



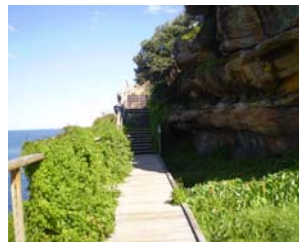
Making Waves

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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.



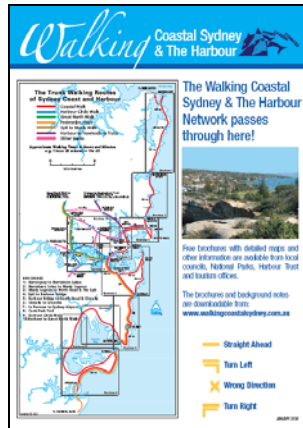
SCCG Key Activities

SCCG/ Australian Geomechanics Society Project wins Warren medal

The SCCG and Australian Geomechanics Society Landslide Risk Management Project have been awarded the Warren Medal. The guidelines and commentaries have been developed by leading geotechnical experts and represent the culmination of many years involvement with landslide risk issues both in Australia and throughout the world. The Warren Medal perpetuates the memory of Professor WH Warren, the first President of the Institution of Engineers Australia. Established in 1929, this award is given annually by the Civil College of Engineers Australia. The award is for outstanding contributions to the literature of the engineering profession in the discipline of civil engineering. The Warren Medal is the premier award of the Civil College. The Medal for 2007 was awarded to Robin Fell, Bruce Walker and Tony Phillips – all members of the Australian Geomechanics Society and the convenors of the three Working Groups for the project. At the awards ceremony Andrew Leventhal was thanked for his enormous effort managing the project and the SCCG was recognised for their insight and for championing the need the work and arranging the necessary funding via the National Disaster Funding Program.

Walking Coastal Sydney Project

The SCCG Secretariat is pleased to announce that the Clovelly to Cronulla brochure was launched on March 27 at the La Perouse Muesum. The vision of the Walking Coastal Sydney project is to promote public access to, and enhance appreciation and Sydney's coastline and harbour for residents and visitors. This project has been undertaken in partnership with SCCG Member Councils, the Walking Volunteers and a range of State and Federal government agencies. All published brochures and supporting historical notes are available from Walking Coastal Website www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au



Systems Approach to Regional Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in Metropolises project

The Project is currently moving into the final case study phase. Leading up to this the project team has been working on two key publications. The regional vulnerability assessment and mapping report titled *The Mapping Climate Change Vulnerability in the Sydney Coastal Councils Group* to be released shortly and drafting of the *Regional Workshop Synthesis Report*, a regional snapshot, developed via the 15 council workshops, of the regional crosscutting issues, barriers and opportunities. These two reports will support the selection of issues and councils for the case study investigations that will look at the institutional issues associated with adaptation. Additionally, the constraints and barriers on the decision-making process to identify what future interventions can be made to improve councils' capacity to adapt to climate change will be investigated.



NSW Climate Change Inquiry

The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Natural Resource Management (Climate Change) was established on 21 June 2007 to inquire into issues of sustainable natural resource management with particular reference to the impact of climate change. The SCCG prepared and submitted a submission to this inquiry and has been invited to formal present to the inquiry when verbal submission are being considered. The full terms of reference for the inquiry can be found at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/climatechange

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.



Presentation to Thailand Department of Natural Resources

SCCG Executive Officer, Geoff Withycombe and Coastal Projects Officer, Craig Morrison have presented on the aims and activities of the Group to a delegation of 60 from the Thailand Department of Natural Resources. The delegation was particularly interested in the activities of the SCCG relating to Climate Change, Groundwater management, Government coordination and communications.

Hilltop to Headland - Free Environmental Walks, Talks and Workshops

Warringah Council is running free environmental activities in 2008 as part of the Hilltop to Headland program. Go on a guided tour of some of the special areas on the northern beaches, join a fun workshop, or listen to one of the monthly lectures. More information can be found at http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/environment/com_education.aspx

Mosman Council encourages residents to reduce waste

Reducing, reusing and recycling waste is considered to play an important role in helping to protect and conserve our local environment for future generations. Mosman Council is working with the community to help "reduce waste to landfill" and has recently provided its residents with larger recycling bins. Council is now offering incentives to residents who choose to reduce their garbage bin size. Residents who choose to change their garbage bin size before 30 May will receive free bin delivery. For more information <http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste>

Free City Talk for a Sustainable Sydney 2030

World-renowned Danish Architect Jan Gehl will return to Sydney to present his findings for improving the livability of Sydney as part of Sustainable Sydney 2030 at a free City Talk at the City Recital Hall on Wednesday 16 April. The City Talk is on the eve of the launch of an exhibition at Customs House in Circular Quay about the City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision for green, global and connected future. The free City Talk will include a presentation from Jan Gehl and two of the key thinkers behind the City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 vision - Pat Fensham from SGS Economics and Planning and Rod Simpson from Simpson+Wilson Architects. For more information

www.sydneymedia.com.au/html/3571-free-city-talk-for-a-sustainable-sydney-2030.asp?orig=Home

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