



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.

2010 Federal Election Information Package

In the lead up to the 2010 Federal Election, the SCCG has 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; and
- Maintenance of public ownership and public access in the coastal zone.

Details of the SCCG position on these issues were outlined within the correspondence. The SCCG position on these issues and responses from the Parties will be available on the SCCG website prior to the election. www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au

Sea Level Rise Visualisation Tool and Maps Information Session

The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE) has prepared a number of tools and products relevant to coastal communities to communicate the risks of climate change in the coastal zone, particularly sea level rise. As it is likely that some of the inundation products will be released in the near future, and this could generate enquiries for local and state governments, the SCCG and the DCCEE hosted a workshop on 19 July 2010 to demonstrate and provide a briefing on the tools and products in interested stakeholders in Sydney. More information about DCCEE climate change adaptation activities can be found at: www.climatechange.gov.au

Job Advertisement: Coastal Projects Officer

An excellent opportunity exists for an enthusiastic person dedicated to environmental protection and improvement. Assisting with implementation of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. Strategic Plan, the person will work with and promote activities of the Group with Member Councils and other organisations. In particular the CPO will coordinate various coastal related projects, facilitate information exchange, capacity building programs, and assist with administrative duties. The selection criteria and the information package for the position can be found at:

www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/documents/CPOinformationPackage2010_001.pdf

SCCG Websites:

In addition to the SCCG website 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/

The Walking Coastal Sydney Website 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.



Walk Against Walking: Sunday 15 August 2010, 12 midday Belmore Park (Central Station)

Australia's largest ever community protest for action on climate change was held in November 2009, with more than 90,000 people taking part in Walk Against Warming in every major city and dozens of regional centres across the country. At the last federal election, millions of Australians voted for a government who would take action on climate change. So once again, every State and Territory in Australia will be taking to the streets for Walk Against Warming 2010 to tell our leaders: **"Walk with the people, not the big polluters"**. For more information see www.walkagainstawarming.org

Willoughby Council are organising a regional Walk Against Warming for people who cannot make the City walk, at Willoughby Fauna Fair at 12 noon, Willoughby Park. For more information see www.walkagainstawarmingnsw.org.au/content/willoughby-walk-against-warming

Walk it off Campaign, Randwick City Council: 19 July until the end of September 2010

This initiative encourages businesses and residents in the Kingsford and Kensington areas to leave their cars at home and walk or cycle to their local cafes and restaurants, encourage residents to shop locally, while at the same time promoting sustainable transport and reducing local traffic congestion. Residents can win prizes with a total value of \$3,000. For more information see

www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/Your_Council/Whats_happening/News/Walk_it_off_campaign/indexdl_7478.aspx

Caring for our Catchment DVD, Warringah Council

Let Warringah Council take you on a journey to explore the beauty and spirit of the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment. Hear stories of long-held bonds between people and the lagoon, find out what is being done to protect this special area and what you can do to preserve it. To download the DVD go to www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/environment/NarrabeenLagoon-dvd.aspx

Bodies of Water Environmental Sculpture Workshops, Woollahra Council: 3 - 24 August 2010

The Bodies of Water workshops are designed to empower and excite children to express their environmental passion through art. Workshops focus on the theme of 'total water cycle management', and children learn innovative ways to construct sculptures using recycled paper, plastics and mixed media, while also learning important environmental lessons regarding water saving, caring for our marine environments and constructing sustainable art. For more information see www.woollahra.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/

If you would like a copy of the Making Waves the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Monthly Update please contact SCCG Senior Coastal Project Officer, Craig Morrison at: 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.

SCCG Capacity Building / Education Steering Committee has been reconvened to oversee any capacity building or educational activities and initiatives developed by the SCCG. This newly formed group has representation from a variety of areas including local & state government, academia, and industry (new media); to ensure a holistic feedback mechanism for the SCCG activities.

Resources

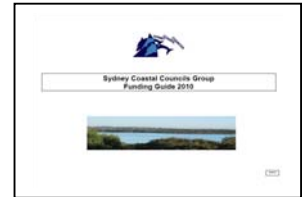
2010 Natural Resource Management Funding Guide

www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/documents/2010SCCGFundingGuide.pdf

Sustainability Tool Selector: A Guide for Local Government

http://www.lgsa-plus.net.au/resources/documents/ussa_report_web.pdf

This guide showcases ten tools that can help council staff with evaluation, decision making, developing performance indicators and tracking progress towards sustainability at an organisational and project level. Case studies show how the tools have been used in practice in NSW councils, with a focus on resources required and outcomes achieved. The guide is intended to save time spent researching tools and help reduce confusion about the differences between the tools



Grants & Awards

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

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

On Site Sewage Management Grants (Closes 1 October 2010)

The aim of the program is to minimise pollution risks to the drinking water resulting from on-site sewer systems. Local Governments are responsible for the regulation and management of the on-site sewer systems within their respective boundaries. Up to 50% of the salary and costs of environmental health officers to inspect on-site sewage systems, issue notices and enforce compliance in the management of systems will be paid for through these grants. Education of residents in the management of on-site sewage systems may form a part of the proposals. For more information 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/your-fee

Events

Digital Mapping Australia, Presentation on the Multi Sensor Approach: 14 September 2010, The Grace Hotel, Pinnaroo Room 5, 77 York Street, Sydney NSW. www.dimap.com.au

Local Government Sustainable Development Conference 2010: 24-25 August 2010, Dockside Convention Centre, Sydney. www.halledit.com.au/lgsd2010

NSW Coastal Conference "Coastal Management - all aboard, making it work!": 10-12 November 2010, Batemans Bay. www.coastalconference.com

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