



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

2009 SCCG Summer Activities Program

The SCCG Summer Activities Program has been completed for another year. The program which aims to promote coastal educational activities during January was a huge success. Over 2000 people enjoyed the 65 events offered. The 2009 program involved a number of interesting events including wetland tours, learn to surf lessons and bird watching. The SCCG would like to congratulate all Councils who participated in the program and thank Coastcare for their ongoing support.

Rock Pool Antifouling Technologies Project

SCCG Member Councils are faced with a continual challenge of algae growth on foreshore areas resulting in needs to continual cleaning via a variety of applications to reduce slip risk. Approaches historically used include mechanical cleaning and use of various biocides, particularly chlorine based bleaches. The project will be run over the 2 years with 5-6 trials application sites in the summers of 2008/2009 and 2009/2010. Funding support for this project has been provided by the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Randwick and Sutherland Councils as well as the SCCG.

January 12 2009 King Tide Event

On Monday January 12 the SCCG Secretariat ventured to three sites around the south eastern part of Sydney Harbour to capture the January 12 king tide. The images featured below were captured at Double Bay, Rose Bay and Parsley Bay. The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) asked members of the community along the NSW coast to assist in a volunteer photographic survey of the impact of the king tide. This photographic coverage is being used to create a statewide snapshot of vulnerable areas, many of which will not have been recorded before. DECC are currently compiling all the photos received and preparing a report.



Double Bay Skip 18ft Club



Rose Bay Wharf



Parsley Bay Wharf

SCCG Submissions and Advocacy

Already in 2009 the SCCG Secretariat has sent correspondence to a range of stakeholders outlining its views or requesting information on the following issues:

- A Sydney wide strategy for the storage of recreational boats
- Current NSW Government Climate Change Activities
- A New Biodiversity Strategy for NSW – Discussion Paper
- The New Zealand Household Energy End-Use Project (HEEP)

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.



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

Science of the Surf Seminars

As part of the 2009 Summer Activities Program Sydney Coastal Council Member Councils hosted 10 Science of the Surf Seminars. The seminars aim to provide scientific information on the way that beaches, waves and rip currents work to people who enjoy the beach. During January over 700 people enjoyed and benefited from these seminars sponsored by the SCCG and hosted by its Member Councils. More information about the Science of the Surf can be found at:

www.scienceofthesurf.com/

Community uses the internet to plan Mosman's Future

Mosman Council is utilising innovative web-based technologies to assist community consultation. As part of planning Mosman's future residents have been asked to express how they would like Mosman to be in 10 or 20 years in Mosman using an online community discussion space www.mosmanroundtable.net. As part of developing and planning Mosman's future, these comments will be automatically pulled into the consultation website and will form part of the response presented to Councillors in February who will then determine the long term (10 year or more) strategic direction of Mosman Council and the priorities associated with that direction. For more information www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/news/2009/01/19/ready-to-receive-your-views

Waverley installs bubblers to quench thirst and reduce waste

One of the biggest environmental issues faced by many coastal councils is litter created by beach users not disposing of plastic water bottles appropriately. In Waverley Council's latest effort to help curb the amount of plastic drink containers littering its streets, parks and beaches a large water station has been installed at Bondi Beach. The water station is aiming to reduce the 1.5 billion drink containers ending up on Sydney Beaches or going to landfill each year. Other Waverley Council initiatives include trialling recycling bins at Bondi Beach as well as handing out free reusable drink containers to beachgoers throughout the summer. For more information

www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/info/media/report.asp?articleID=547

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