



# 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 Great Coastal Walk Launch

To celebrate the completion of the Walking Coastal Sydney and the release of the final brochures in the series, a launch will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July at North Forth Café, North Head. The Hon Verity Firth Minister for Climate Change and the Environment along with the Mayors of Manly and Warringah Councils as well as the Administrator of Warringah Council will all participate in the ceremony and officially launch the three Northern Beaches brochures. If you would like to attend the launch please email [craig@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au](mailto:craig@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au). More information about the project can be found at [www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au](http://www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au)



### Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises

As part of the final stage of this exiting project the case study phase has been undertaken in three SCCG Member Councils (Leichhardt, Mosman and Sutherland). Through a series of interviews a regional review of the institutional issues associated with the constraints, barriers and opportunities to effective adaptation on the focus areas of planning, infrastructure and communities will be analysed. This analysis and recommendations of potential strategies to better manage cross-cutting barriers will be highlighted in the final report. More information about the project can be found at [www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/system-approach-to-regional-climate-change-adaptation-strategies-in-metropolises/index.php](http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/system-approach-to-regional-climate-change-adaptation-strategies-in-metropolises/index.php).



### Sydney Coastal Councils Group meets the Minister

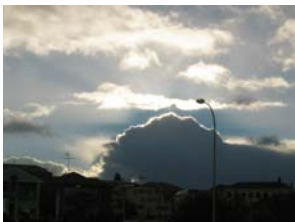
In early June, SCCG Executive Officer Geoff Withycombe and Coastal Projects Officer Craig Morrison participated in a forum hosted by the NSW Minister for Climate Change and the Environment the Hon Verity Firth to discuss the key issues and future priorities for Environment Groups in NSW. Following this forum the SCCG surveyed its Elected Representatives on their key issues and future needs. Delegates noted that they considered the following issues and activities to be priorities:



- Activities that assist councils and the community with climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- The collection and provision of environmental information to assist with monitoring and conservation;
- The consistent integration of environmental considerations in the planning framework; and
- Coordination and communication between all spheres of government.

### Sustainable Water Challenge

Entries for the Sustainable Water Challenge (SWC) opened 28 May 2008. 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. Entries close Friday 8 August 2008. For more information [www.wsud.org/swc.htm](http://www.wsud.org/swc.htm)



## 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.



### Clontarf/Bantry Bay Estuary Management Plan

Manly Council has adopted the Clontarf/Bantry Bay Estuary Management Plan. The study area extends both seaward and landward from the shoreline to include rocky intertidal platforms, sandstone cliffs, sandy beaches, seawalls, grassed recreational areas, swimming enclosures, part of the Manly Scenic Walkway, bushland, as well as commercial, retail and residential areas. More information can be found at [www.manly.nsw.gov.au/Clontarf--Bantry-Bay-Estuary-Management-Plan.html](http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/Clontarf--Bantry-Bay-Estuary-Management-Plan.html)

### Mosman climate challenge a great success

Approximately 411 Mosman residents have participated in the Mosman Climate Challenge. The challenge was an initiative of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and supported by Mosman Council. It gave everyone in the Mosman Community the opportunity to act locally on climate change and take easy steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their homes and beyond their backyard. For more information about the challenge go to [www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/news/2008/04/14/take-the-challenge](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/news/2008/04/14/take-the-challenge)

### Coastal Environment Centre Goes Solar

Pittwater Council's Coastal Environment Centre at Narrabeen has installed seven solar panels after successfully applying for a federal government rebate from the Australian Greenhouse Office to install them. The panels will supply the Centre with around 30% of its energy needs. The money saved on energy cost will be put back into the education activities of the centre. For more information go to [http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/home/news\\_highlights/coastal\\_environment\\_centre\\_goes\\_solar!](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/home/news_highlights/coastal_environment_centre_goes_solar!)

### Conference - Responding to Sea Level Rise: Engineering Practical solutions Climate change solutions Coffs Harbour NSW 3-5th August 2008

One of the key issues for coastal & tidal councils is the impact of sea level rise over the long term, and more immediately the impact of the combination of storm surges and high tides on a council's coastal infrastructure. This Conference is focused on coastal & tidal council engineering staff and consultants who have been involved in the development of coastal and estuarine management response to sea level rise. This conference will provide the opportunity to bring together people who are facing the same climate change challenge. The aim is to share ideas and to learn how other council staff and consultants are innovating and developing adaptation responses to sea level rise. For more information go to [www.ipwea.org.au](http://www.ipwea.org.au)

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