

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.**  
**MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 2010**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Clr. Brian Troy	Botany Bay Council
Clr. Wendy McMurdo	Hornsby Council
Clr. Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Clr. Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
Mr. Rafiq Islam	Manly Council
Clr. Denise Wilton	Mosman Council
Clr. Veronique Marchandean	North Sydney Council
Clr. David James	Pittwater Council
Clr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick Council
Clr. Dr. Conny Harris	Warringah Council
Mr. Daylan Cameron	Warringah Council
Clr. Wendy Norton	Willoughby Council
Clr. Lynne Saville	Willoughby Council
Clr Nicola Grieve	Woollahra Council
Mr. Geoff Withycombe	SCCG
Mr. Craig Morrison	SCCG
Ms Jodie Savage	SCCG
E.Prof. Bruce Thom AM	Honorary Member
Dr. Judy Lambert	Honorary Member
Mr. George Cotis	Honorary Member
Mr. Phil Colman	Honorary Member
Ms Kirston Gerathy	HWL Ebsworth (presentation only)

**1. OPENING**

The meeting opened at 12.50pm. Clr. McMurdo (Chairperson) opened the meeting and welcomed delegates to Manly. Clr McMurdo thanked Manly Council for hosting the meeting.

Clr McMurdo also formally congratulated and welcomed Jodie Savage as the new SCCG Coastal Projects Officer as of Friday 10 September.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Clr. Warren Yates	Mosman Council
Clr. Andrew Robjohns	North Sydney Council
Mr. Paul Hardie	Pittwater Council
Clr. Di Tornai	City of Sydney Council
Clr. Dr. Christina Kirsch	Warringah Council
Mr. Gareth Curtis	Warringah Council
Clr. Sally Betts	Waverley Council
Clr. Yvonne Coburn	Waverley Council
Mr. George Copeland	Honorary Member

<b>Resolved that</b> the apologies be received and noted.
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<b>Councils not represented at the meeting</b> City of Sydney, Leichhardt, Rockdale, Sutherland, Waverley.
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### 3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

**Resolved that** there was no declaration of pecuniary interests.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 June 2010 at the City of Sydney.

**Resolved that** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 June 2010 at the City of Sydney Council be confirmed.

#### 4.2 Minutes of the SCCG Executive Committee held on 19 June 2010 at City of Sydney Council.

**Resolved that** the Minutes of the SCCG Executive Committee held on 19 June 2010 at the City of Sydney Council be received and noted.

#### 4.3 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 17 June 2010 hosted by Waverley Council at the North Bondi Surf Club.

**Resolved that** the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 17 June 2010 hosted by Waverley Council be received and noted.

#### 4.4 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 12 August 2010 at Sutherland Shire Council.

**Resolved that** the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 12 August 2010 at Sutherland Shire Council be received and noted.

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING

The RCEO noted that actions from business arising have been addressed or included in the business papers.

- **Action 9.2: SCCG – Sydney Water - “Water Recycling Opportunities Forum”.**

The SCPO provided the meeting with an update of Action 9.2

The SCPO noted that the final report coming from the SCCG and Sydney Water workshop had been finalized and sent to Member Councils and all attendees. Over 40 representatives attended the successful forum. The forum provided representatives of SCCG Member Councils and Sydney Water an opportunity to discuss and identify actions and processes for the SCCG, its Member Councils and Sydney Water to share information and work more collaboratively on recycling projects and associated capacity building activities.

Following the forum the SCCG has now established a working group to pursue outcomes and recommendations coming from the forum to ensure the forum achieves its aim of improving collaboration and assisting with the identification and implementation of water recycling and re-use projects. This includes:

- The establishment of a joint SCCG-Sydney Water Working Group to consider further strategies and specific actions.
- The development of “Handbook” which provides all SCCG Member Councils with information on identifying, evaluating and developing water recycling projects.
- Ongoing collection and access to technical and project specific information.

Clr. Harris inquired regarding specifics of the overflow targets set by DECCW. The RCEO took this on notice and has now inquired with SWC. For more information delegates are suggested to go to <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/water/stslicensingguidelines.pdf>

Clr. Saville noted continuing frustrations regarding the recycling provisions within the Northside Sewage Storage Tunnel. After much discussion regarding the need for greater action by Sydney Water to address water recycling opportunities in the SCCG region it was suggested that delegates:

- o Might be interested in suggesting questions for the Opposition and the Greens for this week's budget estimates hearings
- o Councils may wish to seek the consideration of a late motion at the upcoming LGSA Local Government Conference
- o Assist the SCCG incorporate such issues, questions in this regard when the SCCG sends out formal requests for all NSW political parties early in the new year leading up the March NSW State Government election

Business arising – all other actions completed or addressed in the below reports.

<b>Resolved that</b> the report be received and noted.
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## 6. ANNUAL REPORTS

### 6.1 Chairperson's Annual Report

*(Final report has now been forward to all SCCG delegates via email)*

Clr Wendy McMurdo provided her annual report. Delegates congratulated and thanked Clr. McMurdo for her substantial efforts during the year.

<b>Resolved that</b> the Chairperson's Annual Report be received, considered and adopted as part of the 2009/2010 Annual Report.
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### 6.2 Executive Officer's Annual Report

*Final report has now been forward to all SCCG delegates via email*

The Executive Officer, Geoff Withycombe tabled his full annual report and provided delegates with a summary presentation. This focused on:

- INTRODUCTION
- KEY AREAS OF FOCUS
- THE YEAR IN REVIEW – FACTS AND FIGURES
- SCCG INTERNAL ACTIVITIES
- KEY SCCG PROGRAM OUTCOMES
- SCCG GRANT APPLICATIONS
- SCCG FINANCIAL POSITION
- CONCLUSIONS

<b>Resolved that:</b>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Executive Officer's (public officer) Annual Report be received, considered and adopted as part of the 2009/2010 Annual Report.</li><li>2. The Executive Officers Annual Report be formally sent to all Member Council General Managers. (Member Council environment committees be encouraged to table the report at an upcoming full Council or Environment Committee meeting).</li></ol> |
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## 7. ANNUAL ELECTIONS

### Proceedings in Brief

The RCEO introduced the procedures for the Annual Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee consists of the Chairperson, two Vice Chairpersons, Treasurer and Secretary and up to three other committee members who are delegates of financial member councils.

Clr. McMurdo handed over the Chair to Honorary member, Prof Bruce Thom as returning officer for the purposes of the Annual election.

### 7.1 Chairperson

Clr. Wendy McMurdo (Hornsby Council) was nominated and elected as Chairperson.

### 7.2 Vice Chairpersons

#### (i) *Vice Chairperson (ocean council)*

Clr. Cathy Griffin (Manly Council) was nominated and elected as Vice Chairperson (Ocean Council).

#### (ii) *Vice Chairperson (estuarine council)*

Clr. Veronique Marchandeaude (North Sydney Council) was nominated and elected Vice Chairperson (Estuarine Council).

### 7.3 Treasurer (Honorary)

Clr. Wendy Norton (Willoughby Council) was nominated and elected Treasurer.

### 7.4 Secretary (Honorary)

Clr. Lynne Saville (Willoughby Council) was nominated and elected Secretary.

### 7.5 Executive Members

The following delegates were nominated and elected

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| 1) Clr. Margaret Woodsmith | Randwick Council  |
| 2) Clr. Dr. Conny Harris   | Warringah Council |
| 3) Clr. David James        | Pittwater Council |

The 2010 - 2011 Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. Executive Committee consists of:

<b>Chairperson</b>	Clr. Wendy McMurdo	Hornsby Council
<b>Vice Chairperson</b> (Ocean council)	Clr. Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
<b>Vice Chairperson</b> (Estuarine council)	Clr. Veronique Marchandeaude	North Sydney Council
<b>Treasurer</b> (Honorary)	Clr. Wendy Norton	Willoughby Council
<b>Secretary</b> (Honorary)	Clr. Lynne Saville	Willoughby Council
<b>Members</b>	Clr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick Council
	Clr. Dr. Conny Harris	Warringah Council
	Clr. David James	Pittwater Council

Clr. Wendy McMurdo thanked delegates for their continued support. Clr McMurdo noted that it was a great honour to be elected again as Chairperson and looked forward to working with delegates over the next 12 months. Clr. McMurdo thanked Clr. Kirsch for her participation on the Executive during 2009 – 2010.

## 7.6 Nominations for SCCG Honorary Members

### Proceedings in Brief

The RCEO noted the resolution below and informed that not all members had provided a summary preventing the distribution of a report for this purpose.

#### **As resolved at the SCCG Executive Committee meeting on 16 August 2008**

Honorary members be nominated at the AGM. Those invited Honorary members will be asked to provide a one pager on their interest in the position and what they might be able to bring / offer the SCCG. Honorary members will also be asked to prepare a brief annual report submitted as part of the AGM proceedings reviewing their year and providing any comments and or suggestions for the Group.

The SCCG considered nominations for Honorary membership for 2010/2011 to include:

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| • E/Prof. Bruce Thom | Incumbent |
| • Mr Phil Colman     | Incumbent |
| • Mr George Cotis    | Incumbent |
| • Ms Shirley Colless | Incumbent |
| • Ms Judy Lambert    | Incumbent |
| • Mr George Copeland | Incumbent |

#### **Resolved that:**

1. All nominated delegates be invited to become 2010-2011 SCCG Honorary delegates,
2. The Secretariat write a letter to Honorary members confirming their nomination

## 7.7 Nominations for External Committees (if required)

The members of external committees are appointed by the relevant State Government agencies or Ministers. As the Beachwatch Advisory Committee has not yet be reformed no nominations where necessary.

**Resolved that** report be received and noted.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

### 8.1 Sent and Received Correspondence

**Recommended that** the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.

### 8.2 SCCG correspondence from the last meeting (including responses where available)

- **SYDNEY METROPOLITAN CMA**

The SCPO provided a report on correspondence outcomes.

The CMA via Chairperson Phillip Sansom provided feedback on the four queries of the Group. These included:

- **Communication and Reporting to Local Government**

The CMA are pleased to hear that the SCCG appreciates the provision of quarterly report provided by staff however don't have the resources to provide such reports to other council in the catchment, noting that the CMA circulates their quarterly Mambara newsletter to Mayors and General Managers.

- **Establishment of a Local Government Advisory Committee**  
Noting that the HNCAM has a advisory group. This has been considered by the SMCMA who has decided against this because of the challenges in creating such a group with 39 council and there are existing groups of councils already working together such as the SCCG and others.
- **Re-establishment of Expert Panels**  
The CMA noted the view of the SCCG that such panel would assist in guideline the ongoing implementation and evaluation of catchment targets however these panels are consider resource hungry and can impose a considerable burden on panel members.
- **Facilitation of a Scientific Advisory Committee**  
The limited number of meeting of the advisory panel has been a concern of the CMA Board and the Chair has asked the GM to arrange more regular meetings.

**Resolved that:** the SCCG correspondence from last meeting be received and considered

## 9. PRESENTATION – Ms Kirston Gerathy (Partner | HWL Ebsworth Lawyers)

**(Presentation slides attached)**

### **Legal Advice - Coastal Protection & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010**

Ms Kirston Gerathy of HWL Ebsworth was introduced. Ms Gerathy has been engaged by the SCCG and the LGSA to undertake a legal assessment of the Draft Bill in relation to its implementation by councils and potential exposure to litigation. Ms Gerathy provided delegates with a very comprehensive overview of the outcomes of this review. Issues addressed included:

- Policy Context
- The current framework for managing coastal development, hazards and emergencies
- DoP Coastal Planning Principles
- The Coast, the Courts and Climate Change
- Coastal Reform Package
- Emergency Coastal Protection Works
- Certificates under Division 2
- ECPWs (Emergency Coastal Protection Works) during erosion or when erosion is imminent
- What can be protected?
- Ministerial Requirements and Regulations
- One shot deal
- ECPW on Public Land
- How temporary is temporary?
- Works cease to be emergency protection works
- Removal and restoration
- Orders Regime for ECPWs
- Benchmarking Effectiveness
- Crystal Ball Gazing

Ms Gerathy was sincerely thanked for her substantial efforts with the provision of legal advice to both the SCCG and the LGSA.

#### **Resolved that:**

1. The presentation be heard and considered at the meeting.
2. Ms Gerathy be thanked for her presentation.
3. The final legal advice be sent to all SCCG Member Councils, all NSW coastal councils and then all NSW members of parliament.

## 10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

## 10.1 Adoption of the SCCG Strategic Plan (2010-2014)

(Final Draft tabled at the meeting)

### Proceedings in Brief

At the last meeting it was resolved:

#### **Resolved that:**

- 1) *The report be received and considered.*
- 2) *SCCG delegates be requested to provide initial comments within 2 weeks (5 July)*
- 3) *The Secretariat finalise the Strategic Plan and send to Member Councils Mayors' and General Managers' for consideration of endorsement,*
- 4) *The Final Strategic Plan be tabled at the SCCG AGM (11 September) for adoption.*

Following the last meeting final comments were incorporated and the final draft Plan sent to Member Councils for formal consideration requesting endorsement of the Strategy. The RCEO reported that all but one Council has formally responded, all of which were positive to the contents of the Strategy.

Delegates thanked the Directional Committee and the Secretariat for the development and the production of the Plan. Delegates also thanked Dr Judy Lambert for her assistance in facilitating the Directional Committee workshops and general assistance provided.

A final print ready version has been sent to all SCCG delegates and placed on the SCCG web site. If delegates would like hard copies of the Strategy please contact the RCEO.

#### **Resolved that:**

- 1) the SCCG Strategic Plan 2010 – 2014 be adopted.
- 2) Copies of the final SCCG Strategic Plan be sent to Member Council Mayors and General Managers and placed on the SCCG web site.
- 3) If delegates would like hard copies of the Strategy please contact the RCEO.

**Due to delegates having to leave the meeting there was no longer a quorum.**

**The following items were still discussed. Key items requiring formal resolution were either referred to the next meeting or the SCCG Executive Committee.**

## 10.2 Proposed amendments to the SCCG Constitution

**Resolved that** the proposed amendments to the SCCG Constitution be referred to the next meeting (4 December 2010).

## 10.3 New SCCG Coastal Projects Officer

### Proceedings in Brief

This item covered in items 1 and item 6.2

#### **Resolved that:**

1. The report be received and considered.
2. The new Officer be welcomed and congratulated on the appointment

## 11. REPORTS

## Reports 11.1 - 11.6 FOR CONSIDERATION

### 11.1 NSW Reforms to Coastal Erosion Update

#### Proceeding in Brief

The NSW Government is developing a coastal erosion package to provide the State Government and councils with guidelines and tools to deal with the challenges of coastal erosion. The key elements of this reform include the Coastal Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 and a series (7) of supporting documents. Delegates were referred to the report attached the business papers.

Since the last meeting the SCCG has undertaken activities including:

- The SCCG in partnership with the LGSA lobbied for consideration of the Bill to be postponed by the NSW Government until the Spring Session of parliament. **(Successful)**
- Doug Lord (Coastal Environment Pty Ltd) has been engaged to assist with the preparation of the SCCG submission on the Bill and Guidelines.
- Kirston Gerathy (HWL Ebsworth) has been engaged to undertake a legal assessment of the Bill in relation to its implementation by councils and potential exposure to litigation.
- The SCCG formally wrote to Minister Sartor seeking his assurance that all the guidelines associated with the Bill will be released before the Bill is finalised.

Clr. James provided delegates with an extensive review of his opinions and views regarding the Bill clarifying that this was his view and may or may not be representative of the broader view of Pittwater Council. Clr James noted his desire to have the Bill passed prior to the State government election as he believed it provide councils with greater guidance and certainty in regards to liability.

#### **Recommended that:**

- 1) The report be received and noted
- 2) Through discussion, the SCCG determine additional actions to address Member Council issues and concerns.

### 11.2 2010 National Election Information Package

#### Proceedings Brief

The SCPO informed delegates that in the lead up to the 2010 Federal Election, the SCCG formally requested that political parties represented in the Senate of the Australian Parliament outline their policy positions on the following 6 key coastal management issues:

- Implementing Priority Recommendations from the *Managing our Coastal Zone in a Changing Climate: the Time to Act is Now* Report;
- An independent coastal advisory body for Australia;
- A strategy for managing the impact of climate change on the coastal zone including issues associated with sustainable water management for regional and urban areas;
- Funding for Local Government and community coastal programs and initiatives;
- Public participation in the strategic planning and major development assessment in the coastal zone;
- Maintenance of public ownership and public access in the coastal zone.

The SCCG forwarded political party responses broadly to SCCG delegates, all SCCG enews recipients and many other coastal stakeholders. Responses are outlined in the report included in the business papers.

Delegates discussed the NSW State election and potential associated actions to be undertaken by the SCCG in the lead up of the election.

Delegates noted that formal representation to all political parties of key issues for the coastal management by Member Councils would be desirable. Additional issues to those noted above to be considered for inclusion where Marine Park(s) and Sydney water management.

Delegates resolved that a workshop be convened at the next meeting to determine issues and processes for SCCG consultation with NSW Political parties.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The report be received and considered.
- 2) A workshop be convened at the next meeting to determine issues and processes for SCCG consultation with NSW Political parties in the lead up the NSW State Government election.

### 11.3 Release of the SCCG, Randwick / Sutherland Councils / DECCW / UNSW “Antifouling for NSW Coastal Rock Platforms Project”

Proceedings in Brief

The RCEO informed delegates that in 2008, the SCCG contracted Centre for Marine Bio-Innovation (University of New South Wales) to the “Antifouling for NSW Coastal Rock Platforms” Project.

The research project identified and trialed alternative approaches to maintaining safe coastal pools and platforms applying antifouling coatings to affected areas to reduce or eliminate the needs for continual mechanical cleaning. Test sites were selected in partner Council areas based on a range of slip hazards and environments found along the coastline.

The report attached to the business papers provides delegates with an introduction and the Executive Summary of the final report. It was further noted that a copy of the final report was also sent to General Managers on 20 July.

It was noted that the project was made possible with funding contributions from the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Randwick and Sutherland Councils together with the SCCG. The RCEO sincerely thanked the project partners particularly the leadership shown and the cash contributions provided by Randwick and Sutherland Councils.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) the report and project be received and considered.
- 2) The SCCG acknowledge and thank project partners for their financial contributions and leadership with this significant issue (Randwick and Sutherland Councils and DECCW).
- 3) If delegates would like full copies of the all project report please contact the Secretariat.

### 11.4 SCCG Capacity Building Program Update Report

Proceedings in Brief

The new CPO Jodie Savage provided delegates with a presentation on the activities of the SCCG Capacity Building Program. This included:

- **Updating on the SCCG Coastal Connections and Summer Activities project**  
Republic of Everyone have undertaken stakeholder interviews and are beginning to develop the Community Engagement Strategy & Creative for the social media campaign. The 3 flagship event locations have also been determined and these are: Bonna Point, Kurnell, Collins Beach, North Head, Jameson Park, Narrabeen Lagoon.
- **Update on the SCCG Web site development, resource data base and launch**  
Jodie noted a slight delay due to necessary change of contractor however anticipated that the new

site will be launched by the next meeting.

- **Capacity Building Program activities 2010 – 2011 – upcoming forums including:**
  - Building for Sustainability
  - The Economics of Managing Coastal Areas
  - GIS in the Coastal Environment
- **The Capacity Building / Education Steering Committee** has been re-establishment to assist with the direction of the SCCG CBP.
- **SCCG Building Adaptive Capacity for Climate Change project (BACCC)**  
The CPO noted that a scoping document has been developed for the engagement process with member councils and the planning phase of the project is now underway.
- **Underwater Sydney**  
The CPO noted that since the last meeting when it was resolved that the SCCG endorses the Underwater Sydney project and that the SCCG and Underwater Sydney continue to identify supporting funding opportunities. Project partners have been busy securing additional funding and in-kind resources to reduce costs for Councils. New partners include advertising agency (BMF), Sydney Aquarium and Google.

The SCCG has now written to all Member Councils seeking formal support of the project and for financial contributions to the value of \$2,000. (*At the time of preparing these minutes 10 Councils have so far confirmed support*).

**Resolved that** the report be received and considered.

## 11.5 SCCG Submissions / Advocacy

### SCCG Submission

- “Unregulated River sources and groundwater sources – Draft Water Sharing Plans (WSP) for the Greater Metropolitan Region”.

**Resolved that** the SCCG submissions be received and noted.

## Reports 11.6 – 11.12 FOR INFORMATION ONLY (pending inquiry)

### 11.6 Technical Committee Report

**Resolved that** the report be received and considered.

### 11.7 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs – Clr. McMurdo

#### Proceedings in Brief

The CPO highlighted that there seems to some change to the testing and reporting processes of the beachwatch program and suggested that the SCCG meet with the Beachwatch program manager to clarify the revised testing and reporting regime and report back to the next meeting.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) the report on Beachwatch and Harbourwatch Programs be received and noted.
- 2) SCCG to meet with the Beachwatch program manager to clarify the revised testing and reporting regime and report back to the next meeting.

- 11.8 (a) **Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority’s Update**  
(b) **Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority’s Update**

**Resolved that** the reports be received and noted.

### 11.9 NSW Department of Industry and Investment's Aquatic Biosecurity & *Caulerpa taxifolia* Annual Report

**Resolved that** the report be received and noted.

### 11.10 SCCG in the Press

**Resolved that** the report be received and noted.

### 11.11 Recent SCCG Grant Program Update

**Resolved that** the report be received and noted.

### 11.12 2010 Climate Adaptation Futures Conference

**Resolved that** the report be received and noted.

### 11.13 Key Activities Report for June – September 2010

**Resolved that** the SCCG Key Activities Report for June – September 2010 be received and noted.

Clr. James referred to the summary regarding the imminent release of the Offshore Sands Report. Clr James reiterated again his frustrations that the report had not included an evaluation of all dredge options and specifically the ability of the MV Gateway to do the job at a potential much reduced cost due to its capacity.

It was again noted that this was a scoping project only and that if a full scale proposal were undertaken further assessment of various dredges and handling techniques would need to be undertaken. It was also noted that due to Sydney's high wave climate and complex inshore bathymetric conditions, very large scale dredge equipment was most likely to have many restrictions on their application for this type of program. Therefore logistic and costs in the report were based on 10K-20Km<sup>3</sup> dredge with a double handle strategy employed to place sand in the near shore environments. It was however recognized that much larger dredges are currently in use around the world. It was also highlighted that if other dredges were available and suitable for application then this may indeed reduce cost further improving the positive cost benefit assessment of the proposal.

## 12. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 12.1 Annual Financial Statement for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

Item Referred to SCCG Executive Committee for resolution.

**Recommended that:**

- 1) The Annual financial statement for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 be received and noted.
- 2) That Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc make the following statement (subject to the satisfactory audit of the SCCG finances).

In the opinion of the Members of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc:

(a) the accompanying general purpose financial report of and special schedules of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc for the period ending 30 June 2010 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:

- (i) the state of affairs of the Group as at 30 June 2010, and the operating result and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date and all controlled

entities; and  
(ii) the other matters required to be disclosed;  
(b) the general purpose financial report and special schedules are in accordance with the accounting and other records of the Group; and  
(c) the general purpose financial report is drawn up in accordance with accounting policy disclosed in the statement; and  
(d) no circumstances have arisen which would render the report false or misleading in any way.

## 12.2 Final SCCG Operating Budget 2010 - 2011

### Proceedings in Brief

Draft Budget previously adopted by SCCG Executive Committee – and for delegates information only

**Resolved that** the final SCCG Operating Budget 2010 – 2011 be received and noted.

## 13. GENERAL BUSINESS

### • **Outcomes for 2009-2010**

Reflecting on SCCG achievements during the 2009 – 2010, delegates expressed a vote of confidence in the Chairperson (Clr Wendy McMurdo) and also sincerely thanked the hard working staff within the Secretariat.

### • **Membership to the SCCG**

Delegates discussed the potentials of inviting additional councils to become members of the SCCG. It was suggested that the Group write to other coastal councils with an invitation. The RCEO noted that further thought maybe required on how this might occur, the implications to the already stretched resources of the Secretariat to facilitate additional members and also the fact that consideration of other ROC needs to be properly considered. The RCEO also suggested that the Group may think of such models as including Associated Memberships.

It was resolved that this issue be referred to the new Executive Committee for further consideration.

### • **Users Conflicts – Spear fishers v's swimmers**

Conflict issues being faced by Waverley Council were discussed. Waverley is increasing having concern regarding user conflict issues at the Ben Buckler area and also Bronte Bogey Hole.

Issues have arisen with conflicts between spear fishers and other recreational users. Waverley has also highlighted that it doesn't have authority to restrict spear fishing practices below the low water mark. All activities beyond this area are regulated by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water – (DECCW) under the *Fisheries Management Act* 1994. In 2005 Council however introduced a policy prohibiting the carriage of spear fishing equipment within Ray O'Keefe Reserve which is the only suitable access point to the water for the Ben Buckler area. This restriction is regulated under section 632 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 and has been deemed lawful by Council solicitors.

In relation to the Bronte Bogey Hole legislation states that spear fishing is permitted within the last 20 meters of the northern and southern ends of an ocean beach area (*Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2002 – Schedule 4*) thereby deeming the Bronte Bogey Hole a legal area to spear fish. Waverley Council believes the high density of patrons swimming in the shallow and enclosed 'rock pool' presents a serious threat to their safety thereby requiring strategies be implemented to mitigate this issue.

Waverley Council is hosting a Spear fishing education evening on 11 November to discuss these

issues. The focus of the evening will be on public safety with specific regards to spear fishing.

Delegates referred this issue to the next meeting and requested Waverley Council be asked to provide an associated report for discussion.

- **Guided Tours of Long Reef – Phil Colman**

Mr Phil Colman (SCCG Honorary Member) provided a warm invitation to all Member Councils for Councillors and Councils staff for guided tours of the intertidal rock platform, to give them an idea, and appreciation, of the potential richness and diversity of these areas which effectively divide marine and terrestrial environments. Phil can be contacted 9982 6142.

The Secretariat will inform members via a broadcast email and included in the next enews.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) the Chairperson and Secretariat staff be thanked for their substantial efforts and outcomes for 2009-2010.
- 2) The issues of additional membership to the SCCG be referred to the Executive Committee for further consideration.
- 3) The issues of spear fishing be referred to the next meeting and Waverley Council delegates be asked to provide a report for discussion to include detail of outcomes of the education evening and possible local and regional responses to these issues.
- 4) The Secretariat publish Phil Colman offer for (free) guided tours of the Long Reef headland via a broadcast email and in the next enews.

### 13.1 Items for Press Release

**Recommended that** items for press release be considered.

### 13.2 Agenda items for the next SCCG meeting

**Resolved that** delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting proposed for Saturday 4 December 2010 starting at 12 noon.

### 13.3 Next Meeting

**Resolved that** the next meeting of the Group be held on Saturday 4 December 2010 at the City of Sydney (pending confirmation).

- **2010 remaining meeting dates**

- Saturday 4 December 2010 at 12 noon (City of Sydney)

The meeting closed at 4.45pm

Confirmation of Minutes: .....

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