

Accommodation information for Kiama region

As at 20 October 2021

Introduction

This document provides information on accommodation options for Kiama, a scenic seaside town on the south coast of NSW for participants of the ANPSA Conference to be held in September 2021.

It is based on research by an APS NSW member and is accurate at the time of writing.

It was obtained from websites as well as email and verbal conversations. The information is constantly changing, partly due to the difficult times we and the accommodation venues have had recently as well as some changes of ownership or new pricing policies.

Please use this information as a guide only. The final booking is up to you and you should clarify booking conditions for yourself when communicating with your chosen accommodation venue and booking.

About Kiama accommodation

Kiama is a small seaside town on the south coast of NSW in the Illawarra region. The town centre area has a choice of restaurants, a Leagues club and the Grand Hotel with good pub meals.

Most of the bigger accommodation establishments are located within walking distance of the Pavilion Conference venue. Smaller B&B's and self-contained flats and houses are generally only a short drive away. Quite a few of the accommodation options have ocean views.

There are accommodation options in nearby villages e.g. Shellharbour (15km away), Gerringong (10km away) or Jamberoo (10km away). Wollongong is further away at 40 km, although this only takes about 35 mins by car. These are not listed here but details can be readily found on the internet.

Prices given below may be 2021 prices as 2022 prices are not always available. They give an idea of comparative pricing but are likely to go up by 2022.

Prices quoted are for 2 people. Adding more people may increase the price (although not always). Prices quoted are for the 7 days bracketing the Conference i.e. **Saturday 10 – Saturday 17 September 2022.**

Please book asap. Accommodation is competitive and there are competing events forecast e.g. a major cycling event on the South Coast just after the Conference.

Most booking requires that you leave your credit card details. There are sometimes generous cancellation policies, sometimes up to 24 hours before check-in with no charge. However other cancellation policies are not so generous and incur substantial non-refundable booking fees. Check the cancellation policies when you book.

You may choose to book using an internet booking platform like Airbnb, Booking.com etc. These seem to be providing better cancellation conditions although prices may not be as good as booking direct.

Whenever ringing to enquire or book, mention that you are attending the Australian Plants Society (ANPSA) conference at the Pavilion for a potential discount. It is also worth asking if there are special deals e.g. for multi day bookings. For example, some offer 7 day full week discounts or 3 nights for the price of 2. The 7 day tariffs quoted below are for the nights bracketing the conference days i.e. check-in Sat, check-out following Saturday. Many delegates will require extra days.

Prices for accommodation almost everywhere in holiday destinations have crept up over the years, and Kiama is no exception. You may consider sharing a bigger apartment or house with friends to split the cost.

The “cheap and cheerful” option is the Grand Hotel which is very handy to the Pavilion Conference venue if you don’t arrive in a car and have no transport.

If the options below are a bit overwhelming, then the Kiama Visitors Centre is happy to help you to choose and to book for you. Phone 1300 654 262 and mention that you are attending the Australian Native Plants Society Conference at the Kiama Pavilion.

The information below is broken into:

- Larger establishments
- Smaller establishments
- Self-contained properties
- Vans and holiday parks

1. Larger establishments

Terralong Terrace Apartments (Serviced Apartments)

129 Terralong St. Kiama NSW 2533; www.terralong.com.au; book@terralong.com.au;
Phone: 0499 000 993

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 1.1km, 14 minute walk

Terralong Terraces offers self-contained serviced apartments with fully equipped kitchens, some disabled access rooms and adjacent restaurant.

Prices shown below are 2021 as 2022 prices are not yet on their website. The proprietor thought they wouldn't change much for 2022. Rooms have been blocked out for us for our Conference dates for a limited time so mention that you are a conference attendee. Recommendation is to book by phone asap.

Number available	Room type	Configuration	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
2	1 bedroom apartment	1 queen 1 bathroom	\$220	\$1540
10	2 bedroom apartment	1 queen, 2 single, 1 bathroom	\$290-320	\$1820-2240
3	3 bedroom apartment	1 queen, 4 single, 2 bathroom	\$390	\$2100

The Sebel Kiama Harbourside (Hotel)

31 Shoalhaven St. Kiama NSW 2533; www.sebelharboursidekiama.com.au

H8805@accor.com; Phone: 0242307500

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 800metres, 12 minute walk

The Sebel Harbourside offers deluxe accommodation, mostly hotel style but also apartments with kitchens. There are in-house dining options, some disabled access but no onsite parking.

Note that rooms are available only for the first 6 days ie Saturday 10 to Friday 16 September. Saturday 17 September is already booked out. Prices shown below are 2022.

There is a 20% discount for more than 4 days. Look at their website for cancellation policies, which vary depending on what you book e.g. “flexible saver” has 24 hour cancellation. Best to confirm by phone. No rooms have been set aside for us so “first in best dressed”

Number available	Room type	Configuration	Daily tariff	6 day tariff
80 rooms, various options	Superior king	King or 2 singles	\$279 (\$223 at saver rate)	\$1674
	Ensuite bathroom	Tea/coffee facilities only		
	Ranging to		Ranging to	Ranging to
	2 bedroom apartment	2 full bedrooms, comfortably sleeps 4, full kitchen	\$549 (\$439 at saver rate)	\$3,294
	One bathroom			

Kiama Shores Motel

45-51 Collins St Kiama 2533; www.kiamashores.com.au; info@kiamashores.com.au; Phone: 0242331100

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 950 metres, 12 minute walk

Kiama Shores Motel has spacious air-conditioned rooms which have a bar fridge but no microwave. There is a BBQ available and an on-site restaurant for dinner – for breakfast there are cafes nearby. There are disabled access rooms. There are 21 steps to access top storey rooms.

On booking, credit card details will be taken. For cancellations, there is no charge taken off your credit card up to 24 hours before check in. Please re-confirm this when booking.

Number available	Room type	Configuration	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
45 rooms, various options	Spacious queen	Queen plus balcony option	\$200	\$1184
	Ranging to		Ranging to	Ranging to
	Spa suite	Queen spa ground floor	\$240	\$1374

Motel 617

132 Manning St Kiama 2533; motel617kiama.com.au; info@kiama617motel.com.au; Phone: 0242321333

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 950 metres, 12 minute walk

Motel 617 has clean comfortable rooms with mini bar fridge – bigger fridge in deluxe room and tea and coffee making facilities. No steps for lower level units but not fully disabled accessible.

15% discount is obtainable by phone booking motel direct and mentioning that you are attending the Australian Plants Society Conference. Saturday 17 September booked out, so 6 day tariff given, not 7 day.

They are happy to offer a fixed rate on the following rooms for a minimum of 5 nights' stay:

- Queen Suite room \$ 165.00 per night 1 Queen bed
- Queen Suite Deluxe \$ 180.00 1 Queen Bed with Kitchenette
- Twin Room \$ 210.00 Queen and single bed
- Executive Twin \$ 270.00 Queen Bed 2 single beds
- Two Bedroom apartment 2 Queen Beds separate lounge and kitchenette.

Rates include free WIFI and free parking subject to availability.

All rooms are provided with microwaves, coffee and tea facilities. While some of our room are on the ground floor and accessible, they don't have a dedicated room for low mobility guests.

Bookings will be required to be made direct with our Kiama 617 Motel reservation staff. Please advise when they book to mention booking code APSKiama. Discounted rates do not apply for any bookings made via travel agents. Any bookings made for a stay shorter than 5 nights the current best available rate at the time of booking will apply.

Bookings can be cancelled seven days before arrival free of charge..

First night payment will be taken by 2:00 pm Kiama time seven days before. Balance to be paid on arrival.

Bellevue Accommodation

21 Minnamurra St Kiama 2533; <https://bellevueaccommodation.com.au>

book@bellevueaccommodation.com.au; Phone: 0242324000 (Sylvia)

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 1.2 km, 15 minute walk

Bellevue Accommodation units are in an award winning refurbished heritage building with beautiful gardens. Rooms are self-contained and have kitchens. There are 7 steps which can be by-passed but not fully disabled accessible. 10% discount available for direct bookings through Bellevue, see their website for promo code. Prices are for 2022.

Cancellation free of charge up to 2 weeks before check-in date, credit card details taken on booking.

Number available	Room type	Configuration	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
6 queen rooms	Queen	Queen plus extra bed(s) possible to max 4 people	\$240-260 (min 2 nights)	\$1,593 -1,732 (for 2)

Grand Hotel

49 Manning St Kiama 2533; Phone 0242321037; <https://www.grandhotelkiama.com.au/>

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 210 metres, 3 minute walk

There are currently, at October 2021, only very basic rooms available in this hotel. They are inexpensive at \$59 single room or \$90 double room per night but have shared bathrooms. Prices may increase in 2022. To get 2021 prices, book sooner rather than later. Evening meals and lunch available but no breakfast served. There are cafes within 200 metres.

Advantages of this hotel include its close proximity to the conference venue and availability of pub meals.

Nova Kiama Boutique Hotel

This hotel is putting all the rooms on hold for the dates Sat 10 – Sat 17 September 2022 for ANPSA Conference attendees for a limited time. It is suggested that you book asap.

Nova (and the Grand Hotel) are the closest big accommodation establishments to the Kiama Pavilion conference venue.

Nova Disclaimer: this proposal was put forward to the Australian Plants Society, subject to change due to availability.

31 Bong Bong St Kiama 2533; www.novakiama.com.au; 0242033010; Email: reception@novakiama.com.au

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 210 metres, 3 minute walk

Newly built, just opened and adjacent to the Grand Hotel. Quiet even though conveniently located next to the railway station (with lift). This 4 star hotel has a variety of 32 well-appointed rooms and suites and features include a coffee cart downstairs from 7am and a pool. No breakfast room but breakfast baskets can be pre-ordered (two days ahead) at \$25 per person and delivered to rooms or there are cafes within 200 metres.

A 15% discount is available for conference attendees when booking directly through the Nova Hotel.

Mention that you are attending the ANPSA conference at the Pavilion and quote the code PAVPLANT22 when booking and it needs to be by phone to get the discount.

Note: Prices below are for 2022. Each guest wanting to stay at Nova will need to call the hotel directly, make their reservation and pay a 20% deposit over the phone at time of booking. Full payment due 14 days prior to arrival.

Cancellation terms and conditions:

- 30 days prior to arrival – 20% of deposit lost.
- 21 days prior to arrival – 50% of deposit lost.
- Any time after – no deposit refunded.

Number available	Room type	Maximum Occupants	Daily tariff (from) * varies on weekend or during week	7 day tariff
15	Queen standard	2, or some 3 with trundle bed added	\$240	\$1685
4	Queen kitchenette	2, or some 3 with trundle bed added	\$269	\$1886
5	Family room	4	\$309	\$2169
4	Ocean View	2 or 3 if trundle bed added	\$303	\$2120
3	One bedroom	2	\$364	\$2550
1	One bedroom executive	4 or 5	\$810	\$5670

Kiama Harbour Cabins

Blowhole Point Rd Kiama 2533; <https://www.kiamacoast.com.au/kiama-harbour-cabins>;
Phone: 0242322707; blowhole@kiamacoast.com.au

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 1km, 13 minute walk

Great and convenient harbour-side location. Well appointed, self-contained, kitchen, laundry and more. "Pearly Shells" has wheelchair access, but is currently already booked. When booking quote the code PAVC10 which will get you a 10% discount as a conference attendee.

Although they are aware of our conference, they are not holding any cabins for us so "first in best dressed" with booking. 2022 prices not available till March 2022.

Pay for first night on booking. All but \$100 refunded on cancellation and this goes into credit for future use. Prices below are for 2021 still. Please confirm cancellation policy when ringing to book.

Cabin Name	Number available	Layout	Daily tariff (from)	7 Day tariff (around)
Seabreeze	5	1 bedroom, 1 bathroom	\$210	\$1260
Harbour Lights	2	2 bedroom, 1 bathroom	\$230	\$1380
Pearly Shells (already booked)	1	2 bedroom, 1 bathroom	\$220	\$1320
Moonlit Sands	3	2 bedroom, 1 bathroom	\$230	\$1380
Ocean Dream	4	3 bedroom, 2 bathroom	\$290	\$1740
Crystal Waters	5	2 bedroom, 1 bathroom	\$220	\$1320

2. Smaller establishments

Bed and Breakfasts

There are a few B&B options including Sea Whispers and Shutters by the Sea. There are others not listed here too. They tend to be more expensive because of various extra nice touches.

Shutters by the Sea

37 Tingira Cres. Kiama 2533; <https://www.shutterskiama.com>

info@shutterskiama.com; Phone: 0408332118

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 2.7km, 35 minute walk, 6 minute drive

Nice views, location, private and quiet according to a review.

For rates, contact owner direct. In 2021 they were around \$240 per night for 2, min 2 nights). Always check cancellation conditions on booking.

Sea Whispers

53 Tingira Cres. Kiama 2533; seawhispers.com.au; Email via website; Phone: 02 4232 4433, Mobile 0412 222 715

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 2.7km, 35 minute walk, 6 minute drive

Cliff-top views over beach, warm hospitality.

For rates, contact owner direct. In 2021 they were from \$190 per night for 2, have multi night specials). Always check cancellation conditions on booking.

3. Self-contained properties

There are numerous self-contained properties to rent for holidays through "holidayrentalspecialists.com.au". In the *Kiama and surrounds* section of that website, there are **60 properties** listed. They have 1-4 bedrooms and they start from \$100 per day upwards.

NB: Read the booking and cancellation conditions on the "holiday rental specialists" website very carefully. The deposit on booking is approx. 50% of the total tariff. This is completely non-refundable if cancellation occurs within 30 days of the arrival date. There are charges for cancelling earlier and in the event of cancellation due to Covid, you receive a credit only for 12 months, no refund.

You could check by ringing them if you decide to book through them. Some of the many properties listed have alternative ways to book them e.g. Airbnb etc with whom you may obtain booking and cancellation conditions that you prefer.

Coast and Country Holidays

Phone 0242341754; <https://www.coastandcountryholidays.com.au/>

The website will give ideas of rentable properties. Again if booking through them, check the payment and particularly cancellation conditions carefully- viewable on their website.

Some have ocean views for which you pay more. Sharing would be potentially economical e.g. 2 couples per house or a group of singles. Check the features when enquiring such as distance from Pavilion Conference venue, bed lay-outs etc or look for them on the websites.

Four examples are given here:

Kiama Executive Apartment

7/9 Bong Bong St. 2533; <https://www.styleaccommodation.com.au>

Email: enquiries@styleaccommodation.com.au; Phone: 0417939196

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: In same street, very close.

Great beachfront location. Brand new, resort style.

NB: Not yet sure of availability for Conference dates.

Accommodation	Room configuration	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
One 2 bedroom apartment	Main bedroom queen Second bedroom has 2 singles and an arch (no door) 1 bathroom	\$281 weekdays, min 2 nights (booking.com prices)	Around \$1965

Blake House

157 Manning St Kiama 2533; www.blakehouse.com.au

Email: through website or holidayrentalspecialists.com.au or other internet booking platforms.

Phone: Book through Holiday Rental Specialists 0248625200 or through website. Price below 2022 price. NB See note earlier on “holiday rental specialists” cancellation policy under Self – Contained properties heading.

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 14 minute walk, 1.1 km

This charming historic but modernised property is self-contained with full kitchen plus lots more and is suited to sharing by a group of up to 8. Three bedrooms, three bathrooms.

Accommodation	Room configuration	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
3 big bedrooms plus sofa in lounge room	2 queen, 1 twin plus sofa in lounge room	Around \$435, min 2 nights	Around \$3043 (6 guests)

The Loft

Also at 157 Manning St Kiama 2533; www.blakehouse.com.au

Email: through website or holidayrentalspecialists.com.au; Phone: Book through Holiday Rental Specialists 0248625200 or through website.

Prices below are 2021 prices.

NB: See note earlier on “holiday rental specialists” cancellation policy under Self – Contained properties heading.

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 14 minute walk, 1.1 km

A loft add-on conversion to Blake House, this is also a self-contained property accommodating 4.

Accommodation	Room configuration	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
2 bedrooms	1 queen, 1 twin	Around \$226, min 2 nights.	Around \$1,582 (4 guests)

Bombo Hideaway

24 Hothersal St Kiama 2533; <https://kiama.com.au/listings/stay/bombo-hideaway>

Email: davidcollins@outlook.com.au; Phone: 0413676705 or 0242324247

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 1.9km, 5 minute drive, 27 minute walk

This is a very cosy detached self-contained one bedroom “granny-flat” overlooking Bombo Beach. There is a kitchen and accommodates two adults (king double bed) BBQ, carpark, outdoor dining too.

Daily rates \$130-\$150 (2021 rate). Check cancellation conditions when booking.

Ocean View Kiama

Address: 1/9 Bong Bong St Kiama 2533; Web: best to type in Ocean View Kiama

Email: holidays@oceanviewkiama.com.au; Phone: Valerie 0420900644

Distance to Pavilion: As close as you can get!

Spoil yourself with the Ocean views and convenient location! Of course, money should be no object! This property located directly opposite Surf Beach has panoramic views of the beach and ocean. Nicely styled with open plan living ideally suited to couples with a queen sized bedroom, it can accommodate up to 4, the extra 2 on single sofa beds on request in the living area.

Note this property is not available on the Saturday 10th Sept, but is for the next 6 days including the Conference dates.

Rates for these 6 days : If using the Cloudbeds website for booking, it is suggested that you book the Flexible rate because the cancellation conditions will give you free of charge cancellation up to 30 days before arrival date. It is \$2050 for the 6 days, around \$350 per night). The cheaper rates give you no refund under any circumstances once the booking has been made.

Harbour Lights

NB: Owner prefers no bookings until 3 months before the dates required i.e. early June in our case, when she knows she will be there. Check cancellation conditions when booking.

Gura St Kiama 2533; <https://kiama.com.au/listings/stay/harbour-lights-kiama>
gghoward6688@gmail.com; Phone: 0419271554

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 1.4km, 5 minute drive, 20 minute walk

New two person studio apartment (King bed), kitchenette, linen and towels provided, private veranda, views across harbour to ocean.

Expect to pay around \$200 per night (\$1580 for a week approx)

4. Van sites and holiday parks

For if you are planning to bring your caravan or campervan. There are 3 nearby Holiday Parks and they also have cabins.

Surf Beach Holiday Park

20 Bourrool St, Kiama 2533; www.kiamacoast.com.au/surf-beach-holiday-park
surf@kiamacoast.com.au; Phone: 0242321791

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 1.3km walk via the road, 13 minutes or take the short cut across the beach (the holiday park and Pavilion are at opposite ends of Surf beach, convenient location,)

This park has 30 luxury cabins, some with magnificent ocean views. Since there are 13 types, individual prices will not be listed here – they can be checked on their website.

You may consider sharing one of the suitable cabins with others to help bring the cost down. Some have 2 bathrooms and 2 queen bedrooms. When booking, ask for a Pavilion ANPSA conference attendee discount of 10% by quoting PAVC10 or they will give a small seniors discount.

Prices below are as at May 2021. Please ring for an emailed full price list, as no 2022 prices are yet available. The list below is indicative.

Upon booking a \$100 deposit is to payable. 50% of total is to be paid 3 months before arrival and balance on arrival. Cancellation needs more than 2 weeks before arrival date to get a refund but the \$100 remains non-refundable. In the case of van sites, the same applies but the non-refundable deposit is \$50. Double check this when you book.

1,2 and 3 bedroom cabins	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
	\$175	\$1050 studio
	Ranging to	Ranging to
	\$360	\$2160 3 bedroom villa

Camping and van section	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
Powered sites	\$50	\$300

Kendalls on the Beach Holiday Park

NB: This holiday park does not have vacancies on the weekend dates Saturday 10 Sept till Sunday 11 September and also the weekend of 17 and 18 September 2022 due to prior block group bookings. They can only offer Monday 12 till Friday 16 September (4 nights, check-out on Friday).

33 - 35 Entrance driveway, Bonaira St, Kiama NSW 2533;
www.kiamacoast.com.au/kendalls-on-the-beach; kendalls@kiamacoast.com.au

Phone: 0242321790

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 2km, 22 min walk, short drive or infrequent bus service (Route 71)

This park has 30 luxurious cabins and about the same number of powered caravan, ensuite sites and camp sites. Beachside, well-appointed self-contained cabins some with spa bath. 11 types of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom cabins. Garden Cottages have wheelchair access.

Prices below are estimated 2022 prices.

A variety of cabins and sites are being kept aside for us for the 4 nights available during the Conference until the end of November 2021. When phone booking, mention that you are with the Australian Plants Society group and you will get a 10% discount. Booking after the end of November is also ok but the 10% discount is not guaranteed.

A non-refundable holding deposit of \$100 for cabins and \$50 for sites is required at time of booking with a 50% deposit payable 3 months prior to arrival date.

Cancellation or date changes within 14 days (standard/shoulder seasons) or 45 days (high season) of the commencement of your stay will result in forfeiture of your 50% deposit.

Refunds (excluding the non-refundable portion \$100 accommodation / \$50 sites) will only be issued if a reservation is cancelled outside of the 14 days (standard/shoulder seasons) or 45 days (high season) prior to arrival date and must be via written notice.

Note: not yet clear if we have a conference discount on this property.

1,2 and 3 bedroom cabins	Daily tariff (midweek) min 2 nights	7 day tariff
	\$190	N/A
	Ranging to	
	\$295	N/A

Camping and van section	Daily tariff	7 day tariff
En-suite sites	\$80	N/A
Powered sites	\$55	N/A

East's Beach Kiama Holiday Park (Big 4)

30 Ocean St Kiama 2533; <https://eastbeach.com.au>; Email: holiday@eastbeach.com.au

Phone: 02 4232 2124

Distance to Pavilion conference venue: 2.7 km, 6 minute drive, 34 minute walk.

This park has around seventy 2 and 3 bedroom cabins, ranging from basic to beachfront luxury spa cabins, all self-contained and at least 100 ensuite and powered van sites. Look on the website for information on the full range of cabins.

Tariffs 20% discount for 7 nights. Discounts also available for "Big 4" members, so you may consider joining.

On booking, one night is paid for, the balance is paid 72 hours before arrival. Should cancellation become necessary, there is a \$22 dollar non-refundable charge. The remainder is refunded up till 72 hours before arrival date. Double check this when you book.

12 types of 1,2 and 3 bedroom cabins	Daily tariff (based on 7 nights, including discount)	7 nights
	\$101 upwards	\$707 upwards

Camping and Van section	Daily tariff (based on 7 nights, including discount)	7 nights
En-suite sites	\$41	\$287
Powered sites	\$29	\$203