

Making Waves January

The SCCG Monthly Update

Key Activities

UPCOMING FORUM:

Diverse Depths: Sea Beneath the Shallows

We are pleased to announce we have a capacity building forum approaching on 12 March at Customs House. Please visit the [Events](#) page for more details.

Summerama 2013: The SCCG Summer Activities Program

Looking for something fun to do? Summerama 2013 is underway with activities continuing until 31 January!

It's not too late to participate, visit our [Summerama website](#) to discover what activities are happening in your area. Our annual Summerama photo competition is open and there are some great prizes to be won. Don't miss out by uploading your photo to our Facebook wall no later than 4pm 31 January.



The poster features a blue and yellow background with a stylized white octopus holding a banner that says 'SYDNEY SUMMERAMA summer activities program'. To the right, the text reads: 'Get snappin! It's your last chance to enter the Summerama Photo Comp! Enter through facebook.com/summerama before 4pm 31 Jan 2013 and you could win a Manly Kayak Centre Double Kayak hire for 2 people & a summerama book pack or a Captain Cook cruise for 2 adults.' Below this text are images of several books: 'how do I? sea creature', 'MANLY KAYAK CENTRE', 'Captain Cook', and 'Seashore Life'. At the bottom left are logos for Landcare Australia and Be Natural Cereals & Snacks. At the bottom right is the website URL: 'See www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/summerama/photo-competition for details. Terms & conditions apply.'

Thank you to Landcare and Be Natural for sponsoring Summerama 2013.



SCCG Executive Committee 2013

At the SCCG Annual General Meeting in December 2012, delegates were elected to the Executive Committee and Councillor Cathy Griffin from Manly Council was elected as Chairperson. We look forward to working with our new Executive in 2013. See our [Summer Coastal Currents](#) for details.

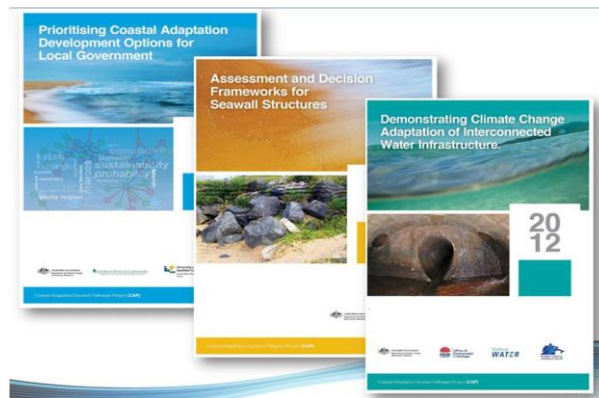


SCCG Executive Officer Geoff Withycombe welcoming newly and re-elected Full Group delegates at the Annual General Meeting 8 December 2012

Local Government Excellence in the Environment Award 2011-2012

We'd like to offer our congratulations to our Member Councils Leichhardt, Mosman, North Sydney and Warringah Council for receiving awards that recognised outstanding achievements in managing and protecting the environment. For full details see page **two** of our [Summer Coastal Currents](#).

Climate Adaptation Projects



The Climate Adaptation Projects are almost finalised. We assumed a large responsibility by conducting three of the 13 projects awarded nationally by the Australian Government. The final deliverables will soon be available to Member Councils with a public release not long after. You can find out more about each of these projects in the revised [Project Newsletter](#) or in the SCCG Projects Update section of the [Summer Coastal Currents](#).

Mapping and Responding to Coastal Inundation Reports are now available!

Three detailed and groundbreaking reports were produced in this project (launched October 2012 – see the [Project Page](#) for more information).

[Stage 1 Report – Technical Report on the Modelling and Mapping of Coastal Inundation under Sea Level Rise](#)

[Stage 2 Report– Incorporating Coastal Inundation and Sea Level Rise into Local and Regional Planning Responses.](#)

[Stage 3 Report- Supporting Local Government to Communicate Sea Level Rise](#)

Member Councils have been provided with their inundation assessments.

Becoming Social

This SCCG project will increase knowledge and skills in the use of social media as a policy development and relationship tool to engage, consult and educate communities in relation to coastal environmental policy development and management issues. For an update on this project visit the [Project Page](#).



Our Becoming Social logo

Coastal Vulnerability to Multiple Inundation Sources (COVERMAR)

For an update on this SCCG project see page three of our [Summer Coastal Currents](#).

SCCG advocates continued funding for the EDO NSW

The EDO NSW is a community legal centre specialising in public interest and environmental law. In 2012 it came to light that its major source of funding, the Public Purpose Fund of the Law Society of NSW (PPF) has been cut from a three-year funding agreement to three months and reduced by a quarter. If the PPF funding is not restored then EDO will be unable to continue providing the high-quality level of services to the community. In November 2012, we sent a letter in support of continued funding for the EDO – you can read it [here](#).

Upcoming Grants and Awards

Coastal and Estuary Management Grants Coastal and Estuary Management Grants are now being offered by OEHL to support Local Government in managing the risks from coastal hazards. Funding of up to 50% of project costs can be sought.

Grant applications are invited in relation to projects including:

- preparation (or updating) of coastal zone management plans and associated technical studies (including coastal hazard assessments)
- action to manage the risks from coastal hazards
- action to implement environmental repairs, including habitat restoration and conservation projects
- development of management tools (such as education projects).

Closing date: 14 February 2013

Details: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/estuarygrants.htm>

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalgrants.htm>

NSW Government Environmental Trust - Environmental Research Program

Grants of up to \$150,000 are now available for research relating to the following NSW 2021 areas:

- Threats to environments
- Biodiversity and native vegetation
- Pollution
- Rivers, wetlands and coasts

Please note that seeding grants are not available for 2013.

Other Funding Opportunities

The Trust delivers a range of contestable grant programs. Information on these is available on the Trust website.

Closing date: 15 February 2013

Details: Guidelines, application forms and more information is available on the Trust website:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/research.htm or by phoning the Trust on (02) 8837 6093.

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 effort of individuals within councils. By submitting an entry, your project has the opportunity to receive promotion and recognition.

Entries are now open for the following categories:

- Asset and Financial Management
- Youth Engagement and Participation
- Regional Collaborations
- Strength in Diversity
- Women in the Community
- Excellence in Road Safety
- Excellence in Tourism
- Active Arts
- Innovative Infrastructure Development
- Promoting Reconciliation

Closing date: 15 February 2013

Details: If you're eligible, you can enter any of these categories via an online entry form available at

<http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/index.aspx>

Australian Museum Eureka Prizes

The Eureka Prizes are presented annually by the Australian Museum and reward excellence in the fields of research & innovation, leadership & commercialisation, school science and science journalism & communication.

Opening Date: 1 February 2013

Closing Date: 3 May 2013

Details: <http://www.eureka.australianmuseum.net.au/>

Want to know more? Check out our [Summer Coastal Currents](#) for a detailed SCCG update as well as international and local coastal news, and upcoming coastal conferences. Alternatively, you can [contact us](#).