



Making Waves

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The Sydney Coastal Councils Group Monthly Update
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.

Happy Christmas

The SCCG Secretariat would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas season. If you're looking for something to do in January we recommend discovering Sydney's coastline by participating in the "Summerama – Summer Activities Program" events being offered all around Sydney during the month of January. See over the page for more details.



SCCG Information Session - Reforms to coastal management in NSW

On 29 November 2009 the SCCG facilitated an information session to provide information to Member Councils on the reforms to coastal management in NSW. Topics discussed included the Coastal Protection and other Legislation Amendment Bill and supporting documents, the NSW Coastal Panel as well as some of the technical, legal and implementation considerations associated with the reforms to coastal erosion management in NSW. To request the information presented at the forum please contact info@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au



NSW Coastal Conference

The SCCG Secretariat attended and participated in the 19th NSW Coastal Conference at Batemans Bay in November and presented the following papers:

- C. Morrison and R. Walmsley - *Is the Law a Useful Communication Tool in a Changing Climate?*
- G. Withycombe - *Coastal Planning and Management in a Changing Climate*



Beach Sand Nourishment Scoping Study: Maintaining Sydney's beach amenity against climate change sea level rise

The SCCG is pleased to announce the release of the Beach Sand Nourishment Scoping Study: Maintaining Sydney's beach amenity against climate change sea level rise report. For more information about the report including an Executive Summary, Frequently Asked Questions as well as Facts and Figures can be found at www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au



SCCG Website

The SCCG has redeveloped. The new site, launching in December 2010 incorporates social media platforms and will allow for easier communication and networking between Member Councils and delegates.

2011 NSW State Government Election Issues and Policies

At the 2010 SCCG Annual General Meeting it was resolved to undertake a workshop and write to all political parties represented in the NSW Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council requesting details of their policy positions on key coastal management issues. To assist in identifying issues relevant to all Member Councils and developing the associated policy positions the SCCG Secretariat consulted with both Councillor and staff delegates in December.



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



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.



SUMMERAMA – the coast comes alive this summer!

As much about having fun as re-connecting with and protecting our glorious coastline, the Summerama program offers more than 100 activities throughout the month of January in various locations across Sydney. From Pittwater to Sutherland, activities include the ever-popular Science of the Surf, coastal bike rides, DIY home enviro workshops, rock pooling, wetland tours, sea shell discovery tours, underwater cinema, creepy crawly garden discoveries, marine sculpture workshops and much, much more. The SCCG invite you check out the range of activities on offer via the website: www.summerama.com.au



Foreshore Stabilisation Techniques: Wednesday 2 February 2010, 10am - 1pm

Pittwater Council and the Environmental Trust are holding a free half-day information session on foreshore stabilisation techniques. The focus will be on work carried out at Rowland Reserve, Bayview on Sydney's northern beaches. The day includes presentations from Pittwater Council, Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority, Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority and the Environmental Trust: offering best practice tips from project experts and allowing for discussion of emerging industry trends. It will include light refreshments on arrival, lunch and a short boat ride (weather dependent). Meet at the Coastal Patrol Depot adjacent to the Rowland Reserve car park, Bayview at 10am. Please RSVP by 12 January 2011 - email [janell_keegan@pittwater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:janell.keegan@pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

City of Sydney's Trigereneration Master Plan

Available on the City's website for public exhibition the Combined Cooling, Heat and Power (Trigereneration) Master Plan for the Local Government Area details specific information about the locations, size and scale of a network of trigereneration machines intended for locations in the CBD and Green Square. For more information on low carbon energy, visit www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/2030

Public Forum on Spearfishing in Bondi Bay

Waverley Council has been facing conflict issues between spearfishers and their proximity to other swimmers which has given rise to public safety concerns. Following the public forum hosted by Council on 11 November 2010 that included NSW Fisheries, Underwater Skindivers and Fishermen's Association (USFA), they have resolved to conduct an awareness and education campaign; erecting signage regarding voluntary separation of swimmers and spearfishers; and banning the carriage of spearfishing equipment in public areas around and on Bondi Beach, whilst lifting the ban at Ray O'Keefe Reserve to allow for a safe access point for spearfishers. Council intend to partner with the USFA to lobby to State Government to introduce license requirements for the purchase of spearfishing equipment, and to develop a Code of Conduct educational brochure. For more information see www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/12116/BlueGroper.pdf

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 Coastal Connections: Engaging Communities Social Media Workshop



The SCCG in partnership with the Republic of Everyone hosted a social media workshop as part of the SMCMA grant funded project 'SCCG Coastal Connections'. The aim of the event was to think about how we engage our communities and to learn more about social media and how Councils can take advantage of it. It was a very enjoyable morning, with a practical exercise on how to attract people to coastal conservation events and a real time example using social media to promote events, the Summerama Facebook page. To download a copy of the presentation slides visit the SCCG website or join our community and keep up to date with Summerama news by 'liking us' on facebook: www.facebook.com/summerama

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

The SCCG 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" was held the day preceding the Conference. The highly successful forum demonstrated the use of GIS in assisting coastal zone management and provided an efficient and effective means of demonstrating best practice and innovation regarding the tools available and their application to coastal management. The presentations from the day can be found at www.spatialsciences.org

Resources

2010 Natural Resource Management Funding Guide

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



Community-Based Adaptation Toolkit

This community-based adaptation (CBA) toolkit offers a practical 'how-to' guide for teams completing the CBA project cycle. It includes step-by-step guidance and recommended tools for various stages of the project cycle, along with links to useful resources and checklists for key project documents. The toolkit includes a reference set of CBA standards to help ensure high quality analysis, design, project implementation and information and knowledge management.

http://www.careclimatechange.org/files/toolkit/CARE_CBA_Toolkit.pdf

Grants, Awards & Tenders

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

On Site Sewage Management Grants (Closes 1 February 2011)

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

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Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in NRM Policy and Planning (Delivered wholly online): The courses examine the problems, institutions, policies and planning processes for NRM in Australia and enable students to explore issues from an Australia wide perspective and in their own local context.

<http://www.fnas.uwa.edu.au/for/postgraduates/coursework>

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