

Standing up for what matters



Dear resident,

The Kiama Local Government Area is a special, unique and beautiful place, one that embraces a wonderful sense of community and a strong local identity.

This year the whole community came together in a fight to remain local and independent. The Kiama Greens worked hard with the community throughout the campaign and are both humbled and amazed at the dedication and determination shown. What a great win!

Kiama Greens Councillors, over 20 years, have earned the trust of the community when it comes to protecting the unique character of the region from inappropriate developments and over-development.

- We will continue the fight to protect our towns from over-development, to save the agricultural lands between Gerringong and Gerroa and protect Jamberoo from urban sprawl.
- We will support genuine sustainable development that meets community needs and expectations and minimises environmental impacts.
- We will encourage and develop opportunities for improving the cultural and social lives of residents and visitors including the Kiama Arts Precinct and the Gerringong Museum and Library.

- We support the high level of services that Council provides to the community.
- We will continue to protect our natural areas, from our forest ecosystems to the beautiful coastline.
- We will manage council's budget responsibly to help ensure council remains independent.
- Elected Greens Councillors will vote independently on all matters and consider every issue on its merits.

Our current Councillors have a wealth of experience working with the community through Council's committees. The 2016 Greens Team commits to continue that involvement.

Our team is strong, informed and trustworthy. We bring to this election a diverse team in regard to gender and age with experience & skills in management, economics, small business, environmental planning law, sustainability and social services.

When you vote for the Greens you know what you are getting.

*Andrew Sloan, Kathy Rice, Beth Woodstone,
Jodi Keast, Patrick McDonald and Warren Holder*

2016 Kiama Greens Council candidates

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

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Meet the team - commitment, experience with gender and age balance.



Andrew Sloan

Andrew is a civil engineer and current Councillor 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. He is a proven campaigner in the fight to keep decision-making local and ensuring that community needs are always the highest priority for council.

He worked hard to oppose the State Government's plan for a four-fold increase in annual population growth rates for the area that threatened the prime agricultural land and natural areas surrounding Gerringong, Jamberoo and Kiama. "The rolling green hills, beautiful coastline and village character is loved by residents and visitors alike, and I will continue to fight to see those protected from urban sprawl".

Andrew's other key priorities include improving facilities for families with children, improving water quality in our estuaries and on our beaches, protecting our heritage precincts, switching to cost effective renewable energy wherever possible, and improving traffic flow in the 'west end' of Kiama.

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Kathy Rice

Kathy is a high school science teacher and current Councillor, who lives in Kiama Downs with her husband and one of her sons. She is passionate about strengthening Kiama's features as a Healthy City and increasing regional agricultural diversity.

Throughout the current Council term Kathy has taken an active role in the management of Blue Haven and chairs the Health and Sustainability and Youth Advisory committees of Council.

Kathy is genuinely interested in community opinion and likes to keep abreast of the concerns and mood of the community. She has made considerable achievements as a Councillor in the areas of health, infrastructure planning, food security and Kiama's ongoing independence.

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Beth Woodstone

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Beth has been a small business owner and helped re-launch the Crooked River Winery Restaurant, however over the past decade her primary focus has been raising her three young children who currently attend primary school in Kiama.

Beth is passionate about protecting and empowering our children and youth, especially in the areas of childhood disability, youth mental health, and cultivating opportunities for them. She advocates honest, respectful and long sighted politics, that supports long term community and environmental wellbeing.

Beth is a strong supporter of community participation in local government and decisions that affect our day to day living. "I love the Kiama area and choose to raise my children within a village community and surrounded by so much natural beauty."

Beth is well aware of the needs and challenges of families and in particular women in the area and is looking forward to working collaboratively with the people of Kiama in the future.



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Jodi Keast

Jodi is a certified practising accountant, with a Masters in Business Administration, and has many years' experience as an executive manager in the federal public service. Jodi specialises in evaluating and improving governance in organisations, financial, strategic, risk and business continuity management.

Jodi is currently a Manager at the Kiama Community College and Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors for Grand Pacific Health Ltd. "I am passionate about training, employment and improved engagement with young people, as well as providing services to meet local health needs and expanding age-friendly programs."



Pat McDonald

Patrick is in his early 20's, was born and raised in Kiama, and attended Kiama High School. Currently he works part time whilst studying Creative Writing and History at the University of Wollongong, where he is also President of the Literary Society.

His passion for youth spans the arts (music, visual arts and events), employment opportunities, affordable housing, mental illness and addiction.

He is also concerned about the environment, gambling reform, alcohol advertising reform and education. Pat brings a fresh perspective to the team.



Warren Holder

Warren moved to the Kiama LGA more than 40 years ago working locally as an industrial arts teacher for 23 years. He joined GEPS (Gerroa Environmental Protection Society) soon after moving to Gerroa and has been President for the last 10 years.

Warren, together with wife Karen and daughters Jessie and Nicci, have been active campaigners for environmental protection in the Kiama LGA.

Warren has competed in and won multiple Australian and NSW windsurfing titles. He is well known as the voice behind the Illawarra ABC radio surfing report.

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FINDING SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL ISSUES BY:

Working with local communities to protect the southern boundary of Gerringong, the Jamberoo village character and town boundary and maintaining the municipality's history and heritage.

Investigating how to make more "walkable and connected" urban areas, improving services for families and young people in Kiama Downs.



PROTECTING RURAL LAND AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY:

Seeking permanent protection for food producing farmland, biodiversity rich escarpment and coastal vegetation through appropriate zoning and lobbying of Government.

Supporting community landcare programs and farm based enterprises which assist the diversification of agriculture.



MAINTAINING COMMUNITY TRUST IN COUNCIL BY:

Upholding a high level of community consultation and transparency in decision making.

Ensuring Council is not a target for future amalgamation through long term financial planning and provision of high quality services.

Continuing to defend local decision making against State Government planning legislation which overrides Council's powers and supports over-development.



FOSTERING COMMUNITY WELLBEING BY:

Continuing Council's commitment to community services for the young and aged, promoting healthy lifestyles through cycleways, walking trails and sporting activities, supporting the ideals of Healthy Cities and recognising cultural diversity.

Highlighting the importance of libraries, the arts and cultural activities that give meaning to the lives of local people.



BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY BY:

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

Supporting community based resource sharing projects which bring people together.

Continuing to build on Council's leadership in recycling and waste management.



DIVERSIFYING THE LOCAL ECONOMY BY:

Encouraging innovative businesses that can capitalise on Kiama's proximity to major centres, quality agricultural land, fast broadband and popularity as a location for smaller, home based industries.

Supporting low impact tourism that protects the qualities that visitors enjoy.

Ensuring that future local light industrial land becomes available for local business diversification.



DEVELOPING A RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE BY:

Planning for climate change impacts in our coastal community.

Continuing to minimise Council's own energy, water and resource use; and promote and support energy efficiency within the community.

Investigating appropriate local and regional alternative energy production.

On September 10th
Vote **1** Greens



(L - R) Warren Holder, Kathy Rice, Andrew Sloan, Beth Woodstone, Pat McDonald, Jodi Keast

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