

A. R. BLUETT MEMORIAL AWARD 2007/2008

HIGHLY COMMENDED ENTRY – KIAMA COUNCIL

MAYOR:	COUNCILLOR SANDRA McCARTHY
GENERAL MANAGER:	MICHAEL FORSYTH
POPULATION:	20,095
AREA:	259 sq km
WEBSITE:	www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

CITATION:

The Trustees decided this year to award a Highly Commended Certificate in the Local Government Association section of the A.R. Bluett Memorial Award to Kiama Council. The entry was easy to read, informative and fully complied with the entry requirements. The Council is well managed, with a sound financial strategy and provides a very comprehensive range of local government and community services. The Trustees were particularly impressed with Council's long history of involvement in aged care services and its leadership in many aspects of regional development.

Achievements that impressed the judges included:

- The launching of Kiama's first Cultural Plan and completing a number of heritage projects
- The well presented public places and foreshore streetscape works
- The Council owned Blue Haven retirement village expansion, completed at a cost of \$36.5 million
- The pro-active approach to local economic development through partnerships, workshops and conferences
- Redevelopment of community buildings in Kiama and Jamberoo
- The regional approach to sustainability, embedding sustainability into all aspects of Council's operations
- Implementing Kiama's comprehensive Community Health Plan

The Trustees congratulate the Mayor, General Manager, Councillors and staff of Kiama Council on an outstanding year of progress and service to their constituents.

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