



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

To be held at 10.30am on

Thursday 3 August 2017

Kiama High School

Saddleback Mountain Road, KIAMA NSW 2533

Order of Business

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional owners
- 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 4 Business Arising From The Minutes
- 5 Reports for Information
- 6 Submissions by Student Representative Council
- 7 Questions Without Notice
- 8 Closure

Members

His Worship the Mayor
Councillor M Honey
Councillor K Rice
Deputy Mayor
Councillor M Brown
Councillor N Reilly
Councillor A Sloan
Councillor W Steel
Councillor D Watson
Councillor M Way
Councillor M Westhoff

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA

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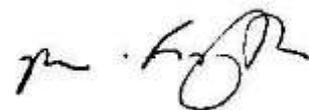
To the Chairman & Councillors:

NOTICE OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

You are respectfully requested to attend an **Youth Engagement Meeting** of the Council of Kiama, to be held in the **Kiama High School**

Saddleback Mountain Road, KIAMA NSW 2533 on **Thursday 3 August 2017** commencing at for the consideration of the undermentioned business.

Yours faithfully



Michael Forsyth
General Manager

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**AGENDA FOR THE
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2017**

1 APOLOGIES

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

“On behalf of those present, I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.”

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Youth Engagement Meeting on 3 August 2016

Attachments

- 1 Minutes - Youth engagement meeting - 03/08/16 [↓](#)

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 3 August 2016 be received and accepted.



MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

commencing at 10.30am on

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2016

Kiama High School Saddleback Mountain Road,
KIAMA NSW 2533

Item 3.1

Attachment 1

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

3 AUGUST 2016

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA HELD AT THE KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL,
KIAMA, ON WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2016 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT: Mayor – Councillor B Petschler,
Deputy Mayor – Councillor W Steel,
Councillors N Reilly, K Rice, A Sloan and M Way

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Director Environmental Services, Director
Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Engineering and
Works and Director Community Services

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Honey, McClure and Seage.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Mayor declared the meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners:

“On behalf of those present, I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.”

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Youth Engagement Meeting on 4 August 2015

16/271

Resolved that the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 4 August 2015 be received and accepted.

(Councillors Reilly and Rice)

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

3 AUGUST 2016

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

16/272

Resolved that at this time, 10.40am, Council form itself into a Committee of the Whole to deal with matters listed in the Reports For Information below.

(Councillors Reilly and Rice)

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

16/273

Committee recommendation that the following Reports for Information listed for the Council's consideration be received and noted

- 5.1 Road Safety Projects 2016-2017
- 5.2 Illegal Dumping - Annual Report
- 5.3 Illawarra Youth Employment Strategy
- 5.4 NSW Biodiversity Reforms
- 5.5 Organics Kiama - Composting Options
- 5.6 Work Experience and Opportunities for Students
- 5.8 Provision of tutors at the Youth Centre and/or Library
- 5.9 Safe Schools Coalition
- 5.10 Youth Arts Scholarships
- 5.11 SENTRAL Youth Service Update
- 5.12 Kiama Youth Advisory Committee Meeting
- 5.13 Kiama Leisure Centre Fees - Student Discount.

(Councillors Reilly and Way)

5.7 Library Services - Events at the Library -

16/274

Committee recommendation that the Council enquire with the school on the possibility of student artworks being displayed at the Council Library.

(Councillors Sloan and Rice)

5.12 Kiama Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

16/275

Committee recommendation that the Council note that Item 5.3 of the Minutes of the meeting should read as follows:

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

3 AUGUST 2016

5.3 Kiama Harbour repair/clean up.

Mitch Micallef asked when the harbour area will be repaired after damage from the storm as people are tripping on broken pavement. Councillor Rice informed Mitch that the State Government has to declare the area a Natural Disaster area in order for Council to carry out repairs.

(Councillors Rice and Way)

6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 6.1 A question was raised on the possibility of improving the parking area north of the Shoalhaven Street Pre-School.

Councillor W Steel apologised and left the meeting at 11:50 AM.

- 6.2 The Student Representative Council raised concern regarding the safety of Gerroa Road near the Gerringong Golf Course. The Mayor advised that the road is a regional road and the matter will be referred for investigation.
- 6.3 The Student Representative Council requested Council to investigate there being improved lighting and other safety measures included in the public toilets adjoining the Old Fire Station Gallery. The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Engineering and Works for investigation and report.
- 6.4 The Student Representative Council commented on the new household organics program and the possibility of holding information programs for youth. The matter was referred to the Director Environmental Services for investigation and report.
- 6.5 The Student Representative Council requested Council to consider replacing the tables and seats on the footpath adjoining Hindmarsh Park due to the difficulty in seating. The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Engineering and Works for investigation and report.
- 6.6 The Student Representative Council raised the possibility of providing picnic benches and seats on the Gerringong Headland. The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Engineering and Works for investigation and report.
- 6.7 The Student Representative Council raised the need for the Bland Street footpath to be extended to West Kiama. The advice that the footpath is included in the 2016/17 program of works is to be confirmed.

7 QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

7.1 Youth Communication

Councillor Reilly requested a report in regard to the opportunity to improve communications with the youth.

7.2 Bicycles

Councillor Way asked why more seniors do not ride bicycles to school. The meeting was advised by the students of the difficulty of carrying school bags including lap tops on bicycles.

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

3 AUGUST 2016

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT -

16/276

Committee recommendation that Council formally confirm, adopt and endorse the Committee recommendations made by Council sitting as a Committee of the Whole as detailed in the Committee recommendations numbered 16/273 to 16/276.

(Councillors Rice and Way)

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.16pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 August 2016.

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Mayor

.....
General Manager

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Kiama High School - Recycling

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

At last year's Youth Engagement meeting held at Kiama High School, the students raised the possibility of holding information sessions on the organics program. From the 2016 minutes:

6.4 The Student Representative Council commented on the new household organics program and the possibility of holding information programs for youth. The matter was referred to the Director Environmental Services for investigation and report.

In response to this matter, it was determined that Kiama High School do not have a recycling system in place. Therefore, it was agreed by Council's Senior Youth Worker and Waste Management Officer that a more effective outcome would be to work with the students on developing a permanent recycling system at the school. This would have to be a student led initiative and could involve:

- Permission and commitment from School Principal to support this initiative ensuring it is included in the school's Environmental Management Plan.
- Forming an environmental team to develop the process.
- Environmental team to liaise with current waste provider, Remondis, on what recycling services they can provide.
- Conduct a waste audit to develop baseline data.
- Developing a project plan including appropriate infrastructure, location, promotion and budget.
- Conducting a post implementation waste audit to determine effectiveness.
- Providing a project report including evaluation.

Whilst the school's waste provider, Remondis Australia Pty Ltd, if approached could provide the recycling service and infrastructure, Council would be able to assist in working with the students on developing a project plan, conducting pre and post waste audits, promotion and evaluation.

It was further suggested by Council's Senior Youth Worker, that an environmental segment could be included at the monthly Youth Council meetings whereby the Waste Management Officer could attend to provide updates on the project.

5.2 Employee Matters - Lunch and Learn Wednesday 5 July 2017Responsible Director: Finance, Corporate and Commercial Services

Kiama High School's Caterina Loss presented her award winning essay on 'Empowerment of Women' at the July Lunch and Learn event for Council employees.

Lunch and Learn is a forum for sharing ideas and learnings from recent events. It operates on the following basis:

- it helps to create a feeling that people 'know what's going on'
- the best way to learn is to teach someone else
- sharing new information reinforces the value of the information
- sharing helps to maximise the return on Council's training expenditure
- it creates opportunity for professional networking within the organisation
- employees can practice presentations skills in a safe environment and
- it is an informal opportunity to meet with senior staff.

Council has long had a strong commitment to diversity and equity. As such, two of our employees, Marianna Parish and Alana Lord, participated in the International Women's Day event at the Nan Tien Institute in February. As one of the presenters, Kiama High School's Catarina Loss read her award winning essay on the topic "Empowerment".

Marianna and Alana were so moved by Catarina's essay that they suggested we invite her to share her thoughts with the wider employee group. As such, Catarina was key-note speaker at the July Lunch and Learn event. Catarina challenged our thinking about what empowerment means and how we see women being 'positioned' in society. As many employees asked for copies of her essay, Catarina generously shared it for access on our intranet.

Council commends Catarina for her success and the public recognition of her inspirational leadership within the Kiama Community.

5.3 Road Safety Projects 2017-2018

Responsible Director: Engineering and Works

Council will run a series of road safety projects for 2017/2018 for young drivers in the 17-25-year-old age group.

These road safety projects are run in accordance with the Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP) funded by Roads and Maritime Services. The LGRSP aims to assist Kiama Municipal Council to reduce the likelihood of deaths and injuries from road trauma in the local community.

Council's Road Safety Officer has developed an Action Plan setting out the Council's road safety activities over a three-year period 2015/16 to 2017/18.

Young drivers face many challenges when learning the complex task of driving a vehicle. With their inexperience, they also face a higher risk of danger. Despite making up only about 15% of all drivers, young drivers represent more than a third of annual road fatalities. Statistics show a total of 34% of casualty crashes in Kiama Municipality are in the 17-25-year-old age group.

The road safety programs outlined below are designed to help learner drivers become safe drivers. The workshop program aims to increase confidence and knowledge of supervisors and learner drivers.

Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops are held in Kiama to help supervisors of learner drivers complete the task of teaching a learner to drive. The presentations outline the restrictions on L and P plate drivers, provide practical advice on completing the learner log book and explore strategies to make for an effective learning experience.

The free workshops are held from 4pm–6pm at the Council's Administration Centre, offering parents and supervisors of learner driver's practical advice about:

- supervising learner drivers
- completing the learner driver log book
- providing on road driving practice and
- L and P plate licence laws.

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops will be held:

- Wednesday 16 August 2017
- Wednesday 18 October 2017
- Wednesday 18 April 2018.

Log Book Runs

Learner Driver Log Book Runs are held in conjunction with Shellharbour City Council. These events are free and provide an opportunity for learners and their

Reports for Information

5.3 Road Safety Projects 2017-2018 (cont)

supervisors to experience a wide range of road and traffic conditions as well as experiencing random breath testing, driver reviver stop and radar speed check. In addition, these events provide access to road safety professionals, highway police officers and peers in a positive non-threatening environment. Daylight and night time log book runs are held regularly and all learner drivers must have 40 or more log book hours to attend.

The next free day time log book runs are scheduled for:

- Sunday 24 September 2017 from 10am to 12.30pm
- Sunday 10 June 2018 from 10am to 12.30pm.

The next free night time log book run is scheduled for:

- Tuesday 10 April 2018 from 6pm to 8pm.

The third annual Ultimate Log Book Run (ULBR), which is combined with Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils, is an opportunity for learner drivers and their supervisors to experience a series of practical and powerful demonstrations on a planned route while gaining log book hours. The next ULBR is scheduled for:

- Sunday 25 March 2018

Safer Driver Course.

The popularity of the Safer Driver Course has led to its expansion to service almost 250 locations throughout NSW, with a training provider now in Kiama.

The course was launched in July 2013 by the Minister of Transport for NSW to teach young learner drivers about making the right decisions behind the wheel, helping them stay safe when they graduate to P-plates. The Safer Driver Course is a combined theoretical and practical course for under 25-year-old learner drivers who have completed 50 log book driving hours.

The course involves a three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. The second part of the course is a two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to help learner drivers practice a range of safe driving behaviors.

Research has shown that young drivers are at greatest risk of crashing in the first six months of independent driving (P1 licence). The course aims to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances so they are more prepared when they drive unsupervised on their provisional licences. The course also aims to help learners identify situations that will put them at greater risk of a crash and consider strategies that will help avoid them.

After completing the course, a learner will receive 20 hours of credit in their log book, meaning they only need to complete 100 hours of supervised driving outside the course. If they also do 10 hours* of professional driving lessons, they will receive a further 20 hours of credit on top of the 10 hours they drive during the lessons.

Course costs apply.

** Professional lessons totaling more than ten hours will not provide additional credit.*

Reports for Information

5.3 Road Safety Projects 2017-2018 (cont)

Safety around Schools Project 2016/2017 turn around bay

Kiama Council has recently completed changes to regulatory signage and installed a new turn around bay facility on Saddleback Mountain Road.

Funding for the project was received through Roads and Maritime Services, Safety around School's Program.

Modifications to the "No Parking" and "No Stopping" zones on school days only and the installation of a formal turnaround bay area have been reported by Kiama High School to have helped to improve road safety around the school.

Drivers now are able to travel a short distance west of the High School on Saddleback Mountain Road to utilise the new turnaround bay which has improved the picking up and setting down of students on the school side of the road and eliminates the need for parents and careers to undertake three point turns in front of the school gate.

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Observing the road rules will protect school children, with drivers reminded to always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days. Observe all parking signs as they are planned with safety in mind.

More information on the above safer driving programs can be obtained by contacting Council's Road Safety Officer on 4232 0444 or on Council's web site at: www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

5.4 Trial of SMART Drumlines

Responsible Director: Finance, Corporate and Commercial Services

Item 5.4

At its 22 June 2017 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to support a NSW Government trial of Shark Management Alert in Real Time (SMART) drumlines at suitable locations along the Kiama coastline.

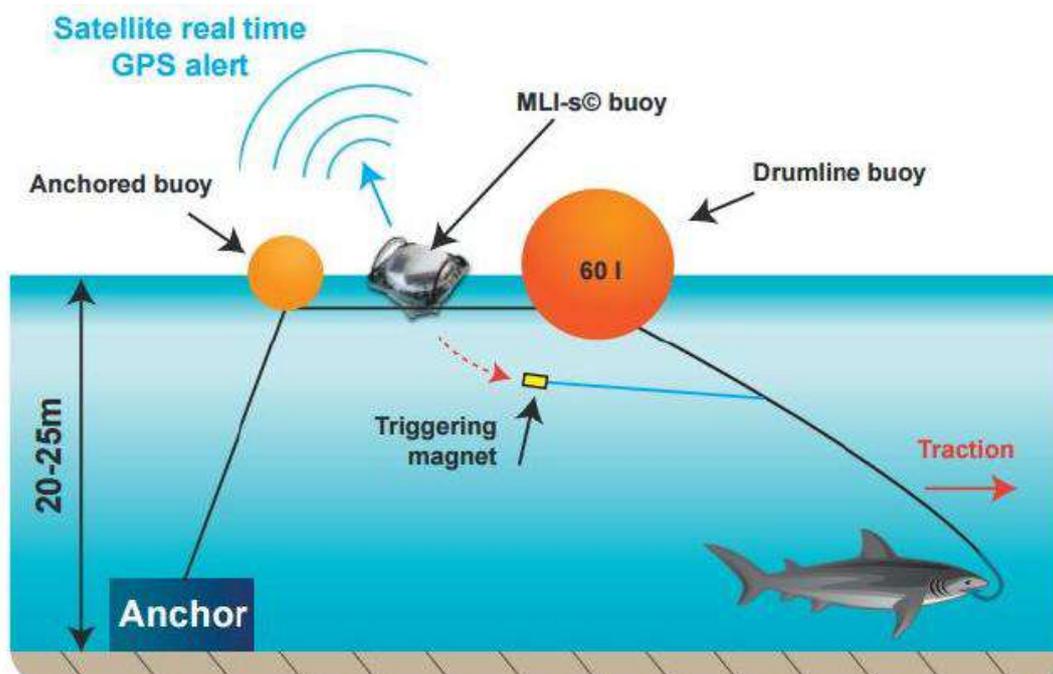
The six-month trial will commence in November 2017 and will involve the deployment by the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) of up to 10 drumlines, at locations to be determined in consultation with Council staff.

Prior to the launch of the trial, shark experts from the DPI will undertake a range of community engagement activities on the SMART drumline trial and on shark education more generally. These activities are planned to commence during the September/October school holiday period.

What are SMART Drumlines?

The SMART drumline is a “catch and release” tool that is designed to allow for the tagging of sharks and for the ongoing monitoring and analysis of those shark movements.

The drumline comprises of an anchor and rope, two buoys, and a satellite-linked communications unit which is attached to a trace and baited hook. When a shark is hooked, the pressure on the line triggers an electronic alarm, which alerts the monitoring team. The team then responds immediately to the alert to manage the animal.



Dangerous Shark Species captured by these drumlines (i.e. White, Bull and Tiger Sharks) are tagged for future detection by the VR4G listening stations that are located along the NSW coast. One of these listening stations is located off Kiama’s Surf Beach.

Reports for Information

5.4 Trial of SMART Drumlines (cont)



Item 5.4

Trial results to date

One trial of SMART drumlines has already been conducted off the NSW North Coast. That five-month trial resulted in the capture of 29 target sharks (24 White, 3 Tiger and 2 Bull sharks); 28 were released alive and one (White shark) was deceased (entangled). In addition, two non-target animals (both Grey nurse sharks) were caught and both were released alive.

5.5 Physical health program for people experiencing mental illnessResponsible Director: Community Services

Active 8 is a physical health program for people experiencing mental illness run by Neami National (Neami National is a community mental health service supporting people living with mental illness to improve their health, live independently and pursue a life based on their own strengths, values and goals). The program which promotes healthy and sustainable eating will be running for six weeks at North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre. Active 8 is:

- free and open to anyone who has an experience of mental illness
- has identified a physical health goal that's related to obesity/being overweight
- is aged over 16 and resides in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven region.

The program will cover topics like growing your own food, the benefits of sustainable eating, seasonal cooking and sourcing healthy food at affordable prices. The program will start on Thursdays 17 August, 2017, 10am-12pm (for six weeks) at North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre, Meehan Drive, Kiama Downs. For referral or registration forms, or for more information, contact Helen Piper at Neami Wollongong – active8@neaminational.org.au / 0438 947 594

5.6 Youth Arts Scholarship Grants

Responsible Director: Community Services

Council is advised of the next round of the Youth Arts Scholarship Grants available to young people of the Kiama local government area, aged 12 to 21 years.

The Youth Arts Scholarship is part of the August funding round each year, and will close this year on Sunday 20 August.

The aim of the scholarships is; *to further the arts ambitions and futures of local young people.*

Funds will be made available for:

- Mentoring and tutoring of advanced level skills
 - Basic skill level development for disadvantaged young people
- Disadvantage will include young people experiencing the following:
- a disability; physical, intellectual or mental illness
 - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background
 - Family financial circumstances that exclude access to basic art skills development in a selected medium or genre

Scholarship grants of up to \$1000 will be made available for each successful applicant. A maximum total funds of \$2000 is available each round.

Application forms and more information can be provided by contacting Councils Community and Cultural Development Officer on ph. 4232 0444 or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au

5.7 Cities Power PartnershipResponsible Director: Environmental Services

On 19 July 2017, Mayor Councillor Mark Honey and Councillor Andrew Sloan, representing Kiama Council, joined more than 30 Councils from across Australia in Canberra, to sign onto the Cities Power Partnership (CPP) program. The CPP has been developed by the Climate Council, seeking to accelerate emissions reduction and clean energy successes of Australian towns and cities and connect local Councils with shared emissions reduction projects, also energy efficiency, sustainable transport and community advocacy initiatives.

Participating Councils will have 6 months to select 5 key actions from the partnership pledge, ranging from renewable energy, energy efficiency, transport and advocacy. Council will receive access to a national knowledge hub to assist with implementation of emissions reduction projects and will be connected with other participating councils to knowledge share.

Council will be looking at the 4 pledge areas and 32 potential actions with the Health and Sustainability Advisory Committee, to provide Council with some advice on the 5 key actions Kiama Council will pledge as part of the CPP. Council is well placed to show leadership in a number of areas and to be a key communicator with its community, particularly building on the successful OK Organics program and other energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Shoalhaven City Council has also joined the program and there is an opportunity for Council to network and undertake action collectively. Contact will be made with officers from Shoalhaven City Council to progress this matter. Also there is the opportunity for State Government agencies and departments located in the Kiama Municipality together with community organisations to be involved in renewable energy and other actions.

5.8 Work experience and opportunities for studentsResponsible Director: Finance, Corporate and Commercial Services

Work placement and/or work experience provides students with a valuable insight into different roles at a truly practical level.

As one of the largest employers in the Municipality, Council is committed to supporting local educational institutions by providing opportunities for work experience for students. The aim is to increase awareness of the roles and functions of Council whilst providing students with a realistic experience of working in a particular occupational area. Students are often surprised at the range of positions available in local government and participating in work experience programs helps them to consider careers that might otherwise not have occurred to them.

Council is committed to providing students with a *meaningful* experience – the opportunity to spend time with an appropriately qualified and experienced employee in a field of interest to them. In assessing an application for Work Experience, Council considers the student's interest in the role and our ability to provide an effective level of supervision.

Council has hosted work experience opportunities in Business Administration, Aged Care, Library Services, Engineering, Information Technology and a range of trades-related areas.

People seeking more information about Council's Work Experience Program, including details about how to apply, are directed to the Work Experience Policy and Application Form on Council's website at www.kiama.nsw.gov.au/your-council/jobs-at-council/work-experience.

5.9 Speak Share Change Youth Forum

Responsible Director: Community Services

During Youth Week 2017, SENTRAL Youth Services and Kiama High School hosted a 'Speak Share Change' forum aimed to engage with young people to seek their views and strategies to address issues arising from the use of social media, specifically the impact on mental health. Social media used by young people, includes popular sites such as Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram; together with tailored niche sites and applications.

Clr's Rice and Westhoff, Manager for Community and Cultural Development Nick Guggisberg, Trevor Phillis from Kiama Rotary Club, KHS staff and SENTRAL Youth Workers facilitated conversations with 42 students to highlight and identify strategies to address issues including online bullying, Government policy, healthy online relationships, mental health and how young people can raise awareness and seek help when confronted with online issues.

Through a series of discussions, each table of students highlighted specific areas of concern but also provided recommendations on how to progress forward. These recommendations included:

- Using the technology more effectively for education
- Providing programs for parents to help them identify social media risks
- Develop and implementing programs to teach young people how to refer their friends to professional services
- Educating young people on the dangers of confronting online bullying
- Youth led education and peer education strategies
- Sustained programs on mental health throughout the school curriculum
- Promotion of alternative non-screen recreation options

A forum report has been developed and a copy will be made available to peak youth organisations, participating organisations such as schools and youth services and to young people who were involved in the engagement. Given the high number of respondents, and interest in receiving information online, a link to the document will be emailed to participating organisations and government departments for distribution online.

5.10 SENTRAL Youth Services Renovations UpdateResponsible Director: Community Services

Recent renovation work at SENTRAL Youth Centre for stage 1 of the renovations has been completed with the following jobs completed:

- additions to the current cottages by filling in veranda space to create a store room and office
- relocation of the existing office
- sandstone paving between the buildings
- an outdoor timber stage
- A pergola joining both cottages.
- Sanding and sealing all wooden floors.
- Widening of doors to comply with disability access
- Landscaping, including building of a retaining wall and new gardens
- Construction of a new pathway as an entrance to the Centre
- Installation of new boundary gates
- External painting of both cottages
- Construction of a pantry and timber shelving

Stage 2 works will commence in 2017/18 financial year and involves the construction of a covered deck (located between the youth cottages and the girl guides cottages) connected to the main building via a walkway.

The renovations will assist SENTRAL in delivering a high quality service by creating a 'purpose' built space allowing for greater variety of programs and events which support the inclusion of young people of all abilities.

5.11 Improving communication with young peopleResponsible Director: Community Services

At the 2016 Youth Engagement Meeting, Councillor Neil Reilly requested a report in regard to the opportunity to improve communications with the young people.

In response to this matter, SENTRAL Youth Services would like to outline current communication strategies and how they are informing and consulting young people via various communication mediums.

These include:

- Monthly Youth Advisory Committee meetings with the Student Representative Committee at Kiama High School
- Increasing online presence through the Kiama High School volunteers program, with volunteers developing short films and 'Youth News' segments aired via our Facebook page
- Use of the notice board located outside of the SENTRAL Youth Centre
- Via outreach programs such as the 'Pop Up SENTRAL Stations' which has seen Youth Workers promote the service at the Farmers' Markets, skate parks, beaches and Kiama High School.
- Use of the SENTRAL donated TV in the canteen line at Kiama High School
- Development and distribution of SENTRAL brochures and promotional material
- Development of a new SENTRAL website, incorporating interactive, visual and audible elements

These strategies have been effective in engaging with young people and their families and have contributed to an increase in participants accessing SENTRAL's programs and services.

5.12 SENTRAL Intergen MunchoutResponsible Director: Community Services

Commencing in January 2017, the SENTRAL Intergen(eration) Munchout program, which was made possible via a State Government grant through the Youth Opportunities program, continues to engage both young and older people each Thursday evening at SENTRAL.

The program is designed by a Youth Worker/Fitness Professional at Kiama Council's SENTRAL Youth Services to create a holistic healthy lifestyle for program participants, regardless of general health or physical wellbeing. This program provides young and older people with the opportunity to learn about new approaches to healthy eating, food psychology, impact of food on mental and physical health and how to cook nutritional and affordable meals at home.

Young people had previously expressed an interest in information on nutrition, diets, how to read food labels and the general psychology of food, along with learning how to prepare meals for training and how to source the right ingredients. A partnership has been formed with local food producers via the Farmers markets, who generously donate produce to the program each week.

Each week, the participants cook and dine together, building social networks, sharing stories and developing respect and empathy across generations. At the end of each school term an Intergenerational luncheon is held at SENTRAL, allowing participants to showcase what they have learned.

78 young and older people have formally registered for the program and it continues to engage new participants each week. Future goals of the program would be to encourage participants to share information learned with family and peers and create a culture where health and wellbeing is a priority along with supporting local food producers and community cohesion.

5.13 Kiama Art CentreResponsible Director: Community Services

Council is advised of recent developments for the proposed Kiama Art Centre following the contracting of BHI Architects to develop Development Application level plans.

BHI Architects have worked consistently with Council staff and the Kiama Cultural Board in developing initial plans that reflect the functionality desired for the facility, but also fit within the envelope of the land available.

Due to the inclusion of a performance space, the parking requirements have required consideration both within the proposed building site and within the broader Kiama town centre.

Consideration is also being given to the building's relationship with the Joyce Wheatley Community Centre as part of a broader arts precinct and how the functions of the two buildings could work to complement and support each other.

The final design is still in progress but well advanced with its fourth draft currently being reviewed.

Council has recently contracted 2CHills Consultancy to develop funding applications for some of Council major projects, including the Kiama Art Precinct. Recent public announcements have advised that funds will soon be available from the state government for cultural infrastructure projects.

Work is currently underway to fast track preparation of operational and marketing plans required as part of the submission process. In addition floor plans and artistic impressions of the building will be submitted.

5.14 Lighting at Kiama Skate Park

Responsible Director: Community Services

Council is advised that a community safety audit of the Kiama Skate Park through to Brown St will be undertaken on Wednesday 16 August at 6.00pm.

The audit will be undertaken using the Safer by Design principles and include; young people who utilise the skate park and Council staff. Councillors, parents and community members are also invited to attend and participate.

Council will be advised of the outcome of the audit at its September meeting.

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5.15 Health & Sustainability Grants ProgramResponsible Director: Community Services

This report is to provide information on Council's recently launched Health & Sustainability Grants Program. Through this program, not for profit community groups and individuals (auspiced through a community groups) or school P & C's can apply for a grant up to \$1,000 from Kiama Council. The program aims to support small projects that improve the health and wellbeing of its residents and visitors. The proposed projects can provide opportunities for the community to engage in regular physical activity, develop knowledge and skills in healthy eating and active living principles, as well as in sustainable food practices. Applying groups need to match the funds dollar for dollar or in-kind (in-kind meaning volunteer time or the value of other resources used to deliver the proposed project that the applicant contributes or cash). The grants are open all year round with two closing dates per year. The next closing date for this grants program is Friday January 19 2018. Interested candidates are welcome to contact the Council's Health Promotion Officer to discuss their ideas and find out more about the grants program and their eligibility. The application guidelines and form can be accessed through Council's website under "Your Community > Health Communities"

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5.16 Australia Day 2018 Awards - Young Citizen of the YearResponsible Director: Office of the General Manager

This report is to provide information only regarding Australia Day 2018 Award nominations.

Council will shortly be calling for nominations for the Senior Citizen of the Year – 65 years and over, Citizen of the Year, and the Young Citizen of the Year – 24 years or less.

Each year Kiama Council seeks to find persons who help build the community spirit for which our area is so well known. Our search for local heroes relies on friends, family and colleagues to nominate these great Aussies, so their outstanding contribution to the community can be recognised in our 2018 Australia Day Awards.

Our local heroes are usually humble people who think that they're not worthy of special recognition. For this reason, we rely on active help from others in our community to nominate their selfless heroes.

Council urges Kiama's youth to think about local people you know and nominate someone who deserves recognition. It may be for their volunteer work, an outstanding sporting achievement, a special accomplishment in the field of arts, efforts to improve our local environment or academic success of a young person.

We want to ensure that Kiama nominates their youth for these inspirational awards.

The **Australia Day Young Citizen Award** is for an individual aged 24 years or less who has made an outstanding contribution to the community, either during the previous 12 months or over many years of service.

Note: All nominees must live in the Kiama LGA and be Australian citizens.

Nominations will open on Tuesday, 12 September and close on 20 October.

It is never too early to start preparing a nomination. Think about which of your friends or family members are doing outstanding work volunteering in school and/or in your community.

5.17 Response to Student Representative Council submissions - 3 August 2016 Youth Engagement MeetingResponsible Director: Engineering and Works

At the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 3 August 2016 the Student Representative Council put forward a number of submissions and a response is provided to those issues as follows:

6.1 A question was raised on the possibility of improving the parking area north of the Shoalhaven Street Pre-School

This request has not been budgeted in the current work program, however it has been included in the future program.

6.2 The Student Representative Council raised concern regarding the safety of Gerroa Road near the Gerringong Golf Course. The Mayor advised that the road is a regional road and the matter will be referred for investigation.

This issue was referred to the Roads and Maritime Services to review the speed limit however the advice was the existing limit is appropriate for this road. Council has also referred this matter to the Police to increase the patrols on this road to enforce current speed limits. Council has changed the road line marking in front of the golf course entry from an unbroken line to a continuous centre line, to ensure that vehicles are not overtaking as they approach the crest of the road.

6.3 The Student Representative Council requested Council to investigate there being improved lighting and other safety measures included in the public toilets adjoining the Old Fire Station Gallery. The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Engineering and Works for investigation and report.

This issue was investigated and it was noted that some light fittings were faulty which have now been repaired. No additional lighting is required.

6.4 The Student Representative Council commented on the new household organics program and the possibility of holding information programs for youth. The matter was referred to the Director Environmental Services for investigation and report.

Refer to the Kiama High School – Recycling report.

6.5 The Student Representative Council requested Council to consider replacing the tables and seats on the footpath adjoining Hindmarsh Park due to the difficulty in seating. The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Engineering and Works for investigation and report.

The existing tables and seats were modified and this has resolved the restrictions when getting on and off the seats.

6.6 The Student Representative Council raised the possibility of providing picnic benches and seats on the Gerringong Headland. The Mayor

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referred the matter to the Director Engineering and Works for investigation and report.

This request has not been budgeted in the current work program, however it has been included in the future program.

6.7 The Student Representative Council raised the need for the Bland Street footpath to be extended to West Kiama. The advice that the footpath is included in the 2016/17 program of works is to be confirmed

As previously advised the footpath for Bland Street is included in the current works program and will be completed by the end of this calendar year.

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6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

7 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

8 CLOSURE