



## Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc

### Annual General Meeting MINUTES 8 December 2022

#### **ATTENDEES:**

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Mayor Tanya Taylor*	Willoughby Council
Cr Justine Langford*	Inner West Council
Mr Tom O'Hanlon*	Woollahra Council
Cr Greg McLean*	Sutherland Shire Council
Cr Kym Chapple*	Randwick Council
Mr Todd Dickinson*	Northern Beaches Council
Cr Jo Jansyn*	Bayside Council
Cr Jack Boyd	Sutherland Shire Council
Cr Miranda Korzy	Northern Beaches
Cr John Moratelli	Willoughby
Ms Sarah Joyce	SCCG
Ms Jacqui McLeod	SCCG
Ms Marianna Agostino	SCCG
Ms Louise Castro	SCCG
Mr Erin Sellers	SCCG
Ms Cynthia Chan	SCCG

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\* voting Delegate

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## **ITEM 1 OPENING**

### **1.1 Opening and Acknowledgement of Country**

The SCCG Chair, Cr Jack Boyd, opened the meeting at 5:00pm and provided an Acknowledgement of Country

### **1.2 Attendance, Apologies and Quorum**

Apologies were recorded including: Cr Dominic Wy Kanak from Waverley, Cr Tim Stephens from Inner West Council, Cr Kathy Neilson from Randwick Council, Mayor Paula Masselos from Waverley Council and Cr William Bourke from North Sydney Council. North Sydney Council was not represented at the meeting. A quorum was declared.

### **1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Nil declarations were received.

## **ITEM 3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **3.1 Minutes of the 2021 AGM**

Minutes from the SCCG AGM held on the 4 November 2021 were received and noted.

R1 Minutes of the SCCG AGM held on 4 November 2021 were received and noted  
McLean/Chapple  
Declared carried

### **3.2. Annual Finance Statement and Audit Report 2021-22**

The Annual Finance Statements and Audit Report for the 2021-22 financial year were received and approved. It was identified that relevant documentation will be filed with the Department of Fair Trading following the AGM and that two committee members would be required to sign these documents. Ms Marianna Agostino noted that the 2022 year closed strong with the SCCG recording a surplus of \$93,000 and considerable funds to continue the organisation. There were no concerns noted for the next financial year from an audit perspective.

R2 The Annual Finance Statements and Audit Report for the 2021 – 22 Financial Year were received and approved.  
Boyd/Chapple  
Declared carried

## **ITEM 4 – GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

### **4.1 2022-2023 Committee Delegations**

The Executive Committee members for 2022-2023 were noted.

R1 2022-2023 Committee Delegations were received and noted.  
Langford/O'Hanlon

Declared carried

#### **4.2 Annual Members Survey Report 2021-22**

The Annual Members Survey was received and noted.

R2 The SCCG Annual Survey Report 2021-22 was received and noted.

Dickinson/Janson  
Declared carried

#### **4.3 Annual Report 2021-22**

The Executive Officer, Sarah Joyce, spoke to the SCCG key achievements including:

- \$274,000 NSW Government Coastal & Estuary Grant secured in September 2021.
- Finalist at the International tve Global Sustainability Film Awards.
- Launch of the Greater Sydney Harbour Regional Litter Prevention Strategy (RLPS).
- \$100,000 of additional funding secured to employ a Regional Litter Prevention Coordinator to implement the RLPS.
- SMART Places Acceleration Program Grant approved to deliver the project 'Smarter Cleaner Sydney Harbour'.
- \$30,000 funding from the Australian Coastal Society to form a collaborative partnership and cross promote the work of each organisation.
- Successful Ian Potter Foundation Grant to develop an ecosystem model for coastal management in Botany Bay/Gamay

The Chair encouraged everyone to read the SCCG's Annual Report and noted the important advocacy that the SCCG undertakes on behalf of its member council and that councils acting individually would be unlikely to secure the same outcomes.

R3 The SCCG Annual Report 2021-22 was received and noted.

Boyd/Moratelli  
Declared carried

#### **4.4 2023 Operational Plan**

The Executive Officer, Sarah Joyce, spoke to the SCCG 2023 Operation Plan and noted that actions had been developed under the six goals set out in the SCCG Strategic Plan 2019-2029, progress made on the 2022 Operational Plan, feedback from the Annual Members Survey, relevant NSW Government reforms and priorities for 2023, and grants acquired or likely to be acquired.

R4 The SCCG 2023 Operational Plan was approved.

Taylor/McLean  
Declared carried

### **ITEM 5 – GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Beachwatch Annual Report – State of the Beaches 2021-22**

The Executive Officer, Sarah Joyce, noted that the SCCG uses results from the Beachwatch Annual Report to assist with their advocacy and to guide discussions during their meetings with Sydney Water. The results also direct the SCCG's strategic actions across our member councils.

R1 Beachwatch Annual Report was received and noted

Dickinson/Jansyn  
Declared carried

## 5.2 AGM Date for 2023

The Chair noted that the date for the 2023 AGM will be 30 November 2023.

R1 Beachwatch Annual Report was received and noted

Boyd/Langford  
Declared carried

## ITEM 2 – GUEST PRESENTATION

Denise Hardesty, Senior Principal Research Scientist in the CSIRO Environment Team (formerly known as the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Team) presented on the “Smarter Cleaner Sydney Harbour” project which will be delivered in partnership with the SCCG, Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) and Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA).

The project aims to develop artificial intelligence (AI) supported technology which involves installing up to 60-80 sensor in stormwater assets across Sydney Olympic Park and partner Councils Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs).

Further details about the project were noted including:

- Details of a trial run in Hobart.
- The importance of keeping equipment costs low to make installation of sensors feasible for councils.
- Development of a user interface that will allow councils to monitor GPTs remotely, saving council staff time, increasing efficiency, and improving safety for council representatives by avoiding overflow events during storms and emergency call outs.
- Battery life of GPT sensors were around 7 years which was a practical length of time, avoiding the need for council staff to regularly change batteries
- The overall goal of the project is to reduce the amount of anthropogenic debris and waste ending up in our environment and waterways.

A recording of the presentation can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/779502863>

Password: SCCGMember

Dr Hardesty noted that her team was missing knowledge and understanding of the budget councils are spending on their stormwater asset management, including how much is spent each year on staff and asset management for GPTs and roadside baskets. She asked that Delegates put her in touch with council staff who may be able to provide this information as it would assist the project team in ensuring that technology was made as inexpensive as possible.

Dr Hardesty can be contacted at: [denise.hardesty@csiro.au](mailto:denise.hardesty@csiro.au)

The recent fish kill incident at Flat Rock Gully caused by a fire at a waste facility in Artarmon was mentioned. It was queried whether this technology could have assisted in preventing this incident. It was noted that although not the direct focus of this project, sensors could be

used to monitor building sites where there is a risk of runoff entering the environment. In the future these cameras could provide information and evidence to allow councils to manage and ensure compliance at various sites.

It was queried whether sensors could monitor other contaminants such as metals. It was noted that there were sensors that could potentially be added in the future that did this, and that it may be possible to have multiple sensors in a single device.

It was asked whether sensors could detect incidents in real-time. Sensors could be set up to have multiple reads a day, which could allow council staff to note an immediate contamination event.

The meeting closed at 6:00pm.

**Signed as a true record of the meeting:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Boyd', written in a cursive style.

**Councillor Jack Boyd  
Chair, Sydney Coastal Councils Group**