KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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Kiama After Dark
Community Survey

We'd love your input to better understand late afternoon, evening and night-time activity across the Kiama LGA, with a focus on what is appropriate for Kiama's communities and local businesses.

Your feedback will help inform the Night-Time Economy Strategy and guide how vibrancy, events and activity are supported after dark.

You'll need about 10 minutes to complete this survey.

Please complete this survey and return it to Kiama Council at 11 Manning Street in Kiama, or post it to PO Box 75, Kiama NSW 2577 by Sunday 3 May 2026.

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01. Which of the following best describes you? Required

Select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ Local resident
☐ Local business owner or operator
☐ Visitor to the LGA
☐ I work in the LGA
☐ Other

About you

Skip this section if
- you have not selected either "Local resident", "Visitor to the LGA", or "I work in the LGA" in question Which of the following best describes you?

02. Age Group

Select one answer only
◯ Under 9
◯ 10-14

◯ 15-19
◯ 20-24
◯ 25-29
◯ 30-34
◯ 35-39
◯ 40-44
◯ 45-49
◯ 50-54
◯ 55-59
◯ 60-64
◯ 65-69
◯ 70-74
◯ 75-79
◯ 80-84
◯ 85 and over

03. Which village, town, or suburb are you most connected to? Required

Select one answer only
◯ Kiama & Kiama Heights
◯ Jamberoo
◯ Southern Kiama area (Gerringong, Werri Beach, Gerroa)
◯ Northern Kiama area (Minnamurra, Kiama Downs, Bombo)
◯ Rural areas (Barren Grounds, Jerrara, Toolijooa, Foxground, Rose Valley, Saddleback Mtn, Knights Hill, Broughton, Upper Kangaroo Valley, Willow Vale, Yellow Rock Ridge, Carrington Falls, Curramore)

04. Which statement best describes you? Required

Select one

Select one answer only
◯ I would go out after dark more often if there were more options in the Kiama LGA
◯ I might go out after dark more often, depending on the type of activities offered
◯ My after dark habits are unlikely to change, regardless of what is available

◯ I rarely go out after dark for personal, family or lifestyle reasons

05. When you go out after dark, do you usually: Required

Select one answer only
◯ Stay within the Kiama LGA
◯ Travel outside the Kiama LGA
◯ Both, with similar frequency
◯ I don’t go out after dark

06. What are your main reasons for going out after dark? Required

Skip this question if
- your answer to question When you go out after dark, do you usually: is "I don’t go out after dark"

Select up to five

Select between 0 and 5 answers
☐ Work
☐ Shopping
☐ Eating out (restaurant, café, or other venue)
☐ Drinks (bar, hotel, or other venue)
☐ Live music / entertainment
☐ Community events / markets / activations
☐ Physical recreation (e.g. gym, walk, run)
☐ Professional services (e.g. chiro/physio, hair & beauty)
☐ Cultural activities (e.g. cinema, gallery)
☐ Other

KIAMA TODAY

What's working / what’s not

Skip this section if

- you have not selected either "Local resident", "Visitor to the LGA", or "I work in the LGA" in question Which of the following best describes you?

07. Overall, how vibrant does Kiama's current after dark activity feel, on a scale of 1 – 5 Required

1 is not at all and 5 is very vibrant

___ / 5

08. How would you assess the following across the Kiama LGA after dark? Required

Quality of public space
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Number and variety of activities
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Availability of family-friendly entertainment/activities
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Cost of activities / value for money
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral

◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Feeling of safety
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Lighting and visibility
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Public amenities (e.g. toilets)
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Parking availability
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied
◯ Very Satisfied
Accessibility / access to public transport and rideshare
◯ Very Unsatisfied
◯ Unsatisfied
◯ Neutral
◯ Satisfied

◯ Very Satisfied

09. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements
Required

There are enough evening and night-time activities in the Kiama LGA to suit different ages and interests
◯ Strongly disagree
◯ Disagree
◯ Neutral
◯ Agree
◯ Strongly agree
The current level of night-time activity in the Kiama area feels about right for the community
◯ Strongly disagree
◯ Disagree
◯ Neutral
◯ Agree
◯ Strongly agree
In the Kiama LGA, there are limited options after dark if you don't drink alcohol
◯ Strongly disagree
◯ Disagree
◯ Neutral
◯ Agree
◯ Strongly agree
I would like to see more happening after dark across the Kiama LGA
◯ Strongly disagree
◯ Disagree
◯ Neutral
◯ Agree
◯ Strongly agree
It's important that Kiama's after-dark scene reflects local character and values
◯ Strongly disagree

◯ Disagree
◯ Neutral
◯ Agree
◯ Strongly agree
Evening and night-time experiences help make Kiama more attractive to visitors
◯ Strongly disagree
◯ Disagree
◯ Neutral
◯ Agree
◯ Strongly agree

10. How often do you typically go out after dark (including twilight)? Required

Select one answer only
◯ 3+ times per week
◯ 1–2 times per week
◯ A few times per month
◯ Monthly or less
◯ Rarely/Never

11. When you go out locally after dark, how do you usually get around? Required

Select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ Walk
☐ Drive (I'm the driver)
☐ Passenger/drop off
☐ Train
☐ Bus
☐ Taxi/rideshare
☐ Bike/e-scooter
☐ Other

12. What factors may prevent you from participating in night-time after dark activities? Required

Select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ Cost / affordability
☐ Safety concerns
☐ Lack of late-night transport
☐ Limited appealing venues or events
☐ Work or study commitments
☐ Family or childcare responsibilities
☐ Prefer daytime activities
☐ Distance from venues
☐ Health or accessibility reasons
☐ I'm not interested in night-time activities
☐ None
☐ Other

KIAMA'S AFTER DARK FUTURE

What are our opportunities

Skip this section if

- you have not selected either "Local resident", "Visitor to the LGA", or "I work in the LGA" in question Which of the following best describes you?

13. During which times do you see opportunity for increased vibrancy across the Kiama LGA? Required

Select all that apply
☐ Afternoon/Twilight (3pm–7pm)
☐ Evening (7pm–10pm)
☐ Night-Time (10pm–2am)
☐ Early Morning (6am–9am)

14. Which areas are best suited to increased activation or event-style programming after dark? Required

Select all that apply
☐ Terralong St, Kiama
☐ Manning St, Kiama
☐ Collins St, Kiama
☐ Hindmarsh Park, Kiama
☐ Shoalhaven Street, Kiama (incl. Bowling Club)
☐ Harbour foreshore, Kiama
☐ Little Blowhole precinct (Tingira Cres), South Kiama
☐ Kiama Downs Golf Club / Shops
☐ Fern St, Gerringong
☐ Werri Beach, Bowling Club & SLSC, Gerringong
☐ Light industrial precinct (Rowlins Rd/Belinda St), West Gerringong
☐ Allowrie St, Jamberoo
☐ Other

15. Which of the following would you like to see more of after dark? Required

Select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ Later trading hours for pubs, restaurants and food businesses
☐ More footpath/outdoor dining and parklets
☐ More live entertainment and music (small-scale included)
☐ More non-alcohol related activities
☐ More outdoor events and activations
☐ More pop-up twilight markets and events
☐ More youth-oriented evening events
☐ More arts and culture (exhibitions, twilight galleries, performances)
☐ Easier process for approving events and entertainment
☐ Better promotion and communication of what's on locally

☐ More low-cost or free evening activities
☐ Other

DOING BUSINESS IN KIAMA

For business owners and operators

Skip this section if

- you have not selected either "Local business owner or operator" in question Which of the following best describes you?

16. What type of business do you own or operate? Required

Select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ Café
☐ Restaurant
☐ Pub/hotel
☐ Small bar
☐ Live music venue
☐ Arts/gallery
☐ Retail
☐ Fitness/Wellbeing
☐ Tourism/Experience
☐ Accommodation
☐ Other

17. What are your current trading hours? Required

Select all slots that apply, even if you operate for only part of the timeslot

Select all that apply
☐ Early Morning (6am–9am)

☐ Daytime (9am-3pm)
☐ Afternoon (3pm–5pm)
☐ Twilight (5pm–7pm)
☐ Evening (7pm–10pm)
☐ Night-Time (10pm–2am)
☐ Early Morning (6am–9am)

18. Would you be interested in extending your trading hours? Required

Select one answer only
◯ Yes, regularly
◯ Yes, for specific days/seasons
◯ Maybe
◯ No

19. What would enable you to offer more after dark activity? Required

Select up to five

Select between 0 and 5 answers
☐ Simplified approvals/one-stop guidance
☐ Predictable noise/amenity rules with sound management support
☐ Security/safety coordination (e.g., patrol windows, dispersal)
☐ Activation grants/micro-funding
☐ Street infrastructure (lighting, seating, power)
☐ Outdoor dining / parklet approvals
☐ Marketing / listings support (“What’s On”)
☐ Access to performers/creatives / programming support
☐ Late-night transport options for staff/customers
☐ Staff availability / training (RSA/RSG)
☐ Other

20. What barriers do your experience to offer more activities after dark? Required

Select all that apply
☐ Compliance complexity
☐ Cost of security
☐ Staffing constraints
☐ Noise complaints risk
☐ Fit-out / equipment costs
☐ Limited demand on weeknights
☐ Insurance/liability
☐ Transport constraints (staff/patrons)
☐ Other

21. If you could pilot one idea in the next 6–12 months, what would it be?

Final views

22. Overall, do you support the idea of a more vibrant night-time economy within the Kiama LGA? Required

Select one answer only
◯ Yes
◯ No
◯ Unsure

23. What would help ensure after dark experiences are safer and more inclusive?
Required

24. Is there anything further you would like to share on this topic?

Maximum of 1000 characters

25. Would you like to receive updates about Kiama's Night-Time Economy Strategy?

Select one answer only
◯ No
◯ Yes

26. Please provide your email address:

Skip this question if

- your answer to question Would you like to receive updates about Kiama's Night-Time Economy Strategy? is not "Yes"