



# 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

### Demonstrating Climate Change Adaptation of Interconnected Water Infrastructure Project

Sydney Water, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and the SCCG have partnered to deliver the *Demonstrating Climate Change Adaptation of Interconnected Water Infrastructure Project*. The project aims to undertake the necessary research to develop information, guidance and capacity building activities to ensure that organisations responsible for managing water infrastructure are able to implement appropriate asset management systems in a changing climate and will involve the following stages:

**Stage 1:** Project design and literature review

**Stage 2:** Identifying the interconnectedness of water infrastructure and shared adaptation opportunities

**Stage 3:** Guidelines and management systems

**Stage 4:** Community consultation strategies and expectations

A project description and Memorandum of Understanding have been developed to assist the promotion and governance of the project. The project partners hope to have a suitably qualified consultant to undertake Stage 1 of the project by mid April.

### Natural Disaster Resilience Program

The SCCG recently submitted two applications to the Natural Disaster Resilience Program. The aim of both applications was to undertake research and modelling that builds the capacity of Member Councils to mitigate and respond to natural disasters. Under the State Program the SCCG in partnership with in the Australian Tsunami Research Centre and Natural Hazards Research Laboratory, School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences" (UNSW), and State sponsor, the NSW SES, submitted an application to undertake the *COVER MAR (Coastal VulnERability to Multiple inundAtion souRces)* tool project. Additionally, the SCCG in partnership with Geoscience Australia submitted an application that utilises NEXIS to undertake the Local options for storm adaptation and infrastructure impact evaluation (Local Safe) under the Auxiliary Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme.

### Draft New South Wales Biodiversity Strategy 2010 – 2015

The SCCG took the opportunity to provide comment on the *Draft New South Wales Biodiversity Strategy 2010 – 2015*. For the quality of biodiversity in New South Wales to be maintained and improved, the SCCG believes the following actions are required from the NSW Government:

- An increase in funding and technical support for programs and activities that protect biodiversity.
- Prioritising the protection of biodiversity in land use planning and development assessment processes.
- A commitment to ensure all actions identified in the New South Wales Biodiversity Strategy 2010 – 2015 are implemented and monitored.
- Greater integration and coordination between the NSW Government and councils on biodiversity management activities.
- A long term monitoring and evaluation framework.

### 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)



## Member Council Actions and Issues

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



### **\$8 million La Perouse Road and Streetscape Upgrade**

Randwick City Council will begin an \$8.3 million road and streetscape upgrade in La Perouse in early April. The improvement works will make the area safer for pedestrians and bike riders, reduce traffic congestion, upgrade roads and preserve and retain the area's important heritage sites. "La Perouse is recognised as a heritage precinct of international, indigenous and national significance". Works will include new roundabouts, new kerbs and gutters and major drainage improvements, and a three-metre wide coastal walkway to eventually link with the Sydney Coastal Walkway that currently starts at Bondi and ends at Maroubra Beach. [www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/Your\\_Council/Whats\\_happening/News/8\\_million\\_La\\_Perouse\\_road\\_and\\_streetscape\\_upgrade/indexdl\\_8971.aspx](http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/Your_Council/Whats_happening/News/8_million_La_Perouse_road_and_streetscape_upgrade/indexdl_8971.aspx)

### **North Sydney Draft Urban Forest Strategy**

North Sydney's new draft Urban Forest Strategy is on public exhibition until 15 April 2011. The culmination of several years of research and mapping of the North Sydney Urban Forest. The Strategy provides an in-depth look at how North Sydney's 'green infrastructure' is performing now and considers how they can maximise its performance into the future. For more information or to read the strategy see:

[www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/7144-north-sydney-draft-urban-forest-strategy.asp?intSiteID=1](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/7144-north-sydney-draft-urban-forest-strategy.asp?intSiteID=1)

### **Rehabilitating Tamarama Gully**

Waverley Council is developing a vegetation rehabilitation strategy to guide the ongoing management and restoration of the vegetation on the gully slopes around Tamarama Park, and including the protection and improvement of the bushland remnant. The project will produce a report called the Tamarama Ecological Restoration Framework and Action Plan that will provide the framework to guide maintenance works, weeding and planting in a planned way over time. For more information on the project see:

[www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/your\\_council/council\\_news/council-news/rehabilitating\\_tamarama\\_gully](http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/your_council/council_news/council-news/rehabilitating_tamarama_gully)

### **Darling Point Seawall Upgrade**

Woollahra Council will begin restoration of the damaged seawall along McKell Park in Darling Point from 7 February 2011 and expected to be completed by the end of June 2011. The \$700K seawall project will involve replacing the existing seawall at the eastern end of the park near Lindsey Avenue at Darling Point with a new 60 metre long sandstone-faced seawall. Due to erosion, the seawall needs to be upgraded for the safety of residents and visitors to McKell Park and Council has taken appropriate measures to ensure minimal disruption to the surrounding environment. For more information see:

[www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/news/news/upgrade\\_works\\_to\\_start\\_on\\_mckell\\_park\\_seawall](http://www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/news/news/upgrade_works_to_start_on_mckell_park_seawall)

### **Manly Lagoon Dredging Project**

Manly Council, in association with Warringah Council and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage are undertaking dredging works at Manly Lagoon. The section of lagoon to be dredged is from the footbridge at Nolan Reserve to Riverview Parade. Removing sediments and rubbish from Manly Lagoon that have accumulated since 1992 will result in increased water depth, more effective water transfer, and reducing ongoing odour issues. Warringah Council are also undertaking projects such as 'catchment model of annual pollutant and sediment loads at Manly Lagoon', bird and fish surveys, and water quality monitoring to gain a better understanding of the lagoon for future management. For more information see:

[www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/environment/ManlyLagoonDredgingProject.aspx](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/environment/ManlyLagoonDredgingProject.aspx)

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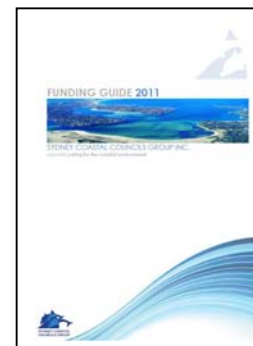
## SCCG Capacity Building Program Update

This page of the Making Waves Monthly Update is dedicated to providing a regular update of the initiatives of the SCCG Capacity Building Program as well as highlighting upcoming items of interest.

### Recent Activities

#### SCCG Funding Guide 2011

The SCCG Funding Guide is produced and updated annually to assist Member Council's and other stakeholders in identifying and applying for funding opportunities to support the management and protection of coastal and estuarine environments. This is done by providing a comprehensive list of funding opportunities available to Councils and other stakeholders in one resource. Please download a copy from the SCCG website at [www.sydneycostalcouncils.com.au](http://www.sydneycostalcouncils.com.au)



#### Economics, Management and the Coastal Zone Forum

The final report from the SCCG Economic Forum held on 24 February 2011 will be available on the SCCG website from April at [www.sydneycostalcouncils.com/Events](http://www.sydneycostalcouncils.com/Events)

### Resources

#### Sydney Water – Water Recycling Education Centre – Now Open

A new Water Recycling Education Centre was opened in Sydney on 21 February 2011 to explain the role of water recycling in securing NSW's water supply. The centre was designed to enhance classroom learning for Universities, TAFE colleges and high schools, professional and trade groups, and key community groups. For more information see [www.sydneycostalcouncils.com.au/education/Tours/tourStMSTP.cfm](http://www.sydneycostalcouncils.com.au/education/Tours/tourStMSTP.cfm)

### Grants & Awards

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

#### Australian Museum Eureka Prizes (Entries close 6 May 2011)

Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes reward excellence in the fields of research & innovation, leadership & commercialisation, school science and science journalism & communication. For more information see <http://eureka.australianmuseum.net.au/>

#### NSW Environmental Trust – Environmental Education Grant (EOI closes 21 April 2011)

The aim of the Environmental Education program is to support educational projects or programs that develop or widen the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behaviour. For more information see [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm)

#### ACCAN Grants scheme (Closes 20 April 2011)

The Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) is a not-for-profit organisation and peak body that represents all consumers on communications issues including telecommunications, broadband and emerging new services. ACCAN are looking for projects that help empower communities of consumers to act in their own interests; enable consumers to navigate the challenges of the communications market; and help to establish a sound body of evidence to be used in advocacy. Project funding is available up to \$60,000, and further details are available in the Guidelines. For more information see [www.accan.org.au/grants.php](http://www.accan.org.au/grants.php)

### Events

**Landslide Risk Management Seminars:** 11 May 2011, Engineers Australia Sydney Division, Chatswood. The Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) and the SCCG are conducting these seminars around the Australia from March to June 2011. Presentations consist of a morning session concentrating on regulators and afternoon sessions to geotechnical practitioners. For more information see [www.australiangeomechanics.org/resources/events/lrm.php](http://www.australiangeomechanics.org/resources/events/lrm.php) or contact the SCCG Secretariat.

**It is recommended that all SCCG Member Councils attend the Sydney seminar and SCCG delegates will receive a 25% discount.**

**Wired Green - Sustainable IT Forum for Local Governments:** 19 April 2011, Australian Technology Park, Sydney. For more information see <https://lgsa.wufoo.com/forms/wired-green-sustainable-it-forum-aus-tech-park/>

**NSW Sustainable Development Conference 2011:** 8-9 June 2011, Dockside Sydney. For more information see [www.halledit.com.au/nswsd2011](http://www.halledit.com.au/nswsd2011)

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