



# Making Waves

## August 2010

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group Monthly Update  
[www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au](http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au)

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.

### 2010 Federal Election Information Package

In the lead up to the 2010 Federal Election, the SCCG requested that political parties represented in the Senate of the Australian Parliament outline their policy positions on the following 6 key coastal management issues. Details of the SCCG position on these issues were outlined within the correspondence. The SCCG position on these issues and responses from the Parties were available on the SCCG website and forwarded to SCCG delegates and coastal stakeholders prior to the election.  
[www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au](http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au)

### SCCG Sydney Water Working Group

In March 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. The final report from the forum has been distributed to all Member Councils and forum participants. Specific recommendations for future action identified at the forum included:

- The establishment of a joint SCCG-Sydney Water Working Group.
- 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.

The SCCG intends to work with Sydney Water on implementing all 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. The SCCG Sydney Water Working Group has been established and had its first meeting on 7 September 2010.

### SCCG provides Lidar to Member Councils via Geosciences Australia (Australian Government)

The SCCG have entered into a licensing agreement with the Australian Government for the provision of Lidar as well as a "hydro-enforced DEM" for all SCCG Member Councils. The data is being disseminated to Member Councils. The SCCG acquiring this information has saved Member Councils in the order of \$200,000 each.

### SCCG/ SSSI - GIS in the Coastal Environment (9 November 2010)

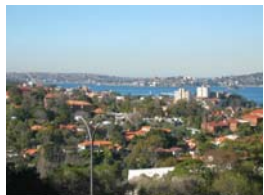
The SCCG has partnered with the Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI) to deliver a forum as part of the NSW Coastal Conference. The event entitled, "GIS in the Coastal Environment" will be held the day preceding the Conference, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am to 5pm at Batemans. This forum will demonstrate the use of GIS in assisting coastal zone management. The day will provide an efficient and effective means of demonstrating best practice and innovation regarding the tools available and their application to coastal management. For more information  
<http://www.spatialsciences.org>

### 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.



### 'Trees shouldn't die for a view' Campaign

North Sydney Council recently launched *Trees shouldn't die for a view* campaign following a recent instance of tree vandalism where six native trees were cut down in bushland behind property on Milray Ave, Wollstonecraft. A brochure and webpage have been developed to encourage residents to report tree vandalism or suspicious activity. For more information see:

[www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6786-tree-vandalism.asp](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6786-tree-vandalism.asp)

### Keep Australia Beautiful Awards

Willoughby Council has won the Keep Australia Beautiful Award for Sustainable Education. The award was for their ClimateClever Campaign which includes activities such as the sustainability workshops, the ecodriver program for primary schools, an apartments program, and ClimateClevershops.com.au. For more information on the programs see [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

Hornsby Shire Council was a national finalist in the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Cities Awards, which regard cities making a positive difference to the environment. Hornsby is the first local council to start a business energy savings program aimed at small and medium sized businesses. It has also installed rainwater tanks, irrigation systems and water quality treatment for ovals in Epping and a wind turbine in Berowra. <http://www.kab.org.au>

### Go Solar

Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils are working together through the 3-Council Ecological Footprint project to help eastern suburb residents find the best deals for switching to solar and help them access NSW and Australian Government rebates and credits. For more information on the project see: <http://reduceyourfootprint.com.au/projects/gosolar/>

### Stormwater Reuse Project

The City of Sydney Council has been awarded \$7.6 million from the Australian Government for two stormwater harvesting and reuse projects located in Alexandra Canal catchment (South Sydney area). Together the reuse projects have a yield of 740 megalitres per year at a construction cost of \$17 million. The projects provide significant environmental benefit by preventing an annual discharge of 522,000 kilograms of suspended solids, 1,000 kilograms of phosphorous and 6,800 kilograms of nitrogen into the Cooks River. [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

### National Coastal Management Conference – Coast to Coast 2010 *Actions for Change*

The National Coast to Coast Conference will be held 20-24 September 2010 in Adelaide. Coast to Coast is the renowned, and only, National Coastal Management Conference, when all with interest on coastal, estuarine and marine matters get together, every two years, to celebrate Australia's coasts, and share knowledge and experiences on management, science, policy, governance, activism and many other topics. More information can be found at [www.coast2coast.org.au/](http://www.coast2coast.org.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.

### SCCG Coastal Connections and Summer Activities Program

The Coastal Connections Project is now well underway with the Republic of Everyone conducting stakeholder interviews and forming the Community Engagement Strategy. The SCCG is finalising project partners to deliver the three flagship coastal regeneration events to take place in January, 2011. Organisation is also starting already for the Summer Activities Program with the intention that it will be bigger and better this year – hoping for a jam packed January 2011 of events to encourage the community to discover Sydney's magnificent coastline.

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### Resources

#### 2010 Natural Resource Management Funding Guide

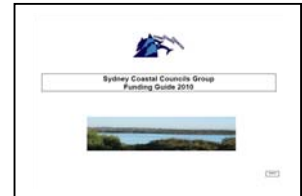
[www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/documents/2010SCCGFundingGuide.pdf](http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/documents/2010SCCGFundingGuide.pdf)

#### WSUD Interim Reference Guideline – Concept Design

<http://www.wsud.org/wp-content/uploads/WSUD-Interim-Reference-Guideline-Concept-Design-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf>

This reference guideline seeks to assist multi-disciplinary teams to conceptualise and develop design solutions that integrate best practice sustainable urban water management within the urban form. Including Design Objectives – Conservation and Stormwater Quality; Drivers for WSUD in Sydney; Key Sydney based considerations; Case Studies – Retrofit Open Space & Town Centre.

For other WSUD guidelines / tools see [www.wsud.org/tools-resources/](http://www.wsud.org/tools-resources/)



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### Grants & Awards

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

#### NSW Volunteer of the Year Award, nominations close 30 September 2010

The NSW Volunteer of the Year Award recognises the outstanding efforts of the 2.4 million volunteers in NSW and promotes the importance of volunteering to the community. The Award was created by The Centre for Volunteering and in 2010 it is proudly supported by Westpac. For more information: [www.nswvolunteerawards.com](http://www.nswvolunteerawards.com)

#### Catchment Protection and Improvement Grants (Closes 1 October 2010)

Catchment Protection and Improvement Grants assist community groups to protect and improve water quality through riparian and environmental restoration, and educate catchment communities about protecting catchments and water quality. Local government may apply in partnership with a community group when the local government take responsibility for management of the group. A single grant will be for a maximum amount of \$8,000 with an additional provision of up to \$2,000 to cover hire of equipment. For more information [www.sca.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sca.nsw.gov.au)

#### 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/licence-fee/apply-for-funds](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/licence-fee/apply-for-funds)

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### Events

**Introduction to Water Sensitive Urban Design:** 15 / 16 September 2010. This one-day training course is suited to stakeholders at a project, senior management and/or elected official level:

<http://www.wsud.org/internal-events-and-training/internal-events-schedule/>

**Climate change adaptation information sharing forum:** 30 September 2010, Canberra.

<http://www.securityresearch.org.au/?getp=187>

**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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