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# Lessons from Sydney's Salty Communities program

23 February 2017

## Program



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## SCCG

Established in 1989, the Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) is a co-operative organisation that advances sustainable management of Sydney's urban coastal environment. We comprise 11 Member Councils who represent over 1.3 million Sydneysiders. Collectively we cover an area of 1,284km<sup>2</sup> adjacent to Sydney's coastal and estuarine areas, encompassing the waterways of Broken Bay, Pittwater, Port Jackson, Middle and North Harbours, the lower Lane Cove River, Botany Bay, the lower Georges and Cooks Rivers and Port Hacking.

## The Salty Program

*Sydney's Salty Communities* is a three-year grant program funded by the Australian Government, focusing on research, capacity-building and on-ground rehabilitation for biodiversity and carbon storage in 'salt-influenced ecosystems' across Sydney's coastal and urban waterways. Local and regional projects and workshops have catalysed the development of key relationships, a primary legacy of the Salty program.

## Resources Developed

As part of the Salty Program, SCCG delivered:

- the [Literature Data and Practice Review](#);
- the [Climate-Ready Tool](#) in partnership with CSIRO;
- the Connected Corridors for Biodiversity [online mapping](#);
- the Backyard Habitat Programs Review in partnership with ARIES;
- the Mangroves and Saltmarsh Threat Analysis in partnership with University of Wollongong and Macquarie University;
- factsheets on: Blue Carbon, urban fox management, communicating about weeds, biodiversity and connectivity, the Climate-Ready Tool, and planning for adaptation.

## Projects delivered

Through funding from the Australian Government, SCCG's Salty Program provided \$1.25million to 17 on-ground projects worth \$2.75million. Projects ranged from mapping biodiversity corridors to oyster reef restoration.

## Lessons from Sydney's Salty Communities program: local insights from regional biodiversity projects

This event is offered by the Sydney Coastal Councils Group with the support of the Department of the Environment to biodiversity managers and experts in the field.



Sydney Customs House, Alfred Street, Circular Quay.

### Objectives of the Seminar

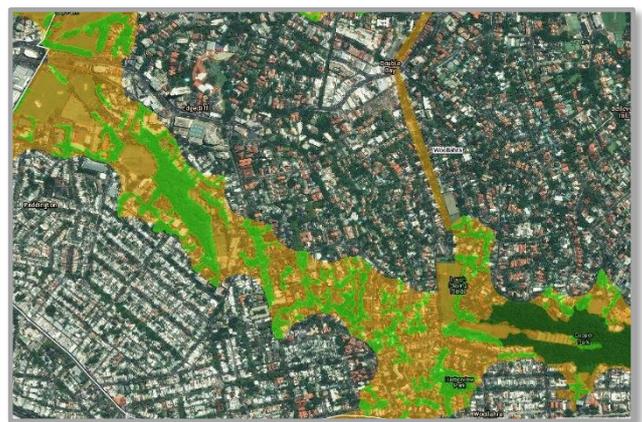
The objectives of the seminar are:

- to share succinct data on the tangible, concrete successes of the program;
- to feed back information to member councils, grant recipients, the federal government and other relevant stakeholders, about the less measurable (but arguably at least as important) outcomes of the project in terms of the collaborative community of practice strengthened over the course of the program;
- to have grant recipients share their lessons from undertaking their projects;
- to network with peers, both practitioners and experts, and other stakeholders;
- to explore future directions for the community of practice.



Salvinia Beetle

(photo © Emma Griffin, Northern Beaches Council)



Connected Corridors mapping

## AGENDA

Date:	Thursday 23 February 2017
Time:	9am – 1.30pm
Location:	Barnet Long Room, Sydney Customs House 31 Alfred St Circular Quay NSW 2000

### **9.00-9.10 Registration, coffee**

#### **9.10-9.15 Mr Geoff Withycombe** – EO, SCCG

*Welcome.*

#### **9.15-9.20 Ms Fiona Shadbolt** – Manager, Salty Program, SCCG

*Introduction to the aims and objectives of the program and the day.*

#### **9.20-9.40 Mr Duncan Webb** – Salty Program Officer, SCCG

*Summary of tangible program outputs.*

#### **9.40-9.55 Ms Katie Oxenham** – SSROC

*The Connected Corridors for Biodiversity project which delivered an [online mapping resource](#) for member councils of SCCG and SSROC as well as Strathfield Council.*

#### **9.55-10.10 Dr Kerrylee Rogers** – University of Wollongong

*The Mangrove and Saltmarsh Threat Analysis report was conducted in a collaboration between SCCG, University of Wollongong and Macquarie University.*

#### **10.10-10.25 Dr John Martin** – RBGS

*Hollows as Homes engages and teaches community members to record the attributes of hollows and trees, and to monitor wildlife use of hollows through an online app.*

#### **10.25-10.40 Ms Jillian MacIntyre** – Northern Beaches Council

*The Biodiversity Restoration within Dee Why Lagoon project took a whole of lagoon approach to removing and reducing environmental impacts and restoring ecosystems.*

### **10.40-11.00 Morning Tea**

#### **11.00-11.15 Mr Simon Rowe** – OceanWatch

*Living Shorelines developed an innovative oyster-reef restoration project using waste oyster shell from industry.*

#### **11.15-11.30 Ms Alexandra Vandine** – Bayside Council

*The Southern Sydney Fox Management project brought together 11 councils south of the harbor to work collaboratively to manage pest species.*

#### **11.30-11.45 Dr Louise Metcalf** – ARIES, Macquarie University

*The Backyard Habitat Review looked at what councils can do to promote biodiversity on private residential property.*

#### **11.45-12.05 Dr Michael Dunlop** – CSIRO

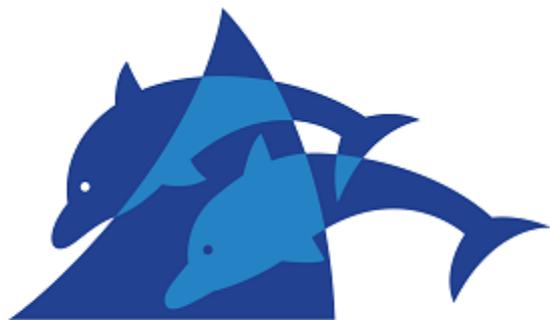
The [Climate-Ready Tool for Biodiversity Management](#) was developed to assist local government manage ecosystems for a changing climate.

**12.05-12.20 Ms Mia Dalby Ball** – Ecological Consultants Australia  
Mia was responsible for the [Literature, Data and Practice Review](#). Her focus is on the recommendations which came out of the review and the community of practice involving experts and practitioners which has been built on over the program.

**12.20-12.50 Ms Fiona Shadbolt** – Manager, Salty Program, SCCG  
An overview of the project so far and directions for the future.  
Close/summarise session.

**12.50-1.30 Lunch**

Notes



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