



Making Waves

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The Sydney Coastal Councils Group Monthly Update
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Welcome to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) Monthly Update. The aim of the update is to provide Member Councils and interested stakeholders with a quick and easy to read summary of the Group's recent activities. If you would like more information on any of the projects or issues discussed please contact the SCCG Secretariat on (02) 9246 7702.

SCCG Key Activities

Sydney Beaches Valuation Project

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) has partnered with the University of NSW to undertake a valuation of selected Sydney beaches, in order to inform both existing coastal management, and also the response to enhanced climate change impacts. As part of this project, you are invited to participate in an online survey, which asks questions about current beach usage and future management of Sydney beaches. Your responses will be used to assist Local and State Governments to make more informed decisions on how to protect coastal property, infrastructure, beach environments and amenity at threat of coastal erosion due to enhanced climate change impacts. This survey typically takes around 10 minutes to complete, and all responses are completely anonymous. To complete the survey, use the link below.

http://www.unipark.de/uc/sydney_beaches_valuation

The Groundwater Education Workshop Series

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group, Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils and Southern Sydney Regional Organisations of Councils are pleased to present the Groundwater Education Workshop Series. The aim of the Groundwater Education Workshop Series is to deliver a series of free workshops, information and training on sustainable groundwater management targeting councils and industry. The education materials and CD-ROM provided at the workshop will integrate information on the regulatory aspects of groundwater management with increased awareness of the dynamic nature of groundwater. Dates and venues for the workshops are;

Thursday October 2 - Sydney Metro CMA

Thursday October 9 - Warringah Rugby Park

Monday October 20 - Penrith Council

Tuesday October 7 - Randwick Council

Tuesday October 14 - Liverpool Council

Tuesday October 21 - Hornsby Council

This project has been assisted by the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust. For more information about the workshops go to

www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/groundwater.htm

SCCG Grant Applications

In the last three years the SCCG has developed and delivered projects to its Member councils to value of over 3 million dollars. Applications prepared during July and August by the SCCG that it is waiting notification on include:

- *Mapping and Responding to Coastal Inundation* (\$240,000) - National Disaster Mitigation Program
- *Coastal biodiversity and climate change adaptation risk assessment framework and decision support tool* (\$244,000) Community Coastcare Caring for Country
- *Education empowerment of Landslide Risk Management to regulators and practitioners* (\$240,000) - National Disaster Mitigation Program
- *Development of Landslide Inventory for Landslide Susceptibility and Hazard Zoning across the Sydney Coastal Councils region of Sydney and Wollongong LGA* (\$330,000)
- *Broadening Community Education Markets through Social Profiling' (A review of consultation and engagement strategies and techniques for Sustainability Education / and Behavioural Change - Developing a Decision Support Tool)* (\$48,950) Community Coastcare Caring for Country



Member Council Actions and Issues

Every Month the Sydney Coastal Councils uses this section of the update to provide a summary of some of the actions being undertaken and emerging issues for Member Councils.



Report on Climate Change Actions for Manly for 2008 to 2038

Manly Council commissioned a report from the consulting group Cardno, to identify potential climate change mitigation and adaptation measures for the Manly LGA. The primary objective of the report was to provide information to the Council and community to inform their decision of whether to support a proposed Climate Change Levy to assist in funding mitigation and adaptation projects. Copies of the report can be downloaded at www.manly.nsw.gov.au/ignitionSuite/uploads/docs/280408%20Draft%20for%20Discussion.pdf

City of Sydney wins Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Councils Award

The SCCG would like to congratulate the City of Sydney for winning Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Councils Award. The award recognises all the environmental projects implemented by the City of Sydney including those from the Sustainable Sydney 2030 strategy, Environmental Management Plan, and Energy and Water Savings Action Plan. More information about City of Sydney Projects that form part of Sydney 2030 can be found at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/2030

2008 NSW Coastal Conference

The SCCG encourages all coastal managers and community representatives to participate in the 2008 NSW Coastal Conference, hosted this year by Wollongong City Council. The theme for the 2008 Conference is: Innovations in the Coastal Zone. Conference topics include: Coastal Habitats/Ecosystems; Coastal Hazards; Planning for Change; Community Involvement; New Approaches or Innovations and Lessons Learnt (good and bad!). The Conference attracts between 250 - 300 delegates from a wide range of areas. This year the conference will also present awards for outstanding achievement in coastal zone management activities. Areas to be covered include: Lifetime Achievement, Innovation, Community Involvement, Local Government, and Student Research. For more information www.coastalconference.com/default.asp

Sustainable Water Challenge seminar and site Visits

The Sustainable Water Challenge (SWC) seminar and site visits will be held on the 18th and 19th of September. The SWC provides an opportunity for New South Wales Councils to showcase local projects and gain recognition for their hard work and innovation. The SWC is hosted by the WSUD in Sydney Program and in partnership with Sydney Metropolitan CMA and Stormwater Industry Association Inc. For more information www.wsud.org/swc.htm

If you would like a copy of the Making Waves the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Monthly Update please contact SCCG Coastal Project Officer, Craig Morrison at: craig@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au

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