

10 MAYORAL MINUTE**10.1 Congratulations to the 2026 Local Women of the Year: Kiama electorate recipient, Sue Eggins****Attachments**

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

Item 10.1

RECOMMENDED

That Council formally recognises and congratulates the 2026 Local Women of the Year recipients, with special acknowledgement of Kiama's own honouree Suzanne Eggins for her outstanding service and dedication.

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the 2026 Local Women of the Year recipients, each of whom has been nominated by their local Member of Parliament in recognition of their exceptional contributions to our community. These awards highlight women whose leadership, service, and dedication have enriched the lives of others and strengthened the wellbeing of their electorates.

Kiama electorate recipient – Suzanne Eggins

Today, I am especially proud to acknowledge Suzanne Eggins, the 2026 Local Woman of the Year for the Kiama electorate.

For more than four decades, Suzanne has been at the heart of preserving and celebrating Kiama's cultural heritage. Since the mid-1980s, she has led the Kiama Historical Society, guiding its growth and impact with remarkable dedication. Under her stewardship, the Pilot's Cottage Museum has flourished as a treasured community asset—providing residents, visitors, and future generations with access to invaluable local heritage artefacts.

Suzanne's passion for storytelling and her commitment to historical preservation have played a pivotal role in enriching Kiama's cultural identity. Through her efforts, our history continues to be shared, protected, and brought to life in meaningful and engaging ways. Her work ensures that Kiama's unique story is not only remembered, but celebrated.

On behalf of Council and our wider community, I congratulate Suzanne on this well-deserved honour and thank her for her enduring contribution to Kiama.