

# Making Waves November

## The SCCG Monthly Update

### Key Activities

#### Witness King Tide Project



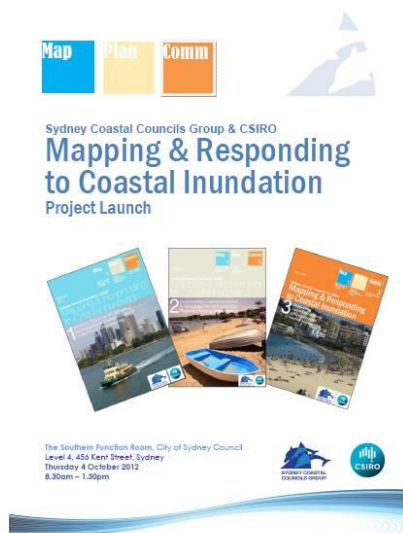
What are you doing around 9:30am on 14 December?

We need you, and as many other coastal communities as possible, to take a photo or two as part of the the [Witness King Tides](#) project. Your photos of the impacts of king tides will form a collection of snapshots of what your coastline could look like in the future as a result of sea level rise.

King tides are the highest tides of the year and in most locations occur once in summer and once in winter. Visit [www.witnesskingtides.org](http://www.witnesskingtides.org) to register (free) and find out when to grab your camera and head to the coast.

#### Stage One Coastal Reforms

The NSW Government no longer supports its Sea Level Rise Policy, and has given landowners the right to place “temporary” (i.e. up to two years) protection works on their property. If you would like some more information please see page three and four of our [Coastal Currents](#) or the OEH [web page](#).



#### Mapping and Responding to Inundation Launch

This Project, a partnership between the SCCG and CSIRO, mapped areas of Sydney at risk to sea level rise with high-tech modelling incorporating Councils’ LiDAR data. Project deliverables will assist determine risk and develop consistent model planning and management responses in consultation with relevant state government agencies and the broader community. The project was launched on 4 October. Please see the [Project Page](#) for more information. The following Final Reports reports will be available in the near future:

**Stage 1 Report** – Technical Report on the Modelling and Mapping of Coastal Inundation Under Sea Level Rise

**Stage 2 Report**- Incorporating Coastal Inundation and Seal Level Rise into Local and Regional Planning Responses.

**Stage 3 Report**- Supporting Local Government to Communicate Sea Level Rise

### Climate Change Adaptation



The Climate Adaptation Projects are almost completed. Assessment tools and final reports will be distributed to Member Councils in the near future. Please see our [Coastal Currents](#) and the Climate Adaptation Newsletter for details of the most recent CAP activities.

### NSW Government Planning Review Green Paper

We have made a submission focused upon coastal management and related hazard and environmental protection issues. It will be made available on the SCCG Submissions Page in the near future. Go to the Planning and Infrastructure [webpage](#) for more information.

### Independent Local Government Act Review Panel

The NSW Minister for Local Government has appointed a panel to investigate and identify options for governance models, structural arrangements and boundary changes for Local Government via a a four-stage consultation process. For more information, go to the [website](#)

The Panel invited submissions from Regional Organisations of Councils addressing the role of ROCs and how roles can be strengthened. We have taken advantage of this invitation to make a submission on how we can enhance our activities relating to sustainable coastal management.

### UPCOMING AWARDS AND FUNDING

#### **National Awards for Local Government**

For more than 26 years the National Awards for Local Government have provided an avenue to celebrate and highlight the extraordinary effort of individuals within councils. By submitting an entry, your project has the opportunity:

- to receive recognition amongst your peers
- to share new ideas that add value to local government
- be promoted.

Entries will open in December 2012 with a variety of categories that can be submitted via an online entry form, which will be available on this page at that time.

For more information see the [webpage](#)

### **Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program**

If your business spends up to about \$20,000 (including GST) in electricity costs a year or employs up to approximately 10 full time staff, you are eligible to join the Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program

The program offers:

- a subsidised energy assessment and tailored energy action plan
- 50% off installation costs up to \$5,000 (for businesses using \$5,000-\$20,000 a year in electricity) and up to \$2,000 (for businesses using less than \$5,000 a year in electricity)
- coordination assistance by an assessor to install energy saving improvements, at no cost to the business (up to four hours).

For more information [click here](#).

**Closing date: Unannounced.**