

## **Making Waves April The SCCG Monthly Update Key Activities**

The SCCG Coastal Currents: Autumn Edition is now available. For a full update on SCCG activities and local coastal news, please [click here](#).

### **NEW SCCG PROJECTS**

#### **Emergency Management Planning: A Health Check for Local Government**

The primary product from this project will be a tool that allows Local Government staff to assess and monitor the current capability and capacity of their Council to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies. Visit the [Health Check for Local Government web page](#) if you would like more information.



#### **Sydney Harbour Coastal Zone Management Plan: Stage 1 - a Scoping Study**

The pressures upon Sydney Harbour are increasing. Governance arrangements are complex with multiple agencies and stakeholders. The SCCG have acquired a grant to undertake a scoping study that will underpin a Coastal Zone Management Plan for Sydney Harbour. Please visit the [Project web page](#) for more information.

### **NSW POLICY AND LAW REFORM**

#### **A Draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney**

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure has released a [draft Metropolitan Strategy](#) for Sydney. This is a plan to guide Sydney's growth over the next two decades. Comments on the strategy are invited up until 31 May 2013, [Click here](#) for more details.

#### **NSW Government releases Planning White Paper**

The NSW Government is developing a new planning system to replace the current one. The proposed new Planning Act will control how the environment, heritage, and communities are considered in planning and development decisions and processes. Submissions on the the [White Paper: A New Planning System for NSW](#) are invited until the 28 June 2013.

#### **Future Directions for NSW Local Government**

The Independent Local Government Review Panel has released its discussion paper [Future Directions for Local Government – 20 Essential Steps](#). The Panel will continue to consult with Councils and the community from now until the end of June whilst it builds its final report to the Government. [Click here](#) for a schedule and details of the 29 consultation workshops.

Comments on the Panel's report are welcome up until 28 June 2013. [Click here](#) for further details.

### Upcoming Workshop: Engineers Australia Coastal Climate Change Guidelines 8 May 2013

This is a one day workshop to provide practical advice on adaptation to climate change and uncertainty for coastal development. Anyone involved in designing, building, evaluating or maintaining structures in the coastal zone should attend. Please click on the flyer for more information.



### Coasts and Ports Conference 11-13 September 2013



Our coast lines are dynamic and, regardless of longer term climate variability, we require a better understanding of coastal processes to manage them sustainably.

This conference will consider policies, planning and research on Climate Change adaption, including real life examples of design in the face of expected Sea Level Rise on our coasts and ports.

Registration is now open. Visit the [Conference website](#) for the registration brochure, draft program and further information about the Conference.

### 22nd NSW Coastal Conference 12-15 November 2013

The theme for the 2013 Conference is: Valuing our Coastal Zone, Planning our Future, What's the big picture? The conference will focus around strategic planning, the values of the coastal zone, technology, community engagement and coastal infrastructure. Abstracts must be submitted by 28 June. For more details, please [click here](#).



## Upcoming Grants and Awards

### **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.

Closing Date: 3 May 2013

Details: [Eureka Prize Web Page](#)

### **Eco Schools Grants NSW Environmental Trust**

The grants will fund school environmental management projects with the ultimate goal to develop environmentally sustainable schools.

**Closing Date:** 17 May 2013

**Details:** [Environmental Trust Eco Schools Grants Web page](#)

### **The Ian Potter Foundation Science, Environment and Conservation Grants**

The Science and Environment and Conservation grants fund projects (\$5,000 - \$100,000) that contribute a long-term contribution to thinking and knowledge, and sustainability and conservation of biodiversity in Australia.

**Closing Date:** 28 May 2012

**Details:** [The Ian Potter Foundation Website](#)

### **Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife Services Marine Science Grants**

The objective of the Foundation's Marine Science Grants is to provide financial support for conservation-based research of Australian marine ecosystems that will ultimately lead to tangible outcomes for conservation and management. The scope of the research is open to marine research on animals and/or plants.

**Opening Date:** May 2013

**Closing Date:** August 2013

**Details:** [Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife Website](#)

There is a range of Clean Energy funding to support the transition to renewable fuel sources available in relation to renewable energy in the [Funding Guide](#) (see pages 16- 81 of the Guide).