



# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

To be held at 5 pm on

**Tuesday 20 April 2021**

Council Chambers

11 Manning Street, KIAMA NSW 2533

## **Members**

The Mayor

Councillor M Honey

Councillor A Sloan

Deputy Mayor

Councillor M Brown

Councillor N Reilly

Councillor K Rice

Councillor W Steel

Councillor D Watson

Councillor M Way

Councillor M Westhoff

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## 17 ADDENDUM TO REPORTS

### 17.1 The Big Get Together 2021

#### Attachments

Nil

#### Enclosures

Nil

### **RECOMMENDED**

That Council acknowledge the success of The Big Get Together 2021 and congratulate all involved in organising the event.

#### Report

The Big Get Together was this year's Council Youth Week event, organised by SENTRAL Youth Services in partnership with Kiama & District Stronger Community, and Destination Kiama with funding support from the NSW Government's Youth Week NSW and The Festival of Place – Summer Fund.

It is estimated that around 1,000 people attended the event across the day, with over 500 tickets purchased for the outdoor movie screening which closed the event. It was a day for families and community to come together and connect and celebrate young people. There were food and market stalls, music, art and plenty of activities for children and young people. Following the year that 2020 was, The Big Get Together was designed for our community to come together to support young people to celebrate all that they contribute to our communities and to let them know that we love and value them.

A quote from Facebook on the event sums up the value of the event succinctly, *"Everyone who was there knew that this was something that really mattered. People were connecting, they were talking about mental health and young people and how important it is to come together. This is community in action! This is resilience. This is a caring connected community!"*

Congratulations to all who were involved, who contributed on the day, who donated the trucks for painting, who ran the stalls and art activities. A special thank you to Council's Melissa Andrews (SENTRAL Youth Services Coordinator) and her fantastic team of youth workers, and Kiama & District Stronger Community.

Working together and collaboratively we can always achieve more, and achieve you did, staging a fantastic celebration that truly reflects what a great place the Kiama LGA is to live and grow up in.