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NSW Coastal Conference Showcases Beauty of Kiama

Kiama Municipal Council proudly hosted the 21st NSW Coastal Conference at The Pavilion Kiama in November, placing the region centre stage with leaders in the field of coastal management and protection.

The NSW Coastal Conference is one of the most prestigious meetings on coastal management and protection issues in NSW. Over 200 delegates from across the state had the opportunity to hear 45 papers presented on a wide range of topics, including 'the need for a multidisciplinary approach to coastal management' and 'innovative approaches to engage the community in preserving the coastline'.

The Kiama Municipality's coastline is a shared resource for the local community. Best practices to preserve and protect the natural environment are a priority for Council who will be working in partnership with local environmental and community groups.

"With evidence confirming climate change and rising sea levels, it is critical

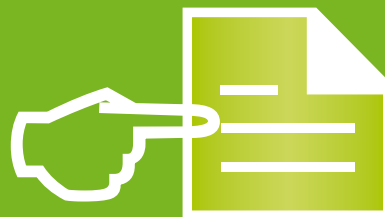


that coastal councils like ours are aware of, and equipped to act upon, the latest research findings and priorities to best manage these immense issues," commented Councillor Brian Petschler, Mayor of Kiama.

Kiama Council has completed a number of innovative environmental projects in recent times including the Kiama Coastal Walk, Riverside Drive Minnamurra Riverbank Stabilisation work and the award-winning Hindmarsh Park Stormwater Quality Treatment and Re-use project.

Conference delegates had the opportunity to view these projects first-hand as part of a series of tours hosted by Council staff.

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"The NSW Coastal Conference was a unique opportunity to highlight Kiama as a holiday destination to the delegates and speakers, as well as their families. We hope this visit will lead to some of the attendees choosing to return for a relaxing break in the future, providing a boost to the local economy," said Michael Forsyth, General Manager.

The National Sea Change Taskforce Annual General Meeting coincided with the NSW Coastal Conference, taking place at the Council Chambers to address issues that arise from Australia's 'sea change phenomenon'.

Kiama Council is a founding member of the Taskforce which aims to provide support and guidance to coastal councils attempting to manage the impact of rapid growth.



A message from the Mayor

Welcome to the December edition of Kimunico for 2012. This is a bumper issue, which reflects the number of active projects and events taking place in our Municipality. From the review of the Community Strategic Plan to major infrastructure renewal, Council is proactively engaging with the community and working to improve our area.

Council Elections

The new Council is settling in well, having already held several monthly meetings. We have also had a number of briefings from the staff on the wide range of activities that Council controls and manages, particularly on planning matters and on the rolling 10 year Community Strategic Plan and budget currently being developed for the 2013/14 financial year.

I congratulate Councillor Warren Steel, our new Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Neil Reilly, who join me as returning Councillors and welcome our new Councillors - Gavin McClure, Dennis Seage, Andrew Sloan, Kathy Rice, Mark Way and Mark Honey. I am confident that we will work closely and co-operatively for the benefit of our area.

At the elections we said goodbye to our former Mayor, Sandra McCarthy, when she decided to stand down. Sandra had an outstanding 12 year term as Mayor, setting a new record in that office, as well as some time as Deputy Mayor during her 17 years as a Councillor. Sandra can be proud of her legacy, leaving a Council that has a sound financial base, finalising a new and major planning structure for the Kiama Municipality. She played a significant role in the success of the NBN program and driving the development of the Kiama Health Plan, both of which have received much international interest. Sandra also led the Southern Councils Group during a difficult period for our regional group of Councils. Council will be formally recognising our former Mayor's service with the NSW Local Government Association early in the New Year.

At the September elections we also said farewell to former Councillors Lexie Wheeler, Monique Dare-Ward, Ben van der Wijngaart, Trevor Fredericks and Peter Bowman, all of whom did not stand for re-election. We thank them for their service and wish them well in the future.



Council's 2013/14 Budget

Council staff are already working on the proposals to be considered for the Works Program in next year's budget. When completed, that will be integrated in the Community Strategic Plan and the Operational Plan for the year.

The process involves a major period of community review, with the plans and programs proposed for 2013/14 placed on public exhibition before they can be adopted by Council.

Submissions on the Plans are invited and I would encourage interested parties to inspect the documents when they are placed on exhibition and to make representations where appropriate.

The draft budget documents and the revised Community Strategic Plan are due to be available in April/May 2013 and will be advertised when prepared. The full documents will be available on the Council's website, at the Council office and at the Library branches.

Season's Greetings

Since becoming Mayor, I have been deeply impressed by the number of residents who volunteer their time and skills to contribute to the community service groups active in our area. I have seen the work done by the combined charities in their Christmas Card Shop in the old Council Chambers, with ladies from the Red Cross, the Children's Medical Research Committee, along with a number of other charitable groups, volunteering to sell the cards to raise funds for those they assist.

I recently received a wonderful assortment of wooden toys from the men of the Kiama Men's Shed - all lovingly carved, constructed and painted, for the Mayor's Giving Tree. These toys will gladden the hearts of children at Christmas, who might otherwise miss out.

There are so many volunteers in a range of other groups, all working to assist their fellow residents to help make our municipality a great place in which to live.

On behalf of Council, I would like to wish all those volunteers and all of our residents a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Brian Petschler'.

Brian Petschler,
Mayor

Kiama welcomes New Council

The Kiama Council elections took place on 8 September 2012. The new Mayor is Councillor Brian Petschler and the Deputy Mayor is Councillor Warren Steel. Councillors are Mark Honey, Gavin McClure, Neil Reilly, Kathy Rice, Dennis Seage, Andrew Sloan and Mark Way.

Council's Ordinary Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of every month at 5pm in the Kiama Council Chambers and the general public is welcome to attend.

A period of up to 90 minutes is normally allocated for public access the night prior to the Council's Ordinary Meetings from 5pm to 6.30pm. Individuals or groups are required to register to appear before Council at that time. Interested parties can register between 9.30am on the Friday preceding the meeting and 3pm on the day prior to the Council meeting.

If you would like to contact the Mayor or individual Councillors, see the back page of this issue for contact details.



Kiama Municipal Council makes history **delivering services online**

Kiama Council became the first council in Australia to deliver its services online using state-of-the-art videoconferencing and the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The live video conference was held at the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre (in the NBN first release site of Kiama Downs) in October 2012, and connected with remote users at the Kiama Library, home users in the Kiama area and officials from Federal Government offices in Canberra. This technology allowed all participants to actively engage in discussions and interact with other users in 'real time'.

Kiama's Digital Local Government Program 'Kiama Connect' enables Kiama Council to deliver workshops,

community engagement sessions and other Council services, via the NBN, to any laptop, computer, iPad or smartphone.

The outcome of this project will enable residents, or anyone online, to engage with Council digitally.

The NBN is transforming the way Kiama Council engages with its residents, facilitating communication with those groups who have traditionally been hard to reach – such as young people, frail or elderly, people with a disability, at-home parents and workers who commute out of the area.

"Kiama Council and its residents will benefit both now, and for generations to come, because of this program. It



opens the doors for communication with residents and creates a strong digital community which mirrors the strong community spirit Kiama is so well known for," said Councillor Brian Petschler, Mayor of Kiama.

Funding for the program has been provided by the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, under the Digital Local Government Program.

Free one-on-one computer training

Kiama Library's Information Technology Librarian offers free one-on-one sessions to help guide you through computer questions and queries. The session can cover topics including how to use Skype, setting up email addresses and using a laptop for the first time.

One-on-one sessions are available throughout 2013 every Monday and Friday, and every second Thursday. Bookings are essential, please call 4233 1133.



Kiama Library's Information Technology Librarian, Arthur McConnachie shows local resident Shirley Farquhar how to use Facebook.

GO Organics trial maximises NBN technology

Kiama Council utilised videoconferencing to inform and engage residents as part of its series of community engagement meetings to launch the 'GO Organics – Kitchen to Compost Revolution' Program Trial.

Go Organics is an exciting and innovative household waste collection system currently being trialled by residents on the western side of Riverside Drive. It allows food scraps to be put into the green waste bin for composting by Council, in an effort to reduce the amount of waste to landfill.



The videoconferencing link technology enabled remote participation from residents unable to physically attend the meetings taking place at the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre. Remote users were able to engage as if they were actually there in person – they could see presentations from Council staff, view video footage, hear questions from other residents and ask their own questions.

Community Strategic Plan Review 2013-2023

– We want your input!

Council is currently seeking community input into the review of the long-term vision and priorities for Kiama. So if you live, work or visit the Municipality, we want to hear from you!

This is your opportunity to have a say on the long-term vision for the future of Kiama by participating in the review of the Kiama Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2013-2023.

Since the first CSP was developed in 2011 it has been used to inform decisions made by Council and to set the agenda for long-term planning of projects, infrastructure and services.

Following the election of a new Council we are now engaging with the community to review these long-term objectives to ensure that the identified priorities remain current and accurately reflect the community's aspirations for the future.

The updated CSP will build on the previous community dialogue which resulted in the creation of the initial Plan and will continue to provide Council with the strategic direction to plan for the future.

The Community Survey included in this edition of Kimunico is your chance to comment on the objectives of the CSP, to ensure that they clearly reflect your vision and long-term aspirations for the future.

If preferred, you can complete the survey online by visiting www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

Your completed survey must be returned to Council **no later than Friday 15 February 2013**. Surveys can be returned to the Council facilities listed below:

- Kiama Council, PO Box 75, Kiama 2533
- Council's Administration Centre, 11 Manning Street, Kiama
- Kiama Library
- Gerringong Library
- Kiama Leisure Centre

Whilst surveys can be completed anonymously, any survey completed with a resident's contact details included will go into the draw to win a prize.

To complete the online survey, please visit www.kiama.nsw.gov.au and click on the link under *News and Exhibitions*.



**WIN A
PRE-PAID
VISA
CARD!**

Want to be in the running to win a \$200 pre-paid Visa card?

Simply complete our survey

and enter your name and contact details to go into the draw to win one of two \$50 pre-paid Visa cards drawn each month for December 2012 and January 2013, and the major prize of a \$200 pre-paid Visa card drawn at the end of February 2013.



Review of Special Rate Variation

Following extensive community consultation in 2009 and early 2010 Kiama Municipal Council made applications to increase its general income for each of the next four (4) years by 6.5%.

Due to the pending Integrated Planning process each council was required to undertake, the Minister provided a limited approval for Council to increase its rates by 6.5% for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 financial years, with the variations expiring in 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.

It was expected that Council would apply for the additional two (2) years of 6.5% rate rises following the completion of the Integrated Planning process involving the preparation of a



Community Strategic Plan and long-term financial plan.

Following the implementation of a number of efficiencies by Council and the availability of low interest loans for infrastructure improvements by the new NSW Government, Council has recently resolved to not proceed with the additional two (2) years of 6.5% rate increases while seeking to retain the rate base provided by the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 rate increases.

It would mean that Council would commence the 2013/2014 financial year with the existing rating base and apply the recently approved Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) rate peg increase of 3.4% which applies to all NSW local councils.

Kiama Library staff **reveal secrets of toys at night** in new book

If you have ever visited the children's section at the Library you would have met the toys who live there.

During the day they lie quietly, oblivious to the passing parade of children and adults. But at night it is a different story – they climb the shelves, remove the books and read stories to each other!

'The Amazing and Incredibly True Story of the Animals Who Live at Kiama Library' is a lovely story of what our library toys get up to when nobody is around. The cleaning staff contributed to the mischief and Library staff took the incriminating pictures and provided the text.

If you would like to meet the stars of this amazing publication, they are available for interviews every day in the Library! Unfortunately, since the publication, 'Rat', the ring leader of the group has gone missing; the stardom



went to his head and he has gone off to seek fame and fortune. If he doesn't return soon we will be seeking a replacement.

If you would like to read about the adventures of the Library toys, there are a number of copies available for loan. You can also buy your very own copy; please contact the Library staff who can print a beautiful colour copy for just \$25.

Do your children have the **building blocks of success?**

Kiama Library will be running its very popular LEGO® Building Competition again on Monday 14 January and Tuesday 15 January 2013.



Children aged between 5 and 12 years can participate in either of these sessions and entry forms are available from the Library or downloadable at www.library.kiama.nsw.gov.au Prizes will be awarded in various age categories. Places are very limited – so make sure you get your entry forms in early!

Many thanks to LEGO® for the loan of the blocks used to make all the amazing constructions.

For more information contact Kiama Library staff by email library@kiama.nsw.gov.au or telephone (02) 4233 1133.

The **Summer Reading Club** is back!

The successful Summer Reading Club returns in 2013.

This is a national program, led by the State Library of



Queensland, in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and other state libraries.

Summer Reading Club activities at Kiama Library will run from Saturday 15 December 2012 until Friday 25 January 2013. The theme is 'Untangled Tales' and during the summer holidays, children and young people will come together to explore and untangle magical and wonderful tales from all over the world.

On the Summer Reading Club website, authors will be providing hints and tips to aspiring writers, writing book raves and sharing their own tangled tales.

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities. Help make the 2013 Summer Reading Club bigger and better than last year! Register at the Summer Reading Club website at www.summerreadingclub.org.au

A family who **LOVE** our library



The Koorey family are local residents who make the most of what the Kiama Library has to offer.

Amanda, Dean and their children Zeffani (9 years), Tahlia (8 years) and Tasman (6 years) are always at their maximum quota for books. But as Amanda explains, there are so many other resources and activities available to the local community.

"We absolutely love the Kiama Library and I've been a regular visitor for a number of years. I went to Children's Storytime every week for five years and I'm sad now my youngest child is at school! The librarians are a fabulous bunch with awesome customer service. They are always really friendly and helpful, and make each library visit a very positive experience.

I enjoy reading the wide range of magazines while the kids are pottering around and we often hire DVDs to watch at home, which are great on a rainy weekend. The Toy Library is just fantastic – I joke that we practically own the ride-on red car! The kids also take part in the holiday programs including the LEGO® Building Competition and Summer Reading Club.

My husband Dean doesn't miss out, as he takes advantage of the Digital Hub and works from the Library a couple of days a week. There really is something for everyone."

Kiama Youth Centre **search** for media presenters

Have you ever dreamed of being a TV or radio presenter? Are you between 12-18 years of age? Then the Kiama Youth Centre wants to hear from you!

Youth Centre TV and Radio Podcasts are trial projects to be driven by local youth, with the support of the Kiama Council Youth Centre. They are projects which seek to assist local youth to network with like minded people and develop their skills in presenting and communicating online.

Youth Centre TV

This is a series of vodcasts featuring 'what's on' in the Kiama, Gerringong, Jamberoo and Minnamurra areas. It also covers interviews with local artists, musicians and sports stars. The aim is for the show to be produced, directed and promoted by young people and it will be accessible to everyone in the Kiama Local Government Area.

Participants will learn how to script, film and produce the show and will attend production meetings. The creative input of young people is very important to ensure the show is relevant to teens, so they want your ideas!

Radio Podcast Project

Kiama Youth Centre also needs presenters, music lovers, techies and an enthusiastic and dedicated 'street team' to help promote a new Radio Podcast that will feature youth music and talkback.

Production meetings are held at Kiama Youth Centre, based in Hindmarsh Park, at 3.30pm each Wednesday afternoon.

Anyone aged 12-18 years interested in becoming involved in these projects should contact Kiama Youth Centre at kiayouth@internode.net.au or telephone on (02) 4233 1276.

KIAMA YOUTH SERVICES

DECEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2012

Call 4233 1276, email kiayouth@internode.net.au or visit www.kiama.nsw.gov.au for more

FRI 21 DEC
'YOUTH CINEMA NIGHT'
HINDMARSH PARK, KIAMA
FREE, 8.30 – 10PM, ALL
AGES, FULLY SUPERVISED

SAT 22 DEC
'POPCORN AND MOVIE
DAY', KIAMA YOUTH
CENTRE, 12 – 4PM, FREE

WED 9, 16, 23 JAN
'YOUTH CENTRE TV AND
RADIO WORKSHOPS'
LEARN HOW TO PRESENT
AND CREATE RADIO AND
TV SHOWS!
KIAMA YOUTH CENTRE, 3
– 5PM

THUR 10, 17 JAN
'LEARN HOW TO KNIT AND
CROCHET'
KIAMA YOUTH CENTRE,
FREE, 2- 4PM

FRI 11, 18 JAN
'GUITAR LESSONS'
KIAMA YOUTH CENTRE,
FREE, 2- 4PM

SAT 12, 19 JAN
'YOUTH CENTRE
ON THE ROAD'
JAMBEROO SKATE PARK
(12th)

'YOUTH CENTRE
ON THE ROAD'
SURF BEACH, KIAMA (19th)
GIVE-A-WAYS, BBQ,
MUSIC, CRICKET
12 – 3PM

SUN 27 JAN
'CHILL OUT DAY'
LOCAL BANDS
FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE,
2 - 5PM, FREE



**ALL YOUTH
CENTRE EVENTS
& PROGRAMS
ARE DRUG AND
ALCOHOL FREE
AND FULLY
SUPERVISED**

Arts Biz Conference delivers cultural connection

On 19 October 2012 Kiama held its first Arts Biz Conference attended by local residents, artists and organisations, with the aim of undertaking the 'business of the arts' in a more effective way.

A wide range of guest speakers took part including Marie-Louise Carroll from Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF); Andrea Hope, owner of Kiama Art Gallery; David Christopher, local musician and song writer; Eevi Stein, Publicity Officer for the Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival; Kelli Ryan, Founder Boolarng Nangamai Aboriginal Arts and Culture Studio; Debbie Little Hales, Manager of Kiama Community College; and Jack Druce, local comedian and comedy writer.

Participants spent time discussing local arts culture and its future in Kiama. Through this process local

artists were able to build partnerships and connections, voice their wishes and vision for the future, as well as collaborate on future projects and program ideas.

Outcomes from the Arts Biz Conference will be used to inform an arts planning document to cover the next four years of work within the Kiama local government area. Projects that will be explored further include:

- Marketing and awareness activities profiling Kiama's arts industry
- A cultural arts trail
- Development of the Kiama Cultural Network Blog site kiamaculturenetwork.wordpress.com
- AbaF workshops
- Cultural arts festivals

Following the success of the inaugural event, a second Arts Biz Conference will take place in the future.



School Holiday Beach Lifeguard Patrol Hours

From the 17 December 2012 through to the 28 January 2013 the following beaches will be patrolled 7 days a week.

Jones Beach | 10am – 6pm

Kiama Downs Surf Club patrol each Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday; all other days Kiama Municipal Council Lifeguards carry out patrols.

Bombo Beach | 10am – 6pm

Kiama Council Lifeguards patrol each day.

Surf Beach | 9am – 6pm

Kiama Surf Club patrol each Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday; all other days Kiama Council Lifeguards carry out patrols.

Kendalls Beach | 10am – 6pm

Kiama Council Lifeguards patrol each day.

Easts Beach | 10am – 6pm

Kiama Council Lifeguards patrol each day.

Werri Beach | 10am – 6pm

Gerringong Surf Club patrol each Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday; all other days Kiama Council Lifeguards carry out patrols.

Seven Mile Beach | 10am – 6pm

Kiama Council Lifeguards patrol each day.

Surf Beach will be patrolled 7 days a week from 29 January to 30 April 2013. Jones Beach and Werri Beach will be patrolled only on weekends during this period. All other beaches will be unpatrolled from 29 January 2013.



Kiama
Leisure Centre

Summer fun at the **Kiama Leisure Centre**



It's great fun to swim, exercise and be active during the summer months and Kiama Leisure Centre has a range of fantastic programs for everyone to enjoy now the weather is warmer and the days are longer – regardless of age, fitness levels or interests!

Christmas Opening Times

Christmas Eve	5.45am–4pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	9am–4pm
27 Dec – 30 Dec	Normal Hours
New Year's Eve	5.45am–4pm
New Year's Day	9am–4pm

School Holiday Activities

January school holiday activities commence on Wednesday 2 January 2013 and include gym, craft, sports and the Pool Toy.

Bookings accepted from Monday 17 December 2012.

Visit **www.kiama.nsw.gov.au** to download the School Holiday brochure or pick one up from the Leisure Centre reception.

For more information on the Kiama Leisure Centre activities call (02) 4232 1877, visit **www.kiama.nsw.gov.au** or come in and see the friendly team at reception.

Swimming Lessons January School Holidays and Term 1 2013

School Holidays – Bookings from 3 December 2012 for a 5 day intensive program. Programs commence:

- 7 – 11 January 2013
- 14 – 18 January 2013
- 21 – 25 January 2013

Term 1 2013

Are you thinking about swimming lessons for next year?

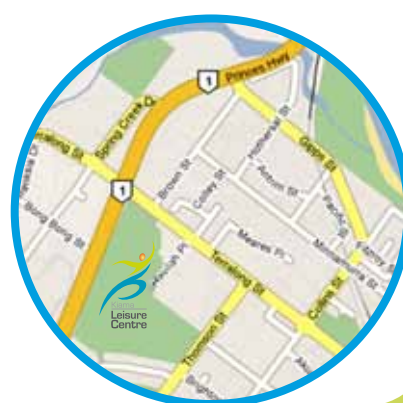
Book early to avoid missing out!

Term 1 bookings commences on 3 December 2012 for CURRENT term 4 enrolled swimmers, and 17 December 2012 for all NEW swimmers.

Fitness and Aqua

Christmas Holiday Schedule

See the Kiama Municipal Council Website or Leisure Centre Reception from 10 December 2012.



C'mon Aussie!

Celebrate what's great this Australia Day



Australia Day

Australia Day Council of New South Wales

Join fellow Australians on Saturday 26 January to 'Celebrate what's great' on Australia Day!

Millions of people Australia-wide will attend either an organised community event, or get together with family and friends with the intention of commemorating our national day.

Kiama Council is hosting a range of activities so the local community can come together to celebrate what it means to be Australian. It's the day to reflect on our local achievements as well as recommit to making Australia and our municipality an even better place for the future.

AUSTRALIA DAY LOCAL EVENTS

Invitation only

Australia Day Awards Ceremony

Thurs 17 January 2013

The Pavilion from 5pm

Public events

Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

Saturday 26 January 2013

Hindmarsh Park (outside the Kiama Community Centre) from 11am

Australia Day Breakfast Events

Saturday 26 January 2013

Various venues from 7am - 11am

- Kiama Downs, Jones Beach
- Jamberoo, Reid Park
- Kiama, Surf Beach
- Gerringong, Werri Beach (south end)

For more information:
www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

Illawarra In Home Support Service an award-winning team

Illawarra In Home Support (IIHS) is part of Kiama Council's community support services and has been providing volunteer services to Kiama and Shellharbour local communities for over 20 years.

The team of dedicated and positive volunteers has been publicly recognised for their amazing contribution to the community – winning the Regional 2012 Illawarra Volunteer Team of the Year award and receiving an acknowledgement as part of the NSW 2012 Carers Award.



Their services support people who are frail or aged, younger people with a disability, and their carers. IIHS also helps people who are transport disadvantaged, supporting them to remain living independently in their homes. The volunteer team plays a valuable role in community life, making a significant social and economic contribution through leadership, support and services, which benefit everyone.

There are 68 active volunteers who work across a range of volunteer programs including community transport, respite and social support. Volunteers provide valued support by driving the buses to medical appointments and social groups, assisting with activities and facilitating social groups. They also work one-on-one with clients and carers to provide much-needed respite and social support.

For more information:
www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

Exercise made easy with new outdoor fitness equipment

Local residents may have noticed new outdoor fitness equipment dotting the coastline, making it easy to get fit wherever you are!

Kiama Council installed the equipment in September 2012 across nine separate locations stretching from Boat Harbour to Surf Beach Headland.

People of all ages and fitness levels can now exercise whilst enjoying some truly spectacular scenery.

Each piece of equipment is made from marine grade, environmentally-friendly materials to weather the elements over time.

There are also instructions on how to safely use the equipment, plus a soft fall surface underneath.

The feedback so far has been extremely positive – let us know what YOU think by emailing council@kiama.nsw.gov.au



'CUT OUT & KEEP' OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT LOCATIONS

Boat Harbour near the car park

- Body twist
- Elliptical trainer

Near Storm Bay

- Step-ups
- Body dips
- Twin sit-up benches

Near Kiama Showground car park

- Push-up bars
- Step-ups

Coronation Park

- Aerobic cycle and chest press
- Chin-up bars

Surf Beach Headland near the playground

- Elliptical trainer and pull downs

The Pavilion Kiama attracts brides beyond NSW borders

Victorian high school sweethearts Laura Pattison, 22 and Mitch Gaffney, 20 were searching for the perfect venue for their beach wedding set for 23 September 2012.



The couple knew they didn't want to get married in Melbourne and, when they set off from their home in Wantirna near the Victorian Dandenongs earlier this year, Hyams Beach was top of their list – until they reached Kiama.



Kiama's coastal location, plus the close proximity of The Pavilion Kiama to Black Beach for the wedding ceremony, made it the perfect setting.


Mitch and Laura wanted their wedding to be personalised, which meant travelling the 10 hours from home with two ute-loads of decor for the personalised ceremony!

Unique touches included a lemonade stand, a dressing table for programs and a hand-made, moss-covered wooden arch adorned with the words "Today I marry my best friend".

"Everything was absolutely perfect. When I saw the weather in Melbourne was 17°C and raining on the wedding day, and it was 26°C and sunny in Kiama, I knew we'd made the right decision" said Laura.








Imagine your wedding celebrations in a magnificent coastal backdrop...

Make your wedding day a day to remember as you and your guests celebrate in style at The Pavilion Kiama.

A backdrop of magnificent emerald waves and white sand beaches will give you the perfect setting for beautiful photographs and the most memorable occasion.

Speak to our event coordinators about creating a unique and unforgettable wedding.






P 02 4232 1419

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Kiama Small Business Forum Upcoming Events

February 2013

- Kiama LGA - Business Report Card on Census Results – Future Opportunities
- Local NBN Business Opportunities and Launch of the NBN Digital Local Government Program

19 March 2013

- 'E-tail' Stage 1 - Future trends and Opportunities for the Retail Sector

27 March 2013

- 'E-Tail' Stage 2 - How to capitalise and benefit from online retailing

May 2013

- 'Picking your Mark'- techniques for key customers

July 2013

- Using Social Media – Business friend or foe?

24 August 2013

- Kiama Small Business Expo

October 2013

- How to deliver Exceptional Customer Service

For more information about the Kiama Small Business Forum and the meetings please contact Economic Development Manager Megan Hutchison
meganh@kiama.nsw.gov.au
 or 0407 289947.





Coming Soon: E-waste collection event

Kiama Council is currently planning an e-waste collection event to take place at the Minnamurra Recycling Depot, which will enable residents to dispose of their unwanted e-waste items free of charge.

Confirmation of dates and accepted items will be provided to all residents through advertisements in local newspapers and a letterbox drop.

Residents are asked to retain their unwanted e-waste until this event, which is proposed to take place in February 2013.



Happy holidays with **weekly recycling service**



Kiama Council will be providing additional weekly recycling services throughout December 2012 and January 2013 in recognition of the increase in packaging and recyclable materials generated over the holiday season.

Since its inception back in 2010, Council has seen a significant increase in the amount of recyclable material collected from the additional weekly recycling services. As a result, weekly recycling is now a regular service provided during the December and January holiday period. There will be four extra recycling services provided per zone between 1 December 2012 and 31 January 2013.

These services have been included in the waste and recycling calendars distributed to all households in July. If you did not receive your calendar please collect it from Kiama Council, Administration Centre, 11 Manning Street, Kiama or check Kiama Council's website at www.kiama.nsw.gov.au/environmental-services/waste-and-recycling-urban

Join the **Fridge Buyback Brigade!**



Fridge Buyback is an award-winning residential energy savings program that actually pays you to help save the environment and reduce your power bills by giving up your old second fridge or upright freezer.

Old fridges are one of the biggest energy users in the home, consuming up to three times the energy of new fridges. Running a typical second fridge adds an average of \$300 a year to your power bill and puts one tonne of carbon pollution into the environment. And, old upright freezers use almost as much power as an old fridge.

Fridge Buyback provides regular collection runs to the Kiama Municipality. Fridge Buyback provides residents with free collections by professional removalists and a \$35 rebate if the removal of the appliance involves 6 steps or less. Fridge Buyback operates under the NSW Government's Energy Savings Scheme and is supported by Kiama Council.

support your local produce market

Kiama Produce Markets

Christmas Market
black beach kiama

Where taste really matters: fresh & fabulous!
LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY



Kiama Produce Market is an initiative of Kiama Municipal Council.

When:
Saturday 22 Dec
8am-3pm

MAKE A PURCHASE
& GO IN THE DRAW TO
WIN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Merry Christmas



Your Municipality's **smoke-free** areas are at **all**:

- Approved alfresco dining areas located on Council footpaths
- Sporting grounds and fields
- Public playgrounds
- Public swimming pools including rock pools
- Council-run and sponsored events



Who let the dogs out?

Dog ownership is an integral part of family life and Kiama Council offers its residents and visitors eight coastal locations for the off-leash exercise and recreation of dogs, whilst under the control of their owners or handlers.

Bombo Beach is a particularly popular spot during summer, which can be used for off-leash activities from sunrise to sunset. Dog owners are reminded to follow the Conditions of Use for this area, in particular:

- Dogs are only permitted to enter or exit Bombo Beach off-leash area via the shortest practical route from the fenced walkway that passes under the railway bridge from Hothersal Street car park at the southern end
- Dogs are only permitted off-leash and to swim in the centre area of Bombo Beach as indicated by southern and northern limit signs erected on the beach.

Kiama Council's Ranger Service promotes the responsible use of off-leash areas and infringements will be issued for offences. These include dogs in a prohibited place (\$330), dogs off-leash in a public place (\$220) and failure to remove dog faeces (\$275).

Local residents and visitors must adhere to the Off-leash areas Conditions of Use, for the benefit of the whole community.

The 'Dog Off-Leash Areas Conditions of Use' booklet is available from Kiama Council, Administration Centre, 11 Manning Street, Kiama. If you require Ranger assistance during the holiday period please call 0409 917 092.



The Companion Animal Advisory Committee
Back row: Gordon Bell, Tony Mitchell, Roger Bogaert, Mark Way Front row: Tom Ward, Kevin Hodgson, Kim Elder, Dennis Tracey

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Nominations are being sought for a new member of the Companion Animal Advisory Committee.

For further information, or to express your interest, please contact Kiama Council's Ranger Service on 4232 0444.

Kiama Family History Centre releases new material

The Kiama Family History Centre has a wonderful selection of material available for purchase including the following:

Death in Print

Death in Print has been compiled as a research tool for use by family, local and social historians. The Kiama Family History Centre is fortunate to have full access to all birth, death and marriage events recorded at the Kiama Courthouse for the period 1856-1920.

Deaths, Obituaries & Inquests as Reported in the Kiama Examiner & Kiama Independent 1859 – 1919 Vol (A-L) & Vol 2 (M-Z)

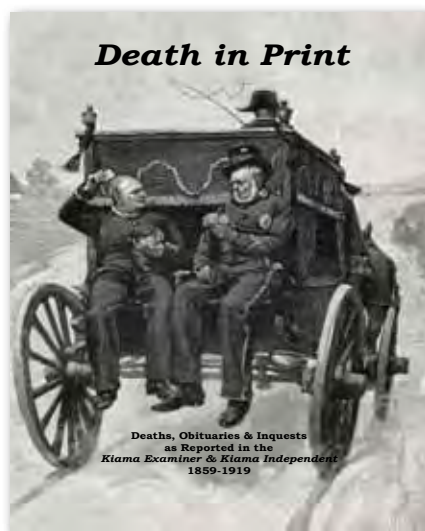
Book costs \$45.00 including GST and postage
CD costs \$35.00 including GST and postage

Note: These books are sold together as a set and cannot be separated.

Bombo Public School Admission Book 1914-1948 & Punishment Book 1930-1941

The Admissions Book is a record of students attending the school between 1914 and 1948 and includes information such as when a child started school, the child's former school, when they left, their occupation on leaving, the

name of the child's parents or guardian and their occupation. The Punishment Book records punishment to individual students by the teacher in charge for the period 1930 – 1941.
CD costs \$25.00 including GST and postage



For further information please contact the Family History Centre on (02) 4233 1122 or visit in person at 7 Railway Parade, Kiama 2533.

In the Works



The following major projects are proposed from December 2012 to February 2013:

- ✓ **Completion of the Black Beach Amenities Block**
- ✓ **Completion of the Blackwood Street, Gerringong footpath and Local Area Traffic Management works.** This involves construction of footpaths on the northern and southern side of Blackwood Street, from Fern Street to the shopping area, construction of a pedestrian crossing point, road line marking and parking signage
- ✓ **Road resurfacing work on Clover Hill Road, Minnamurra Lane, Young Street, Allowrie Street and Churchill Street**
- ✓ **Continuation of Streetscape improvement work in Terralong Street.** This involves replacing sections of old existing concrete and paved areas with new pavers
- ✓ **Continuation of the construction of a footpath in Belinda Street, Gerringong, between Noble Street and Tasman Drive.**





New Year's Eve Family Fireworks

31 December 2012

Get down to Black Beach early to stake out a good vantage spot to watch the spectacular New Year's Eve fireworks at 9pm. Enjoy the food stalls, music, face painting and carnival atmosphere with family and friends as you see in 2013.

Gerringong Pics and Flicks

Friday 4 January 2013

Come and join us at the movies! Screened in the Gerringong Town Hall, movies are only \$10 and kick off at 8pm. The film "Smithy" will be shown on 4 January as part of the 80th celebrations of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's flight from Seven Mile Beach to New Zealand.

Bob Churton Memorial Gerringong Surf Spectacular

Saturday 5 January 2013

This event is a memorial to former Gerringong surf-lifesaver Bob Churton who died of leukaemia in 1997. The day will begin with breakfast on the beach followed by many events including fish-offs and fish auctions, fashion parades, beach volleyball, BBQs and refreshments.

Captain Christie Classic Ocean Surf Swim and Surfboard Paddle

Sunday 6 January 2013

Captain Christie Classic Ocean Surf Swim and Surfboard Paddle is an annual 1.8km ocean swim or surfboard paddle from Gerringong Boat Harbour to Warri Beach. Public entries are welcome and registrations take place from 8.30am with a 10.00am start, followed by presentations at the Surf Club at 12.30pm.

80th Celebrations of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's flight from Seven Mile Beach to New Zealand

Friday 11 January - Sunday 13 January 2013

Celebrations to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's flight from Seven Mile Beach to New Zealand will get underway on Friday 11 January with a guest speaker in the Gerringong Town Hall from 7.30pm at a cost of \$10.00 per person. On Saturday 12 January the Gerroa markets will be on and there will be a display of photos of the plane and crowds on Seven Mile Beach in 1933, an aerial flyover, vintage car and bike display, and kite flying. The weekend's festivities end with a fun golf day at Gerringong Golf Course.

Rotary Antique and Collectables Fair

Friday 18 January - Sunday 20 January 2013

Taking place at the Kiama Leisure Centre, this event is organised by Kiama Rotary and features local, country and interstate dealers selling furniture, jewellery, linen, clocks, silver, china, books, glass and much more.

Children's Charity Fishing Tournament

Sunday 20 January 2013

Kicking off at 9am for only \$5 per child, this event aims to encourage children to participate in the healthy outdoor sport of fishing and conservation of fish stocks (all fish are released). Funds from the day will be donated to a worthy children's charity.

The Kiama Show

Friday 25 January - Saturday 26 January 2013

The 165th Kiama Show is the major event of the year, bringing together business, agriculture and the community. Taking place at the Showground located right beside Kiama's Surf Beach, the event is best described as the local community putting Kiama on show. The action packed program also includes rodeo, hay stacking competition, farmyard nursery, reptile exhibition, pet show, mini horse trotting, whip cracking exhibitions, clowns, street theatre and much more, culminating in Saturday night's grand finale spectacular fireworks display.

The Stomping of the Grapes!

Saturday 9 February 2013

A fantastic opportunity to get amongst the grape juices at Crooked River! Make a day of it and enjoy wine tasting and lunch while you are there. Stomping is \$10 per person with proceeds to the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Kiama Rugby Sevens Tournament

Saturday 23 February 2013

Now in its 41st year, the Kiama Sevens is a 48 team seven-a-side knock out competition with a total of \$20,000 in prize money up for



grabs. This year the spectacular will kick off at 8.30am at the rugby fields at The Pavilion and the final will conclude around 6.30pm. This year a women's competition is also being held on the same day.

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Kiama Municipal Council will be closed from 4.15pm on Friday 21 December 2012 and will re-open at 8.45am on Wednesday 2 January 2013.

Emergency Assistance Contact Numbers

- Works, roads and parks: 0417 686 477
- Garbage and recycling: 4237 5148
- Rangers: 0409 917 092

