



# Vote 1 The Greens

Kiama Council Election  
Saturday 8th September

## Securing our Future



### Our continuing commitment ...

Dear residents,

Who remembers when Kiama had the fastest rate of urban expansion in the region, or the proposed massive urban expansion into West Kiama and Gerroa/Gerringong in 1990?

All this changed in 1991 when Council rejected over development and refocused on community needs. Ever since then Kiama Council has been referred to as a 'green council', even though the Greens have been a small minority, working with other like-minded Councillors to forge a "community and environmentally friendly" focus.

Our natural environment is now better protected, fertile food producing farmlands are valued, urban expansion has been minimised and community assets have been expanded to provide better services.

In this election voter choice seems to be severely limited. There are many candidates with links to Liberal and Labor who are hostile to the current direction of Council and have nominated as 'independents'.

I urge voters to carefully scrutinise candidates' values, policies and political party associations and vote for those who will continue to protect our farmlands from urban expansion, promote our natural environment and support strong community services.

Howard H Jones (Greens Councillor - 1991 - 1995)

Dear residents,

For 20 years we have had a council that consults and listens, is open and transparent and is responsive to the needs of the community. It is a council that promotes and protects our natural areas and landscapes, values rural farmlands and the vibrant character of our villages and towns.

We have had a council that maintains and improves services for it's residents and which has helped to make this area a fantastic place to live or to visit.

We would like to acknowledge the great work done by current and previous Greens Councillors and if we are elected, will continue to represent the whole community as they have done.

We will work to protect local planning powers, to support and foster genuinely sustainable development and to enhance the cultural and social opportunities available for residents.

Fundamental to our commitment is protection of the natural environment in which our towns are located and which provides the backdrop to our lives.

Andrew Sloan, Kathy Rice, Paula Gowans, Len de Roover, Pat Dunn, Warren Holder

(2012 Kiama Greens Council candidates)

The Greens have the candidates, the values, the policies, the commitment and the track record

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# The Greens Team for the Kiama Council Election - 8th September 2012

## Andrew Sloan

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 Master's Degree in planning and local government law.

"The village feel that we have is under threat from proposed changes to State planning laws and my skills and experience in this area will be useful in the fight to keep decision making local and representative of the community's priorities" said Andrew.

"I will never support the use of our rates money for the purpose of subsidising developer costs, which is currently being considered by the State Government".

"My other key priorities include improving facilities for families with children, improving water quality in our estuaries and on our beaches, and keeping Blue Haven and the Leisure Centre community owned".

"I am very proud to be part of such an excellent team. I hope to be able to build upon the good work of the current Greens Councillors and continue to protect the unique character of this area for the benefit of all residents and visitors, and to promote the vitality and sustainability of the Kiama area".



## Kathy Rice

Kathy is a local science teacher who moved to Kiama Downs with her partner and two sons 15 years ago.

She is experienced in community management of health and environmental organisations and her special passion is to increase the production of fresh, nutritious food across the whole Kiama region.

Kathy will actively support:

- New urban developments that utilise sustainable concepts.
- Continued improvement in Energy, Water and Waste efficiency across the community.
- Engagement of seniors as mentors in sustainability projects.
- Enhanced youth participation in Council.
- Protection of biodiversity.
- Continued cultural development.

"I support a local approach to issues such as sustainability, housing affordability and diversity, community gardens and local food production" Kathy said.

"I will bring to Council energy, passion, commitment and a grass roots connection with the issues facing local people and their families".

## Len de Roover

Len is a retired builder, with a commitment to sustainability and the protection of agricultural lands from urban sprawl.

He supports the establishment of aged care facilities and community housing projects.

"I am aware of our aging population so facilities, transport and services for the aged are close to my heart.

Local councils have a great responsibility to govern for the whole community in a fair and balanced way" says Len.

Len is currently the coordinator for the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out), men on their own, mainly from Mayflower Village.



## Paula Gowans

"I am running for Council on the Greens Ticket because I think local government is crucial to ensuring our community thrives culturally and economically long into the future.

In Kiama, the Greens have a proud history of putting the community's needs first, especially the need for a beautiful, clean, and healthy environment" said Paula.

"For me, "environment" includes our cultural and social surroundings.

"I love the cultural richness and vibrancy of our community. Each of the towns and villages has its own vibe that deserves fostering through cultural initiatives in the arts and creative industries. The arts are a growth area that contributes to represent all that's good and joyful about our community".

Paula has always been a strong supporter of local government and an advocate for community participation in the decisions that affect our everyday lives.

"I appreciate the Greens achievements in the Municipality to date, and would do my best to continue in the same vein" she says.

## Warren Holder

Warren, from Gerroa, moved to the area in 1975 working for 23 years as an Industrial Arts Teacher.

He is the President of the Gerroa Environment Protection Society and has a long time commitment to the coastal and rural areas of Kiama LGA.

Warren has been the Australian Wavesailing Champion many times, winning the Australian Masters Wavesailing and the Australian Ancient Mariners Windsurfer One design Championships in 2011.

His commitment to a healthy community has been recognised by Life Memberships of CHS (Squash) and The Wave Sailing Association.



## Pat Dunn

Pat has worked as a Nursing Sister and also in Human Resource Management. She has lived in Gerringong for 13 years, volunteering in the Nearly New Shop, at the Mayflower Retirement Village and with Gerringong Red Cross. She is a member of the Gerringong Uniting Church.

Pat supports the campaign for a moratorium on coal seam gas exploration and mining believing that it is vital to preserve the integrity of our agricultural land and our water catchment areas.

"I believe it is important to preserve the present southern border of Gerringong; to stand up against proposals to amalgamate Kiama Council and to prevent the sale by Council of public assets."



# Policy check

## YES to:

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| Protecting the character, integrity and heritage values of our towns and villages | ✓ |
| Promoting local food production and encouraging organic agriculture               | ✓ |
| Supporting development that complies with standards - no over-development         | ✓ |
| Consistency, consultation and transparency in Council decision making             | ✓ |
| Seeking increased funding for libraries, the arts and community colleges          | ✓ |
| Protecting our farmland for future food production                                | ✓ |
| Generating income for the community through Council entrepreneurship              | ✓ |
| Supporting long term planning rather than ad hoc change                           | ✓ |
| Recognising local indigenous culture  | ✓ |
| Protecting the natural environment and supporting community Landcare programs     | ✓ |
| Encouraging low impact tourism  | ✓ |

## NO to:

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| Any amalgamation of Kiama Council  | ✗ |
| Sale of community owned assets such as Blue Haven Retirement Village, Kiama Leisure Centre, Jerrara Dam, Caravan Parks and Community transport | ✗ |
| Cuts to community services   | ✗ |
| Urban development on farmland between Gerringong and Gerroa and at West Kiama  | ✗ |

# Help secure our future - Vote 1 the Greens Team for:

## A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Promoting local food production, resource conservation, local community transport options, local employment in a diversified economy that provides opportunities for younger people. Promoting community food gardens. Supporting and promoting energy independence and community based resource sharing projects which bring people together.

## MAINTAINING COMMUNITY TRUST IN COUNCIL

Maintaining a high level of community consultation, transparency in decision making, long term and sound financial planning and provision of high quality services. Oppose amalgamation of Kiama Council with another council. Continue to defend local decision making against State Government planning legislation which overrides Council's powers and supports over-development.

## LONG TERM PROTECTION FOR RURAL LAND

Seeking permanent protection for food producing land and biodiversity rich escarpment and coastal vegetation through appropriate zoning and lobbying of Government. Eliminating developer speculation in farmland which reduces incentives to keep it in active food production. Supporting options for farm based enterprises which assist the diversification of agriculture.

## FOSTERING COMMUNITY WELLBEING

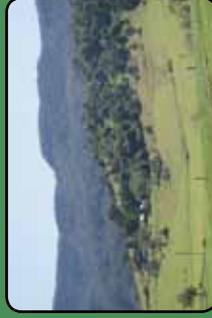
Continuing Council's commitment to community services, promoting healthy lifestyles through cycleways and walking trails, supporting the ideals of Healthy Cities, recognising cultural diversity and services for the young and aged. Highlighting the importance of cultural activities in the lives of local people and ensuring that Council policies provide for these needs.

## DIVERSIFYING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Encouragement of new, innovative and sustainable businesses which capitalise on Kiama's proximity to major centres, quality agricultural land and popularity as a location for smaller, home based industries. Ensure that future local light industrial land becomes available for local business diversification.

## DEVELOPING A RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND PEAK OIL

Continuing the process of minimising Council's own energy, water and resource use, providing leadership, incentives and an example to the community, supporting innovative community transport options and investigating appropriate local and regional alternative energy production.



# Vote Green on 8th September for ...

## Sound Environmental Management ...

- Protecting our natural environment
- Planning for “climate change” and “peak oil”
- Protecting our farmlands for future food production
- Supporting a community based Landcare network
- Supporting low impact tourism
- Building biodiversity and habitat corridors
- protecting waterways and wetland areas

## Sound Planning ...

- Supporting long term strategic planning rather than ad hoc development
- Supporting developments that comply with standards - no over-development
- Encouraging sustainable development
- Incorporating affordable housing options in new developments
- Designing for less car use
- Ensuring new subdivisions maximise solar opportunities
- Sustaining the character, integrity and heritage of our towns and villages
- Planning for “clean and green” local jobs

## Good Governance ...

- Supporting consistent and transparent decision making by Kiama Council
- Ensuring Kiama Council remains committed to community engagement
- Encouraging local decision making
- Managing the LGA for the whole community

## Sound Financial Management ...

- Generating income for the community through Council entrepreneurship
- Using Council generated income to improve services
- Encouraging low impact tourism and supporting local businesses
- Sharing resources with nearby Councils
- Seeking increased funding for community activities

## Support for the Community ...

- Supporting local festivals, artists, bands and youth culture
- Supporting the cultural grants scheme
- Promoting a multi-purpose cultural centre on the ambulance site near Hindmarsh Park
- Seeking increased funding for libraries, the arts and community colleges
- Recognising local indigenous history and culture
- Maintaining and expanding community transport options
- Promoting a healthy community by supporting community gardens and the Kiama Leisure Centre
- Providing for cyclists and pedestrians

## The Values ...

- Social and economic justice
- Ecological sustainability
- Grassroots democracy
- Peace and non-violence

