







## Member Council Activities June 2004

The following material is a summary of current projects for SCCG Member Councils June, 2004

<p>City of Botany Bay</p> 	<p>No dot points received</p>
<p>Hornsby Shire Council</p> 	<p>No dot points received</p>
<p>Leichhardt Council</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spill Response Trailer Grant-</b> Leichhardt Council has received funding from the RTA to purchase a Spill Response Trailer and run staff training in use of the Spill Response Trailer. Other Councils within the Port Jackson South Catchment Group of Councils have also been successful in obtaining funding.</li> <li>• <b>World Environment Day-</b> Leichhardt Council held a <i>Leichhardt Flows Into the Sea</i> Stormwater education tour of Whites Creek Wetland as part of World Environment Day activities.</li> <li>• <b>Every Drop Counts-</b> Council has continued to progress with the Sydney Water <i>Every Drop Counts</i> program. Information packs on the <i>Every Drop Counts Program</i> and how to use water efficiently are now available to local residents and businesses. The installation of flow controls in taps and toilets is planned for the Leichhardt Aquatic Centre and the installation of flow control devices for showers, basins and toilets has commenced in 18 other Council facilities.</li> <li>• <b>Whites Creek Wetland Maintenance-</b> Council is planning to drain the wetland on 24 June 2004. The draining will enable Council to remove goldfish, plants and undertake maintenance. The wetland will remain drained for approximately one week so that overgrown vegetation and plant litter can be removed. During the maintenance one pond will remain full to provide habitat for native fauna. The euthanasia of goldfish has become a large hurdle for Council to overcome. Council has liaised extensively with NSW Fisheries, ANGFA and RSPCA to find an acceptable euthanasia method.</li> </ul>
<p>Manly Council</p> 	<p>No dot points received</p>

<p>Mosman Council</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Monitoring program design has been completed and monitoring will be implemented to identify the source of faecal contamination in stormwater system/SQID at Little Sirius Cove.</li> <li>❖ Environmental Management Plan - in the initial stages of the environmental review including policy/legislation identification and compliance, identification of Council activities/functions, aspects, impacts, and community consultation.</li> <li>❖ Energy Performance Contract - a detailed audit of Council buildings will be undertaken shortly.</li> <li>❖ Senior Staff have participated in a workshop re: Triple Bottom Line Reporting.</li> </ul> <p>An application has been submitted to the DEC for the 'Our Environment It's a Living Thing' Grant program. The proposed project will look at educating the community on issues of sustainability and aims to encourage the community to reduce their consumption and impact upon the environment through the use of Ecological Footprinting.</p>
<p>North Sydney</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sustainability Plan has been drafted and is on public exhibition awaiting comment. The sustainability plan is an action based document that looks to consolidate all the environmental policy documents that currently exist and highlight some of the issues that Council needs to focus on for the future.</li> <li>▪ Completed Milestone 5 of ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection program.</li> <li>▪ Submitted a proposal to SEDA to obtain funding to extend the 'North Sydney CBD Greenhouse Reduction Initiative' for another 12 month period. Initiative will also be extended to incorporate Parramatta and City of Sydney CBD areas, working in partnership with Parramatta and City of Sydney Councils.</li> <li>▪ Offering free commercial waste audits.</li> <li>▪ Have recently carried out an 'Eco Snap Shot day' with North Sydney Girls School as part of the Sustainable Schools Program.</li> <li>▪ As part of the Stormwater Trust funded GPT Life Cycle Cost project (run in conjunction with Willoughby Council)- commenced analysis of GPT spoil to determine suitability for re-use.</li> <li>▪ Completing auditing of water use at 3 key Council facilities as part of the Sydney Water Every Drop Counts program.</li> <li>▪ Completed assessment of Council land for contamination. Identified contaminated site at Anderson Park. Recommendations are currently being drafted to manage potential impacts.</li> <li>▪ Middle Harbour Capacity Building Project is continuing. Developed common water management objectives to be incorporated into relevant Council documents. Councils are undertaking an inventory of actions, programs and plans that are in place that are consistent with the common objectives.</li> </ul>
<p>Pittwater Council</p>	<p>No dot points received</p>



Randwick Council



- Council prepared a detailed submission to the Local Government Association of NSW in response to the Draft Discussion Paper of proposed amendments to the TSC Act.
- Council's Environmental Health Unit is finalising the environmental audit program on all service stations in Randwick.
- Randwick Council was successful in a funding application under the Planning Reform Funding Program. Council will receive \$99,000 towards development of a 'Randwick City Plan' which will incorporate a 20 Year Strategic Plan, the 2004 Comprehensive State of the Environment Report, and the 2004 Comprehensive Social Plan.
- Council prepared a detailed submission to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning, and Natural Resources in response to the public exhibition of BASIX – Building Sustainability Index.

Rockdale Council



No dot points received.

Sutherland Shire Council



**Stage 4 Stormwater Trust Grant**

- Business Incubator WSUD Demonstration Project complete, monitoring program ongoing

**Estuary Management Program**

- Gunnamatta and Gymea Estuary Management Plans finalised
- Woronora Estuary Management Plan ongoing
- Port Hacking Plan of Management under review
- Gunnamatta Bay contaminated sediment study ongoing
- Gymea Bay water quality improvements (trash rack, land stabilisation and rehabilitation, dredging) ongoing

**Dredging**



- Special Levy Rate on waterfront property owners to fund dredging of Yowie Bay under investigation



**Flood Studies**

- Ewey Creek complete, 189 properties identified as being potentially subject to flooding

**Floodplain Management Program**

- Georges River Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan complete
- Oyster Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan under way
- Initial Subjective Assessment of Flood Risk in Sutherland Shire complete

	<p><b>Policy Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSUD stormwater policy including, compulsory rainwater tanks, stormwater reuse, on-site treatment, etc... adopted as part of LEP 2004, technical specifications under final review</li> </ul> <p><b>Mapping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of soils landscape map for Sutherland Shire identifying areas suitable for infiltration systems complete</li> <li>• GIS mapping of water quality devices, catchments served and pertinent data completed</li> </ul> <p><b>Major Projects included in 2004/2005 Mayoral Minute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camellia Gardens GPT (DIPNR grant awarded)</li> <li>• President Avenue Ewey Creek Trash Rack (DIPNR grant awarded)</li> <li>• Review of Port Hacking Plan of Management (DIPNR grant awarded)</li> <li>• Woronora Estuary Management Plan (DIPNR grant awarded)</li> <li>• Rainwater tanks and reuse infrastructure on Council Administration Building</li> <li>• Burraneer Park Trash Rack</li> </ul>
<p>Sydney City Council</p> 	
<p>Warringah Council</p> 	<p><b>Structure</b></p> <p>Warringah Council is divided into three Directorates with one Strategic Policy Unit reporting directly to the General Manager.</p> <p>Council's strategic environmental planning is delivered from the Corporate Strategy and Policy Unit. Daniel Lovett generally represents this area of Council at the SCCG.</p> <p>Council's Directorate of Customer and Community Services contains Council's Environmental Management Services Unit. This Unit comprises three teams - Conservation and Land Management, Environmental Education and Catchment Management. Generally representatives from Council's Catchment Team also represent Council at the SCCG.</p> <p><b>Strategic Programs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water Sensitive Urban Design</li> <li>2. Water Conservation</li> <li>3. Cities for Climate Protection</li> <li>4. Other Projects</li> </ol> <p>Council is presently drafting a new Strategic Plan based on seven themes - Infrastructure, Transport, Housing, Commercial and Economic Development, Natural Environment and Sustainability, Open Space and Recreation and Social and Community Development</p> <p><b>Operational &amp; Service Delivery Programs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manly Lagoon Rehabilitation Works</li> <li>2. Manly Lagoon Rehabilitation Works</li> <li>3. Curl Curl Lagoon Rehabilitation - Stage 4</li> <li>4. The Dee Why Lagoon and Curl Curl Lagoon Flood Studies</li> </ol>

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<p>Waverley Council</p> 	<p>Our current initiatives are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pit baskets installed down Bondi Rd to remove need for end of pipe net-tech device;</li> <li>▪ BASIX training for DA staff;</li> <li>▪ new Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Plan written;</li> <li>▪ new Waste Not DCP 19 developed; staff to be trained next week;</li> <li>▪ conducting a feasibility study for a rainwater tank for chambers;</li> <li>▪ new waste and recycling system to be rolled out in September - going to</li> <li>▪ 3 bin system.</li> <li>▪ The UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures has begun conducting a review of the residential and commercial planning instruments.</li> </ul>
<p>Willoughby Council</p> 	<p>Grey water (sullage) reuse...Council is currently looking at a policy document on Grey water reuse</p>
<p>Woollahra Council</p>	<p>Woollahra Council has achieved milestone 4 of the cities for climate protection (CCP) program with the quantification of our greenhouse emission savings achieved through the implementation of actions in the Woollahra Greenhouse Action Plan.</p> <p>The actions undertaken by Council are predominantly in the building</p>



and vehicle fleet areas including;

- building upgrades,
- lighting retrofits,
- efficient design features,
- energy efficient office equipment,
- conversion of utilities to LPG,
- vehicle downsizing and the purchase of a Prius hybrid electric vehicle.

Funding from the Australian Greenhouse Office (\$4000) provided Council with assistance to undertake an energy audit and education pilot program targeting small businesses. The program involved auditing of 5 businesses in the Double Bay commercial precinct by the Eco Living Centre, University of NSW. The results of the audit program and general energy efficiency ideas are being presented to the Double Bay Chamber of Commerce meeting, 27 May 2004. Energy Efficiency information packs will be distributed at that meeting.

Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) CCP working group are undertaking a survey of energy usage and behaviour of residents in the Southern Sydney area. The results of the survey will be used to direct future regional education programs.

Council is continuing the review process for the Stormwater Management Plan. It is anticipated that the reviewed document will form the basis for an extension to the levy funded environmental works program.