



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

Community Coastcare Caring for Country Grants Program

During July the SCCG submitted two applications to the Australian Government Community Coastcare Caring for Country program to undertake the following projects:

- 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)
- Coastal biodiversity and climate change adaptation risk assessment framework and decision support tool

These projects continue the SCCG's activities in assisting Local Government engage with local communities and adapt to climate change. The information and direction gained from both projects will be extremely valuable to Councils and their residents in prioritising activity and investment in building the resilience of coastal ecosystems and communities. More information about the Caring for Country Grants Program can be found at: www.nrm.gov.au/funding/coastcare.html



Sydney's Great Coastal Walk Launch

To celebrate the completion of the Walking Coastal Sydney Project and the release of the final brochures in the series, a launch was held on the 22nd of July at North Forth Café, North Head. The Hon. Verity Firth MP Minister for Climate Change and the Environment along with the Mayors of Manly and Warringah Councils as well as the Administrator of Warringah Council and SCCG Chair, Clr. George Copeland all participated in the ceremony and officially launched the three Northern Beaches brochures. More information about the project can be found at the website: www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au



Coast to Coast 2008: Coast to Coast Collaboration: Crossing Boundaries (18 – 22 August 2008)

The SCCG Secretariat will be attending and participating in the 2008 National Coastal Conference. As well as participating in the pre-conference NRM forum, members of the Secretariat will be presenting the following papers:

- *Improving Local Governments' Capacity to Adapt to Coastal Climate Change at a Local and Regional Scale.* (Withycombe, G., Brooke, C., Preston, B., Smith, T. F., Beveridge, B., Morrison, C., Gorddard, R., Measham, T.G., McInnes, K., and Abbs, D.)
- *Coastal Councils Planning for Climate Change* (Morrison, C., and Ghanem, R.)
- *Valuing Sydney beaches to inform coastal management decisions related to projected sea-level rise impacts* (Anning, D., Dominey-Howes., and Withycombe, G.)

More information about Coast to Coast 2008 can be found at: www.coast2coast.org.au



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.



Rockdale Council responding and planning for climate change

Rockdale Council have engaged consultants to conduct a risk assessment and develop a Climate Adaptation Action Plan as part of the Australian Government Local Adaptation Pathways Program. The plan will build the capacity of Rockdale Council to respond to the impacts of climate change through the development and implementation of risk management actions.

Eco- Friendly Fashion shows

Recently Willoughby Council held an “Eco-Ethical Fashion Show” in Chatswood Westfield’s on World Environment Day to showcase organic, recycled, ethical fashions and where you can find them. Ethical fashion considers the environment, where clothing and accessories are made from organic raw materials, produced without pesticides or utilise recycled materials, as well as ensuring that labourers earn fair wages and enjoy healthy working conditions. Watch the video here

www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9mHvn8G6zY

Draft Lower Hawkesbury Estuary Management Plan on Exhibition

The Draft Estuary Management Plan for the Lower Hawkesbury (Wisemans Ferry to Broken Bay excluding Pittwater and Brisbane Water) is being publicly exhibited by Hornsby Council from Friday 1 August until Friday 10 October 2008. The plan describes how the estuary will be managed, recommends solutions to management problems and details a schedule of activities for the implementation of these recommendations. For more information www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition/

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

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