

# Why should you vote for The Greens in the Council Election?

Greens councillors have a long and consistent track record when it comes to the issues that our community cares about. When you vote “green” you know what you get.

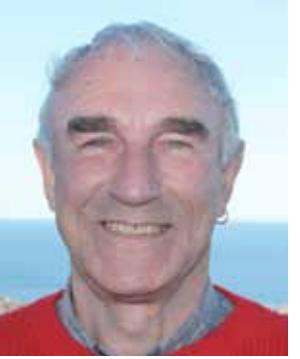
The Greens will continue to:

- Protect food producing farmlands from urban sprawl
- Value and protect the natural environment
- Place community needs first
- Support development that keeps to the rules and oppose over-development
- Encourage consistent and transparent decision making

The Greens value hard won community assets such as the Leisure Centre and Blue Haven Retirement Village because they provide important services to the community. They will not support privatisation of these community owned assets.

Greens councillors are free to make independent decisions and where appropriate will apply the principles of “social and economic justice”, “ecological sustainability”, “grass roots democracy” and “peace and non-violence” to their decision making.

## Introducing The Greens team for the 2012 Council elections on 8th September

					
<b>Andrew Sloan</b>	<b>Kathy Rice</b>	<b>Paula Gowans</b>	<b>Len de Roover</b>	<b>Pat Dunn</b>	<b>Warren Holder</b>
Andrew is a civil engineer from Kiama with a young family. He has over 20 years experience in water and environmental management and holds a Masters Degree in Planning and Local Government Law. Andrew regards improving facilities for families with children and improving water quality in our estuaries and beaches as high on his list of priorities.	Kathy is a local science teacher who moved to Kiama Downs 15 years ago. She is experienced in community management of health and environment organisations. Her special passion is to increase the production of fresh, nutritious food across the whole of the Kiama region. Kathy wants to investigate local approaches to housing affordability and community gardens.	Paula, from Kiama, is a strong supporter of local government and an advocate for community participation in the decisions that affect our everyday lives. She has a special involvement in the cultural activities of the area, being an artist and member of Kiama's Cultural Board. She is interested in fostering the cultural identity of the towns and villages that make up Kiama LGA	Len is a retired builder living in Gerringong with a special interest in support for the area's older citizens. He is currently co-ordinator of a support group for retired men living on their own, many of whom are from Mayflower Village. Len has a commitment to sustainable building practices and has lobbied for the protection of farmland in Gerringong.	Pat has lived in Gerringong for 13 years. She has worked as a nursing sister and in human resource management. She has been involved in the campaigns to achieve a moratorium on Coal Seam Gas exploration and mining and to preserve our agricultural lands and water catchments. She is a volunteer for the Mayflower Village and the Red Cross.	Warren, from Gerroa, has lived in the area since 1975. He is the President of the Gerroa Environment Protection Society and has a long time commitment to looking after the rural and coastal areas of the LGA. Warren has been National Wavesailing champion many times and has been rewarded with life membership of the NSW Wave Sailing Association.

## A snapshot of our commitments as future Councillors



### DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BY:

Promoting local food production and community food gardens, local community transport, local employment in a diversified economy that provides opportunities for younger people. Promoting energy independence.



### FOSTERING COMMUNITY WELLBEING BY:

Continuing Council's commitment to community services including for the young and aged, promoting healthy lifestyles through cycleways and walking trails, highlighting the importance of local cultural activities.



### MAINTAINING COMMUNITY TRUST IN COUNCIL BY:

Fostering a high level of community consultation, transparency in decision making, sound financial planning and provision of high quality services. Opposing amalgamation of Kiama Council.



### DIVERSIFYING THE LOCAL ECONOMY BY:

Encouraging sustainable businesses based on Kiama's proximity to major centres, quality agricultural land and popularity as a location for smaller, home based industries. Ensuring more local light industrial land comes online.



### SEEKING PROTECTION FOR RURAL LAND BY:

Arguing for protection of food producing land and biodiversity rich escarpment and coastal vegetation. Eliminating developer speculation in farmland. Supporting the diversification of agriculture.



### RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND PEAK OIL BY:

Continuing to minimise Council's own energy, water and resource use as an example to the community, supporting innovative community transport options and investigating local and regional alternative energy production.

For further information and detailed policies visit - [kiamagreens.org.au](http://kiamagreens.org.au)

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