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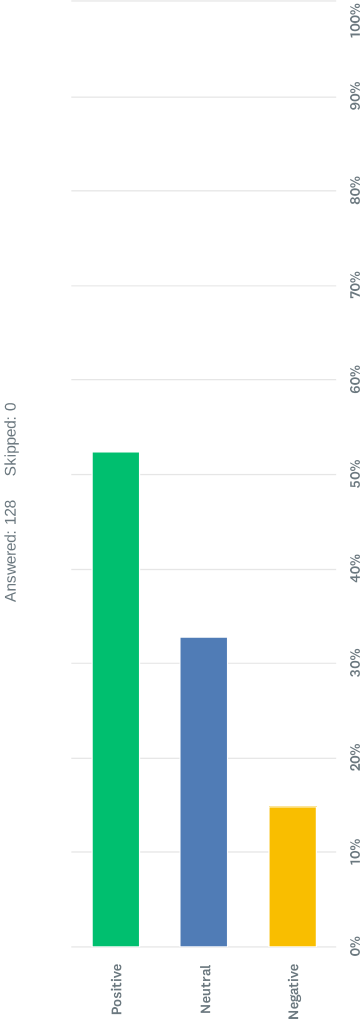
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Kiama LGA New Year's Eve Celebrations Feedback

Q1 How do you feel about the previous New Year's Eve celebrations in the Kiama CBD?



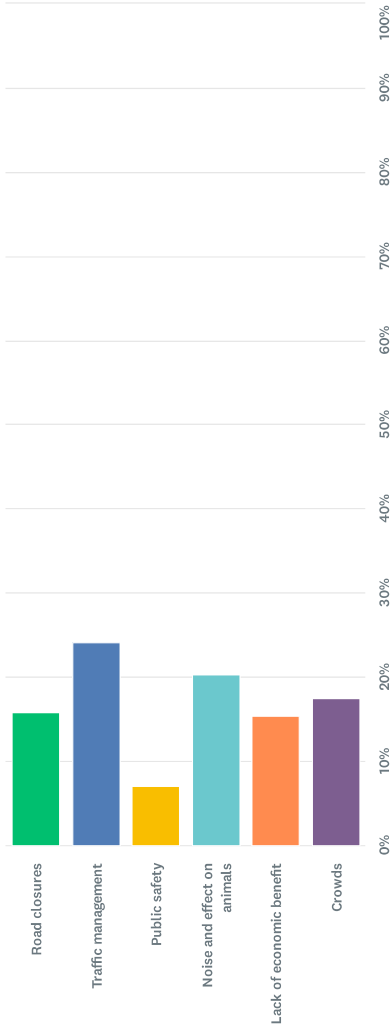
Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Positive	52.34%	67
Neutral	32.81%	42
Negative	14.84%	19
Total		128

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Q2 What aspects of the previous New Year's Eve celebrations do you find most challenging?
Select all that apply.

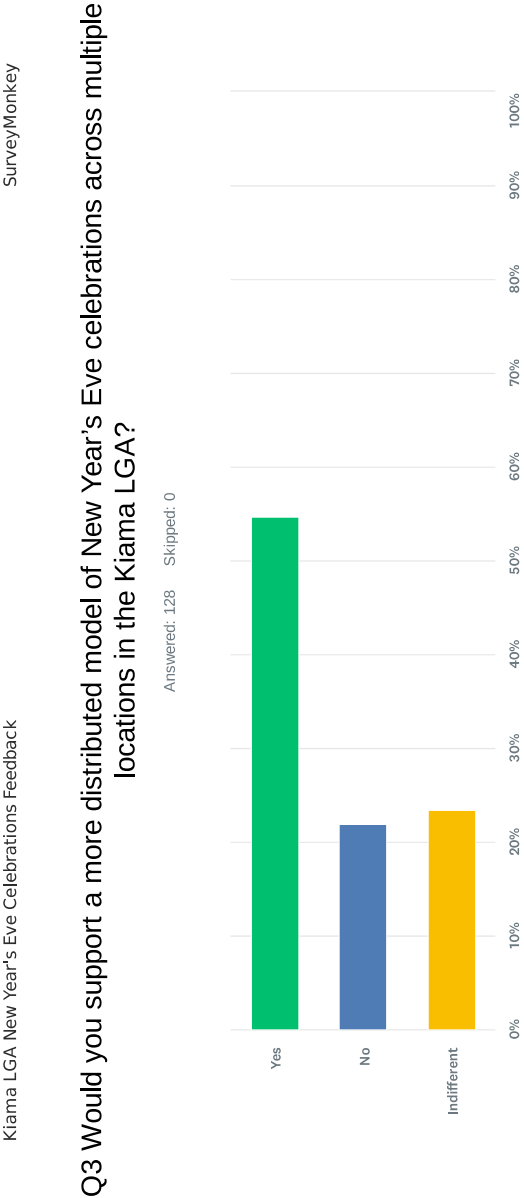
Answered: 107 Skipped: 21



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Road closures	15.77%	38
Traffic management	24.07%	58
Total		241

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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Public safety	7.05%	17
Noise and effect on animals	20.33%	49
Lack of economic benefit	15.35%	37
Crowds	17.43%	42
Total		241

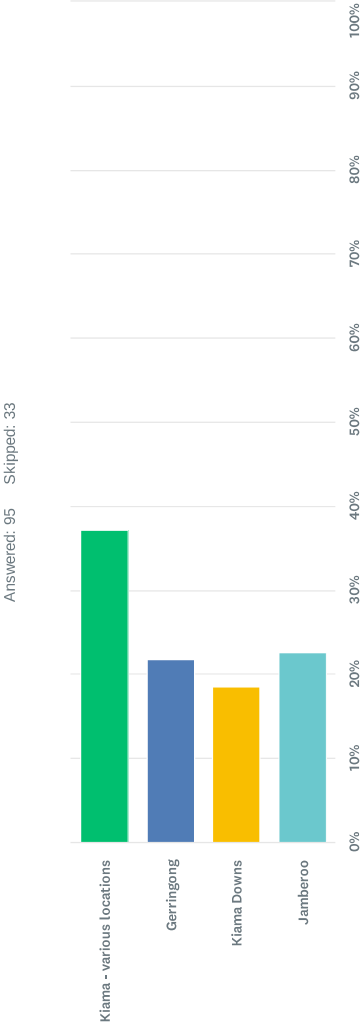


Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	54.69%	70
No	21.88%	28
Indifferent	23.44%	30
Total		128

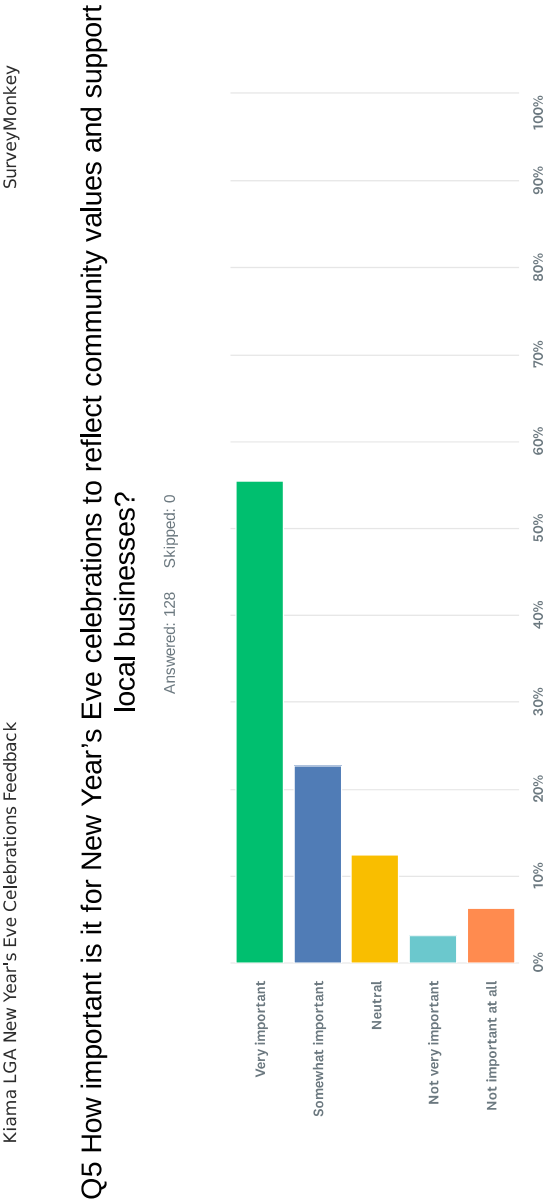
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Q4 Which locations would you like to see included in a distributed celebration model? Select all that apply.



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Kiama - various locations	37.10%	82
Gerringong	21.72%	48
Kiama Downs	18.55%	41
Jamberoo	22.62%	50
Total		221



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Very important	55.47%	71
Somewhat important	22.66%	29
Neutral	12.50%	16
Not very important	3.13%	4
Total		128

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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Not important at all	6.25%	8
Total		128

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Q6 What new ideas or improvements would you suggest for future New Year's Eve celebrations?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 51

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	People can see in the new year without fireworks. Many local businesses have closed early ahead of fireworks crowds in past years.	1/27/2026 3:52 AM
2	Bring the fire works back	1/23/2026 1:03 PM
3	Better traffic and pedestrian management	1/18/2026 10:23 PM
4	Drones or fireworks	1/14/2026 3:21 PM
5	Manage traffic better	1/14/2026 12:54 PM
6	Definitely no fireworks. Plenty of options for those who desire noise. Laser light display is fine. .	1/12/2026 5:03 AM
7	As it use to be	1/10/2026 9:19 PM
8	Drones. not fireworks	1/9/2026 6:05 PM
9	I suggest dispensing with Kiama based fireworks and street stalls. Instead, offer to facilitate local community 'evening picnics', a bit like street parties that people tend to organise for themselves, but for the whole community in a large enough space for lots of families to spread their picnic blankets - e.g. beaches, parks, sporting ovals. Communities could come up with their own ideas, and Council could perhaps pay for some live music at each venue. Local food businesses could be supported by Council to set up stalls at the picnic venues. Tourists would be welcome to attend wherever they were staying. It would be up the the imagination of each local area to design and event that fitted with the values and interests of their own local community. Black Beach could still provide something special - e.g. events on the harbour. No crowd management needed, no pets disturbed. Everyone able to be included.	1/9/2026 1:06 PM
10	Smaller community celebrations, family-friendly and pet-friendly with no fireworks, in key areas across the municipality. .	1/9/2026 12:42 PM
11	Bring back the fireworks in Kiama	1/9/2026 8:10 AM
12	Street parade of community groups. No fireworks.	1/9/2026 5:59 AM
13	Leave out the costly fireworks forever.	1/8/2026 11:22 PM
14	See below	1/8/2026 9:42 PM
15	Actually look after other areas of the LGA and not just Kiama	1/8/2026 3:20 PM
16	The Berry fireworks a a Paris event apparently worked very well. Perhaps try this at the showground	1/8/2026 8:49 AM
17	Sell tickets or fund via locals business groups/sponsorship.	1/8/2026 8:33 AM

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18	Laser show instead of fireworks	1/7/2026 11:11 PM
19	Laser lights not fireworks	1/7/2026 10:42 PM
20	A laser show. Fireworks are pollutants and very expensive. Also some way that council is not paying. It's not their job.	1/7/2026 10:29 PM
21	I think you can charge people for the fireworks! Even if it's a small amount!	1/7/2026 8:41 PM
22	For further activities to continue after the actual event to help distribute people trying the exit the venue.	1/7/2026 8:41 PM
23	Get rid of the fireworks - they're a waste of money purely for people's pleasure at the expense of missing animals - but still acknowledge it with a light show, a celebration or festival of some kind	1/7/2026 8:28 PM
24	Bring back the fireworks. Community spirit Visitor's family getting together. It's been iconic for so many years. Trouble free New Year's.	1/7/2026 8:27 PM
25	bring back fire works more for teens	1/7/2026 8:26 PM
26	have a street party, where tables are set up and different cafes can cater to the crowds. Entertainment outdoors as well in various locations.	1/7/2026 5:15 PM
27	A curtesy bus between Jamberoo and Kiama	1/7/2026 5:01 PM
28	Close Terralong street. Line with food trucks is etc similar to the winter festival	1/7/2026 2:11 PM
29	Drone performance	1/7/2026 1:48 PM
30	Street fair with local vendors not out of town food vans that provide nothing to the locals. Need to cater to locals just as much as tourists.	1/7/2026 1:34 PM
31	Fireworks	1/7/2026 1:24 PM
32	Close Manning Street also and provide bus transportation to bring in/out local rate payers	1/7/2026 12:28 PM
33	Allow restaurant and cafe owners (not out of town vendors) to set up street side. include live music from local artists	1/7/2026 9:47 AM
34	The fireworks simply go on too long in my opinion. My dog now suffers terribly every storm since being affected by the extensive fireworks in Kiama	1/7/2026 8:22 AM
35	Activities at Gerringong to reduce crowds and traffic at Kiama	1/7/2026 7:47 AM
36	Street Activation/ live music/ distribution of fun and a walkable NYE	1/7/2026 6:24 AM
37	Live music, concert, street food, fireworks	1/7/2026 5:51 AM
38	No to Fireworks - costly, not good for environment and cause undue stress to pets. Laser light show and market/ food in centre of town similar to winter festival.	1/6/2026 9:13 PM
39	Kid free activities and food vans	1/6/2026 8:39 PM
40	Set up different options in different locations to give choices. Be fur family friendly	1/6/2026 8:27 PM
41	Laser light show instead of fire works. Opportunities for young local performers. No out of town food trucks. Get the local restaurants to set up stalls like they used to for the old food and wine festivals. And any local caterers or distillers	1/6/2026 8:18 PM

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42	Food trucks, bands in the park, more family friendly fun	1/6/2026 8:04 PM
43	Street festivals	1/6/2026 7:48 PM
44	While I like the idea of NYE celebration distribution, I don't know how feasible this is. The Kiama NYE celebrations have had such a good local vibe, with most locals from across all areas who are onto that kind of thing showing up. I don't think you'd get the same response with various events over various areas. The only issue I've noticed with NYE celebrations are the traffic, but I'm not sure how you can mitigate that given the layout of Kiama township.	1/6/2026 7:44 PM
45	I don't understand why council should be funding or organising any new years events? Why aren't these left to private businesses to have private events at their venues, Councils job is roads rates and rubbish	1/6/2026 7:38 PM
46	Drone light displays. Turn Terralong Street into Eat Street atmosphere.	1/6/2026 6:52 PM
47	Use the stage in Hindmarsh Park	1/6/2026 6:39 PM
48	No fireworks!	1/6/2026 6:26 PM
49	A light and sound concert in Hindmarsh Park	1/6/2026 6:18 PM
50	Fireworks	1/6/2026 6:10 PM
51	Ban fireworks.	1/6/2026 5:51 PM
52	Perhaps install a waterslide in Kiama harbour called the blowhole and sell teas lots of teens saying I survived the blowhole!	1/6/2026 5:41 PM
53	Just to have something.	1/6/2026 5:15 PM
54	Light show, no fireworks	1/6/2026 5:08 PM
55	More utilisation of Hindmarsh park and stage	1/6/2026 4:45 PM
56	Please don't waste rate payers money on new years eve celebrations when you are constantly cutting back services to the community. It is not councils job to provide entertainment that brings to many out of towners in for a free night in Kiama. This should be the responsibility of the chamber of commerce or destination kiama. Putting something on, then bringing in outside lea businesses to make money off an event paid for by rate payers is wrong.	1/6/2026 4:43 PM
57	Not spending more than \$100,000 with 80% spent on traffic management	1/6/2026 4:14 PM
58	It was great as it was.	1/6/2026 4:06 PM
59	Closing off the Main Street and having it open to local businesses to set up stalls and having an eat street type event.	1/6/2026 4:02 PM
60	I think the old model was fine	1/6/2026 3:55 PM
61	Bring back the fire works	1/6/2026 3:48 PM
62	Family festival	1/6/2026 3:44 PM
63	Maybe find some way for people to be charged or encouraged to contribute	1/6/2026 3:42 PM
64	Night markets, something like the noodle markets in Sydney with bars tables chairs. Kiama needs something for all ages and demographics	1/6/2026 3:02 PM

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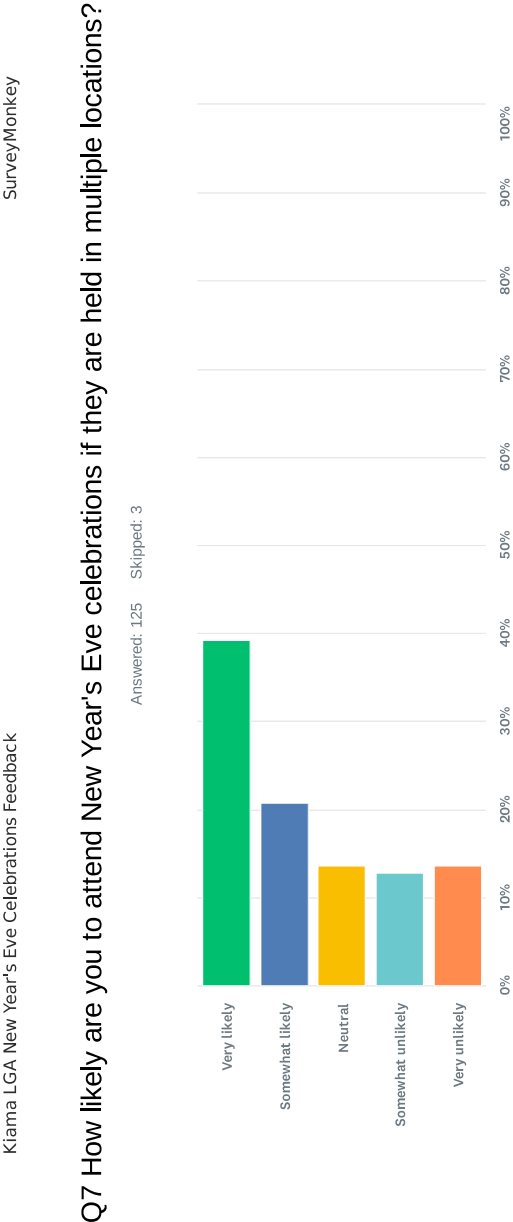
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65	If multiple businesses in all four towns got together and sponsored the fireworks, it would then be a true community event with those businesses having buying and understanding how much it's going to cost	1/6/2026 3:02 PM
66	Shuttles to various events/ venues! Kind of like a progressive dinner	1/6/2026 2:48 PM
67	-	1/6/2026 2:30 PM
68	Have public transport to and from the area's involved, which will cut down on road closure	1/6/2026 2:28 PM
69	I think a sustainable model financially is of utmost importance and that we forward think on how the community can put together celebratory areas within our community for the entire demographic, including visitors. It shouldn't just be a night thing either, let's celebrate the entire day.	1/6/2026 2:14 PM
70	Involve local musicians more and provide more exciting things for the tourist's	1/6/2026 10:44 AM
71	Fireworks	1/6/2026 9:24 AM
72	Don't spend money on things like fireworks until Council are in a much better financial position than they are! Once we see council manage our money better!	1/6/2026 5:08 AM
73	Ticketed event for fireworks at the showground or if no fireworks put a big screen in Hindmarsh Park for the Sydney fireworks and have live music and encourage cafes etc to stay open for at least till 8pm fireworks.	1/5/2026 11:17 PM
74	A family event without fireworks	1/5/2026 10:13 PM
75	Allocated parking in set zones for events, live music in various places including Jamberoo	1/5/2026 10:11 PM
76	Something for everyone	1/5/2026 10:10 PM
77	No fireworks - I can't think of one positive benefit of fireworks. Consider laser light shows, street party, music in the park. I am sure there are lots of great options being done in other communities that we could replicate in Kiama	1/5/2026 9:57 PM

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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Very likely	39.20%	49
Somewhat likely	20.80%	26
Neutral	13.60%	17
Somewhat unlikely	12.80%	16
Total		125

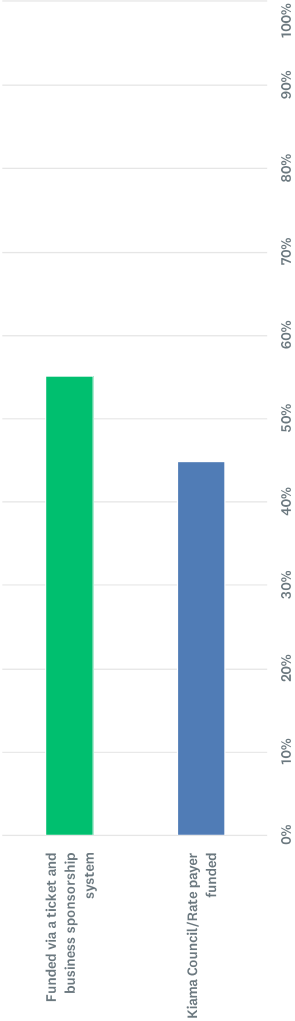
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Very unlikely	13.60%	17
Total		125

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Q8 Who should fund the New Year's Eve celebrations in the Kiama LGA?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 21



Answer Choices		Percentage	Responses
	Funded via a ticket and business sponsorship system	55.14%	59
	Kiama Council/Rate payer funded	44.86%	48
Show comments			
Total			107

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No rate payer contribution	1/27/2026 3:52 AM

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2	Or just local business sponsorship	1/14/2026 8:01 PM
3	A combination of the above	1/12/2026 4:17 AM
4	Costs would be massively reduced if smaller local picnic-style events were supported.	1/9/2026 1:06 PM
5	Community raffle/lottery.	1/9/2026 5:59 AM
6	Let people celebrate at home	1/8/2026 11:22 PM
7	Combination of business and Council. Business sponsorship to be part of advertising the event	1/8/2026 9:42 PM
8	I think it should be 50/50	1/7/2026 8:41 PM
9	Flabbergasted, it was cancelled in the first place. Tourist town! New years dead.	1/7/2026 8:27 PM
10	Both. Ticketed makes it not available for many.	1/7/2026 2:11 PM
11	Definitely not rate payer funded as we barely get any benefits from any of these events.	1/7/2026 1:34 PM
12	Rate payers should definitely not pay any additional cost!	1/7/2026 12:28 PM
13	Co-contribution	1/7/2026 8:22 AM
14	Probably both, some council, some sponsorship and some ticketed	1/6/2026 8:27 PM
15	Either of the above or a combination	1/6/2026 8:04 PM
16	I don't think there should be an event	1/6/2026 7:38 PM
17	No ticket system but sponsorship would also be helpful rather than just falling on council	1/6/2026 7:34 PM
18	Sponsorship preferred	1/6/2026 6:52 PM
19	No interest at all	1/6/2026 6:46 PM
20	Would need specific details on the cost/price of options to decide	1/6/2026 6:39 PM
21	Certainly not the ratepayers. 90% of those who invade Kiama on NYE are tourists	1/6/2026 5:51 PM
22	Both income sources	1/6/2026 5:41 PM
23	That's a hard one.	1/6/2026 5:38 PM
24	Combination of council and ticket funded	1/6/2026 4:45 PM
25	Definitely should not be funded by council or rate payers	1/6/2026 4:43 PM
26	Des Kiama or the TEAC group need to be useful	1/6/2026 4:14 PM
27	With business sponsorship	1/6/2026 4:06 PM
28	Government	1/6/2026 3:48 PM
29	Both of the above	1/6/2026 3:42 PM

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30	Not rate payer funded!	1/6/2026 5:08 AM
31	Have both funded and not funded activities to attend	1/5/2026 10:11 PM
32	Maybe 50/50? Having multiple events would allow some to be ticketed and some to be free.	1/5/2026 9:57 PM

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Q9 Please share any additional comments or suggestions regarding New Year's Eve celebrations within the Kiama LGA.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 81

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	To be honest I enjoyed a low key approach with neighbours, family and friends this year.	1/27/2026 3:52 AM
2	2025 was great with the small business celebrations- I attended Cin Cin's ticketed night and it was fabulous!!! The fireworks were missed last year it's a great community event and can be viewed from various viewing points and 9pm works well	1/14/2026 3:21 PM
3	Thank you for consulting.	1/12/2026 5:03 AM
4	Time to make some changes! Just because it always happened in the past is no reason for it to continue to happen in the future.	1/9/2026 1:06 PM
5	Fireworks are over-rated. There are other ways to celebrate.	1/9/2026 12:42 PM
6	Kiama is already over touristed. It's full at holiday times. It's time to limit the over crowding and traffic problems	1/8/2026 11:22 PM
7	New Year's Eve celebrations are expensive. Having them in multiple locations would cost more and most likely make each less attractive than a centralised celebration as we've had in the past.	1/8/2026 9:42 PM
8	Have never attended directly, viewed fireworks from a distance when children were small. Crowds keep me/us away	1/8/2026 6:57 PM
9	Gerringong businesses saw a big influx of people and families, due to the fireworks not being held in Kiama. Its about time Gerringong actually got some tourism and not everything being focused on kiama.	1/8/2026 3:20 PM
10	The rate payers SHOULD NOT fund this activity.	1/8/2026 8:33 AM
11	Bring back the fireworks!!!!	1/7/2026 8:41 PM
12	The fireworks should be held in their tradition venue of Kiama Harbour and complimentary activities on Terralong St and Hindmarsh Park	1/7/2026 8:41 PM
13	Why cancel something when it wasn't broke? 90 grand is nothing in the budget of Kiama.	1/7/2026 8:27 PM
14	Maybe setup a drone show for 9pm.	1/7/2026 5:15 PM
15	Rate payer funds should go towards infrastructure that benefits us and our communities, not towards encouraging more tourists and people from other local area to descend and take over.	1/7/2026 1:34 PM
16	The structure of the survey is not great - sorry. The questions are leading	1/7/2026 1:24 PM
17	Service groups should be allowed to fund raise during celebrations.	1/7/2026 12:28 PM
18	Kiama council very much abandoned local businesses & the community 25/26 regarding the event without any conversation	1/7/2026 8:22 AM

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or consideration, this is no surprise really but another kick in the stomach & everyone felt it. The actually fireworks in my opinion are a waste of money, create pollution, go on too long & scare every animal beyond belief, there are plenty of other ways to bring the community together & celebrate		
19	When they first started it was an enjoyable local event. A good chance to catch up with friends the kids could catch up with their mates and spend some time at the carnival. It got too big the radio involvement made it too noisy to sit and chat. It was no to get enjoyable especially when you sit it traffic for a further hour trying to get home. Stopped attending around 8 years ago.	1/7/2026 7:52 AM
20	Keep it about community and family	1/7/2026 7:47 AM
21	I have suggested an alternate rope light effect. Noiseless and is reflective. Then it could be celebrated with a live band or a mash up of all the years songs, video of the years events etc. would be great to showcase local achievements, spotlight various people and organisations. This could be played at various live screen event locations.	1/7/2026 6:24 AM
22	Close main street sitting space and pedestrian friendly...live music concert, shuttle bus from cars parked out of cbd	1/7/2026 5:51 AM
23	No fireworks, the impact on animals is not worth it now is the expense, how about a laser or drone show instead.	1/6/2026 8:27 PM
24	Kiama Council need to focus on the community rather than staff & counsellors, this survey is a small step in the right direction	1/6/2026 8:04 PM
25	SSponsored by local businesses. Ideally you'd like it to be a free family event, with cost contributed by sponsors and from vendors and stalls etc with shortfall from ratepayers and council of needed. Also, you don't need to sync with radio station. That's too disjointed. To just use the on-site dj.	1/6/2026 7:44 PM
26	Think that it's a waste of money.	1/6/2026 7:41 PM
27	The survey is pretty sloppy in that it makes conclusions about an approach and then narrows options within that conclusion	1/6/2026 7:38 PM
28	Many of you were elected because of your support of local business and night time economy.... still waiting	1/6/2026 6:39 PM
29	We don't need fireworks or celebrations, it's just another year. If you want to celebrate, have your own party.	1/6/2026 6:26 PM
30	Decent frequent cleaning and resupply of public toilet facilities at Hindmarsh Park.	1/6/2026 6:18 PM
31	It's time for you councillors to stand up for the real locals and stop the overdevelopment destroying our community. That woman Jane Stroud needs to go back to Queensland and banned from ever entering Kiama again.	1/6/2026 5:51 PM
32	Some innovative that isn't fireworks	1/6/2026 5:41 PM
33	It didn't really bother me that there wasn't any fireworks. Perhaps just markets or something for families and the something for the over 18s like the white party that was held	1/6/2026 5:38 PM
34	Please don't spend ratepayers money on a new years eve event. People can visit venues/businesses already in Kiama for a meal or drinks. Those venues can put on their own entertainment. Or have an event a ie bed area, eg showground and let it be user pays. Use the money you save to bring back council clean up. Maintain our facilities and leave our yellow bin on weekly empty.	1/6/2026 4:43 PM
35	Bring back the fireworks. The town Centre was dead this year absolutely dead. So many people were disappointed and looked forward to the annual tradition.	1/6/2026 4:32 PM

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36	What purpose are the above commuters if they can't find a solution	1/6/2026 4:14 PM
37	The fire works benefit Kiama in big for business	1/6/2026 3:48 PM
38	We don't go to the harbour, it's too busy - Would be happy if Close the street, have a street festival - after all we are the winners of NSW Town of the Year...	1/6/2026 3:17 PM
39	Most businesses in Kiama do not want to stay open or do anything (apart from Cin Cin and Little Betty's) be nice to have extended licenses for venues and somewhere to stay open past 8pm. Close the Main Street and bring in food trucks/wine bars. Winter festival only catered for kids under age 5. Needs something for all ages including somewhere adults can sit and have a wine.	1/6/2026 3:02 PM
40	I think it was the correct decision not to hold the fireworks in 2025 when the council is trying to save as much money as they can. One hard year.	1/6/2026 3:02 PM
41	I think.. it must be cost-effective... under the current and future Economic Climate.. there are a lot of other LGA issues that need to be dealt with aswell	1/6/2026 2:30 PM
42	A mix of ticket and business sponsorship but I also think Council should budget for a certain annual amount in their budget for this event, and then be a major sponsor. A full sponsorship document would be beneficial and VIP areas at certain locations. Collaboration with the business community is vital.	1/6/2026 2:14 PM
43	As a tourist destination, it was sad to see they didn't have fireworks given so many people around to boost tourism and yet the council are hopeless. I would like to see more entertainment, light shows prior to fireworks. Live music and stalls around.	1/6/2026 10:44 AM
44	Berrys model of a dedicated area with rides/food trucks etc for a cost that subsidises the cost of fireworks seems like a simple and straightforward business case	1/6/2026 10:30 AM
45	Berry worked as there were no road closures, ample parking, only 2 entrances so ticketing was easy and they could restrict numbers for safety and a positive experience. None of that is possible around the Kiama foreshore so a different experience needs to be developed.	1/5/2026 11:17 PM
46	Please find another glorious way to celebrate NYE without fireworks	1/5/2026 10:13 PM
47	Bonus points for a courtesy bus	1/5/2026 10:11 PM

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