

FG3-16 Minutes

**SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP Inc.  
MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2016  
HOSTED BY CITY OF SYDNEY AT  
SYDNEY TOWN HALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr David Dekel  
Cr Jess Miller  
Mr Jon Stiebel  
Mr Steven Smith  
Ms Cathy Griffin  
Mr Peter Massey  
Cr Lindsay Shurey  
Cr Greg Moore  
Cr Leon Goltsman  
Cr Bill Mouroukas  
Cr Lynne Saville  
Cr Wendy Norton  
Cr Matthew Robertson

Bayside Council  
City of Sydney  
Inner West Council  
Mosman Council  
Northern Beaches Council  
North Sydney Council  
Randwick City Council  
Randwick City Council  
Waverley Council  
Waverley Council  
Willoughby Council  
Willoughby Council  
Woollahra Council

Mr George Cotis  
Dr Judy Lambert AM  
Ms Wendy McMurdo  
Mr George Copeland

Honorary Member  
Honorary Member  
Honorary Member  
Honorary Member

Mr Geoff Withycombe  
Ms Belinda Atkins  
Ms Katherine Howard  
Ms Fiona Shadbolt

SCCG (EO)  
SCCG (PPM)  
SCCG (CPO)  
SCCG (PM-BR)

Mr Rod Simpson

Greater Sydney Commission (for presentation)

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**ITEM 1 - OPENING**

**1.1 OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

The Chairperson, Cr Lynne Saville opened the Annual General meeting and thanked the City of Sydney for hosting the meeting.

The Chair welcomed newly elected City of Sydney councillor Jess Miller and the representative of the newly formed Bayside Council, and noted the apology from Sutherland Council.

The Chair provided an acknowledgement of country.

The EO noted there was a quorum for all business including for the "Special Meeting" (3/4 of members).

It was noted that, following amalgamations and creation of the new Inner West, Northern Beaches and Bayside Councils, these new merged bodies are formerly welcomed as SCCG Member Councils. These new councils are currently represented by their Administrators or their proxy and by any nominated staff delegates.

## 1.2 APOLOGIES

Mr Greg Wright	Bayside Council
Mr Paul Hardie	Northern Beaches Council
Ms Kylie Ferguson	Northern Beaches Council
Mr Richard Pearson	Inner West Council
Mr Frank Breen	Inner West Council
Prof Bruce Thom AM	Hon. Member
Mr Phil Coleman	Hon. Member
Cr Carol Provan	Sutherland Shire Council
Cr Greg Levenston	Woollahra Council
Mayor Sally Betts	Waverley Council

**Councils not represented at the meeting:**  
*Sutherland Shire Council*

## 1.3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

## RESOLUTIONS

**R1.1** Apologies were received and noted.

**R1.2** No notifications of pecuniary interests were received.

## ITEM 2 - GUEST PRESENTATIONS

The Chairperson, Cr. Lynne Saville welcomed and introduced:

**Mr Rod Simpson, Environment Commissioner, Greater Sydney Commission**

### Statutory objectives of the Commission



Greater Sydney Commission | Leading the conversation about Greater Sydney

Mr Simpson gave an overview of the process of preparing District Plans for the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC); including establishing relationships with local councils, regional organisations of councils such as SCCG, and NSW Government departments. District Plans are due for release on 21 November and on 22 November the GSC will start working on the revised Metropolitan Strategy.

Key documents describing the role of the GSC include the *Greater Sydney Commission Act 2015*, and also the Ministerial Directions to the Commission which explain the Minister's intent for the GSC in more detail. In particular the Minister expects innovation in engagement.

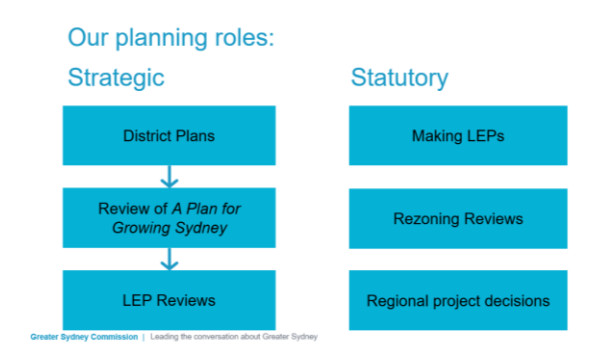
Mr Simpson introduced the Environment Panel and its role: to provide advice on the key environmental priorities for Greater Sydney. The Environment Panel is co-convened by Mr Simpson as Environment Commissioner and Jeff Angel of the Total Environment Centre. Fifteen key environmental groups are represented in the panel including the SCCG. Among other things, the panel will produce an independent advisory paper for the GSC covering the key environmental issues for the Greater Sydney area.

Mr Simpson gave an introduction to various elements of the GSC planning process, for example the Green Grid which started out as a purely recreational concept to link public open space. It has since expanded to consider biodiversity and water management as well as recreational planning. The Green Grid is considering how to recover 'lost' open space e.g. under highways and along rail reserves.

Mr Simpson also touched on stormwater management regimes and how they are heavily invested in but not monitored for their cumulative effectiveness.

Mr Simpson then took questions from the floor.

- Question 1 - how space will be allocated under the District Plans, and whether the GSC has any thoughts on how to commercialise great ideas. Mr Simpson stressed that the state government agencies involved are trying to be more strategic and less responsive to City planning and management. A key focus is considering areas that provide urban services, the impacts of these on other local activities and the buffers required to accommodate these facilities. The GSC Act also specifies that the GSC is expected to identify impediments to achieving their objectives, including economic barriers. The GSC is in the process of better understanding and spatializing energy, waste and transport across the city.
- Question 2 - regarding what population size the District Plans are intended to accommodate. Mr Simpson replied that although there has been lots of discussion about what might constitute a sustainable population, settlement policies, ideas of decentralisation etc., these matters won't be addressed in the District Plans. However they are valid questions and he thinks they will be considered in the revised Metropolitan Strategy. The GSC are also expected to write Policy Leadership Papers and they could prepare one or more to consider similar questions.
- Question 3 - who has the final decision, the GSC or the Department of Planning, when there is a dispute. For example, if an applicant requests a rezoning that is not compliant with the Local Environment Plan (LEP). Mr Simpson answered that the GSC has a statutory role to make LEPs, but that the powers to do so have been delegated to the Department of Planning until the Planning Panels headed by District Commissioners (previously nominated by local Mayors) come into existence on 22 November. If development proposals are not compliant with the District Plan, they will go to the Planning Panel for consideration. The Department will assess the application and provide advice to the Planning Panel. Mr Simpson believes it is an overall shift of decision-making power from the state back to local government.
- Question 4 – the need for retrofitting infrastructure or provision of additional infrastructure for infilling existing developed areas. Is there a percentage goal for infill development? Mr Simpson replied that the District Plans are a benchmark and that the revised Metropolitan Plan will have a challenge dealing with current zoning. There is a legacy of large amounts of development that have already been approved that can't then be refused or downzoned. There is therefore some way to go before the GSC can make nominate goals for percentages of infill development.
- Question 5 - about whether the GSC could influence and encourage Water Sensitive Urban Design, water recycling etc. via policies on WSUD in the District Plans or other mechanisms. Mr Simpson responded that the GSC hopes to influence the next Sydney Metropolitan Water Plan, which is due to be released in the next few months.
- Mr Simpson responded to two questions about what processes the GSC can influence and what it can't by referring to a slide with a diagram of strategic and statutory planning roles of the GSC.



The GSC has responsibility for District Plans, reviewing 'A Plan for Growing Sydney', and LEP reviews (strategic) and making LEPs, rezoning reviews, and regional project decisions (statutory). The GSC has no influence over the current WestConnex or Light Rail activities. The GSC may be able to influence Priority Precincts that are currently in progress.

A copy of the presentation will be distributed to delegates once approval to do so has been obtained.

## RESOLUTION

**R2.1** That Mr Simpson be thanked for his presentation on the Greater Sydney Commission.  
(Goltsman / Shurey)

## ITEM 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1 (a) *Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of the Full Group on 18 June 2016*
- 3.1 (b) *Minutes from the Technical Committee Meeting of 30 June 2016*
- 3.1 (c) *Minutes from the Technical Committee Meeting of 15 September 2016*

### 3.2 BUSINESS ARISING *(from the Ordinary Meeting of 18 June 2016)*

Actions arising from the Ordinary Meeting of the SCCG held on 18 June 2016 were reviewed.

Progress against actions are reported in Attachment A3.2 of the business papers.

### 3.4 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence sent and received since the last meeting was reported at Attachment 3.3 of the business papers and circulated in hard copy at the meeting.

### 3.3 ANNUAL MEMBERS SURVEY 2015-2016

The CPO gave a brief summary of the Annual Survey 2015-16.

### 3.4 STAFFING UPDATE

The EO gave a brief update on staff movements. A new Support Officer (SO), Christine Bassiri will start on Monday 24 October. The Coastal Projects Officer (CPO) Katherine Howard has

resigned, last day Thursday 17 October. The Chair and EO thanked the CPO for her contribution and congratulated her on securing her dream job working as a Threatened Species Senior Project Officer in the Hunter region. Katherine thanked the group for the opportunity, said that she had learned a great deal about coastal management and local government from her time with the SCCG, and that she had very much enjoyed and appreciated the experience of working with the Secretariat and Member Councils.

## RESOLUTIONS

### R3.1

- a) That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 18 June 2016 hosted by City of Sydney Council be confirmed.
- b) The Minutes of the Technical Committee meeting on 30 June 2016 be received and noted.
- c) The Minutes of the Technical Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received and noted.

R3.2 Representatives consider, discuss and make any necessary recommendations and resolutions relating to Business Arising.

R3.4 That the circulated "sent" and "received" correspondence be received and noted.

(Goltsman / Dekel)  
Carried

## ITEM 4 – ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS

### 4.1 SCCG ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

The SCCG Annual Report 2015-16 was tabled and circulated at the meeting. The EO gave a summary of highlights from a very productive financial year, and opportunities and challenges for the SCCG in the year ahead.

The Chair reflected on some of the changes and challenges of the past year, which due to the uncertainty caused by amalgamations has been a very difficult time for both councillors and staff.

The EO and Chair thanked the outgoing Chair and Full Group members.

The Chair encouraged the Full Group to focus on the fact that SCCG is about maintaining the natural values of the coast.

An electronic copy of the Annual Report 2015-16 has been emailed to all Full Group delegates and is available on the SCCG website:

[http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/sites/default/files/Annual\\_Report\\_2015-16\\_PDF\\_FINAL\\_for\\_online.pdf](http://www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/sites/default/files/Annual_Report_2015-16_PDF_FINAL_for_online.pdf)

## RESOLUTIONS

### R4.1

- a) That the Annual Report 2015-2016 be received, considered and adopted.
- b) That the Annual Report 2015-2016 be formally sent to Member Councils and other interested organisations.

(Dekel / Goltsman)  
Carried

## 4.2 ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Annual Audited Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 were provided with the Business Papers.

EO thanked the bookkeepers and auditor for providing the audited accounts in time for circulation with the AGM Business Papers.

There was a query as to whether the SCCG has enough funding in reserve to keep going if membership is reduced due to amalgamations or other reasons. The EO stated that the organisation operates on a very slim operating budget, covering the staff costs, office rental and operations only. Grants are frequently sought but when received are dedicated to project costs. There is a small reserve but there is no guarantee about continuing activities if significant funding is lost.

The EO clarified that SCCG Secretariat staff are employed under the Local Government (Modern) Award 2010. If a situation arises where staffing cuts are necessary, staff entitlements are covered but further reference will need to be made to the Award and the 'common' award for potential redundancy allowances. It was further noted that under common industrial relations legislation anything not covered by individual staff contracts will defer to the Award(s).

### RESOLUTIONS

#### R4.2

- a) The Annual Financial Statement for the period 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 be received and noted.
- b) That Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. make the following statement (subject to the satisfactory audit of the SCCG finances):

*In the opinion of the Members of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc.:*

- (a) *the accompanying general purpose financial report of and special schedules of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. for the period ending 30 June 2016 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:*
- (i) *the state of affairs of the Group as at 30 June 2016, and the operating result and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date and all controlled entities; and*
- (ii) *the other matters required to be disclosed;*
- (b) *the general purpose financial report and special schedules are in accordance with the accounting and other records of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc.; and*
- (c) *the general purpose financial report is drawn up in accordance with accounting policy disclosed in the statement; and*
- (d) *no circumstances have arisen which would render the report false or misleading in any way.*

(Goltsman / Dekel)  
Carried

## 4.3 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

A special meeting to consider the amendments to the Constitution was opened. The Chair, Cr Saville opened the Special Meeting at 1.10pm.

The Chairperson noted attendance and apologies as per the AGM and no pecuniary interests noted.

### Introduction:

The EO explained that three quarters of the Member Councils are required for a quorum to approve changes to the Constitution and that a quorum is present.

The EO provided an introduction to the item and clarified that the SCCG can make changes to the Constitution at any time with 21 days' notice to the Full Group. The SCCG Constitution (2015) requires amendment to cater for the amalgamations, other related operational issues and some minor editorial amendments.

The SCCG Constitution can be amended via Clause 20 – Amendments:

*This Constitution may be amended from time to time by a resolution passed at a Special or Annual General Meeting of the Group by votes equivalent to three quarters of the number of delegates entitled to vote. Such amendment shall not take, and shall have no effect, unless ratified by at least three quarters of member councils entitled to vote.*

### Summary of main changes

- *Clause 3.2 Membership* updated to reflect new Member Councils. It was noted that this section may need to be amended again following further council amalgamations.
- *Clause 4.1.5 Representation by Member Councils* amended to clarify acceptable proxy arrangements when a delegate is absent from a meeting.
- *Clause 6.6 Meetings* amended to correct an error regarding the notice required prior to holding Ordinary and Special Meetings.
- *Clause 7.4 Voting* amended to allow for electronic ballots to determine any issue or proposal.
- *Clause 16.3 Finance* amended to give flexibility on any future SCCG funding model decided on as a result of council amalgamations.
- *Clause 21 Termination of the Group* was amended to remove an unnecessary clause that repeated information contained in *Clause 19 Termination of Membership*.
- *Clause 25 Custody of Books* was amended to clarify that records, books and other documents relating to the Group may be kept in either written or electronic form.

### RESOLUTIONS – R4.3

- a) The Amended Constitution of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Incorporated be tabled for review and adopted at the SCCG Annual General meeting 22/10/16.  
Note:
- the proposed changes to Sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 of the Constitution were considered unnecessary;
  - the proposed changes to Section 16.3 were amended slightly following discussion; and
  - all other proposed changes were accepted as indicated in the marked up document provided to the Full Group prior to the Special Meeting.
- b) The amended final Constitution of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Incorporated 2016 be sent to Member Councils' Administrators / Mayor and General Managers for their information.
- c) The Association apply for registration of the changes (to the NSW Department of Fair Trading) within 28 days of the special resolution and the application include:
- the approved form (Application to change objects or constitution – Form A6)
  - details of the proposed change(s)
  - a copy of the special resolution as passed, and
  - the prescribed fee.
- d) The amended final Constitution of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Incorporated be placed on the SCCG website as soon as practical.

(Goltzman / Robertson)  
Carried

### 4.4 ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Chair vacated her seat and handed over to the Returning Officer, Geoff Withycombe. The Returning Officer declared the position of Chairperson vacant and called for nominations.



Cr Goltsman noted that at the SCCG Executive Committee meeting held on 19 October it was resolved:

In order to ensure some continuity over the next 12 months in the lead up to the 2017 Local Government elections that:

- a) The SCCG Executive Committee consists of Cr Saville (Chairperson), Cr Goltsman (Vice Chairperson (Ocean) and Cr Levenston Vice Chairperson (Estuarine); and that *Cr Carol Provan* (now Cr Jack Boyd\*) (Sutherland Shire Council), Cr Jess Miller (City of Sydney), Ms Kylie Ferguson (Northern Beaches Administrator proxy), Frank Breen (Inner West Administrator proxy), and Mr David Dekel (Bayside Council) be asked to join the SCCG Executive Committee for the next 12 months leading up the Local Government elections in September 2017; and
- b) That the SCCG write to the Administrators of Northern Beaches, Inner West and Bayside Council seeking endorsement that their proxy (or themselves) be a member of the SCCG Executive Committee for the next 12 month period.

NB \* Cr Jack Boyd was appointed as the Sutherland council delegate at their meeting on 24/10/16.

Cr Goltsman noted that the intention of this recommendation is to establish an interim committee to maintain continuity during this period of change until final decisions regarding amalgamations have been made and subsequent elections held.

## RESOLUTION

### R4.4

- a) Subject to their acceptance, the SCCG Executive Committee for the next 12 months leading up the Local Government elections in September 2017 are:

**Chairperson:**

Cr Lynne Saville (Willoughby Council)

**Vice Chairperson** (Ocean council):

Cr Leon Goltsman (Waverley Council)

**Vice Chairperson** (Estuarine council):

Cr Greg Levenston Woollahra Council)

**Members:**

Cr Jack Boyd Sutherland Shire Council),  
Cr Jess Miller (City of Sydney)  
Ms Kylie Ferguson (proxy for Northern Beaches Administrator),  
Mr Frank Breen (proxy for Inner West Administrator),  
Mr David Dekel (Bayside Council).

- b) That the SCCG write to the Administrators of Northern Beaches, Inner West and Bayside Council seeking endorsement that their proxy (or themselves) be a member of the SCCG Executive Committee for the next 12 month period.

(Goltsman / Dekel)

Carried

## 4.5 ANNUAL HONORARY MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The EO thanked all Honorary Members for their contribution.

The SCCG considered nominations for honorary membership for 2016-2017 including incumbents and other suggestions.

The Chair noted that Dr Judy Lambert AM is resigning her Honorary Membership from the Full Group and that this is her final meeting. The Chair thanked Dr Lambert for her outstanding contributions to the Group over many years. The EO echoed these thanks and stated that Dr Lambert will be greatly missed, and that he hopes she may continue to be a resource for the SCCG.

Cr Norton nominated all incumbent (non-retiring) members, subject to their acceptance, which was seconded by Cr Shurey. The Secretariat will write to nominated members to seek their acceptance.



## RESOLUTIONS

R4.5

a) The nominations for Honorary Members are:

- Emeritus Professor Bruce Thom AM
- Mr Phil Colman
- Mr George Cotis
- Mr George Copeland
- Ms Wendy McMurdo

b) The SCCG will write to nominees seeking their acceptance.

(Norton / Shurey)  
Carried

## 4.6 NOMINATIONS FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

The following nominations were taken:

- Joint Expert Maritime Working Group:
  - Cathy Griffin has been sitting on this committee for some time and indicated her interest in retaining membership of this committee. Cr Norton nominated Ms Griffin and Cr Shurey seconded.
- Greater Sydney Local Government Advisory Committee:
  - Cr. Saville self-nominated to continue to represent the SCCG.
  - The EO self-nominated to take over membership from Fiona Shadbolt, with Fiona Shadbolt as the alternative delegate.

## RESOLUTIONS

R4.6 That the SCCG representatives for external committees are:

a) **Joint Expert Maritime Working Group:** Ms Cathy Griffin.

The SCCG will also seek representation on Joint Expert Maritime Working Group from the Technical Committee.

(Norton / Shurey)  
Carried

b) **Greater Sydney Local Government Advisory Committee:** Cr Lynne Saville and Geoff Withycombe, with Fiona Shadbolt as an alternative delegate.

(Norton / Shurey)  
Carried

**Alternative for all external committees:** SCCG Chairperson

## ITEM 5 – MEMBER COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

This item was not discussed due to time limitations.

## ITEM 6 - QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT (JULY - OCTOBER 2016)

### 6.1 COLLABORATION

- *Internal and External Committees, Events, Workshops, Presentations*
- **Partnerships:**
  - **Sydney Water MoU**
  - **Sewer / Stormwater Action Plan**
  - **NCCARF SCCG Case Study Fact Sheet and CoastAdapt tool**

An update on all Secretariat Collaboration activities was included at Item 6.1 in the Agenda Papers.

- **Sydney Water MoU**

The MPP provided an update on the Sydney Water MoU. Two of the three items in the MoU's Schedule of Activities have been delivered; including the facilitation of the Healthy Waterways Workshop, sharing all contact details between Sydney Water and Member Councils, and the sharing of all relevant water infrastructure asset GIS layers to facilitate data integration on network infrastructure, ensure timely notifications and streamline investigations into pollution incidents/breakages, and to coordinate asset management and maintenance.

As determined by the Steering Committee, new activities will be added to the Schedule. Some items from the SCCG Sewer / Stormwater Action Plan (under development) may be pulled into the MOU Schedule of Activities.

In addition the SCCG is currently working with:

- Member Councils to develop a pollution incident response template for Members
- Sydney Water to produce a pollution incident notification template or modify the Sydney Water notification protocol for our Member Councils.

The SCCG is also working with Sydney Water media team to hopefully make a more formal public announcement about the MoU shortly.

### **Sewer / Stormwater Action Plan**

The MPP provided a short update on the Sewer / Stormwater Action Plan. Input into the Action Plan was sought from the Full Group, the Technical Committee at previous meetings, with the amended draft currently with Sydney Water representatives. The SCCG also sought advice on actions that Sydney Water are already undertaking, for example monitoring and reporting. We are currently waiting on further comments from Sydney Water.

The next phase is to go back to Sydney Water to look at resourcing and timeframes for the draft Action Plan. The SCCG hopes to have a draft Action Plan ready to present at December Full Group meeting, dependant on priorities and resourcing.

Some possible case study sites to examine under the Action Plan, if the opportunity is arises, were suggested by the group, including:

- Scotts Creek
- Northbridge Baths

The EO mentioned that the SCCG's contribution to the improvement of water quality on Sydney beaches is acknowledged multiple times in a recent report released by Deloitte Access Economics, '[Economic and social value of improved water quality at Sydney's coastal beaches](https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/au/Documents/Economics/deloitte-au-economic-social-value-improved-water-quality-sydneys-coastal-beaches-140716.pdf)', a copy of which can be downloaded from <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/au/Documents/Economics/deloitte-au-economic-social-value-improved-water-quality-sydneys-coastal-beaches-140716.pdf>

## **RESOLUTION**

- 6.1 The MPP/EO will follow up with Sydney Water to enquire if they have/or will be producing a water quality report / undertaking monitoring regarding the ocean outfalls and if so, whether this incorporates impacts on crayweed and kelp forests.

## ***NCCARF SCCG Case Study Fact Sheet and CoastAdapt tool***

The EO gave a brief update on the NCCARF SCCG Case Study Fact Sheet and CoastAdapt tool.

A total of \$16,000 was received by SCCG from NCCARF over the last 12 months to develop a case study factsheet and to participate as a CoastAdapt tool implementation partner.

The SCCG was asked to write a case study on one of our projects entitled '[The Sydney Coastal Councils Group experience: prioritising coastal adaptation options at the local level](https://coastadapt.com.au/sites/default/files/case_studies/CS06_The_SCCG_experience.pdf)', which can be downloaded from [https://coastadapt.com.au/sites/default/files/case\\_studies/CS06\\_The\\_SCCG\\_experience.pdf](https://coastadapt.com.au/sites/default/files/case_studies/CS06_The_SCCG_experience.pdf)

Other items were taken as read.

## **6.2 CAPACITY BUILDING**

- **Projects, applications and committees:**
  - SCCG Grant applications
  - SCCG Grants Committee
  - **Salty Communities Program**
  - **Emergency Management Project**
  - Emergency Management Advisory Committee

An update on all Secretariat Capacity Building activities is included at Item 6.2 in the Agenda Papers.

### ***Salty Communities Program***

The PM-BR gave an update on the Salty Communities Program and provided the four-page factsheet on the program from the [Annual Report 2015-16](#) as a handout.

The PM-BR noted most Main Round Projects have been completed, two have been granted extensions and the Supplementary Round projects are concluding.

Under the Salty 'Special Projects', a series of seminars are currently being held for council executives and staff on:

- Executive Seminar: Planning for Adaptation
- Biodiversity and climate change in an urban landscape
- Communicating about weeds in an urban landscape
- Connectivity and biodiversity in an urban landscape

The other Special Projects include:

- Blue Carbon Advocacy information sheets
- Backyard habitat review
- Coastal vulnerability mapping

The Chair thanked the PM BR for her work on the Salty program and looks forward to reading the final report.

### ***SCCG Emergency Management Project - Emergency Management Health Check***

The MPP gave an update on [Stage 2 of the Emergency Management Project](#). The SCCG are very excited to be getting this project underway. The SCCG have contracted consulting firm Janellis to take the draft Emergency Management Health Check toolkit and turn it into a functional, easy to use tool for councils to use to 'health check' their emergency preparedness. The SCCG and Janellis are currently running a [series of statewide regional engagement workshops](#) with local councils, Regional Emergency Management Officers and state agency representatives.

Stakeholder workshops will be completed by the end of November, with the Health Check tool and the Resource Package to be made available to all councils by January 2017.

Other items taken as read.

### **6.3 ADVOCACY**

An update on all recent and upcoming Secretariat advocacy activity was included at Item 6.3 in the Agenda Papers.

#### ***Container Deposit Scheme and NSW Biodiversity Legislation Reforms***

The SCCG wrote to a number of Upper House representatives to request an Upper House Inquiry into the Bills, and are awaiting responses.

#### ***Coastal Management State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)***

The EO gave a brief update on the Coastal Management SEPP which has not yet been released. It is anticipated that it will be released at the NSW Coastal Conference on 11 November.

As resolved at the Full Group Meeting on 19 March 2016, the SCCG wrote to the Minister for Planning on 31 March 2016 requesting that the public exhibition of the draft Coastal Management SEPP be delayed until all relevant existing local government information on coastal hazards has been incorporated into the draft maps, and expression our concerns regarding what has been defined and mapped as coastal hazards.

A query was raised about the relevance of the changes to the Coastal Management Act and associated SEPP to the City of Sydney. Traditionally the City of Sydney was not covered by the Coastal Act, however this LGA will now be captured under the provisions of the SEPP relating to the built environment, vulnerability and possibly wetlands and mangroves. How the SEPP will interact with Development Application processes is currently unclear. The EO noted that he had recently meet with members of Council's flooding team to provide them with a full briefing.

The EO stressed the importance of all Member Councils vigilantly reviewing the Coastal Management SEPP when it is released. It is likely that 48 days will be provided for public comment.

Cr Miller requested that SCCG submissions also be put before Alex Greenwich MP so that we can get some traction within the State Parliament in terms of Advocacy.

### **6.4 RESEARCH**

A report on the research project '*Estimating coastal values using multi-criteria and valuation methods*' was included at Item 6.4 in the Agenda Papers. All items taken as read.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **R6**

- a) Copies of SCCG submissions to be sent to relevant State Government representatives, including Independent Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich MP, to promote SCCG's advocacy objectives within State Parliament.
- b) The Secretariat's update on key activities were received and noted.

(Deckel /Robertson)  
Carried

## **ITEM 7 - DISCUSSION ITEM: RESOURCING THE SYDNEY COASTAL COUNCILS GROUP 2017+**

The EO reviewed initial funding options for the SCCG moving beyond 2016-2017. The EO noted that he had attempted to engage a consultant to assist with this task to provide some level of independence however unfortunately quotes for this work did not justify engagement.

The EO introduced various models for financing the SCCG from 2017 and beyond as a result of existing and potential further amalgamations. It was noted that it is not intended make any decision on future model today but to raise for discussion and then further consideration by the proposed SCCG Resourcing Directional Committee.

The EO noted that at the beginning of this financial year the SCCG included 14 councils, the Group now consists of 11 members and could potentially go to 7 if current legal appeals are unsuccessful. It is also important to note that at least 2 members will not be amalgamating (City of Sydney and Sutherland).

The EO noted that we hoped to have resolution by now on amalgamations. Ideally resolution on a new funding model will be reached by the end of 2016, and councils will need to be advised by at least March 2017. If amalgamations are still not finalised, the organisation may request Member Councils continue the existing funding arrangement for Financial Year 2017-18.

The Full Group considered some suggested models, including:

- Existing fees (of pre-amalgamated Councils) + 5%
- Equal contributions across all councils
- By population
- By rates revenue
- By length of coastline
- By area
- By GDP

Suggestions were made for additional models to consider, e.g. by wards, or considering developer contributions, or other external sources of funds. The EO noted that, in order to maintain a strong advocacy voice for our Member Councils, the SCCG should always be mindful of any potential influence by any external funders.

The Chairperson called for nominations to the proposed Resourcing Directional Committee and the following delegates were nominated:

- Cr Lynne Saville (Chair)
- Cr Leon Goltsman
- Cr Greg Levenston
- Mr David Dekel
- And that delegates are to be sought from the City of Sydney and Sutherland Council

Independent expert advice and possibly an independent facilitator may also be provided to facilitate the considerations of the committee. The EO asked for suggestions for anyone else who may be able to provide expert advice to the committee. A suggestion was made that a person with insurance / actuary experience may be useful.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **R7**

a) That the initial report on financing options for the Sydney Coastal Councils Group be considered.

b) An SCCG Resourcing Directional Committee be established at the meeting. Members of the Resourcing Directional Committee will include (but not be limited to):

- Cr Lynne Saville
- Cr Leon Goltsman
- Cr Greg Levenston

- Mr David Dekel
- And delegates to be sought from the City of Sydney and Sutherland Council.

c) Preferred funding model(s) from the Directional Committee be referred to the SCCG Executive Committee for approval prior to being sent to Member Councils for consideration and endorsement.

(Norton /Shurey)  
Carried

## ITEM 8 – FINANCES

*For the Financial Statement for the period 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016, please refer to **Item 4.2**.*

*A Quarterly Financial Statement for the period 1 July – 30 September will be provided at the December Ordinary Full Group meeting.*

## ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chairperson moved to thank outgoing Full Group delegates for their services, including:

Cr Peter Towell	(Sutherland)
Cr Irene Doutney	(City of Sydney)
Cr John Mant	(City of Sydney)
Cr Linda Scott	(City of Sydney)
Cr Brian Troy	(Botany Bay)
Cr Mark Castle	(Botany Bay)
Cr Rochelle Porteous	(Leichhardt)
Cr Daniel Kogoy	(Leichhardt)
Cr Craig Channells	(Leichhardt)
Cr Frank Breen	(Leichhardt)
Cr Cathy Griffin	(Manly)
Cr Barbara Aird	(Manly)
Cr Selena Griffith	(Pittwater)
Cr Sue Young	(Pittwater)
Cr. Sue Heins	(Warringah)
Cr. Vanessa Moskal	(Warringah)

The Chair also suggested a presentation for a future Full Group meeting on '[Working on Waterfront Land](#)' controlled activities and exemptions from the Department of Primary Industries Water.

### 2016 MEETING DATES / NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Full Group will be on 3 December 2016.

Delegates are asked to suggest Agenda items for the next meeting.

Delegates were asked to nominate their council to host the next meeting. Cr Shurey offered Randwick City Council's services to host the December meeting.

#### Date

#### Location

- Saturday 3 December 2016 at 12 noon

(Randwick City Council - TBC)

### RESOLUTION

R8.1 Randwick City Council offered to host the next SCCG Full Group Meeting to be held on 3 December 2016 (TBC) (pending confirmation).

R8.2 Delegates to suggest additional agenda items including presentations for the next SCCG meeting to be held on 3 December 2016 (TBC).

**ITEM 10 EXTERNAL REPORTS  
(for information only)**

**10.1 BEACHWATCH REPORT (May – July 2016)**

**10.2 GREATER SYDNEY LOCAL LAND SERVICES UPDATE**

**10.3 Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) Update**

**10.4 DPI Fisheries Aquatic Biosecurity Update**

All items taken as read.

The meeting closed at 4.17pm.

Confirmation of Minutes: .....

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