

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING

To be held at 10.30am on

Thursday 15 August 2019

Kiama High School Saddleback Mountain Road, KIAMA NSW 2533

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- 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

8 August 2019

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 15 August 2019 commencing at 10.30am 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 15 AUGUST 2019

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."

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Youth Engagement Meeting on 2 August 2018

Attachments

1 Minutes - Youth Engagement Meeting - 02/08/18 J

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

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



commencing at 10am on

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2018

Kiama High School Saddleback Mountain Road, KIAMA NSW 2533

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MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA HELD AT THE KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL, KIAMA, ON THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2018 AT 10.33AM

PRESENT: Mayor – Councillor M Honey,

Deputy Mayor - Councillor K Rice,

Councillors N Reilly, A Sloan, W Steel and M Westhoff

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Director Environmental Services, Acting

Director Corporate and Commercial Services, Director Engineering and Works, and Director Blue Haven

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors Brown, Watson and Way.

YOU-18/001

Resolved that the apologies as tendered be accepted and leave of absence granted.

(Councillors Reilly and Rice)

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 3 August 2017

YOU-18/002

Resolved that the Minutes of the Youth Engagement Meeting held on 3 August 2017 be received and accepted.

(Councillors Reilly and Sloan)

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4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

YOU-18/003

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

- 5.1 Kiama Cultural Grants
- 5.2 Work experience and opportunities for students
- 5.3 Mental health services for young people
- 5.4 Scholastic opportunities for students
- 5.5 Road Safety Information
- 5.6 Kiama Library program update
- 5.7 Kiama Strategic Planning Review
- 5.8 The Climate Council Cities Power Partnership Program Kiama Council Partnership Action Pledges Update
- 5.9 Question for Future Meeting: Installation of a water refill station half way along the Kiama Heights to Gerringong Coastal walking track
- 5.10 Question for Future Meeting: Compost Bins in Public Places
- 5.11 Blue Haven Bonaira construction information
- 5.12 Apprenticeship Opportunities
- 5.13 2019 Young Citizen of the Year
- 5.14 Communications Update
- 5.15 Indigenous activities in the Municipality.

(Councillors Westhoff and Steel)

6 SUBMISSIONS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Student Representative Council advised that there is a lack of awareness of various services available at both SENTRAL and within the community for local youth and suggested the following options to promote awareness:
 - · secular media such as Facebook, Instagram, etc
 - Posters in shops, train stations, libraries, school notice boards
 - · Radio advertising
 - · Larger signage outside premises

The Mayor referred the matter to Director Environmental Services for investigation and report.

6.2 The Student Representative Council advised that they were in opposition to the alleged redevelopment of Blowhole Point but would prefer the focus to be on the harbour.

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The Mayor thanked the SRC for their comments and assured them that Council has no intention of demolishing the cabins at Blowhole Point..

- 6.3 The Student Representative Council requested consideration be given to provision of a shuttle bus service for the Municipality covering the region from Gerroa in the south to Jamberoo in the west and Minnamurra in the north. They also suggested that Opal cards should be able to be used on all transport services not just State government operations.
 - It was noted that this is primarily the role of the State Government. The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Engineering & Works who advised that Council was still investigating the possibility of shuttle services within the LGA. He further stated that the matter of Opal card use should be referred to the Member for Kiama and Minister for Transport.
- 6.4 The Student Representative Council drew attention to the problem of plastic and other litter in Council parks and reserves and requested that Council consider promoting the use of bio-degradable utensils, banning the use of plastic bags in shops, creating and Environmental Community Club and promoting organisations such as Take 3 for the Sea.

The Mayor advised that he would write to the Chamber of Commerce asking for their consideration towards making Kiama a "plastic bag free" town and also requesting shop owners to use biodegradable utensils. The Mayor also suggested that the SRC should consider making a presentation to the Chamber on this subject. He advised that Council could facilitate the SRC address to the Chamber if required.

The Mayor also referred the matter to the Director Environmental Services for investigation and report.

- 6.5 The Student Representative Council advised that the Kiama Library currently only stays open until 8pm on a Tuesday evening and requested that Council give consideration to longer opening hours for Kiama Library on additional weeknights.
 - The Mayor referred the matter to the Manager Environmental Services for investigation and report.
- 6.6 The Student Representative Council requested consideration be given to having more live music and music festivals in the summer months creating activities for the younger members of the community and providing performance opportunities for local bands. The SRC also advised that Kiama High School also had an event planning committee that would be happy to assist with events and raising funds.

The Senior Youth Worker advised that there was a performance stage at the SENTRAL Youth Centre available for use by anyone and interested persons should contact SENTRAL.

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The Mayor thanked the SRC for their support and referred the matter of music festivals to the General Manager for investigation and report. He also requested that the SRC consider putting together a proposal of activities and presenting it to Council for consideration.

6.7 The Student Representative Council requested that Council consider more ceremonies and celebrations in Kiama for Aboriginal people who want to celebrate NAIDOC. The SRC suggested that elder storytelling, smoking ceremonies and celebrations in Hindmarsh Park are a few options for local NAIDOC celebrations that Council could consider.

The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Environmental Services for investigation and report.

6.8 The Student Representative Council requested consideration of central job listing board or site for local businesses to advertise opportunities for youth looking for local employment.

The Mayor referred the matter to the Director Environmental Services for investigation and report.

7 QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.33pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 August 2018

Mayor																																

Kiama Municipal Council

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Promotion of SENTRAL Youth Service

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

At the 2018 Youth Engagement Meeting the Student Representative Council advised that there is a lack of awareness of various services available at both SENTRAL and within the community for local youth and suggested the following options to promote awareness:

- Secular media such as Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Posters in shops, train stations, libraries, school notice boards
- Radio advertising
- Larger signage outside premises

SENTRAL staff have worked to improve awareness of the service over the past 12 months and can report that the following have taken place:

- 3 x Community Engagement Activities in parks and beaches over the summer months in partnership with HARP Sexual Health Unit
- Promotion of SENTRALfest via social media, posters in shops, libraries, school notice boards.
- New posters promoting SENTRAL's Drop in times displayed on social media, posters in libraries and school notice boards.
- Promotion of drop-in and SENTRALfest at junior and senior Kiama High School assemblies.
- Increasing the quality and number of Facebook posts to 3 or more per week and ensuring that they are relevant and engaging for young people.

As a result of the above activities, we can report an increase in numbers of young people using the drop-in service with between 10 and 25 young people accessing the service each day. Majority of the young people accessing drop-in are KHS students.

The increased quality and number of Facebook posts has seen the total number of unique profile likes (followers) on Kiama Youth Services Facebook page rise from 396 in January 2019 to 513 on June 21 which equates to a 29.5% increase.

Staff are currently working on, or have already delivered the following promotional/community engagement activities to be carried out over the next 12 months:

- Development of a new dedicated website for SENTRAL
- A dedicated Instagram account
- Development of a DL size promotional resource card that can be given out at community events (see attachment 1)
- Community Engagement and promotion at Kiama Skatefest

- 5.1 Promotion of SENTRAL Youth Service (cont)
- Investigate opportunities in the 2019/20 budget for new, clearer signage at SENTRAL

The Student Representative Council can assist with promoting the service by word of mouth, by following us on Facebook and sharing our posts. SENTRAL is listed as "Kiama Youth Services" on Facebook.

Attachments

1 SENTRAL Youth Program - DL brochure - 2019 U





SENTRAL Fitness is a free physical development program focusing



For more information

www.facebook/kiamayouthservices council@kiama.nsw.gov.au www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

in Hindmarsh Park Kiama. Parking is available in Collins Lane. SENTRAL Youth Centre is located in the cottages These programs are free and fully supervised for

No drugs or alcohol are permitted



The room is open 12-5 Tuesday to Saturday

When: Call us for booking times and to register

SENTRAL is open for young people to drop in and play pool, basketball,

Band practice room

Tuesday to Saturday

practice or start a band

Attachment 1

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO)

are for 12-24 year olds, free and held at SENTRAL unless otherwise

ole is to ensure equality of access to Councils facilities and services for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander people living in Kiama LGA

Tuesday 9-4pm

best they can be. Sometimes things get tough SENTRAL supports and nurtures young people to be the SENTRAL is a referral based service that

staff can assist and refer young people to specific services

that identify with their needs.

Need help now?

Mental health

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Kids Helpline - 1800 55 1800

Head Space Wollongong - (02) 4220 7660 Head Space Nowra - (02) 4421 5388

Domestic violence

Men's Referral Service – 1300 766 491

Illawarra Women's Health Centre - (02) 4255 6800 Family Service Australia – (02) 4256 7333

Sexual health

Illawarra Sexual Health Service (Port Kembla) – (02) 4223 8457 Kiama Teen Clinic - (02) 4232 1244

Homelessness

Southern Youth and Family Services – (02) 4228 1946 Link2home - 1800 152 152



Work Development Orders (WDO)

Call us to discuss eligibility

Email trishl@kiama.nsw.gov.au

Young men's program

Presented by a qualified Youth Worker, the program is aimed at developing the self-esteem and confidence of year 9 and 10 session to identify concerns or issues with the boys followed by a talk about areas such as confidence, self-esteem, legalities, students. The program broaches topics young people are faced employment, anger issues and bullying/peer pressure. with every day, followed by lunch. A guest

Kiama High School year 9 and 10 students Terms 1 and Term 3, 7-8-week duration When: Who:

Referral through KHS or call us

Young women's program

Presented by a qualified Youth Worker, the Young Women's Program aims are to develop self-esteem and confidence of emale students in year 9 and 10 by educating them on life life. The program explores topics such as body image and skills and strategies that they can utilise in their day-to-day self-confidence, healthy relationships and self-esteem, sexual nealth, consent, drugs and alcohol, mental health, physical nealth and sexuality and gender

Where: SENTRAL

Terms 2 and Term 4, 7-8-week duration

Kiama High School year 9 and 10 students Referral through KHS or call us

SENTRAL is a registered WDO sponsor and can support young people to pay off their NSW Revenue fines by registering with us to do voluntary work or participate in programs. Go to www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/fines-and-fees/cant-pay-your-debt for more info on WDOs.

Giama Council's ACLO, Trish Levett's

Trish provides information, advice and guidance both internally to the staff of Kiama Council and externally to the Aboriginal residents and agencies on issues relevant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Kiama LGA

students at Kiama High School on a range of issues. Students are self-referred from programs or engagement with SENTRAL or referred by teachers, with youth workers providing ongoing support and mentoring.

Friday 11.30am-2pm during school term

Where: Kiama High School

Kiama High School year 9 and 10 students.

Referral through KHS or call us



Youth workers @ SENTRAL

advice and support to young people, parents and carers, including referrals to specialist services. Youth workers have in-depth knowledge of local services that can help with employment, education and recreational needs Melissa, Dylan and Rubi provide confidential

Tuesday to Saturday 12-5pm

12-24 years, parents and carers

Drop in during the above times or call us to make an appointment



Youth workers @ KHS

Each Friday SENTRAL provides a youth worker to work with

Who:

5.2 Response to SRC Request - More Youth-Focussed Music Events

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

At the 2018 Youth Engagement meeting, the Student Representative Council (SRC) requested consideration be given to having more live music and music festivals in the summer months creating activities for the younger members of the community and providing performance opportunities for local bands. In addition the SRC advised that Kiama High School have an event planning committee that would be happy to assist with events and raising funds.

SENTRAL staff advise that there is a performance stage at SENTRAL Youth Centre available for use by anyone. Any interested young people should contact SENTRAL to book in and use the stage for events. Whilst SENTRAL staff can't organise events on behalf of others, they are able to assist any young person or group of young people wishing to organise their own event.

SENTRAL hosted SENTRALfest in April 2019 to celebrate Youth Week. The minifestival included an open-mic opportunity. Despite extensive promotion, only two young people pre-registered to perform. Another three young people performed on the night. Staff would like input from the SRC as to whether this style of event would be supported in future and whether any students would like to assist with organising another similar event in term 4, 2019.

Furthermore, staff would like to direct the students to a number of regular local music events that young people are able to get involved with. These include:

- Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival
- Music in the Park (Hindmarsh Park)
- Gerringong Surf Music Festival
- Jamberoo Music Festival

Whilst these are not youth-specific events, they do present opportunities for local young people to showcase their talents and to participate in; with the festivals often keen to including young performers. SENTRAL staff are happy to help young performers connect with the organisers of these events should they wish to perform in the future, or suggest new components to the festival that are more attractive for young people.

A separate report will be made to this meeting regarding a funding application to the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3 for a youth-led music festival.

5.3 Local Strategic Planning Statement

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

In late 2017 Council started work on the preparation of a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) that will set out:

- 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.

As reported to last year's Youth Engagement meeting, engaging with the community and stakeholders about values and priorities for Kiama will be crucial. The young people of Kiama will be one of the important groups to be consulted 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. There will be more opportunities to input in the LSPS however the key feedback about the future of Kiama from this initial phase included:

- Kiama is environmentally conscious through use of sustainable practices and renewable energy
- Advances in technology are embraced to assist with the delivery of services and protection of the environment
- Development is modest and does not sprawl out of the current town boundaries but is able to provide affordable housing options for young people.

The workshop explored two main questions:

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.

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"

5.3 Local Strategic Planning Statement (cont)

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).

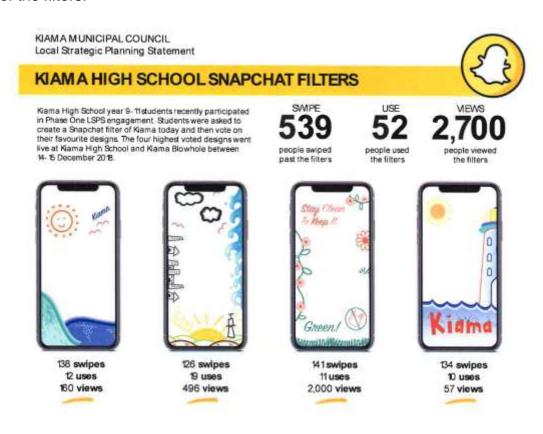
Quotes:

- "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.



5.4 SENTRAL Service Review

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

SENTRAL is a Youth Service funded by Kiama Council and the NSW Government Department of Family and Community Service with the aim of meeting the health and wellbeing needs of young people aged 12 – 24 in the Kiama Local Government area. As such, it is important that young people are involved in decisions about programs, events and services that we deliver.

With new leadership at SENTRAL, this is a good time to check in with young people to make sure that we are meeting the priorities of young people and to ask for input on what we can do differently.

Over the next month SENTRAL will be sending out an electronic survey inviting all young people to provide their opinions.

We will be asking for input from young people about the following:

- How do young people want to receive information about our programs, events and services?
- How happy are young people with the programs, events and services that we currently provide?
- Is there anything we can do to improve our programs, events and services?

Communication/Community Engagement

SENTRAL staff would appreciate the support of KHS students to participate in the consultation and to share the survey with their peers. We will also be holding community engagement kiosks at KHS over the next couple of weeks and would appreciate some volunteers to help us collect data.

In addition to surveys, Lauren Berwick, a TAFE work placement student will be interviewing young people who use the service to get a more in-depth understanding of how and why they use the service and how we can meet their needs.

Once the data collection is complete, the SENTRAL team will produce a report about our findings and make recommendations for changes that reflect the priorities that young people provide through the consultations. The report and recommended changes will be available to students and the general community via Council's Website and will be reported to future Youth Advisory and Youth Engagement meetings.

5.5 Youth Arts Scholarship

Responsible Director: Environmental 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 can be applied for as part of the Cultural Grants funding rounds in February and August each year.

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 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 year.

Application forms and more information can be provided by contacting Council's Community and Cultural Development Officer on (02) 4232 0444 or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au

Communication/Community Engagement

Promoted through Kiama Cultural Arts Network and Youth Engagement meeting along with Council's other promotion channels.

5.6 Upcoming Awards and Nominations

Responsible Director: Office of the General Manager

Council is currently seeking nominations for the **Community Achievement Awards** to be announced in September, and 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.

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.

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 2020 Australia Day Awards, and our 2019 Community Achievement 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.

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.

Previous recipients of the Award include surfing world champion, Sally Fitzgibbon, for her services to surfing, Emily Stratton for services to the arts by establishing the Kiama Actors Studio, Hannah McInerney for services to the Rural Fire Service, Sarah Young for services to the community as a young Rotarian, and last year Troy Bartrim, for his involvement in Kiama Scouts, Hillside Landcare, and running workshops on Hot Composting and No-Dig Garden Bed Building.

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

Nominations will be advertised via Council's website, Facebook page and local print media.

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. Council staff will be on hand to assist with your nomination if required.

5.7 Destination Kiama - youth events update

Responsible Director: Office of the General Manager

The Destination Kiama team have delivered several youth related tourism activities, including:

- securing the 2019 Kiama Skatefest.
- securing the 2019 Australian leg of the World Bodyboard Tour.
- continuing our partnership with Surfing NSW, which delivers multiple surfing events for our Municipality.
- producing 'Meet the Locals' clips that have featured Kieran Woolley and also the Morgan family. It is pleasing to note that one of our contractors for these clips is 15 year old Ryan Twemlow.
- welcomed work experience students at the Visitor Information Centre.
- supported events such as SurfLife and the Jambeoo Music Festival.

Communication/Community Engagement

N/A

5.8 Learner Driver Programs 2019/2020

Responsible Director: Engineering and Works

Council will run a series or Road Safety Projects for 2019/2020. 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.

Council's Road Safety Officer has developed an Action Plan setting out the Council's road safety activities over a three-year period until 2019/20.

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 2013-2018)

The following 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

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 Kiama Municipal 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

The next Free GLS Workshop will be held on Wednesday 16 October 2019 at Kiama Councils Administration building, with another workshop in Kiama planned for Wednesday 15 April 2020.

5.8 Learner Driver Programs 2019/2020 (cont)

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 nighttime 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 Run is scheduled to be held on Sunday 27 October 2019 and Sunday 14 June 2020 between 10.00am and 12.30pm, leaving from Lake Illawarra PCYC.

The fourth annual Ultimate Log Book Run (ULBR) combined with Wollongong and Shellharbour Council's is set down for Sunday 22 March 2020. 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.

The next Free Night Time Log Book Run is also scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21 April 2020 between 6.00pm and 8.30pm leaving from Lake Illawarra PCYC.

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 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 the 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 for the Safer Drivers Course.

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

5.9 Stronger Country Communities Fund

Responsible Director: Office of the General Manager

The Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) was established by the NSW Government to help deliver local projects to regional communities. The fund aims to provide the kind of projects that improve the lives of people who live in regional areas. In this round, Round 3, the Kiama Local Government Area has been allocated \$844,083 for projects, of which, at least 50% is allocated to projects supporting young people. Council has made a decision to increase this allocation to 100%, meaning all of the projects that Council nominates will be those supporting our young people.

The SCCF supports projects for young people that must

- develop new, or upgrade existing infrastructure, including local sport infrastructure where used by young people
- deliver programs for young people.

These projects are to align to the areas of community, wellbeing, connectivity and work ready:

- community programs should help enhance young people's artistic, civic, cultural, leadership, recreational and sporting development
- wellbeing programs should support young people to understand, improve and maintain their physical and mental health
- connectivity programs should provide young people access to affordable and reliable transport and digital options
- work ready programs should support young people to pursue further education and training to develop key employability skills.

The minimum grant amount per project is \$50,000 and the closing date is Friday 27 September 2019. Applications are also open to eligible community organisations.

Council is proposing to apply for funding for the following projects:

- BMX track at Sanctuary Place quarry \$80,000
- Pump track \$140,000
- Youth music festival/event (to be driven by SRC/youth) \$60,000
- SENTRAL recording studio \$150,000
- Workskills bundle: NextGEN Digital Business course, barista training and café skills course – \$75,000
- Youth led music festival \$60,000 (1 event each year for 3 years)

Communication/Community Engagement

An engagement meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 August (after school) at SENTRAL from 3.30pm to 4pm. We will be seeking your feedback on our proposals, specifically the youth concert/event and what that might look like.

5.10 Kiama Library - Opening Hours

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

Kiama Library currently opens between the hours of 9.30am-5.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Tuesday 9.30am-8pm and Saturday 9.30am-2pm.

During HSC exam period the library holds a HSC Lock-in event after normal opening hours conclude so that students are able to continue studying. This event will be held on Wednesday 2 October 2019 and the library will remain open until 8pm with snacks and pizza being provided. Extra study areas are also made available in the library area from mid-September.

A recent increase to public library funding received from State Government of NSW will provide the library with the opportunity to consider an increase to evening opening hours and this is currently being investigated.

5.11 Work experience and opportunities for students

Responsible Director: Office of the General Manager

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, Information Technology Environmental Services, Tourist Information Centre, Community Services, Leisure Centre 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 Application Form on Council's Job's page on the website at http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au/your-council/jobs-at-council/jobs

5.12 Kiama Libaray Programs

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

Kiama Library held a number of programs to help students with their preparation for the HSC exams. During the September school holidays and Study Week the library was a popular venue for students and the library provided additional study spaces for HSC students. This year the HSC Help event was held at Kiama Library in May with the library hosting Creative Writing workshops and PDHPE tutorials.

The annual HSC Lock-in will be held on Wednesday 2 October 2019 from 5.30-8pm in which the library will be open exclusively to HSC students. Free snacks and pizza will be provided. This proved to be a very popular event last year with 32 students attending.

Kiama Library also provides opportunities for students working towards the Voluntary Service component of the Duke of Edinburgh award. These students provide technology support for our local residents in the Tech Connect program while Year 9 students assist with preparation for our children's events and shelving activities on Wednesday afternoons.

5.13 Litter Reduction Initiatives - bio-degradable utensils and banning the use of plastic bags in shops

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

Promoting the use of bio-degradable utensils

The Mayor has written to the Kiama Chamber of Commerce asking for consideration on making Kiama a "plastic bag free" town and also request shop owners to use biodegradable utensils.

For large community or Council events it is proposed that a food waste and organics service will be a requirement. Also all food stall operators will be required to use compostable packaging and utensils.

Council is currently also investigating the feasibility of providing an organics collection service to commercial premises. If this occurs all compostable food waste and utensils could be collected as part of this service.

Council is consulting with commercial business to assess their waste service requirements and to provide education on best practice in waste management and providing suggested alternatives to providing single use packaging or items which are often littered. Such suggestions include:

- establishing a 'take-away' bar where customers use better environmental options such as a sugar dispenser instead of sugar sachets, and salt and pepper dispensers instead of satchels;
- providing bamboo or no straws instead of plastic;
- providing paper bags or no bags instead of plastic;
- providing compostable utensils.

Banning the use of plastic bags in shops

Whilst local government Council's do not have the legislative power to ban plastic bags, the Chamber of Commerce are in support of this recommendation and we expect to hear from them shortly in regard to what action could be taken. It is pleasing that the major food retailers have made the decision not to distribute free of charge plastic shopping bags and encouraging customers to bring their own reusable bags.

Council assisted with the establishment of the Kiama Boomerang Bag (KBB) group whereby shopping bags are sewn from reclaimed fabric such as tablecloths, sheets and curtains as an alternative for plastic bags. This was established in March 2018 and one of the key objectives with the establishment of the KBB group was to work with the weekly Kiama Farmers Market in going plastic bag and polystyrene free. This partnership successfully continues to this day with in excess of 10,000 shopping bags made to date.

5.13 Litter Reduction Initiatives - bio-degradable utensils and banning the use of plastic bags in shops (cont)

Plastic Free Kiama Community

Plastic Free Kiama Community is a local public community group that has been established to raise awareness of the adverse environmental impacts of plastic litter and promoting alternatives to the use of plastic and highlighting what local, Australian or worldwide businesses or cities are doing to reduce the use of plastic.

A Plastic Free Kiama Community Facebook public group page has been established and is open to all sectors of the community including students from Kiama High School.

This Facebook page provides the opportunity for locals to share with the group how they live without plastic and for discussions on this issue. Information on upcoming events, videos and photos of good news stories are shared on this page. Information initiatives that have been undertaken or programs that can be supported like the *Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs* program, a recycling program to fund wheelchairs in South Africa are provided on the site.

Waste is A Resource Seminar' and establishment of Reduce Reuse Recycle Kiama

Council supported the 'Waste is A Resource Seminar', held in April 2019, which was hosted by the community driven group 'Reduce Reuse Recycle Kiama.

This Seminar was aimed at local not-for-profit organisations, community groups, businesses, clubs, schools and government agencies and individuals passionate about the environment and interested in making Kiama and surrounds sustainable by reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill.

The objective of the attendees was to identify problems, form partnerships and work on developing solutions together.

Over 40 people from a wide range of community organisations from the Kiama area attended this seminar to talk about waste and how they as a community want to tackle the waste problem, not only in the Kiama area but as well as the Illawarra, NSW, Australia and the world.

Network and brainstorming sessions were conducted which resulted in the establishment of 4 core topics that they as a community wished to concentrate on regarding waste management in the Kiama area and beyond.

The 4 core topics are:

- Education;
- Changing behaviour;
- Working together;
- Reducing waste.

A Reduce Reuse Recycle Kiama Community Facebook public group page has been established and is open to all sectors of the community including students from Kiama High School. Its mission is also to promote alternatives to single use plastics in Kiama Municipality and surrounds.

5.13 Litter Reduction Initiatives - bio-degradable utensils and banning the use of plastic bags in shops (cont)

This Facebook page provides the opportunity for locals to share information on the Boomerang Bags initiative, and photos of good news stories and future programs.

Summer Holiday Regional Litter Reduction Project

Over the 2018/19 Christmas holiday period Council participated in a regional litter project that involved:

- Street theatre communication education to encourage visitors to dispose correctly and the distribution of car tidy bags to reduce roadside litter.
- Two fishing tackle being installed at the Kiama Harbour to reduce fishing tackle litter.
- In a partnership with Roads and Maritime Services, roadside Variable Message Sign (VMS) boards displaying litter education messaging were set up on roadsides at the entrances to the Kiama, Minnamurra and Gerringong townships. The boards displayed messages designed to increase awareness and to encourage visitors to dispose of their litter correctly. Examples of these messages included Bin It For a Litter Free Coast or Thanks for Keeping Our Coast Litter Free.

5.14 Programs implemented by Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO)

Responsible Director: Environmental Services

This report responds to a matter raised by students at the 2018 Youth Engagement Meeting asking Council to consider more ceremonies and celebrations in Kiama for Aboriginal people who want to celebrate NAIDOC. The SRC suggested that Elder storytelling, smoking ceremonies and celebrations in Hindmarsh Park are a few options for local NAIDOC celebrations that Council could consider.

The below programs were delivered leading up to and during the 2019 NAIDOC Week.

Aboriginal Cultural 6-week program

The six-week program consists of participants learning about Aboriginal culture, having an understanding of how animals, plants and land connect us to country. During the sessions some parents stayed with their children to also learn, with some children not knowing where their mobs are from. Council's ALO was able to link them to their traditional country and their totems, which has given them a sense of belonging. Participants learnt traditional dancing; they also learnt what traditional symbols are to enable them to tell their stories through art. Participants also learnt about bush medicines including planting some bush medicine plants in the garden at the youth centre. For the last session, participants learnt how to make traditional damper with each participant cooking their own damper from scratch.

Kiama Library

A workshop was held at Kiama Library where children enjoyed making Aboriginal dream catchers with 18 children aged between 6-14yrs participating. The event booked out very quickly and there was a waiting list, with parents ringing on the morning of the activity to see if anyone had cancelled. Next year it is planned to hold at least 2 events in the library to cater for more children to be able to attend.

In addition, Council's ALO set up a display in the glass cabinet in the library to show case many different Aboriginal artefacts for NAIDOC week.

Blue Haven Aged Care Facility

Council's ALO ran an activity at Blue Haven this year with over 20 participants learning about bush medicines and Aboriginal artefacts. Participants enjoyed tasting the natural bush medicines and asked many questions. An unexpected outcome was staff approaching the ALO about the potential for cultural awareness training to be run for them. This is now in the process of being organised.

United Gerringong Aged Care Facility

This year was the first year that United Gerringong invited Council's ALO to deliver an activity in celebration of NAIDOC Week. Twenty five residents participated, learning about culture and the meaning of Aboriginal symbols. Participants enjoyed designing their own Aboriginal art works using the symbols and scratch boards.

5.14 Programs implemented by Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) (cont)

Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards

In addition, Kiama Council participates in organising and staging of the annual Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards. These Awards are organised in partnership with Wollongong, Shellharbour & Shoalhaven Councils, with each council taking turns to host the awards. The 2019 Awards were hosted by Shoalhaven City Council in the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, with over 350 people in attendance. Of particular note for Kiama Local Government Area residents was the awarding of the Young Achiever of the Year Award to Kiama local young person Baluun Simon.

Other Aboriginal focused activities

In addition to the above, Council has also delivered other Aboriginal focused activities to promote reconciliation and engagement with local Aboriginal people. The two most prominent of these was the 200 year anniversary commemoration of the massacre of Aboriginal people on Minnamurra River on the 1 October 2018. A small ceremony was held near what is believed to be the site of the massacre. This commemoration was held to acknowledge this terrible event and its 200 anniversary, and to help remind us all of the lived experience many Aboriginal people have paid since colonisation and the resulting intergenerational trauma.

The other event is the annual Sorry Day commemoration organised by Council's Community & Cultural Development Officer. Each year Kiama Council holds an annual Sorry Day commemoration to remember and acknowledge the Stolen Generations and to honour the process and progress of reconciliation with our Indigenous community.

The event is held in two locations. A flag raising ceremony is held outside the Old Council Chambers and performances, guest speaker and bush tucker is held at The Pavilion Kiama.

Sorry Day is held in collaboration with Kiama's five local schools; Gerringong, Jamberoo and Kiama Public Schools, Sts Peter and Paul Catholic School and Kiama High School, and Little Cherubs Childcare Centre. Each year the schools are invited to provide a performance or other item for the program and for students to attend as audience members. Ten indigenous student representatives from each school are invited to attend the bush tucker tasting with their local Elders and Indigenous community members following the performances.

2019 Flag Raising

This part of the event is always well attended by Council staff, local Police, community members and school students. This year included the Gumaraa Aboriginal Dancers, a Welcome to Country by Auntie Joyce Donovan and a one minutes silence in remembrance of the Stolen Generation, along with the formal flag raising.

5.14 Programs implemented by Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) (cont)



2019 Performances at the Pavilion

Every year Kiama's local schools create a wonderful mix of performances reflecting the theme of reconciliation and Indigenous culture and 2019 was no exception with a range of quality items on the program.

While a formal Welcome to Country is given by a local Indigenous Traditional Owner and Elder at the Flag raising ceremony, an Acknowledgement to Country is given each year by the Little Cherubs Childcare Centre.



This is followed by a formal Civic Welcome by the Mayor. For 2019 in Mayor Mark Honey's absence, Cr Mark Westhoff provided this official welcome on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

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5.14 Programs implemented by Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) (cont)

Our 2019 guest speaker was Ms Jodi Edwards a Walbunja Woman of the Yuin Nation. Ms Edawrds is an educator and researcher with a Masters in Language Education who is currently working on continuity of cultural practices in the Yuin and Dharawal Nations through her PhD. Ms Edwards provided an informative speech on the making, importance and relevance of the possum skin cloak to Indigenous culture.

Our local schools provided a range of performance items:

- The National Anthem in Dharawal Language and Simon and Garfunkel's song Bridge Over Troubled Water by Sts Peter and Paul Catholic School
- A choral reading of Bundoola: a traditional dreaming story from the South Coast by Gerringong Public School
- Speaking artwork by Minnamurra Public School
- Poetry reading of Yuin Elder Uncle Max Dulumunmun Harrison's In Memory of those Gone By, by Kiama Public School
- Presentation on the Bomaderry Home and song Tell Me Now by Kiama High School.
- Static artwork displayed in the foyer by Jamberoo Public School

Communication/Community Engagement

All these activities were promoted through Council's usual promotional channels including on the website, through Facebook, email networks, Instagram and Kimunico.

5.15 Kiama Leisure Centre Fees - Student Discount

Responsible Director: Corporate & Commercial Services

At the 2015 Youth Engagement Meeting, Council was requested to consider providing concessional discounts for students to the Kiama Leisure Centre. This resulted in a revised set of fees being adopted with concessions which are still in place. This report provides information about the current 2019/2020 Fees and Charges applicable to fulltime students living in the Kiama Local Government Area (LGA). Fulltime Students living outside the Kiama LGA are entitled to the concession rate which is also outlined below:

Membership Types and Rates for Fulltime Students residing within the Kiama LGA:

Membership Type	residing wit	Students th the Kiama GA	Fulltime Students residing outside the Kiama LGA					
Bronze Membership – Includes swim, spa,	3 month	\$85	3 month	\$146				
sauna and 50% off aqua aerobics classes not	6 month	\$124	6 month	\$209				
already discounted, 50% off selected school activities in pool.	12 month	\$177	12 month	\$302				
Silver Membership –	3 month	\$140	3 month	\$237				
Includes use of								
gymnasium, electronic machines, circuit, aerobics classes, aerobics and locker, 50%	6 month	\$230	6 month	\$391				
off selected school activities in gym, discount on personal fitness program.	12 month	\$355	12 month	\$604				
Gold Membership –	1 month	\$79	1 month	\$134				
Includes swim, spa,								
sauna, use of gymnasium, electronic machines, circuit,	3 month	\$186	3 month	\$318				
aerobics classes, aerobics and locker, FREE selected school	6 month	\$294	6 month	\$500				
activities in gym, discount on personal fitness program.	12 month	\$440	12 month	\$748				

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5.15 Kiama Leisure Centre Fees - Student Discount (cont)

Wet Activities and Charges:

Concession Swim	\$4.50
Sauna (Over 16)	\$6.00
Spa	\$4.50
Swim Voucher 10 visits	\$40.00
Aqua Vouchers – 5 visits	\$45.00
Aqua Vouchers – 10 visits	\$85.00

Dry Activities and Charges:

Aerobic/gym/Pilates	\$9.50
Extra Gym or fitness class	\$5.00
Fitness voucher – 5 visits	\$45.00
Fitness voucher – 10 visits	\$85.00

5.16 Blue Haven Bonaira - Construction Update

Responsible Director: Blue Haven

Kiama Council owns and operates Blue Haven retirement village and aged care home, located near the Leisure Centre on Terralong Street and Havilah Place. The original stages of this site were opened in 1979 and are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. While this is cause for celebration, it has also signaled the need to update the residential aged care home to meet current expectations and standards.

A new care home is now being constructed on the site of the old Kiama Hospital, not far from Kiama High School, on Bonaira Street. When the new home opens it will be able to accommodate 134 residents. This is an increase of 52 residents from the current home, which can accommodate 82. When the new home opens, the old home will close.

The new home is made up of eight households of between 15 and 18 residents. Two of the households will care specifically for residents who have dementia and require additional care. Residents with dementia who do not need additional care will be living in the other households as well.

There will also be other services and facilities on site. Another retirement village of 58 independent living units is being built and there will be offices for Blue Haven Community staff, who provide support to people living in their own homes. There will be a large community hall, meeting rooms, hairdresser, chapel and consulting room.

Council is also restoring Barroul House. Built in 1857, it was originally the home of an important Kiama family, Thomas Surfleet Kendall, his wife Caroline Rutter and their children. The house and surrounding eight acres of land were sold in 1924 to build the Kiama Hospital. Once restored, Barroul House will contain an office for Blue Haven Reception and a café that will be open to the public.

The redeveloped site will offer a range of employment opportunities including care workers, qualified nurses, hospitality, maintenance and administrative staff. Blue Haven regularly hosts students, particularly TAFE and university students, as part of their training. Blue Haven also offers a range of volunteer roles and has over 100 active volunteers.

The following are some images of the new site under construction. The site will open in November 2019.

Communication/Community Engagement

The community are informed via newsletters and social media. Marketing of the new site will occur across a range of mediums.

5.16 Blue Haven Bonaira - Construction Update (cont)







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