



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

To be held at 10.40am on

Thursday 27 August 2020

Video meeting by Zoom

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- 5 Reports for Information
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- 7 Questions Without Notice
- 8 Closure

Members

His Worship 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

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA

Council Chambers
11 Manning Street
KIAMA NSW 2533

24 August 2020

To the Chairman and 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 27 August 2020** commencing at **10.40am** for the consideration of the undermentioned business.

Yours faithfully



Kerry McMurray
General Manager

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**AGENDA FOR THE
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2020**

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

0.0 Youth Engagement Meeting held on 15 August 2019

Attachments

- 1 Minutes - Youth Engagement Meeting - 15/08/19 [↓](#)

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 15 August 2019 be received and accepted.



MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

commencing at 10am on

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019

Kiama High School
Saddleback Mountain Road, KIAMA NSW 2533

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

15 AUGUST 2019

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA HELD AT THE KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL,
KIAMA, ON THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT: Mayor – Councillor M Honey,
Deputy Mayor – Councillor A Sloan,
Councillors N Reilly, K Rice, W Steel and M Westhoff

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

1 APOLOGIES

Apology

19/004YOU

Resolved that apologies tendered from Councillors Brown, Watson and Way be accepted and leave of absence granted.

(Councillors Westhoff and Reilly)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land on which we meet, the Wadi Wadi people of the Dharawal nation, and pay my respect to Elders past and present."

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Youth Engagement Meeting on 2 August 2018

19/005YOU

Resolved that the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 2 August 2018 be received and accepted.

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(Councillors Westhoff and Sloan)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

19/006YOU

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

- 5.1 Promotion of SENTRAL Youth Service
- 5.2 Response to SRC Request - More Youth-Focussed Music Events
- 5.3 Local Strategic Planning Statement
- 5.4 SENTRAL Service Review
- 5.5 Youth Arts Scholarship
- 5.6 Upcoming Awards and Nominations
- 5.7 Destination Kiama - youth events update
- 5.8 Learner Driver Programs 2019/2020
- 5.9 Stronger Country Communities Fund
- 5.10 Kiama Library - Opening Hours
- 5.11 Work experience and opportunities for students
- 5.12 Kiama Library Programs
- 5.13 Litter Reduction Initiatives - bio-degradable utensils and banning the use of plastic bags in shops
- 5.14 Programs implemented by Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO)
- 5.15 Kiama Leisure Centre Fees - Student Discount
- 5.16 Blue Haven Bonaira - Construction Update. –what's happening with existing building – KM won't be selling it, it's reached the end of its life

(Councillors Steel and Sloan)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

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6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the lack of parking at Kiama High School. Students and teachers park on the western side of South Kiama Drive, between Hillview Circuit and Saddleback Mountain Road, which is problematic for residents and for anyone leaving the school between 3-3.15pm. A map was tabled proposing a grass patch on the Eastern side of South Kiama Drive as an option for overflow parking. It was noted this land is owned by Transport Sydney Trains and was suggested that the Student Representative Council, the Principal and the P&C write to Council's General Manager which will support our conversations with them on utilising this area.

Councillor Reilly said the northern side of the Kiama Community Preschool carpark should be used by the students for parking. The Principal will put this in the school newsletter. There is signage on the southern side re limited parking times.

19/007YOU

Resolved that the Kiama Local Traffic Committee be requested to investigate signage on the northern side of the Kiama Community Preschool carpark in relation to parking for Kiama High School students.

(Councillors Rice and Sloan)

For: Councillors Honey, Reilly, Rice, Sloan, Steel and Westhoff

Against: Nil

- 6.2 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the lack parking at the medical centre and pharmacy on Wednesday afternoons during the Farmers Markets. This centre operates as an emergency room as there is no hospital in the area. It was suggested that Council introduce a traffic warden to direct traffic away from the medical facilities as the signage is not working.

The Director of Engineering and Works advised that legally we cannot signpost for the benefit of a business however we can provide additional a-frame signs. Limiting parking times had been considered but are not a viable option as those using the medical centre would be restricted also.

- 6.3 The Student Representative Council requested consideration be given to extending the hours of the Farmers Markets into the evening, thereby increasing night time activities. This could be a simple solution to Kiama's lack of night time activities, given there are already people there including musicians and food vendors. It would simply be building on something that already exists.

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The Director of Environmental Services advised the organisers would need to apply to Council to extend the hours of operation and that Council would not ask a private business to change their model.

Mayor Mark Honey suggested the Student Representative Council talk to the people running the markets. The General Manager also suggested the Student Representative Council look at the Kiama Town Centre Study and make a submission.

Councillor Steel left the meeting at 12.15pm.

- 6.4 The Student Representative Council put forward concerns about keeping the balance between development and green areas / tree planting, dune care, etc.

The Director of Environmental Services advised this is part of Council's 20 year vision, in particular what areas will be developed for growth, and what areas do we need to identify as important to preserve. Council is aware that our community like the separation of our towns. The new Minister for Planning and Open Space is very keen for Kiama Municipal Council to make sure a certain percentage of residents are able to access a quality open space within 10 minutes' walk of their home, and acknowledge that climate change is impacting on the heat experienced in properties. Council will address a lot of this in the Local Strategic Planning Statement. State Government is invested in that and Council will continue to invest in that too.

- 6.5 **Cardboard recycling bin at The Village shopping centre, Kiama**

The Student Representative Council requested that a cardboard and paper recycling bin be installed near the Return and Earn (near Woolworths). When people bring their bottles in big boxes they leave the boxes to the side, or deposit the boxes in the red bin. There is a recycling bin, which is owned by the stores.

The Mayor suggested the Student Representative Council write to the owners of the shopping centre and also send a copy to the General Manager, the General Manager will also write to Centre Management. The Manager Community and Cultural Development advised the SENTRAL staff are very happy to assist in the letter writing process.

- 6.6 The Student Representative Council asked Council if there were any plans to install electric car charging stations.

The General Manager advised there will be two electric car charging stations at the proposed new Gerringong Library and Museum, and that we will work with developers on future private developments. Through Council's association with City Power Partnerships we have made a pledge to provide more car charging stations.

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- 6.7 The Student Representative Council suggested Council identify, promote, understand and acknowledge the Local Aboriginal Culture. How this can be achieved is the establishment of an Aboriginal Advisory Committee which focuses on local Aboriginal involvement. We need to think of new initiatives in which both our younger and older generations should be involved.

The Manager Community and Cultural Development advised this has been done in past years however we have not had people come forward to be on the committee, and those that have come forward have not had the authority to speak. It was suggested this could be considered in our Stronger Country Community Fund, and if we are successful in getting this funding we can look at forming this Committee.

- 6.8 The Student Representative Council raised concerns about the public bathrooms on Terralong Street, Kiama and the negative impact this has on the visitors to our area. The main issues are that the locks do not work, doors are graffitied, and the space is unsanitary with toilet paper and paper towels on the floor. A full renovation was suggested making this facility more amenable. In lieu of a full renovation it was suggested the facility be repainted in a plain colour, painted with a mural, the locks fixed and the space cleaned more regularly.

The General Manager advised that a full renovation would not be likely however Council has been working on a Kiama Arts Precinct which is progressing to Development Application stage and will include new public amenities. Council will address the maintenance issues raised. The Manager Community and Cultural Development will bring the Art Precinct designs to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

- 6.9 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the sandmining on Minnamurra River – many students have raised issues and disagree.

Director Environmental Services advised that this area falls under Shellharbour City Council however is within the jurisdiction of the NSW State Government. Members of the community and Council are very concerned with impacts and Council has made a submission. It was suggested the Student Representative Council refer to the State Government website to view these submissions and monitor the Kiama Council Facebook page for updates. Council has made a second submission, and our formal position is that of objection. There is a lot of action happening, with both Kiama and Shellharbour residents objecting.

- 6.10 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the poor design of the Gerringong skate park. The location of the rails are useless and the staircase does not have a long enough run up. It was suggested by the Student Representative Council that the skate park be redesigned and redeveloped.

Director Engineering and Works advised we currently do not have plans but are interested in what ideas the users have. It was suggested the Student Representative Council contact the SENTRAL Youth Services Coordinator at

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the Youth Centre to arrange a site meeting with the Director Engineering and Works and Manager Community and Cultural Development.

- 6.11 The Student Representative Council requested consideration be given to reviewing important issues at the proposed Minnamurra Quarry BMX Bike Park such as access, suitability, water, toilets, heat, traffic and parking, which is dangerous for younger children.

This is one of the shortlisted projects for the Stronger Country Communities Funding. A consultation session on this Funding is planned for 28 August 2019 at 3.30pm at CENTRAL and the Student Representative Council were encouraged to attend this session.

7 QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil.

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.38pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on


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Mayor

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Sports club grants for 2020/2021

Responsible Director: Office of the General Manager

Each year Council makes a contribution to the Kiama District Sports Association (KDSA) to put towards sporting club projects. Clubs are invited to apply to the KDSA for funds and the successful grants for 2020/2021 are listed below:

Affiliate	Project	Cost of project	Amount awarded
Gerringong Cricket and Football Club	Building of awning at Gerry Emery Oval	\$12 582	\$12 582
Gerringong Football Club and Kiama Junior Football Club	Purchase of a container (dependent on approval)	\$3,785	\$3,785
Kiama Junior Rugby League	Purchase of an iPad and docking station	\$662	\$662
Kiama Junior Rugby League	Concreting near canteen	\$654	\$654
Jamberoo Football Club	Purchase of replacement line marker	\$2,200	\$2,200
Kiama Cricket Club	Repair of Gainsborough West Cricket nets	\$2,170	\$2,170
Kiama Junior AFL	Purchase of replacement canteen equipment	\$4,772	\$4,772
Kiama Rugby Union	Refurbish Rugby Club canteen	\$3,172	\$3,172
Total of contribution			\$30,000

Communication/Community Engagement

Sporting Clubs are advised of successful applications through KDSA newsletters.

5.2 Youth Engagement Meeting - August 2020 - Road Safety Projects 2020-2021Responsible Director: Engineering and Works

BACKGROUND

Council will run a series of Road Safety Projects for 2020/2021. Several programs target young drivers in the 17-25-year-old age group.

Road Safety Projects are run in accordance with the Local Government Road Safety Program funded by Roads and Maritime Services.

The Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP) aims to assist Kiama Municipal Council to reduce the likelihood of deaths and injuries from road trauma in the local community.

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 percent of all drivers, young drivers represent more than a third of annual road fatalities.

Kiama statistics show a total of 32% causality crashes in Kiama Municipality are in the 17-25-year-old age group. (In the past five year period from 2014-2019).

Current Position

Council's Road Safety Officer has previously developed an Action Plan setting out the Council's road safety activities over a three-year period up to and including the current financial year (2020/21).

The Road Safety Programs outlined below are schedule for delivery this year and 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

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 4.00pm–6.00pm at the Council 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

Reports for Information

5.2 Youth Engagement Meeting - August 2020 - Road Safety Projects 2020-2021 (cont)

A free GLS Workshop was held on Wednesday 19 August 2020, with the next one planned for Wednesday 21 October 2020 at Kiama Councils Administration building, and another planned for Wednesday 21 April 2021.

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 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 Log Book Runs are scheduled to be held on Sunday 25 October 2020 and Sunday 13 June 2021 between 10.00am and 12.30pm, leaving from Lake Illawarra PCYC. The next Free Night Time Log Book Run is also scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20 April 2021 between 6.00pm and 8.30pm leaving from Lake Illawarra PCYC.

The fourth annual Ultimate Log Book Run combined with Wollongong and Shellharbour Council's is set down for Sunday 21 March 2021. The ULBR is an opportunity for Learner Drivers and their supervisors to experience a series of practical and powerful demonstrations while gaining log book hours on a planned route across three Council areas.

Safer Driver Course

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.

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.

Research shows 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 helps learners identify situations that can put them at greater risk of a crash and consider strategies to help avoid them. Course costs apply for the Safer Drivers Course.

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.

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

Reports for Information

5.2 Youth Engagement Meeting - August 2020 - Road Safety Projects 2020-2021 (cont)

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 website at: www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

Item 5.2

5.3 Kiama Library Hours

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

The State Government provided extra funding to public libraries in the 2019/2020 budget. This was in response to a number of requests from Kiama High School students via the Council Youth Engagement meeting. As a result the Kiama Library hours were extended and an extra late opening is now available on Thursday evenings.

As a result of Covid-19, the Kiama Library service was required to close from 25 March 2020. This closure resulted in a number of library programs being postponed including our regular HSC and Youth Week events.

During the closure the demand for Home Library deliveries increased by 47%. Redeployed Council staff from a variety of departments were able to provide extra assistance in getting library resources out to the community. The library also offered a *Click and Collect* service as a way of providing library items to our community in a contactless environment.

Our children's story time programs moved online providing an opportunity for the library and community to remain in touch. Online Lego building events and 3D printing competitions also proved popular isolation activities.

On 1 June 2020 the library opened again with a reduced capacity allowing only 30 people onsite. Community members were encouraged to limit their visit to 30 minutes and only 4 public PC's were available with a maximum booking period of 30 minutes.

A recent easing of Public Health Orders for NSW libraries has allowed bookable study spaces. Spaces can be booked from 10am to 1pm for a morning session or from 2pm to 5pm in the afternoons. Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6 study spaces are available from 5pm to 7pm. All library services and programs are reviewed as Public Health Orders continue to be updated.

It is understood that study spaces are a high priority for HSC students and it is hoped to be able increase individual study spaces depending on relevant restrictions from the NSW State Government.

5.4 Art Workshop - Mental Health Month

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

Mural Gerringong

Local artist, Sam Hall will work with young people to undertake two design workshops on the 14 & 25 August followed by a half-day session (date TBC). The aim of these workshops is to create a community art piece, with a focus on mental health. This is intended to be a permanent mural piece and to be located in a prominent place so that it can be seen by the local community and visitors to the area.

Chalk Art Workshops- October 2020

Council's Health Promotion Officer, in partnership with SENTRAL Youth Services and Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer, have developed a chalk art workshop designed to raise awareness about mental health within young people and the wider community.

Using art as a way of expressing themselves, young people will have the opportunity to take part in a free whole day workshop with an artist to create a public art mural displaying mental health messages. This program will tap into young people's strengths, engage them with wider community and use creativity to raise awareness about mental health. Tuning them into nature, art, Aboriginal culture and their personal strengths as a way of boosting their own mental health & wellbeing and reducing the stigma around mental health.

There will be different art sites with two different artists (one being our Aboriginal Liaison Officer) working with young people to create well-being themed murals. The project would then be carried through to our local high school in term 4, through students who took part in workshop using their skills to create another mural displaying positive mental health messages for the wider school community to see.

This project will encourage young people to talk more about mental health, recognise the signs and symptoms of when they may need to talk to someone, and ultimately feel comfortable to seek help when needed.

The project will be undertaken taken during mental health month in October 2020.

Communication/Community Engagement

Young people will be engaged via SENTRAL Youth Service and Kiama High School. The program will be advertised through Council's communication streams (website, Kimunico and social media).

5.5 SENTRAL Youth Services Update

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

Visitation to SENTRAL youth service for drop in has continued to rise this year, with young people using the space for active and passive recreation and to access information, referral, advocacy and support from youth workers. We receive around 50 drop-ins each week.

Individual support is also heavily utilised with youth workers seeing around 9 young people per week for individual support and mentoring sessions. Staff have observed a recent spike in help-seeking and believe this is due to the impact of COVID on young people, with an increase in assistance sought for job seeking, navigating services and mental health support.

COVID restrictions saw SENTRAL close for face to face services between March and late May this year. Youth workers provided 38 individual support sessions to 14 young people during this time either by phone or meeting young people outside following social distancing measures. We also delivered 7 Online SENTRAL Fitness sessions with a total of 282 engagements.

A planned youth week event was cancelled due to COVID. Staff trialed an online short film event during Youth Week, April 1-9 however, there was no response from young people. Staff are looking to use the remaining funds allocated to youth week to extend the Mental Health Month chalk art project presented to this meeting in a separate report, into Kiama High School in early term 4.

Since COVID restrictions have eased, SENTRAL is currently open for drop-in during the hours 1-5pm Tuesday to Friday. We have strict social distancing and hygiene measures including a maximum capacity of 12 people in the Youth Centre at any one time. We are able to offer individual support at other times by appointment. We are currently receiving a high number of young people attending drop-in with a weekly visitation average of 47 since we reopened.

A pop up service has also been provided throughout the month of August at Warri Beach. This has been in place to support young people through the recent difficult times resulting from a number of deaths from suicide.

Along with drop-in, SENTRAL continue to offer the following programs:

Youth workers at KHS

Dylan is available for individual support at KHS every Thursday afternoon between 12 noon and 3 pm. Rubi is currently on leave but will be back in late August and is available Friday Afternoons between 12 noon and 3 pm at KHS.

Students can refer to the program by speaking to Ms Power or any other teaching staff or by contacting SENTRAL. Staff will then send a message to students to call them to the library for their session.

Reports for Information

5.5 SENTRAL Youth Services Update (cont)

Empower with Dylan

We have rebranded our Young Men's and Young Women's Programs to have a more inclusive title. *Empower with Dylan* is an 8-session program for year 10 KHS students. The program covers topics to educate and empower young people including goal setting, mental health, sexual health and healthy relationships. Students are referred by Ms Power or SENTRAL staff.

The next Empower with Rubi program will be in term 2, 2021.

Level Up

Level Up is a new program designed to link young people to work and training opportunities. Bookings are essential through <https://bit.ly/levelupSENTRAL>

SENTRAL Fitness

Fitness sessions with Dylan every Thursday at 4pm tailored to suit participants. During COVID bookings are preferred so we can manage numbers: <https://sentralfitness.eventbrite.com.au>

SENTRAL Website

We have been working with Council's Communications Team to create a new, dedicated website full of info about our programs as well as other useful youth-specific info. We hope to have the website live by the time of this meeting.

The directory on the SENTRAL website is a particularly valuable resource for young people and parents.

New Funded Projects

At the 2019 Youth Engagement Meeting, staff reported on plans to apply for funding for a number of projects under the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, Round 3.

The following two SENTRAL projects were successful and will be rolled out over the next 3 years:

Next GEN Work Skills: A bundle of 3 training programs aimed to link young people in to careers in local niche industries. Next Gen Digital will link KHS students with local businesses to work on their digital marketing campaigns, Next Gen Café skills will give young people introductory hospitality skills to get them into local jobs and Next Gen Barista will provide introductory coffee making skills. These programs will include training delivered by Kiama Community College, work placement opportunities and coaching from industry experts.

SENTRAL Studio: A renovation of SENTRAL's existing smaller cottage to transform it into a recording and band practice space along with instruments and recording equipment. The project will also train young people to use the equipment and pass on their skills to others. The facility will also be available to the wider community on a fee for service basis to generate funds to keep the project viable.

Reports for Information

5.5 SENTRAL Youth Services Update (cont)

Communication/Community Engagement

A review of SENTRAL's services and programs was undertaken between September and December 2019 and included a survey of 110 young people. Our current programs and services are aligned with the information received from young people during the review process as well as the community feedback collected by Council to inform Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Item 5.5

5.6 Kiama Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

At the June 2020 meeting, Council adopted the Kiama Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) 2020. The purpose of the Kiama LSPS 2020 is to establish:

- a 20-year vision for land use in the local area;
- the special characteristics which contribute to local identity;
- shared community values to be maintained and enhanced;
- how growth and change will be managed into the future.

The Kiama LSPS sits at the top of Council’s planning documents, and contains:

- Background info about the LSPS and Municipality;
- 20 Year Vision for the Municipality;
- Planning Priorities for the next 20 years;
- Specific actions for achieving our Planning Priorities.

The NSW Chief Planner has referred the LSPS as a postcard describing the Municipality 20 years in the future. In this regard the LSPS should also influence changes in Council’s *Local Environmental Plan (LEP)* and Development Control Plan (DCP) in order to achieve the community’s 20-year vision.

The community’s 20-year vision of the Municipality has been captured by the following 5 themes in LSPS. Under each Theme, Planning Priorities and Actions have been included to provide clear, tangible and measurable outcomes to ensure this vision is achieved.

Theme 1 – Manage sustainable growth		Theme 4 – Adapt to climate changes and protect our environment	
PP1	Plan for and balance housing supply and demand	PP10	Conserve areas of environmental significance
PP2	Champion architectural excellence	PP11	Responsibly manage resources and waste
PP3	Connect the Municipality	PP12	Plan for and adapt to the impacts of natural hazards and the changing climate
PP4	Support the delivery of required infrastructure		

Item 5.6

Theme 2 – Develop a diverse and resilient economy		Theme 5 – Foster vibrant and accessible places	
PP5	Foster economic diversity	PP13	Support and create vibrant places
PP6	Manage tourism development and the visitor economy	PP14	Identify and safeguard areas and items of heritage significance
PP7	Strengthen commercial centres	PP15	Celebrate and protect local character
Theme 3 – Protect rural landscapes			
PP8	Protect viable agriculture and agricultural lands		
PP9	Protect scenic rural landscapes		

Without the active and passionate involvement of the community the Kiama LSPS would not be the document it is today. Your involvement in the development of the Kiama LSPS has been invaluable. Council would like to take the time to thank you for your involvement. As a token of Council’s appreciation, please find enclosed a copy of the Kiama LSPS 2020 for your records.

Communication/Community Engagement

Engaging with the community and stakeholders has been vital in the development of the Kiama LSPS. The overall program for the development of the LSPS involved 3 phases of community involvement:

- Phase 1 (November 2018) – community values and priorities;
- Phase 2 (September 2019) – narrative, character statements and emerging policy areas; and
- Phase 3 (March 2020) – formal exhibition of a draft LSPS.

As reported to last year’s Youth Engagement meeting, engaging with the community and stakeholders about values and priorities for Kiama was crucial. The young people of Kiama were one of the important groups consulted with in the development of the LSPS and in particular in setting a 20-year vision that captures what we want Kiama to be like in the future.

A two-hour facilitated workshop was held with a number of Kiama High School year 9 – 11 students in November 2018. The workshop explored two main questions:

1. What does Kiama look and feel like currently?

Students stated what makes Kiama unique is the natural environment which embraces both the green hills and beachy coastline because of the unique views and landscape Kiama’s citizens get to enjoy. They also noted they loved being able to access community facilities such as the youth centre as they were identified as an important place for youth within the community to meet and talk to one other people.

Reports for Information

5.6 Kiama Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020 (cont)

Quotes:

- “The natural environment (beaches, blowholes, walking tracks, camping grounds, farms, waterfalls) is a key feature of what makes Kiama unique”
- “The Youth Hub and Youth Clinic support the health of young people”

2. What does Kiama look and feel like in the future?

Participants envisioned a Kiama that was sustainable and environmentally conscious (44 comments) through the use of sustainable practices as well as being a town utilising its natural environment to create renewable energy. Participants stated they hoped that technology advances would be more prevalent within Kiama to assist within the service industry and to make day to day operations more efficient (26 comments). Participants were concerned about over development especially within the outer areas of the Municipality (16 comments) and the affordability of housing in the future if participants chose to stay in Kiama (10 comments).

Quotes:

- “Kiama needs environmentally friendly transport systems”
- “In the future it’s important we have enough affordable housing. We need to either bring down the prices of houses or build more”
- “We need to preserve our environment through low emissions clean energy”

Snapchat Filters

In the final activity of the workshop, participants were asked to create a snapchat filter of their ‘Kiama 2036 vision’.

See below the 4 snapchat filters that were selected to go live and statistics about the reach of the filters.

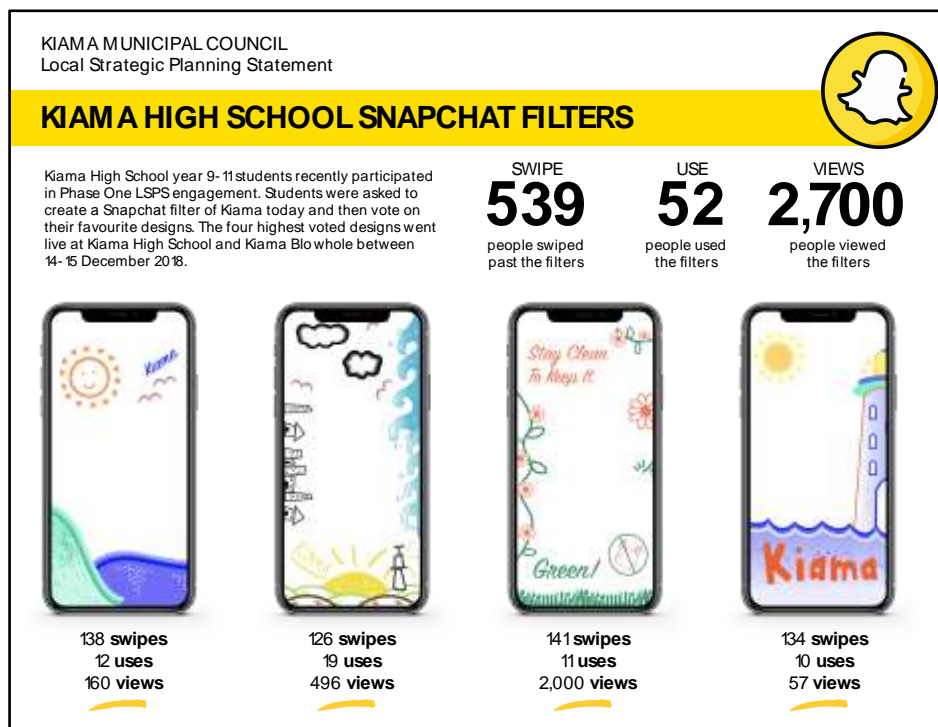


Figure 1: Kiama High School Snapchat Filters

5.7 Kiama Leisure Centre - Photovoltaic Solar SystemResponsible Director: Environmental Services

In 2016, Council officers had a structural engineering assessment completed on the Kiama Leisure Centre roof, to identify if the roof structure was able to hold a 100kW photovoltaic solar system. At the time of the assessment, the maximum wattage panels were around 250W, and it was found that to fit the system on the roof, there would need to be structural alterations completed. This made the project unfeasible at that time.

In late 2019, Council officers revisited the project due to the developments in the solar panel output, which was now around 400W per panel. This meant there would be less panels required to achieve 100kW system size, and panels could be centred over the main portal frame rather than spread across the roof. The subsequent structural engineering assessment found that a 100kW system could be fitted on the leisure centre roof without the need for structural alterations.

Council ran an expression of interest process in March 2020, followed by a selective quotation. Five companies were invited to provide quotations for the photovoltaic system for the Kiama Leisure Centre based on Council's specification.

The Council assessment panel was conclusive in their decision to award the contract to install a 99.6kW photovoltaic system to local company Platinum Solar Designs. Installation of the system occurred from 13 July 2020 and the system is expected to be finalised and commissioned by 31 July 2020.

The 99.6kW system is expected to produce around 148,000 kWh of electricity per year, of which 90-95% will be consumed on site. This will reduce energy consumption and electricity bills at the site by an estimated 30%.

The project is being funded from a Revolving Energy Fund set up by Council, with savings generated by the these types of projects returned to the fund until the capital cost of the system is repaid. This way there is more funding available for implementation of future energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

5.8 Employee Matters - Work Placement Opportunities in Local GovernmentResponsible Director: Environmental Services

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 are possible.

Job Vacancies Kiama Municipal Council

Council is committed to promoting careers in Local Government by implementing strategies that encourage Local High School students to become aware of the opportunities offered.

In accordance with Council's Recruitment and Selection Policy, as positions arise, Council's Human Resources section determines the most appropriate methods of advertising the position. When positions for trainees and apprentices arise advertisements are distributed to local schools as well as appropriate media.

Work Experience Program

Council acknowledges the importance of work experience to students by providing opportunities to spend time with appropriately qualified and experienced employees in an area of interest. This provides valuable insight into the types of tasks that would be performed and is useful for participants to make informed decisions about their career path.

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

More information about Council's Work Experience Program, including details about how to apply, are directed to the Work Experience Application Form on Council's Job's page on the website at

<https://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au/Council/Jobs/Work-experience>.

5.9 Development of Kiama Municipality Local Pest Management Plan

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

Background

The NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 (the Act) came into effect on 1 July 2017. This Act provides direction that all landowners within NSW have a General Biosecurity Duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risks in NSW. Under the legislative framework, NSW Local Land Services supports the delivery of pest animal management and also has a regulatory role under the Act.

The South East Regional Strategic Pest Animal Plan 2018 — 2023 (RSPAMP) was developed through consultation with a range of stakeholders and implementation of this plan commenced in 2019.

This plan outlines the importance of working together to manage the 11 priority pest animals across our region and identifies key stakeholders who can greatly assist in the management of pests in South East NSW. The 11 priority pests include: deer (all species) feral pigs, cats, and goats, wild dogs, horses and rabbits, the European fox, Indian Myna bird, Carp and the Redfin Perch.

The management categories that could be used to minimise and mitigate the impact pest animals have on the community, environment and primary industries include:

- Prevention
- Eradication
- Containment
- Asset based protection
- Limitation.

In 2019 the Illawarra Pest Animal Committee (IPAC) was established. The Committee stakeholders include representatives from:

- South East Local Land Services
- Sydney Water
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Energy Australia
- Sydney Trains
- South 32 (mining company)
- Councils of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven.

One of the first priority actions of this Committee is to facilitate and commence the development of Local Pest Management Plans in the member councils. It is proposed that development of this plan in our local government area will commence during the 2020-2021 financial year.

Reports for Information

5.9 Development of Kiama Municipality Local Pest Management Plan (cont)

Development of Local Pest Management Plans

The Councils of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven will be required to develop individual Local Pest Management Plans for their local government area. A consistent methodology will be used in the development of the plans. It is proposed that development of this plan in the Kiama local government area will commence during the 2020-2021 financial year.

The overall purpose of the South Coast Local Pest Plan is for all sectors of the community and government and non-government organisations, to work together to protect the environment, community and economy from the negative impacts of pest animals and to support positive outcomes for biosecurity and sustainable landscapes.

The development of the Kiama Municipality Local Pest Management Plan (KMLPMP) supports regional implementation of the *NSW Biosecurity Act 2015* and *NSW Biosecurity Strategy* and is reflective of its key aligning themes including:

- improved community engagement in biosecurity management
- improved identification, diagnostic, surveillance, reporting and tracing systems for pests, diseases and weeds
- increased numbers of well trained and resourced people.

The aim of the KMLPMP and the plans prepared by the other Councils, is to present a clear vision by identifying priorities on the South Coast for pest animal management and outlines how government agencies, community groups and individual land managers will share responsibility and work together across land tenures to prevent, eradicate, contain and manage the impacts of pest animals.

The Local Pest Plans will provide guidance on how both public and private land managers can meet their general biosecurity duty and identify key commitments for pest animal management activities over the life of the plan.

The methodology to be used in the development of the Local Pest Plans is still to be finalised and adopted by the Illawarra Pest Animal Committee and the Local Land Services.

The first step in this process is to define the local pest problems by identifying the actual and extent (not perceived) of the problem, who is affected and could be involved in management actions.

This step will involve development and implementation of a consultation strategy with key stakeholders including private and public land owners and all sectors of the community.

Council will be working the Local Land Services to develop the consultation strategy which will include an initial land owner and community survey. It is anticipated that the survey will commence in the Kiama Local Government area within the 2020-2021 financial year.

Reports for Information

5.9 Development of Kiama Municipality Local Pest Management Plan (cont)

Other steps in the development of the Local Pest Plan (subject to confirmation) are likely to include:

- Step 2: Determining clear, measurable objectives
- Step 3: Develop a detailed action plan
- Step 4: Implement Management Plan
- Step 5: Monitor and evaluate outcomes
- Step 6: Modify and progress the plan as needed – adaptive management

A further report will be submitted to Council when a draft Local Pest Plan is developed. This document will then have to be placed on public exhibition and then further considered by Council before adoption. Any actions arising from the plan will have to be included in future Operational Plans and budgets.

6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

7 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

8 CLOSURE