



# 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 (02) 9246 7702.

## SCCG Key Activities

### SCCG Grant Applications

The SCCG has partnered with Think Insight and Advice to develop an application for the *Sydney 2100: Managing Perceptions of Changing Coastal Environments* Project under the NSW Environmental Trust Environmental Research Program. The project will develop and apply a method to assess community knowledge, attitudes, values and beliefs in response to the impacts of climate change. The outcomes will include messages and tools for consultation and communication on climate change impacts, such as sea level rise. These will then be applied to develop a broad vision for Sydney 2100 which will articulate the required levers for behaviour change to be applied when selecting and implementing the desired adaptation responses of coastal communities. Ultimately the project will generate new information and tools to facilitate the identification of local solutions to the impacts of climate change. These outcomes will provide all spheres of Government with the necessary resources to build the resilience of communities to climate change.

### Sydney Coastal Councils Group Strategic Plan

Following the second meeting of the SCCG Strategic Planning Directional Committee the SCCG Strategic Plan for 2010 – 2014 is being finalised. The plan which will set out the Group's strategic direction for the next four years will be provided to Member Councils for their endorsement in June. Once finalised, the plan will be available on the SCCG website.

### Water Recycling opportunities forum recommendations

In March 2010 the SCCG and Sydney Water partnered to facilitate a workshop for SCCG Member Councils to discuss actions and projects that facilitate water recycling and re-use projects in Sydney. The forum was attended by 27 participants from 12 SCCG Member Councils and 10 representatives from Sydney Water. Representatives from the NSW Office of Water, the Department of Climate Change and Water as well as the National Water Commission were also present at the forum. Specific recommendations coming from the forum were made in relation to the following actions or issues:

- The establishment of a joint SCCG Sydney Water Working Group.
- The Development of "Handbook" which provides all SCCG Member Councils with information on issues, including processes for identifying, implementing and evaluating projects.
- Ongoing collection and access to technical and project specific information.

The SCCG intends to work with Sydney Water on implementing the actions identified during the forum. This will ensure that the forum achieves its aim of improving collaboration and assisting with the identification and implementation of water recycling and re-use projects.

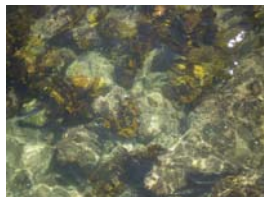
### SCCG Websites:

In addition to the SCCG website [www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au](http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au) the SCCG has two other websites that may interest readers of the monthly update:

**The SCCG Environment Monitoring Page** [www.monitor2manage.com.au/](http://www.monitor2manage.com.au/)

**The Walking Coastal Sydney Website** [www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au](http://www.walkingcoastalsydney.com.au)

These sites have been developed to complement specific projects undertaken by the SCCG and provide users with a range of useful technical and recreational information.



## Member Council Actions and Issues

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



### My Green Apartment – North Sydney Council

My Green Apartment is a North Sydney Council initiative aimed to assist residents of apartment blocks within the North Sydney Local Government Area, to reduce their environmental impact. The program will actively engage apartment residents, body corporate members, and managing agents to increase their capacity to engage in environmentally sustainable behaviour and streamline their access to sustainable technologies. One apartment block will be selected to undergo a 'green make-over'. The apartment block will also serve as a demonstration site for My Green Apartment case studies, resource kit, forums and open days to assist other local apartment blocks to undergo their own green transformations. North Sydney residents interested in nominating their apartment block should go to:

[www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6701-my-green-apartment.asp?intSiteID=1](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6701-my-green-apartment.asp?intSiteID=1)

### Sutherland Councils offers Enviro-Works Course

Sutherland Council is offering an Enviro-Works Course for residents. The free environmental course for residents covers a range of information on smart shopping, energy and water efficiency, composting and worm farming, reducing chemicals at home. The course runs on Wednesday evenings between 6.30-8.30pm and two Saturday morning practical sessions 26 June and 17 July 8.30 - 12.30pm. Participants are eligible for a subsidised compost bin, worm farm and green cleaning kit. Interested residents of Sutherland should go to the website below for more information:

[www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au/ssc/home.nsf/Web+Pages/3A451E57A637F577CA256D5600216505?OpenDocument](http://www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au/ssc/home.nsf/Web+Pages/3A451E57A637F577CA256D5600216505?OpenDocument)

### Hilltop to Headland Environmental Lecture Series

Warringah Council's Hilltop to Headland Environmental Lecture Series 2010 is well underway and the line-up includes some of Australia's most respected environmental leaders, including Professor Tim Flannery. To find out when upcoming lectures are on or to listen to previous lectures from speakers such as Professor Tim Flannery, Jamie Durie, Tanya Ha and Ian Kiernan go to:

<http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/environment/HilltopttoHeadland.aspx>

### Cities as Water Supply Catchments - Water Sensitive Urban Design

In what is considered a world first, researchers from Monash, Melbourne and Queensland Universities have collaborated with industry, Local, State and Federal Government partners from around Australia, including some SCCG Member Councils, to develop an innovative, multi-disciplinary 5-year research program - harnessing the potential of stormwater to supplement water usage and build resilience to the challenges of housing a growing population in an era of climate change. Further information about the Cities as Water Supply Catchments Research Program and the Sydney Metropolitan Consortium can be found at [www.wsud.org/cities-as-water-supply-catchments/](http://www.wsud.org/cities-as-water-supply-catchments/)

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](mailto:craig@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au)



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## SCCG Capacity Building Activities

Page three of the Making Waves Monthly update is dedicated to providing a regular update of the capacity building initiatives of the SCCG as well as highlighting upcoming items of interest.

### 2010 Natural Resource Management Funding Guide

[www.sydneycostalouncils.com.au/documents/2010SCCGFundingGuide.pdf](http://www.sydneycostalouncils.com.au/documents/2010SCCGFundingGuide.pdf)



## Resources

### Free In-house Sustainability Training

An exciting sustainability training opportunity is available for staff and councillors.

The Urban Sustainability Support Alliance (USSA) has adapted the Sustainability Intensive Training Program for 2010 and is pleased to offer a full day sustainability training opportunity within 10 councils. The training aims to help councils develop a better understanding of sustainability concepts as they relate to Local Government practice. Interested councils are encouraged to download an expression of interest form at <http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au/www/html/2866-intensive-sustainability-training-materials.asp>. The EOI must be submitted by 5pm Wednesday 16 June.

## Grants & Awards

Upcoming grants available to Councils, environment groups and individuals include:

### Norman Wettenhall Foundation Environmental Grants

The objectives of the Norman Wettenhall Foundation are: to support and encourage research, education and recording of all aspects of Australia's natural environment; and to build capacity in local communities to effect long-term beneficial change in the natural environment. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available. Applications close 30 June 2010. For more information can be found at [www.nwf.org.au/](http://www.nwf.org.au/)

### NSW Heritage Grants

The NSW Department of Planning Heritage Branch runs a diverse and targeted funding program to assist owners and managers of state significant heritage items, Aboriginal heritage and local government heritage management in New South Wales. The NSW government has committed \$5.324 million funding for the 2009-2011 NSW Heritage Grants funding program. There are various closing dates, for more information go to: [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02\\_index.htm](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02_index.htm)

### Invitation to submit proposals funded from the Recreational Fishing Trusts

All money raised by the recreational fishing fee is placed into two Trust Funds dedicated to recreational fishing. Any organisation can apply for funding and projects must have direct benefits to recreational fishing. These include funds for fish cleaning tables, fishing platforms, fish measuring stations, upgrading fishing access points, fence stiles and other on-grounds work. Applications are accepted year round. For more information [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/your-fee](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/your-fee)

## Events

**6th Groundwater for Decision Makers Course:** 14 July 2010, Melbourne.

[www.flinders.edu.au/nccgrt/fms/documents/Groundwater%20industry%20training/GW-Dec-Makers-Flyer-2010.pdf](http://www.flinders.edu.au/nccgrt/fms/documents/Groundwater%20industry%20training/GW-Dec-Makers-Flyer-2010.pdf)

**2010 Climate Adaptation Futures Conference:** 29 June – 1 July 2010 Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. [www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010](http://www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010)

**8th Annual Green Building and Design Conference:** 3-4 September 2010, State Library of Victoria. [www.rmit.edu.au/cfd/gbd2010](http://www.rmit.edu.au/cfd/gbd2010)

**Coast to Coast 2010 – Actions for Change:** 20- 24 September 2010, Adelaide. [www.coast2coast.org.au](http://www.coast2coast.org.au)

**NSW Coastal Conference "Coastal Management - all aboard, making it work!":** 10-12 November 2010, Batemans Bay. [www.coastalconference.com](http://www.coastalconference.com)

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