

Making Waves **October**

The SCCG Monthly Update

Key Activities

NSW Coastal Management – Coming of Age

The 21st NSW Coastal Conference (6-9 November 2012) is being hosted by Kiama Municipal Council, and there is still time to register. It is sure to be an interesting event with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) providing details on the [coastal reforms](#) along with some excellent papers, key note presentations and field trips. For more information, the program and to register [click here](#).

Make sure you drop by the SCCG Information Booth at the NSW Coastal Conference and find out more about all our projects and activities. Project reports and materials will be on display.

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 [Spring Coastal Currents](#) or <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/stage1CoastRefQaA.htm>.

Mapping and Responding to Inundation Launch <Insert Image>

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 Final Reports reports will be available in the near future:

- 1) **Effect of Climate Change on Sea Level Rise and extreme Sea Levels**
- 2) **Incorporating Coastal Inundation and Sea Level Rise into Local and Regional Planning Responses**
- 3) **Supporting Local Government to Communicate Coastal Inundation**

CAP Projects

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 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.

Grants and Awards

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beaches, Connecting Our Coasts

This Award encourages and recognises coastal communities, local councils, volunteers and surf lifesaving

clubs who protect NSW's beautiful coastline. Entries are open – for more information [click here](#).

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](#).