

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.  
MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING  
OF SATURDAY 14 MARCH, 2015  
HOSTED BY WAVERLEY COUNCIL AT THEIR CHAMBERS  
BONDI ROAD AND PAUL STREET, BONDI JUNCTION  
12.00 PM**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr. Mark Castle	Botany Bay Council
Cr. Brian Troy	Botany Bay Council
Cr. Irene Doutney	City of Sydney Council
Cr. John Matt	City of Sydney Council
Cr. Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
Cr. Barbara Arid	Manly Council
Mr. Peter Massey	North Sydney Council
Cr. Tom Sherlock	Mosman Council
Cr. Selena Griffith	Pittwater Council
Cr. Andrew Tsounis	Rockdale Council
Cr. Sue Heins	Warringah Council
Cr. Sally Betts	Waverley Council
Cr. Leon Goltzman	Waverley Council
Cr. Bill Mouroukas	Waverley Council
Ms. Emily Scott	Waverley Council
Cr. Lynne Saville	Willoughby Council
Cr. Wendy Norton	Willoughby Council
Cr. Greg Levenston	Woollahra Council
Emeritus Professor Bruce Thom AM	Honorary Member
Dr. Judy Lambert AM	Honorary Member
Ms. Wendy McMurdo	Honorary Member
Mr. George Copeland	Honorary Member
Mr. Geoff Withycombe	SCCG (EO)
Mr. Stephen Summerhayes	SCCG (MP&P)
Ms. Emma Norrie	SCCG (CPO)
Ms. Fiona Shadbolt	SCCG (MBR)
Dr. Rodney James	Fisheries NSW (for presentation)

**1. OPENING**

The meeting opened at 12.30pm.

Cr. Griffin (Vice-Chairperson) welcomed delegates and requested a round table introduction of delegates. Delegates welcomed Cr. Tsounis of Rockdale City Council as a first-time attendee.

An acknowledgement of Country was provided. Cr. Griffin thanked the Mayor, Cr. Sally Betts, Cr. Goltmans and Emily Scott for facilitating the pre meeting field trip of the world famous and award winning Bondi Beach embayment.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Linda Scott	City of Sydney Council
Dr. Ross McPherson	Hornsby Council
Cr. Barbara Arid	Manly Council
Cr. Sue Young	Pittwater Council
Mr. Paul Hardie	Pittwater Council
Cr. Geoff Stevenson (Chairperson)	Randwick Council
Cr. Lindsay Shirley	Randwick Council
Mr. David Dekel	Rockdale Council
Cr. Shane O'Brian (Mayor)	Rockdale Council
Cr. Lindsay Shurey	Randwick Council
Mr. David Dekel	Rockdale Council
Cr. Peter Towell	Sutherland Council
Cr. Vanessa Moskal	Warringah Council
Mr. George Cotis	Honorary Member
Mr. Phil Colman	Honorary Member

**Councils not represented at the meeting**  
Hornsby, Leichhardt, Randwick, and Sutherland

## 3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

**Resolved that** there was no declaration of pecuniary interests.

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 6 December 2014 at the City of Sydney Council.

**Resolved that** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 6 December 2014 at the City of Sydney Council be confirmed. (Carried)

### 4.2 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 11 December 2014 hosted by City of Sydney.

**Resolved that** the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 11 December 2014 at the City of Sydney be received and noted. (Carried)

### 4.3 Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 February 2015 hosted by City of Sydney.

**Resolved that** the Minutes of the Technical Committee Meeting of the SCCG held on 19 February 2015 at the City of Sydney be received and noted. (Carried)

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING

Business arising from minutes other than those items listed below in Reports. Delegates were referred to the action list contained within the meeting notice memo.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### 6.1 Sent and Received Correspondence

**Resolved that** the circulated “sent” and “received” correspondence be received and noted. (Carried)

### 6.2 SCCG correspondence from the last meeting

#### i. Shark Meshing Program (SMP) – Response from the Office of the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP - Minister for Primary Industries

Correspondence received from Fisheries. Summary of key points in Letter:

- *The NSW Government shares the SCCG interest in mitigating the risk of shark interactions, whilst simultaneously minimising harm to marine animals.*
- *The SMP is currently managed in accordance with Joint Management Agreements (JMAs). JMAs are subject to periodic review.*
- *The JMAs seek a balance between reducing the environmental impacts of the program while reducing the chance of shark interactions at the State’s most popular beaches.*
- *The SMP is but one component of the Government’s Summer Shark Policy, which includes other awareness and educational initiatives to increase bather safety off NSW beaches (these listed)*
- *DPI is supportive of research proposals and similar initiatives that seek to increase bather safety through education and awareness.*
- *The Department also closely monitors, and will continue to monitor, developments in non-lethal alternatives to meshing, including aerial surveillance, electrical field devices, chemical deterrents and others.*
- *None of the existing non-lethal alternatives are yet sufficiently advanced or effective enough to warrant complete removal of the shark nets.*
- *The Premier and I have met separately with advocates of some of those alternative technologies. The NSW Government recently announced that if re-elected in March, we will allocate \$100,000 for a trial of innovative technologies, such as shark-detecting sonar technology, in a scientific manner agreed to by stakeholders.*
- *I have asked my Department to consult and negotiate on trials of alternative methods with advocates, proponents, and other stakeholders, particularly local councils and environmental non-government organisations (ENGOS).*
- *The SCCG provides an ideal platform for such consultation, and I am confident that the Department will provide the collaborative opportunities sought by both the SCCG and the ENGOS.*
- *Contact Senior Environmental Assessment Officer to discuss this matter further*
- *Thank you for your interest and support in this matter.*

Cr. Betts described Waverley’s initiatives to manage the risk of shark attack, including cameras in patrol towers which monitor the entire beach area and trialing drones. Council is also monitoring the presence of fishing vessels which may be attracting sharks and possible controls to mitigate this. Some sharks have been caught in nets, including one in Bondi whose teeth had been removed. Any marine life caught is removed by Fisheries for research.

SCCG will continue the discussion with Fisheries in relation to the SMP.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The SCCG respond to the Minister’s letter by contacting the nominated Fisheries officer.
- 2) The secretariat report back to the next meeting on progress and outcomes.

#### ii. Annual Invitation for SCCG Consultation with Member Councils

The EO noted that we have written to members Council inviting a meeting with the SCCG Executive Committee delegates and the Executive Officer.

**Resolved that** the SCCG correspondence from last meeting be received and considered.

## 7. PRESENTATION

### 7.1 [NSW Marine Estate Management Authority](#) (presentation slides attached)

Dr Rodney James, Manager Marine Planning (Fisheries NSW) provided delegates with an update on recent activities of the Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA).

Key achievements of MEMA in its last two years of operations include:

#### ***Marine Estate Management Act 2014***

The Act commenced 19 December 2014. Sets legal foundation for achieving MEMA's vision and the NSW Government's approach to managing the marine estate. Establishes MEMA, the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel requires Marine Estate Management Strategy and Threat and Risk Assessment and provides for the management and establishment of marine parks and aquatic reserves.

#### ***Marine Estate Community Survey***

Approximately 1,700 randomly selected survey respondents. Broadly looked at values, threats and opportunities from a community perspective.

#### ***Threat and Risk Assessment Framework***

Framework or approach for identifying key environmental, economic and social threats to inform priority management areas. Due for release soon.

#### ***Ocean Beaches and Headlands assessment***

To inform future of shore-based recreational line-fishing activities on beaches and headlands in sanctuary zones of mainland marine parks.

#### **MEMA's priorities for 2015-16 include:**

- Implementation of the Threat and Risk Assessment Framework
- Development of the Marine Estate Management Strategy (due for release mid-2015)
- Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion Study – looking at options to enhance and conserve marine biodiversity:
  - information collection (January to May)
  - threat and risk assessment (June to July)
  - management options (July to November)
  - recommendations to Government (early 2016)

A copy of the presentation slides is attached to the minutes. The following discussion ensued:

**Cr. Sherlock:** Is the advisory nature of MEMA working?

**Dr James:** It is working in terms of coordinating the activities of agencies; has a strong, independent Chair, as well as the Chair of the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel.

**Cr. Mant:** Is MEMA focused on marine parks, or it is an attempt to manage the entire marine estate as a single ecosystem?

**Dr James:** The intention is the latter – i.e. to achieve coordinated and coherent management of the entire marine estate.

**Prof Thom:**

a. Is MEMA considering the effects of warming of ocean waters? At the 2014 meeting when Bill Talbot presented, the Group noted that there was no one on the Expert Knowledge Panel with expertise in oceanography.

b. There are 600 land claims over beaches and seas along the NSW Coast. To what extent is this an issue for MEMA?

**Dr James:**

a. The intent of the Expert Knowledge Panel was to call in expertise as required (The EO noted that this was the response the SCCG received when put to the Minister).

b. The land claims issue has not been raised as yet, but is not necessarily outside the scope of MEMA.

**G. Withycombe:** The SCCG was significantly involved in the review and selection of the existing Aquatic reserves in Sydney as part of the research and nominations committee. At the time of selection numerous other sites were also identified worthy of selection as aquatic reserves.

a. Why is the Hawkesbury Marine Bioregion Study focused on existing aquatic reserve only?

b. How can the SCCG assist in the Study and be more actively involved?

**Dr James:**

a. Existing aquatic reserves are highlighted as priority sites, because they are already reserves and there is a high degree of community interest in their management. There is also a commitment to look at other sites in the region.

b. Recommended contacting Dr Bob Creese of Fisheries NSW who is the leader of this project.

**S. Summerhayes:** The Survey was a forced rank survey, based on predetermined questions, meaning there was limited scope for community input outside of those areas. What is your view on this?

**Dr James:** The survey was informed by a Literature Review the Marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel and external expert contractor

Best to refer technical questions to Sarah Fairfull as the leader of the survey project for more specific answers.

**Dr Lambert:** Will the Authority address the definition of boundaries, particularly between State and Commonwealth zones and estuarine areas?

**Dr James:** The Authority does not define jurisdictional boundaries. Boundaries of the marine estate, including estuaries, are defined in the Marine Estate Management Act, broadly upstream to the tidal limit. The marine estate was defined broadly in the Act and there is a degree of jurisdictional overlap.

**Cr. Saville:** A recent international study on the effectiveness of marine parks found that long-standing, large and no-take parks were most effective. To what extent is the NSW Government taking account of this study, with a view to increase the size of marine parks?

**Dr James:** The study in question is widely known and this sort of information will also be taken into account in park management planning so far the focus has been on legislation, strategy and frameworks.

**Cr. Levenston:** Noting the similarities (and duplication) of interests between the MEMA and the SCCG, what opportunities are there for coordination between the two?

**Dr James:** There will likely be opportunities for coordination and collaboration between the two groups, including in the development and implementation of the Marine Estate Management Strategy.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The presentation be heard and considered at the meeting.
- 2) Dr Rodney James be thanked for his attendance and presentation.
- 3) The SCCG write to the Minister for Primary Industries, the Environment Minister and the Chair of MEMA:
  - i) thanking them for Dr James' presentation

- ii) seeking involvement in and offering assistance in the information gathering phase of the Hawkesbury Marine Bioregion Study
- iii) Reiterating recommendation for oceanography expertise on marine Estate Expert Knowledge Panel
- 4) Contact Dr Bob Crease regarding the SCCG involvement in the Hawkesbury Marine Bioregion study.

## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 8.1 SCCG Strategic Plan (2015-2019)

The EO provided delegates with an overview of timing for the consultation phases heading to finalisation, as follows:

Activity	Duration	Date
Draft Plan (text only) to Directional Committee for consultation	1 week	20-31 Mar
Revised Draft (text only) to TC & FG for consultation	1 week	3-10 Apr
Collate TC & FG comments and finalise text	1 week	13-16 Apr
Distribute final draft Plan to GMs for formal endorsement	6 weeks	17 Apr-29 May
Work with Graphic Designer to design & format Plan	6 weeks	17 Apr-29 May
Final Plan to Executive for endorsement	1 week	1-5 Jun
Finalise formatting & design (print ready)	1 week	8-12 Jun
Arrange printing of Plan	1 week	15-18 Jun
Table final Plan at June FG meeting		19 Jun

#### Resolved that:

- 1) The Report be received and considered.
- 2) The SCCG undertake formal exhibition of the Strategic Plan with Member Councils from April to May, with the final Plan submitted to the June meeting of the FG for adoption (pending outcomes of final consultations).

### 8.2 SCCG Annual Survey 2014 – Outcomes Report

The CPO provided a brief overview of results from the 2014 Annual Survey. Key outcomes, recommendations and potential actions were discussed, to inform finalisation of the Outcomes Report.

#### Resolved that:

- 1) The CPO review and analyse feedback from Representatives.
- 2) The results together with proposed recommendations be considered.
- 3) The SCCG 2015 Action(s) Plans incorporate recommendations and actions from both the Technical Committee and Full Group.

### 8.3 Summerama 2015

The CPO provided an overview of outcomes from Summerama 2015. The Program saw over 5,000 participants across 60+ activities. Twelve of the 15 SCCG Member Councils participated in the 2015 program. Those Councils who didn't participate cited a lack of resources (staff/funds) or limited relevance to their local area.

The CPO also provided an overview of results from the Champion Survey conducted in February. Champions reported that participants were generally highly satisfied with the events. However the utility of the SCCG's promotional materials and event coordination activities was generally rated low, as Councils were capable of providing these services themselves. For many Councils, the program forms part of ongoing community engagement activities, for which they have existing promotional channels and administrative systems.

When questioned about the role that SCCG should play in future programs, Champions generally agreed that we should focus our efforts on facilitating networking and information exchange between Councils. Some Champions supported SCCG playing a greater role in assisting Councils to plan and deliver their events, while others supported SCCG developing and hosting regional events of our own and pursuing partnerships with organisations that can support and grow the program.

These recommendations will be taken into account in a comprehensive review of the program later in the year.

<b>Resolved that</b> the report be received and noted.
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## **9. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **9.1 Greater Sydney Local Land Services – Local Government Advisory Committee**

No update provided

### **9.2 Joint Expert Maritime Working Group**

Cr. Griffin attended the Joint Maritime Working Group meeting Chaired by RMS on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 as the SCCG representative.

Cr. Griffin reported that verbal briefings were provided on a number of agenda items of interest to the SCCG members, including and briefing on the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Strategy. Although not part of the Planning reforms currently being considered by the NSW Government an interagency workshop was held to develop a new vision and strategy for the Sydney Harbour and Foreshore. This Interagency group consisted of members from RMS, DPI, DPC, Planning & Environment and is being coordinating with SHFA. Many issues were canvassed at this initial meeting including access to and across the harbour, land use, water use, asset management and divestment, boundaries. The group determined 'common ground' and identified contentious issues such as conflicting land and water uses and users.

Further consultation and feedback will occur in the near future with the strategy expected to be placed on exhibition in June 2015.

Other items address on the agenda were:

- Fisheries code and complying development
- Marine Estate Management Act 2014
- Boat Trailer parking initiatives
- RMS end of vessel life trials
- Regional Boating Plan
- Hawkesbury Shelf Bio- region assessment.

The following discussion ensued:

- Ms McMurdo questioned whether boat storage is an appropriate use of public land.

- Cr. Norton questioned who would be responsible for operating the boat storage facilities (Cr. Griffin advised that at this stage Maritime is simply seeking expressions of interest and this detail has not yet been determined)
- Cr. Sherlock noted that the issue is bigger than supply management, and that the focus should equally be on demand management, noting the apparent low use of vessels moored at sea.
- Cr. Mant noted a concern that the SHFA may be focused on exploiting development opportunities along the foreshore.
- Cr. Saville noted the number of separate developments occurring along the foreshore and the apparent lack of integration between them.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) Report received and noted
- 2) Additional information be sought on the Sydney Harbour Foreshore review and provided to member Councils.

## 10. REPORTS

### 10.1 Reforms to Coastal Management in NSW

Prof Thom provided delegates with an update on activities, including:

- Coastal sediment compartment approach – being advanced by the federal Department of Environment as an approach for states and local councils to consider for regional strategic planning.
- Attended Australian Coastal Councils conference in Victoria (hosted by the former Seachange Taskforce Group). The Group is expanding – now includes two of the ten Bayside Councils Melbourne – but Adelaide, Perth and Sydney have not joined. The nature of the conference was discussing State and Federal agendas. LGNSW President was present.
- NCCARF Phase 2 set up – directed to local government. Stakeholder workshop meetings, one being co-hosted by SCCG at Town Hall on Tuesday. Prof Thom chairs the technical review group. There is an opportunity for SCCG to transfer its knowledge.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The report be received and noted.
- 2) Prof Bruce Thom AM provide the Group with an update of activities from the Coastal Expert Panel (where possible).
- 3) Through discussion, the SCCG determine additional actions to address Member Council issues and concerns.

### 10.2 SCCG Capacity Building Program

The CPO provided a brief update on the strategic planning process for the 2015 Capacity Building Program. Planning will draw upon results of the Annual Survey, our revised Strategic Plan, our existing activities and the current political climate.

Full Group and Technical Committee representatives have identified Integrated Water Management (IWM) as a key issue for Councils. As such, the first capacity building forum for 2015 will be on the topic of IWM and held in the first half of the year. Remaining activities will be determined based on outcomes of the 2014 Annual Survey and related workshops.

The CPO also tabled the [2015 Funding Guide](#), which includes details of over 60 grants and award opportunities for Councils and other coastal managers to advance sustainable coastal and estuarine management.

**Resolved that**

- 1) The report be received and considered.
- 2) The SCCG Funding Guide 2015 be formally sent to Member Councils for their utilisation and placed on the SCCG website for more general access.
- 3) The SCCG produce the 2016 Funding Guide in early 2016.

**10.3 Sydney's Salty Communities – Turning the Tide on Blue-Green Carbon**

The Project Manager– Biodiversity Resilience, provided an update on project activities. This included a discussion of the role for Councillors to provide political support for projects advanced by Council officers.

The Expert Reference Group has been established and agreed Terms of Reference, met and provided feedback on grant guidelines. These Experts have also agreed to assist with the independent assessment of applications subject to their areas of expertise.

The Literature, Data and Practice review is proceeding and will provide guidance in terms of existing activity, knowledge and the gaps.

The project hosted a well attended grant development workshop to support the grant applications and to identify opportunities for collaboration between Council areas. Grants are due 30 March 2015. A supplementary round of grants will be available later in 2015 which will be supported by an adaptation tool SCCG will develop in collaboration with CSIRO.

A part time Project Officer has been recruited to support the Salty Communities project and will commence 25 March.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The report be received and considered.
- 2) SCCG delegates assist with member council promotion of and participation in the project.
- 3) SCCG delegates consider the grant possibilities at their Environment Committee meeting(s) (or appropriate committee) with input from their Council officers.

**10.4 Implementing and Embedding an Emergency Management Planning - a Health Check for Local Government” Project (new grant)**

This Item not addressed at meeting

**Reports 10.5 – 10.8  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Resolved that** reports for ‘information only’ be received and noted (pending inquiry).

- 10.5 Beachwatch & Harbourwatch Programs Update (November – January)
- 10.6 Greater Sydney Local Land Services Update
- 10.7 NSW Department of Primary Industries Aquatic Pest and Health Update
- 10.8 Key Activities Report for December 2014 - February 2015

## 11. SCCG ADVOCACY

### 11.1 Top 5 Coastal Advocacy Issues 2015+

Cr. Goltsman led a discussion on coastal advocacy issues for 2015. A ballot paper was tabled, seeking delegates to rank key issues identified at the December meeting in order of priority. Cr. Goltman noted that the key advocacy campaign would also enable us to better communicate with the other councillors and community a clearer message to the about the roles and responsibilities of SCCG and promote the group. At present whilst we do a great job there is still somewhat some confusion about exactly why the SCCG is so important.

The following discussion ensued:

- Cr. Goltsman emphasised the need to break down big issues into smaller parts and for communications to follow the 'SUCCESS' model:
  - Simple,
  - Unexpected,
  - Concrete,
  - Credible,
  - Emotional,
  - Story
  - Sell.
- Cr. Mant noted that the approach of MEMA was about protecting the environment for the community, whereas the approach should be protecting the environment from the community.
- EO noted the desire to focus advocacy efforts on Real issues, Real people and Real change.
- Cr. Norton noted that the reason behind the identification of flood as a key advocacy issue was that Councils had recently had to review flood management plans and individual property exposure.
- Cr. Saville requested that the issues identified specifically refer to estuaries, in addition to coastal. The EO confirmed all when SCCG refers to coastal this always includes estuarine areas.
- Cr. Mant suggested taking a more strategic approach – what's the issue, what's our objective, what strategies will address that.
- The EO explained the context to this item. Coming out of the SCCG Strategic Plan Directional Committee and the 25 Year Anniversary Conference, it was suggested that the SCCG pick up a single issue to advocate on for each year. Issues were identified in the December meeting and these have been consolidated into the list on the ballot paper. Once an issue is agreed upon this will be directed to the Executive Committee for further deliberation – to break the issue down into workable parts.
- Cr. Betts identified sewage infrastructure as the major issue. Cr. Sherlock, Cr. Saville and Cr. Griffin agreed.
- Cr. Levenston expressed concern that this may be a distraction from the core business of the Group and will likely consume a significant portion of staff resources.
- The EO explained that advocacy is part of the core business of the Group and that the intention of the process was to allow greater focus our efforts, to ensure the most effective and efficient use of time and resources.

**Resolved that**

- 1) ballot responses be collated and tabled at the next Executive Committee meeting for determination of plans and next steps for the campaign.
- 2) Activities in relation to the 2015-2016 public advocacy campaign be reported to the next meeting.

## 11.2 Submissions

- SCCG Submission on Sydney Basin P/L Mineral Exploration Licence Applications

**Upcoming Submissions:**

- *Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review*
- *Public consultation on establishment of national parks*

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The update on recent and upcoming submissions be received and noted
- 2) The SCCG prepare submissions in relation to the Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review and the National Parks Review.

## 11.3 Sustainable Coastal Management: Policy recommendations to political parties contesting the 2015 NSW Election

The EO noted that two responses had been received so far. All responses received will be sent to MCs and put on our website prior to the election. ([Final responses here](#)).

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The report be received and considered.
- 2) Responses be disseminated to Member Councils and local and regional stakeholders, and promote them publicly via our website prior to the election.

## 12. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 12.1 Finance Statements for period 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2014

Cr. Norton noted some discrepancies in the SCCG Income and Expenditure statement.

The acting Chair recommended that these statements be referred to the Executive committee.

**Resolved that** the SCCG (Full Group) delegate authority to the SCCG Executive Committee to review and consider approval of the December quarterly finance statement at their next meeting.

## 13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Cr. Heins – Minister's Award for Women in Local Government**

The MMP noted that Cr. Sue Heins recently won the Minister's Award for Women in Local Government. Cr. Heins was nominated by Jonathan O'Dea MP, Member for Davidson, in the "Elected Representatives" category. The award focuses on women in local government who have contributed at both council and community level to achieve beneficial outcomes.

**Resolved that** the SCCG congratulate Cr. Heins on her Award.

- **Departure of Stephen Summerhayes**

Cr. Griffin noted that Stephen (SCCG Manager for Projects and Programs) will be leaving the Group at the end of his contract and thanked him for his efforts.

SS thanked the Group for the opportunity to serve them. He said that he has put his heart and soul into the job because he believed in the Group and what it does. He will continue to contribute to the Group in some form into the future and looks forward to working with the Group and councils.

**Resolved that** the SCCG thank Stephen Summerhayes for his efforts and contribution to the Group.

- **Coastal information booklets**

Dr. Lambert, on behalf of Phil Colman, noted Phil's desire to develop a series of small, easily readable information booklets about coastal environments and coastal management to raise community awareness. The booklets could cover the following topics: mudflats, high energy beaches, mangroves areas etc. Phil and Peter Mitchell want to be leaders/contributors and are looking for a home to host the idea.

Cr. Griffin suggested to refer it to the Executive and consider it in the context of the Summerma review. Cr. Heins noted it may fit in with Salty Communities.

**Resolved that** the EO speak with Phil Colman to discuss ideas and potentials for a subsequently workshop with the CPO.

### 13.1 Remaining 2015 Meeting dates / Next Meeting

**Proposed Dates**

**Proposed location**

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| • Saturday 20 June at 12 noon                     | (City of Sydney) |                                   |
| • Saturday 19 September ( <b>AGM</b> ) at 12 noon | (Member Council) | <i>(pre meeting field trip ?)</i> |
| • Saturday 5 December at 12 noon                  | (City of Sydney) |                                   |

### 13.2 Items for Press Release

**Resolved that** items for press release be considered.

### 13.3 Agenda items for the next SCCG meeting

**Resolved that** delegates suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting proposed for 20 June 2015 starting at 12 noon.

### 13.4 Next Meeting

**Resolved that** the next meeting of the Group by held on 20 June 2015 at the City of Sydney (pending confirmation).

Cr. Griffin closed the meeting and thanked delegates for their attendance and contributions

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Confirmation of Minutes: .....

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