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**KIAMA TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS**

The Kiama Municipality turns 150 years old this August.

To celebrate, Council is organising a series of community events for residents to enjoy.

Council's event program will include a 'Kiama Carnival' on Sunday 9 August, featuring a steam train ride in a 1926 model express passenger engine, tours of a restored 1902 coal-fired tug in Kiama Harbour, street parade, concert in Hindmarsh Park, horse and carriage rides, and a fireworks display.

Also in August, the Kiama Library and Old Fire Station Art Gallery will host a 'Now & Then' photo exhibition of Kiama and a woodcraft display.

A special Pics & Flicks Movie Screening will take place in Gerringong, with a movie featuring costumes by former Kiama resident and Hollywood costume designer John Orry-Kelly.

The Kiama Pavilion will be officially opened, and a Night Ball, series of sporting events, and a commemorative Council Meeting will also be held.

Kiama Mayor Sandra McCarthy said, "Our Municipality was proclaimed on 11 August 1859."

"I feel extremely privileged to be leading Council in this milestone year," Cr McCarthy said.

"There will be something for everyone in our program of events, and people can visit Council's website for updates."

**150th Anniversary Community Event Funding available:**

Council has grants of up to \$500 available for local community groups to assist them in hosting events that reflect the Municipality's 150th anniversary. Community groups wishing to apply can do so until 15 May 2009 by downloading the terms and conditions and application form at [www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au) or by calling 4232 0407.

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