
AT ROCKDALE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1.00 PM

The meeting venue is Rockdale City Council, Level 1, 2 Bryant Street, Rockdale. A map of the meeting location and parking is attached. Parking is available behind the Council Chambers. Please arrive 12.45pm for 1.00pm start.

A light Christmas lunch will be provided by Rockdale City 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 11 September (Attached) 1

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the SCCG held on 11 September 2004 at North Sydney Council be confirmed.</p>
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3.2 Minutes of the Executive Committee of the SCCG held on 19 October at Waverley Council. (Attached) 13

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 October 2004 at Waverley Council be received and noted.</p>
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3.3 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 August at Woollahra Council. (Attached) 15

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 August 2004 at Woollahra Council be received and noted.</p>
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3.4 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 11 September at Manly Council. (Attached) 25

<p>Recommended that the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 21 October 2004 at Manly Council be received and noted.</p>

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Sent and Received Correspondence

<p>Recommended that the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.</p>

6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

6.1 Coastal Projects Officer Contract

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

6.2 **Review and Redevelopment of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Business Management Plan 2001 – 2004** (Preliminary Draft SCCG Strategy be distributed – **pending**)

The RCEO will provide representatives with an update report on the review and redevelopment of the SCCG Business Management Plan. Delegates are requested provide comments on the draft SCCG Strategy 2004 – 2007.

Recommended that:

- 1) *The report be received and discussed,*
- 2) *Delegates provide comments on the current draft,*
- 3) *The BMP Committee actively involve the Executive Committee to finalise the draft SCCG Strategic Plan.*

7. PRESENTATION (Briefing Paper attached) 34

7.1 **Metropolitan Water Plan – Meeting the Challenges Securing Sydney's Water Future – Ms. Marion Bennett (Director - Metropolitan Water Sharing – DIPNR)**

Ms Bennett will provide delegates with a general overview of the Metropolitan Water Plan including its development, contents and implementation processes.

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

8. REPORTS

8.1 **Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs - Clr. Harvey/Mr. Colman**

(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 minutes of the Beachwatch Advisory Committee No. 68 be noted.
- 3) the Representatives' report be heard.

8.2 **Report on the Activities of the Sydney Harbour Catchment Management Board and the establishment of the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority** 44

A review of activities and development will provided to delegates.

Recommended that the Representative's report be received and noted.

8.3 **Control and Eradication of the *Caulerpa Taxifolia*** (Attached) 45

Briefing Notes

At the SCCG AGM it was resolved that:

- 1) The SCCG Chairperson convene a Taskforce meeting / workshop to address the ongoing issues and management of *Caulerpa taxifolia*
- 2) *Caulerpa taxifolia* be a standing item on SCCG agendas until such time that the issues is adequately addressed

Recommended that

- 1) The report be received and considered,
- 2) Outcomes of the first task force meeting be considered by delegates.

8.4 Report on SCCG Summer Activities Program (Attached) 49Briefing Notes

The SCCG 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. This program has been instigated by SCCG following the demise of the Coastcare Summer Activities Program. Full details of activities are contained in the Business Papers. The S.A.P. will run from 10 –23 January 2005.

Recommended that the report be received and noted.

8.5 Draft – Groundwater Management Handbook for Local Government 50Briefing Notes

The SCCG Groundwater Working Group has developed the Draft "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. The Secretariat seeks Councillors input to the Draft report and to be a part of a peer review team. Comments and suggestions from the Councillor review team will form an important part of the consultation process that will be undertaken during a public exhibition period. Both SCCG and the Groundwater Working Group would encourage your involvement in this project.

Recommended that the report be received and discussed at the meeting.

8.6 SCCG Grant Applications (report attached) 53Briefing Notes

The Secretariat has recently submitted two grant applications: Groundwater Education and Butt Littering Awareness Campaign. Details of these programs is provided in the business papers. The verbal report will also review success and anticipated implementation of these programs.

Recommended that the report be received and noted.

8.7 Report on Outcomes of the NSW Coastal Conference (report attached) 56Briefing Notes

The SCCG Secretariat and some SCCG elected and staff delegates attended the 13 Annual NSW Coastal Management Conference at Lake Macquarie. The theme of this year's conference was "**Surging Ahead - Success Stories in Coastal Management**". 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.

8.8 **SCCG Submissions** (Attached) **61**

a) **Bitou Bush Threat Abatement Plan**

b) **Sydney Metropolitan Strategy – Discussion Paper** (to be circulated at the meeting)

Recommended that the SCCG submissions be received and endorsed.

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

The second 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 2004.

8.10 **Key Activities Report for September – December 2004** (Attached) **64**

Recommended that the SCCG Key Activities report for September – December 2004 be received and noted.

9. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

9.1 **Financial Statement for period ending November 2004** (tabled at meeting - pending)

Recommended that the Financial Statement for period ending 30 November 2004 be received and noted.

9.2 **Final Audited Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report for the period 1 July 2003 to 1 June 2004** (Statement / auditors report will be circulated at the meeting - pending)

Recommended that the Final Audited Financial Statement and auditors report for financial year 2003-2004 be received and noted.

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Desalination treatment plants**

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 proposed for Saturday 12 March 2005.

10.3 Suggested 2005 Meeting dates

- Saturday 12 March 2005 at 1.00pm
- Saturday 11 June 2005 at 1.00pm
- Saturday 17 September 2005 at 1.00pm
- Saturday 10 December 2005 at 1.00pm

Recommended that:

- 1) The four meeting dates be considered for 2005
- 2) An interested member councils be sought to host the Saturday 12 March 2005.

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