

# Sydney Coastal Councils Group

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## Who We Are?

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) is a Regional Organisation of Councils currently representing 9 Councils in the Sydney coastal region from Northern Beaches to Sutherland Shire.

SCCG was established in 1989 and through 30 years of regional collaborative action, has been a key driver of sustainable and integrated coastal and estuarine management for the Sydney region.

Over the last 30 years SCCG has established and built its reputation as a trusted, respected, experienced and knowledgeable organisation that values and represents its members.

## What We Stand For?

### Our Vision

Resilient and healthy coastal and estuarine environments that are protected, conserved and managed in a manner consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

### Our Mission

Engaging with our members and their communities to lead sustainable management of our regions coastal and estuarine environment through collaboration, capacity building, advocacy and research.

### Our Goal

SCCG has 6 primary goals to ensure that key coastal management issues are addressed through the delivery of its Strategic Plan. These key issues include:

- ⇒ Sustainable coastal management
- ⇒ Climate change adaptation and resilience
- ⇒ Biodiversity conservation
- ⇒ Integrated water management
- ⇒ Healthy waterways (water quality including plastic pollution)

SCCG applies and facilitates collaborative, effective and consistent approaches to the management of our coastal and estuarine environment.



## Why is SCCG Needed?

Australia's coastline is one of our most valuable assets with 85% of Australians living within 50 km of the coast. Increasing pressures such as population growth, increased usage of our natural/built coastal assets, aging infrastructure, and impacts from climate change are a shared problem that are not defined by local government boundaries.

We will continue to see unprecedented change to our coast, coastal communities, governments, services, and commerce. There is a clear need to ensure the long-term sustainable management, conservation and protection of our coastal and estuarine environment through innovation, harnessing new technologies and collaborative action from all levels of government.

Through its collaboration, capacity building, advocacy and research efforts SCCG is in a prime position to show strong leadership, provide direction, and coordinate action regionally across Sydney and throughout coastal NSW to advance sustainable coastal management.

## Benefits of SCCG

Key benefits that SCCG provides:

- ⇒ A facilitated collaborative and consistent approach to coastal management
- ⇒ Proactive response in identifying and addressing impediments, issues and solutions to coastal management
- ⇒ Capacity to meet coastal management objectives on a local and regional scale
- ⇒ Ability to inform legislation, policy and strategy development at a state level
- ⇒ A cohesive and strong voice to advocate at all levels of government including Ministerial level
- ⇒ Experience, expertise and specialist advice
- ⇒ Capacity building, knowledge sharing, networking and peer-to-peer learning
- ⇒ Strong track record - for effective partnerships, successful projects, achievements and development of applicable tools/resources
- ⇒ Resource efficiency and economies of scale - reduction in duplication of effort
- ⇒ Positioning itself as a leader in the development of multi-council Coastal Management Programs, i.e. Sydney Harbour CMP



# What Our Members Say About SCCG

