

# KIAMA SHOWGROUND

## Plan of Management



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## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

The Kiama Showground, being the area covered by this plan, is a Crown reserve dedicated for Public Recreation and Showground (Dedication number 580000) under the trust management of Kiama Municipal Council. The reserve was originally gazetted on the 26 August 1908 over an area of 2.8 hectares. Additional lands were added to the showground in 1944, 1951 and 1997, increasing the size of the dedicated area to 5.3 hectares. Kiama Show Society has continued to use the site for 102 years.

The showground is situated on the northern headland of Surf Beach and is a very important part of the open space network in the township of Kiama, linking Storm Bay and Blowhole Point to Surf Beach and other headlands and beaches to the south. The site is visually prominent from locations such as Kendalls Point to the south, Blowhole Point to the north and parts of the town, as well as more distant locations inland such as the Saddleback Mountain. It adjoins commercial and residential development in Bong Bong and Manning Streets as well as the historic Kiama Anglican Church in Terralong Street.

The showground is used by the Kiama Show Society for its annual Agricultural and Horticultural Show. The site is used as a sportsground and for other special community events, meetings and concerts. The reserve is the home ground for both the Kiama Rugby Union Club and the Kiama Rugby League Club and is also used by the Kiama Touch Football Association and for school sport.

During December and January, the site is used as a camping overflow area from the Blowhole Point Caravan Park to accommodate the tourists throughout the peak holiday season.

Facilities on the showground include the showground pavilion, grandstand, sports pavilion, Chittick Oval, the showring, horse stalls, cattle stalls and kiosk buildings. A large telecommunications tower was constructed opposite the Bong Bong Street entrance in 1998.

Much of the surrounds of the showground comprise sealed and unsealed hard-standing areas which are utilised for informal carparking and vehicle access.

### **1.1 Tenure and Land Use Zoning**

<b>Town &amp; Parish:</b>	Kiama
<b>County:</b>	Cumberland
<b>Land District:</b>	Kiama
<b>LGA:</b>	Kiama Municipality
<b>Area:</b>	Approximately 5.3 hectares
<b>Zoning:</b>	The entire site is zoned 6(a) Existing Recreation under the Kiama LEP, 1996.
<b>Land Status:</b>	Dedicated reserve D580000 for Public Recreation and Showground, notified 26 August 1908 with three further additions of land on 27 October 1944, 29 June 1951 and 23 October 1997. Kiama Municipal Council was appointed Trustee on 17 January 1937.

**Leases:** Kiama Rugby Club currently leases the first floor clubroom and the stairs of the Kiama Sports Pavilion. As a condition of the lease agreement, the Club is required to make the clubroom available for hire by community or sporting organisations.

## **2.0 POLICY**

It is essential in preparing this draft plan that the relevant legislation and Government policies are taken into consideration, of which the *Crown Lands Act 1989* and the NSW Coastal Policy 1997 are very significant. These documents stress the conservation of natural resources and their management in an ecologically sustainable manner, while at the same time providing appropriate opportunities for public use.

The plan must also address the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. This Act establishes the statutory planning framework that must be followed in the management of the reserves.

### **2.1 Crown Land, the Reserve System and Trust Management**

The *Crown Lands Act 1989* governs the planning, management and use of Crown land and includes provisions to reserve or dedicate lands for prescribed public purposes and for leasing and licensing. The collection of Crown land which has been set aside for a public purpose is called the Crown Reserve System.

The Department of Lands, together with reserve trusts appointed by the Minister for Lands, is responsible for the administration and management of the Crown Reserve System. Kiama Municipal Council is the Reserve Trust Manager appointed by the Minister for Lands to have care, control and management of Kiama Showground.

#### *How Can Crown Reserves and Dedications Be Used?*

Uses and activities on land reserved for public purposes are broadly defined by the public purpose of the reservation or dedication, in conjunction with any conditions and provisions within the specific zoning in the local Council's Local Environmental Plan.

In addition, case law judgments influence the policy and practice of the Department of Lands and the Trust Manager. The body of case law which helps define acceptable uses and activities on public recreation reserves provides the following guidance:

- Use of the reserve must be consistent with the public purpose for which the land is dedicated or reserved and ancillary to or supportive of the purpose.
- Improvements and developments to land which is reserved or dedicated are confined to those which support, or are ancillary to, the public purpose of the reservation or dedication.
- A lease or licence must be consistent with the purpose of the land's reservation or dedication.

- Land reserved or dedicated for public recreation must be open to the public generally as a right. The public may only be restricted from access to parts of the reserve and buildings thereon if it is necessary for the public's enjoyment of the reserve, eg a workshop, equipment storage or operational facilities.
- Right of access does not mean entirely free access. Reasonable entry fees and charges may be imposed, as well as other legal constraints to entry such as those relating to health and safety.

## **2.2 Crown Lands Act 1989**

This Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with the principles of Crown land management as set out in Section 11 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*. These principles are that:

- environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land;
- the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible;
- public use and enjoyment of the land be encouraged;
- where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged;
- where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity; and
- Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licenced or otherwise dealt with in the best interest of the State consistent with the above principles.

## **2.3 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979**

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) forms the framework within which planning occurs within NSW. Works proposed on the reserve may require development consent under Part 4 of the EP&A Act.

The EP&A Act sets up environmental planning instruments which provide a basis for development control at a statewide (State Environmental Planning Policy-SEPP), regional (Regional Environmental Plans-REP) and local level (Local Environmental Plans-LEP and Development Control Plans- DCP). Consent granted by Council must be in accordance with the planning instruments gazetted for the area.

### **2.3.1 Kiama Local Environmental Plan 1996**

The Kiama Local Environmental Plan, 1996 divides the land within the Kiama Municipality into different land use zones. Council is the consent authority for activities and developments that are undertaken in areas zoned under the LEP. The provisions for each zone include the objectives, activities allowed with and without development consent from Council and the activities prohibited; these are outlined in the LEP.

The showground is zoned 6(a) Existing Recreation. The zoning information relevant to the showground is shown in Annexure 1.

### **2.3.2 Kiama Development Control Plan No. 13- Kiama Town Centre**

The Plan of Management area lies within the boundaries of Kiama Development Control Plan (DCP) No. 13 Kiama Town Centre. DCP's provide more detailed provisions for an area than are contained in a Local Environmental Plan. The major objective of DCP No. 13 is to guide and co-ordinate private and public building and landscape development within the Kiama town centre.

The main aims of the DCP relevant to this plan are to:

- expand the role of Kiama as a regional focus of cultural and historical significance;
- maximise the physical advantages and the opportunities that the Kiama town centre and individual sites present, including views to the harbour, escarpment and coastal scenery;
- encourage the retention and refurbishment of heritage and/or architectural significance and their use for civic purposes; and
- further develop an integrated landscape theme and network within the Kiama town centre.

## **2.4 NSW Coastal Policy 1997**

The NSW Coastal Policy was adopted in November 1997 and contains initiatives to protect and conserve the coastal zone for future generations. The central focus of the policy is the Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) of the NSW Coastline. Objectives from the Policy of particular relevance to this plan are:

- To identify coastal lands with conservation values and implement management strategies and controls to ensure that those values are protected.
- To encourage towns to reinforce or establish their particular identities in a form which enhances the natural beauty of the coastal zone.
- To effectively manage and conserve cultural heritage places, items and landscapes through a variety of planning and management programs.
- Development proposals to conform with specialised design and planning standards to control height, setback and scale to ensure public access and to ensure that beaches and foreshore spaces are not overshadowed.
- State Government agencies, when preparing policies, programs and procedures for coastal zone planning and management, will be required to ensure that they are consistent with the Coastal Policy and have regard for national and international strategies, policies and agreements.

## **2.5 Other Relevant Policies**

- Coastal Crown Lands Policy 1991
- NSW Coastline Hazard Policy 1998

## **3.0 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT**

### **3.1 Values for Kiama Showground**

Values are attributes that are highly regarded or important to people. Identifying values establishes what is important about the study area and the qualities which must be protected and taken into account when formulating future management objectives and actions. The core values identified for this planning area are:

**Showground Arena and Pavilion** - The showground ring/arena is the focal point of the Kiama Showground. It has been used as the location for the Kiama Show for over 102 years. The pavilion is the only community hall in Kiama which seats over 150 people.

**Landscape Character** - The showground is in a visually prominent position with outstanding views of the coastline and ocean to the east and Saddleback Mountain to the west. It is part of an open space linkage between Blowhole Point and Kendalls Point, with the mature Norfolk Island Pines an important part of the landscape character.

**Recreational Value** - The showground and associated facilities are a local recreational resource providing for a range of formal and informal based recreation within an expanding urban environment.

**Heritage and Cultural Use** - The showground demonstrates the commitment of the State Government of NSW at the turn of the century to dedicate significant parcels of land as Crown reserves for public recreation and showground. The reserve has provided a valuable resource to the local community for over 100 years.

### **3.2 Aims of the Plan**

The overall aims of the Kiama Showground Plan of Management are to:

- Identify the significant values and qualities of the planning area.
- Identify the issues that need to be considered in relation to these values.
- Ensure that the use and development of the planning area is compatible with the use of the surrounding environment and that it will not detract from the existing natural, cultural and scenic qualities of the headland.
- Provide a clear future direction concerning the management and uses of the reserve.
- Provide a management tool which will guide the future development of the site through achievement of agreed outcomes.
- Develop actions that will ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the aesthetic, recreational and cultural values of the planning area.

### **3.3 Guiding Principles for Kiama Showground**

This section outlines the management principles for Kiama Showground. These principles should be referred to when making decisions after the Plan of Management is completed. The guiding principles are:

- To promote and enhance a multi-use community reserve which makes provision for a range of activities (showground, recreational, tourist etc.), which are appropriate to the site and complement one another.
- To preserve the natural open space linkages between the site and surrounding areas.
- Any development/redevelopment works shall be designed to minimise adverse visual impact. All works should aim to enhance the visual quality of the showground and the landscape character of the headland.

### **3.4 The Plan of Management Process**

The preparation and ratification of this Plan of Management has three basic sequential steps:

#### **A. Collection of Information and Definition of the Issues**

- Analysis of the site and the determination of planning opportunities and constraints.
- Assessment of relevant legislation and Government policies.
- The establishment of aims and guidelines for the planning area.
- Analysis of relevant management issues and the existing situation.

#### **B. Development of the Preferred Management Approach and Preparation of the Plan**

- The establishment of desired outcomes for the management area to satisfy the aims and objectives of the plan and the needs of the community and the various stakeholder groups.
- Formulation and evaluation of development and management options in consultation with relevant authorities and the various stakeholder groups.
- Establishment of supporting actions.
- Preparation of the Draft Plan of Management document.

#### **C. Exhibition and Making of the Plan**

- Exhibition of the draft plan for public comment.
- Consideration of public comment and subsequent amendment (where warranted).
- Consideration of the plan and any amendments by the Department of Lands and Kiama Municipal Council.
- Adoption of the Plan of Management by the Minister for Lands.
- Periodic review and amendment of the plan in the future.



## **4.0 MASTERPLAN**

The Masterplan depicts key priorities for works to be undertaken on the showground and is shown in Annexure 2 (*Page 17*). Essentially the plan is a graphical representation of the broad-scale actions for the management area and will address issues such as parking, landscaping, picnic facilities and access, taking into consideration the values identified earlier in this plan. The masterplan should also enhance the public use, tourist potential and recreational opportunities of the reserve. This plan will support the Plan of Management. Any changes to the masterplan must be in accordance with the Plan of Management taking into account the values and objectives of this plan.

## **5.0 ISSUES**

### **5.1 Visual Amenity**

As previously mentioned, the ground and facilities form a visually prominent feature in the town. The main visual elements to the site comprise the two playing fields, the pavilion, the Norfolk Island Pine trees and the associated parking areas. The telecommunications tower at the Bong Bong Street entrance has a strong visual impact both internally and externally.

Generally the built elements on the site detract from the natural visual amenity of the area. This includes the showground pavilion and grandstand, sports pavilion, the kiosk buildings, the horse and cattle stalls and the telecommunications tower. The horse stalls in particular detract from the visual and general amenity of the headland. The large expanses of hard-standing area, both sealed and unsealed, create dust and glare in the open areas. The two playing areas provide a pleasant relief to these harsh surrounds. The mature Norfolk Island Pine trees create a link to the Blowhole Headland, Coronation Park and Surf Beach.

The two main entry points are at Bong Bong Street and Terralong Street. The entry off Terralong Street has been closed to regular vehicular traffic in accordance with the recommendations made in the 2000 draft plan. A dry stone wall has been constructed to control access and define this entrance. Whilst the dry stone wall at Bong Bong Street has improved this entry, further improvements are needed to the Bong Bong Street boundary and this area generally. The general appearance and the surrounds to the pavilion greatly detract from the visual amenity of the site. Apart from the actual entry points, the area immediately to the west of the pavilion is dominated by a poorly defined large expanse of bitumen which leads to an unsealed gravel parking area overlooking Surf Beach. Views from the pavilion towards Surf Beach, Chittick Oval and beyond to Saddleback are spoilt by this aspect.

With the construction of the telecommunications tower in 1998, some improvement was achieved by the removal of old timber light poles and their replacement with single concrete poles. Further improvement was made through the removal of a number of power poles and overhead wires in 2002. In addition, the appearance of the telecommunications tower was also improved through painting at about that time.

### **Outcome**

- Improve the appearance and amenity to the carparking areas and curtilage of the showground pavilion.
- Improve the external appearance of the buildings so that the scale, height and colours of the building ensure that the impact of the building is kept to a minimum and results in an improvement in the visual amenity on the site.

### **Action**

- Carry out works in accordance with the masterplan and as funding becomes available including:
  - ◆ Undertake additional planting of Norfolk Island Pine trees to complement the existing trees.
  - ◆ Provide a soft landscape area to the curtilage of the pavilion.
  - ◆ Provide landscaping to the Bong Bong Street boundary in Bong Bong Street.
  - ◆ Replace the gravel areas on the east side of the showring with grass for supervised and restricted parking.
- Undertake repairs to the horse stables including replacement of the roof with a suitable colorbond roof.
- Construct carparking areas and access roads to minimise the extent of hard-standing areas on the site and provide safer parking.
- Prepare development application and building plans for renovation to the showground pavilion, Rugby League kiosk and reconstruction of the cattle stalls and horse stalls.

## **5.2 Access**

- Since 2003, vehicle access is only available from Bong Bong Street. The generally uncontrolled access through the site from Terralong Street to Bong Bong Street was closed in 2003 in accordance with the recommendations of the 2000 Draft Plan of Management. A gate was also erected adjacent to the football kiosk which limits direct access past that building to Terralong Street. This has improved safety in the reserve. In accord with the draft plan of 2000, generally parking is limited to the area around the Bong Bong Street entrance. It was the intention of that plan to allow “*supervised and limited parking to the eastern side of the showring for approved events.*” This needs to be complied with – the area should not generally be used for parking.
- Parking around this area is undefined and haphazard leading to an inefficient use of space.

A shared pedestrian/cycleway was constructed in 2003 to provide a direct link between the town of Kiama, Kiama Harbour and Blowhole Point to Surf Beach. This was recommended in the 2000 draft plan.

There may be a need to restrict free access to the shared pedestrian/cycleway during special events approved by Council where entry fees are payable for example Kiama Show.

### **Outcome**

- Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists between Blowhole Point, the showground and Surf Beach.

- Improve safety for showground users by controlling vehicle access and formalising parking throughout the site.
- Improve the amenity of the showground by controlling access and vehicle movement through the site.

#### **Action**

- Close the entry from Terralong Street to vehicles except for specific special events such as Kiama Show, football finals or other special events approved by Council.
- Reconstruct the existing carparking to improve parking and traffic control.
- Maintain the existing access off Bong Bong Street.
- Maintain the existing access to Chittick Oval for authorised vehicles only.
- Provide controlled vehicle access for supervised and limited parking to the eastern side of the showring for approved events.
- Provide access for disabled persons to all facilities.
- Maintain access and parking adjacent to the sports pavilion from Bong Bong Street but close off through traffic to Terralong Street from this area.
- Carry out works in accordance with the Masterplan and as funding becomes available.

### **5.3 Coastal Hazard**

The site is situated on the northern headland of Surf Beach. The eastern and southern embankments forming the eastern and southern sides of the site are subject to damage by storm waves emanating from the south-east and east. As noted in the 2000 draft plan, this had caused erosion, particularly to the eastern embankment, much of which are composed of imported fill material. As a result, heavy rock armouring and reshaping of the eastern embankment was undertaken in 2002 to stabilise and protect this area. As much foreign material eroded from the embankment was removed from the rock shelf as was practical. Some minor damage occurred to this work as a result of large swells (up to 7 metres) in April 2006. However, the work has been largely successful in protecting the bank.

#### **Outcome**

- Minimise erosion to the eastern and southern embankments.

#### **Actions**

- Monitor the erosion control works and repair as necessary

### **5.4 Site Constraints**

The site covers an area of 5.3 hectares. It is adjoined by residential and commercial development in Bong Bong and Manning Streets and by the Anglican Church in Terralong Street. The rocky foreshore of the headland forms the boundary to the south and east. The adjoining development and the shoreline make any expansion of the site highly unlikely.

The nature of the site with extreme exposure to strong, salt-laden winds in itself is a constraint as it limits the scope of landscaping treatment able to be carried out successfully in the area. The Kiama Show Society has successfully developed the Annual Show over the past 102 years. Whilst it is used for Show purposes for only five days at the end of January each year, the Show occupies and needs all of the site for its activities during that period. The Show Society recognises the needs of other users but the need for the retention of open space for the Show also is a constraint on the overall redevelopment of the area. The other main users of the area at present are the football clubs who use the ovals as their home grounds. It is assumed that these clubs will continue to use the site into the foreseeable future and such use must be taken into account in future planning proposals for the area. The use of the site as a showground and sporting venue has a major impact on the opportunities of the site for other uses.

### **Outcome**

- Encourage the community to use the area through the upgrade of showground facilities.

### **Actions**

- Provide multi-use facilities on the existing area which recognise the site constraints arising from the physical setting, the surrounding development and the needs of present users.

## **5.5 Facilities and Uses**

### **5.5.1 The Kiama Show**

The Show Society holds the annual Kiama Show at the end of January each year and uses the area for approximately ten days. During that time, the show uses all the facilities both inside and outside, including the pavilion, showring, Chittick Oval and all the surrounds. The Show requires all the available space on the site during that time and this will need to be taken into account in any future redevelopment.

The existing covered horse stables located to the south-east of the pavilion are in a poor state of repair and are extremely unsightly. They present a particularly ugly feature on the reserve, especially when viewed from Surf Beach. They require routine maintenance and painting and a new roof to replace the existing asbestos roof.

There are also forty-five timber post and rail horse yards adjacent to the stalls. It is proposed that the yards be replaced with demountable structures which would enable the area to be utilised as open space for the remainder of the year. The demountable yards will be sited adjacent to the area occupied by the existing timber yards.

The area occupied by the cattle stalls could also be better utilised as a multi-purpose area for carparking, cattle stalls and general shelter. This would involve the removal of the existing cattle stalls and the construction of a multi-use carpark/cattle stalls building. The reconstruction of the cattle stalls should remain in keeping with the nature of the ground as a showground. This structure would act as covered carparking for spectators watching the football at Chittick Oval and act as shelter for junior rugby league teams who utilise that area. It will also provide additional carparking for use in association with the pavilion.

A Memorandum of Understanding setting out the responsibilities and guidelines for the operation of the Show has been prepared for signature by Council and the Show Society. This will assist in the better management of the Show

### **Outcome**

- Maintain and improve facilities for the Kiama Show.
- Maintain and preserve useable open space to accommodate the needs of the Kiama Show.

### **Actions**

- Repair the covered horse stables including replacement of the existing roof.
- Provide relocatable horse yards in the area shown in the Landscape Masterplan.
- Remove the existing cattle stalls and replace with car parking and redesigned permanent cattle stalls in keeping with the nature of the ground as a showground.
- Council and the Show Society to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and implement its recommendations.

## **5.5.2 Showground Pavilion**

The showground pavilion is used for staging the Kiama Show and for various concerts, meetings and special events. The existing building consists of toilets and storage rooms at ground level and a single hall or open room with kitchen facilities on the upper level. The grandstand is attached to this building. The pavilion is the only public hall in Kiama capable of seating over 150 people.

Users of the hall have expressed concerns about the adequacy of the pavilion to cater for concerts and large functions. The current design also restricts opportunities for multi-purpose use of the facility. Redevelopment of the building has been considered on a number of occasions in the past.

In 1998, Council appointed the Showground Pavilion Co-ordination Committee, made up of key stakeholders and community representatives, to again consider this matter. The Committee recommended that a proposal be developed for the pavilion which would provide a multi-purpose cultural and recreational facility which could accommodate a variety of events and activities.

Plans were prepared which included a restaurant, but after examination of the financial viability of the proposal, Council decided in October 2001 not to proceed with the proposal. Council recommended that revised plans be prepared for the building that did not include a restaurant.

Accordingly, Architects Graham, Bell and Bowman were engaged in 2005 to prepare plans for the redevelopment of the pavilion. Draft concept plans were presented to Council in 2005 and Council endorsed a report recommending that these plans be further developed for lodgement of a development application.

The main features of these plans are:

- Improved access for disabled persons
- An extended hall with a seating capacity for 350 people
- An enlarged stage
- Terraced areas for outside use and viewing of events on the showground
- Construction of a new grandstand adjacent to the pavilion on the eastern side
- A roof form that is in keeping with the sports building to provide a uniform theme to the site.

### **Outcome**

- Redevelop the pavilion to provide for broad community use and include facilities which better meet the needs of existing users.
- Ensure that the redevelopment is compatible with the present use of the reserve and does not detract from the visual amenity of the coastline.

### **Actions**

- Obtain Development Consent for redevelopment of the pavilion.
- Reconstruct the pavilion in accordance with the development consent.

### **5.5.3 Grandstand**

The existing grandstand is attached to the eastern side of the pavilion and is used by spectators to view the events in the showground including the Annual Show and football matches.

A cantilevered roof provides overhead cover but because of the orientation of the grandstand to the east, it is exposed to cold winds and rain from the south-east. Generally, the area below the grandstand is unattractive and badly utilised. The seating is structurally unsound and has not been used since 2004.

The proposed plans for the pavilion upgrade provide for the demolition of the existing grandstand and the construction of a separate structure to the east of the pavilion with a seating capacity of approximately 150. It is proposed that this will incorporate an announcer's box, storage and office space.

### **Outcome**

- Provide covered safe accessible seating for spectators.

### **Actions**

- Obtain Development Consent for redevelopment of the pavilion and grandstand.
- Reconstruct the pavilion and grandstand in accordance with the development consent.

#### **5.5.4 Showring and Chittick Oval**

The showground contains two ovals, the showring located next to the showground pavilion and grandstand, and Chittick Oval located to the south of the Bong Bong Street entrance. The grounds are managed and maintained by Kiama Council while the allocation of the fields to sporting clubs is the responsibility of Kiama Sports Association.

The ovals are utilised by a number of user groups including Kiama Rugby League and Kiama Rugby Union Clubs and the Show Society. In addition to this, Chittick Oval is utilised during the Christmas period when overflow camping is permitted on the site.

There is a heavy demand for use of both fields for organised sport and training and this demand is continuing to grow due to Kiama expanding population. To reduce wear and tear on the showring there is a need to improve lighting on Chittick Oval. This will enable work loads to be spread between both fields.

##### **Outcome**

- Reduce the impacts of sporting activities on the showring and Chittick Oval.

##### **Actions**

- Obtain development consent to improve lighting at Chittick Oval.

#### **5.5.5 Sports Pavilion**

In 1997, the Department of Land and Water Conservation and Kiama Council gave consent for the construction and leasing of this building as a multi-use sports pavilion. Funding for the pavilion was provided by the Kiama Rugby Club and Kiama Council. The building includes an upper floor or meeting room leased to the Kiama Rugby Club and ground floor facilities consisting of change rooms, toilets and a small kiosk. The kiosk continues to operate from the previous facilities adjacent to the sports pavilion. The meeting room on the upper floor is available for hire from Kiama Rugby Club.

The change rooms and amenities serve as the only facilities within the plan area that have external access. The demand on these toilets and change rooms is high, particularly at times during the football season when the Senior and Junior Rugby Clubs share the facilities. It is also heavily used during special events such as the Rugby Sevens tournament and during the six week camping period over the Christmas Holidays.

##### **Outcome**

- Maintain and encourage access to this facility in accordance with the development consent and the lease document.

##### **Action**

- Promote and clearly identify that the community facilities are available for hire with appropriate signage.

### **5.5.6 Kiosk**

There are currently three kiosk facilities in the planning area - within the sports pavilion, the old rugby league kiosk near the showring and the junior league kiosk located next to Chittick Oval.

A new kiosk facility was built within the sports pavilion however, this was found to be too small and the old rugby league kiosk remains in use. Given the central location of this kiosk, it is desirable to refurbish the building so that it does not detract from the general and visual amenity of the surrounds.

#### **Outcome**

- Improve the appearance of the Rugby League Kiosk.

#### **Actions**

- Refurbish the Rugby League kiosk facility.

### **5.5.7 Camping**

Kiama Showground has been used for camping for a number of years, possibly dating back to the 1930's. Kiama Council uses part of the showground as an overflow camping area from Blowhole Point Caravan Park. This use is authorised by way of a special approval under Section 10(3) of the Local Government (Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 1995. This approval permits camping for tents and caravans on the site in designated areas at Christmas time during the notified school holidays.

Although camping does not interfere with the Kiama Show or sporting events, some concerns have previously been raised with Council regarding the use of the area for camping. In response to these concerns Council reduced the number of camp sites to 68. These are located mainly on the perimeter of Chittick Oval and adjacent to the Sports Pavilion and Anglican Church.

Provision has been made in Council's Holiday Parks Business Management Plan adopted by Council in May 2000 for the continuation of overflow camping in this area.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Show Society and Council requires that a Camping License is obtained by the Show Society and Council for camping on the reserve by persons participating at the Show. Council may issue a Special Camping License under the provisions of the Local Government (Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation for a period of less than six weeks where it is in connection with a sporting, recreational or cultural event. The Kiama Show would fall into this category. Council is then able to apply conditions to the license in any way it deems appropriate.

The Camping License will set out the area approved for camping and conditions in relation to effluent management, electrical supply safety, fire fighting capabilities, dog management, distances between vans and fees for camping. In particular, it will set out the period covered by the license.



### **Outcome**

- Maintain use of part of the site for overflow camping during the Christmas holidays
- Ensure that adequate toilet and shower facilities are available for use by campers and participants in the Kiama Show.

### **Actions**

- Continue to seek annual approval to operate the area as an overflow camping area during the Christmas Holidays in accordance with the Local Government (Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulations 1995.
- Kiama Show Society to obtain a Camping License for participants involved in the operation of the Show.

## **6.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The Kiama Showground Plan of Management is an integrated plan developed by Kiama Municipal Council and the Department of Lands. Implementation will primarily be the responsibility of Kiama Council and will be undertaken within the annual programs of Council as resources allow. All works and activities will be carried out in accordance with the management plan.

Priority will be given to redevelopment of the showground pavilion, subject to development consent, including the provision of carparking facilities as shown on the Landscape Masterplan. Other improvements such as the alteration and improvements to the horse stalls and yards will be subject to availability of funds.

Funding for the various items in the action plan may be available from the following sources:

- Councils general funds.
- Income generated from commercial activities within the reserves managed by Council as Trustee.
- Section 94 contributions specifically collected for either the planning area or open space management generally.
- Public Reserve Management Fund (Department of Land and Natural Resources).
- Coastal Management Fund (Department of Land and Natural Resources).
- Specialised funding from both State and Federal Governments.

## **ANNEXURE 1**

### **Kiama Local Environmental Plan, 1996** **Land Use Table**

#### **Zone 6(a) Existing Recreation**

##### **1. Objectives of Zone**

The objectives are:

- (a) to provide sufficient recreation areas for the benefit and use of the residents of and visitors to Kiama;
- (b) to provide a range of compatible land uses which will ensure the most economical and beneficial use of the land so zoned; and
- (c) to ensure that development and land management practices do not have an adverse effect on water catchments, water quality, land surface conditions and important ecosystems such as streams, estuaries and wetlands.

##### **2. Without Development Consent**

Recreation areas, any development carried out by or on behalf of the National Parks and Wildlife Service under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

##### **3. Only with Development Consent**

Agriculture, caravan parks, drainage, fill, race courses, roads, showgrounds, utility installations (other than generating works or gas holders).

##### **4. Prohibited**

Any purpose other than a purpose included in Item 2 or 3.

## ANNEXURE 2 - MASTERPLAN

