



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.



Sydney Coastal Councils Group Strategic Plan

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group Strategic Plan 2010 – 2014 was adopted at the Group's Annual General Meeting in September. The plan which sets out the Group's strategic direction for the next four years is available on the SCCG website.



SCCG Secretariat welcomes the new Executive Committee for 2010-2011

The SCCG Secretariat would like to congratulate and welcome the new SCCG Executive Committee as elected at the September AGM. The Executive is Chairperson: Cr. Wendy McMurdo (Hornsby). Vice Chairpersons: Estuarine - Cr. Veronique Marchandea (North Sydney); and Ocean - Cr. Cathy Griffin (Manly). Treasurer (Honorary): Cr. Wendy Norton (Willoughby), Secretary (Honorary): Cr. Lynne Saville (North Sydney). Executive Members: Cr. Margaret Woodsmith (Randwick); Cr. David James (Pittwater); and Cr. Conny Harris (Warringah Council).

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 9th November, 10am to 5pm at Batemans Bay. 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>

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

The SCCG Secretariat attended the National Coast to Coast Conference held 20-24 September 2010 in Adelaide. The following two papers were delivered by the SCCG at the conference"

C. Morrison and R. Walmsley - *Is the Law a Useful Communication Tool in a Changing Climate?*

D. Anning - *Understanding the Economic Impact of Coastal Management Decisions*

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/

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.



Hornsby Shire Bushcare Month: 1 October - 31 October 2010

This year Hornsby Council's Bushcare program celebrates 21 years of revegetating, regenerating and rehabilitating the Shire's bushland. The program began in 1989 when residents, concerned about the decline of the local bushland, approached Council for assistance. Today, with more than 850 registered volunteers, Hornsby Shire Council's Bushcare volunteer program is one of the largest in Sydney. Throughout the month of October Hornsby Shire Council is celebrating Bushcare month with nine volunteer group open days. For more information see:

www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/ourcommunity/index.cfm?NavigationID=7&ArticleID=10107

Cooks River Eco Festival: Sunday 10 October 2010

Rockdale Council as part of the Cooks River Councils are putting on an all day festival at Ewen Park, Tennant Parade, Hurlstone Park. The day will include live music, children's craft activities, an interactive sustainable living house trailer, worm farm display and an array of sustainable living workshops. For more information see:

www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au/Pages/News_Events_Calendar_M.aspx#cookseco

Cooper Park Community Day: Sunday 10 October 2010

Woollahra Council are hosting a free community day to celebrate the launch of the Cooper Park Sustainable Water Project. Activities include history talks, wildlife information, bush walks, kids' activities, GO SOLAR workshop, organic gardening and cooking demonstrations. For more information see: www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/events/event_highlights/cooper_park_community_day

Spring Awakening: September through to November 2010

To welcome in spring Warringah and Pittwater Councils are holding a series of fun activities in and around Narrabeen Lagoon including: Saturday 9 October – Youth Caring for Country Art Workshop; Sunday 17 October – Kayak Clean-Up; and Saturday 23 October & 13 November – Kids' Frog and Flying Fix Fantasia. For more information see:

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/home/documents/SpringAwakening.pdf

Coastal Erosion Emergency Action Plan - Podcast

Warringah Council is currently preparing a Coastal Erosion Emergency Action Plan (CEEAP) for Warringah's beaches. This Action Plan will identify risks associated with coastal erosion and outline which emergency action measures can and should be undertaken by Council, landowners and the SES during emergency coastal erosion events. A public Forum was held on 29 August 2010 with over 150 participants attending. The proceedings of the Forum were recorded and can be listened to by clicking on the podcast at: www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/environment/CoastalErosionEmergencyActionPlan-Podcast.aspx

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.

Summer Activities Program: January 2011

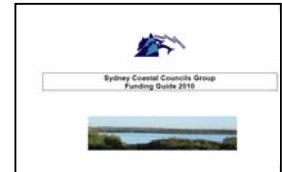
The SCCG Summer Activities Program (SAP) time of year is fast approaching. This annual program is about promoting activities that are run by SCCG Member Councils throughout the summer month of January. It allows communities to discover Sydney's magnificent coastline – with the aim to encourage conservation of our beautiful coastal environments through increased knowledge and awareness. This year SCCG are trialling some new methods of promotion such as social media, to try and build an online, motivated coastal community. To find out more and to become part of the fun go to the SCCG website at the beginning of November. Definitely watch this space and see the website for updates!



Resources

2010 Natural Resource Management Funding Guide

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



Sustainable Living Guide - Sustainable Illawarra

This publication is a legacy of the Sustainability Begins at Home project, and is designed to give residents ideas and inspiration about simple changes they can make to their home and lifestyle to create a brighter, more sustainable future for the Illawarra region, or as an example for other areas.

www.lgsa-plus.net.au/resources/documents/Sustainable-Living-Guide-SUSTAINABLE-ILLAWARRA.pdf

Grants, Awards & Tenders

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

Nominations for the Annual NSW Coastal Management Awards (Entries close 22 October 2010)

The Annual NSW Coastal Management Awards are presented to publicly recognise and acknowledge the contributions of individuals, groups, organisations and agencies toward the ecologically sustainable management of the NSW coastal zone. The Awards will be presented on the evening of Thursday 11 November, as part of the NSW Coastal Conference being held in Batemans Bay 10 – 12 November 2010. For more information see www.coastalconference.com/

Provision of consultancy services to produce a Groundwater Essentials Booklet Tender

The National Water Commission is seeking appropriately qualified organisations to develop a *Groundwater Essentials Booklet*. The book let will provide information to groundwater users and managers with a perceived lack of groundwater knowledge. More information can be found at: www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.atm.show&ATMUUID=3D3979CD-0C5C-818A-66A374763C65E4D2

Public Facilities Program, Community Savers: funding for communities to save water and power (Closes 25 October 2010)

This program will provide \$30 million for water and energy saving projects in facilities which are open to, and frequently accessed by, the public including pre-schools, community buildings, sporting facilities and aged care facilities. Grants are up to \$40,000 (ex GST) available for not-for-profit community organisations such as community groups, rural organisations and local clubs to make their facilities more energy and water efficient. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, installing rainwater tanks and water efficient fixtures, fitting of energy efficient lighting and climate-friendly hot water systems. For more information see www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ccfpfp.htm

Events

Behaviour Change for Sustainability National Congress, 11 - 12 October 2010. Doltone House, Pyrmont NSW. www.3pillarsnetwork.com.au

Practical Water Management Workshop, 22 October 2010. Prince Henry Centre, 2 Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay. Randwick Council

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

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