

Kiama Heritage Inventory

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Item Name: **Gasworks (former)**

Location: **105-109 Shoalhaven Street, Kiama [Kiama]**

Address: 105-109 Shoalhaven Street

Planning: Illawarra & Macarthur

Suburb / Nearest Town: Kiama 2533

Historic Region: Illawarra

Local Govt Area: Kiama

Parish: Kiama

State: NSW

County: Camden

Other/Formal Names: Kiama Gas Company, Kiama Gas Works,

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Utilities - Gas

Category: Gasometer/Gas Retort

Owner: Local Government & Co-operatives

Admin Codes: Kiama Municipal Council

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use: Gas Depot (Storage of Gas)

Former Uses: Gasworks

Assessed Significance: **Local**

Endorsed Significance: **Local**

Statement of Significance:

The only example of a gasworks in the Kiama LGA. Illustrates the provision of urban services and the involvement of Council in the provision of urban services from 1927. Standing structures include the former retort and exhauster houses which illustrate the use of load bearing brickwork in industrial buildings at the turn of the century.

Historical Notes or Provenance:

Gas supply in Kiama began in 1883 with the establishment of the first gas plant outside the major cities. In 1927 the Kiama Gas Company was taken over by Kiama Council. Closed on 30 September 1960.

Themes: National Theme

State Theme

Local Theme

4. Settlement

Utilities

(none)

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started:

Year Completed:

Circa: No

Physical Description: Former gasworks plant located in a gully on the west side of Shoalhaven Street. The plant comprised two loadbearing brick structures, the retort buildings and exhauster house, feeding via in ground pipes to a small gasometer close to the road. The gasometer has been removed but the circular foundation remains in place. The gabled brick structures are relatively intact, illustrating the industrial use of load bearing brickwork in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Features include carefully detailed string courses, shallow

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attached piers and corbelled kneelers, characteristic of the gables of industrial buildings of the period 1890s-1920s.

Physical Condition: The brick structures appear to be in fair to good condition with some deterioration of the gable brickwork on the exhaust house.

Modification Dates: The retort building has been adapted by the insertion of new openings. Equipment and gasometer removed. Exhaust house now a workshop

Recommended Management:

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

Further Comments:

Criteria a) Important in illustrating the introduction of urban services in Kiama (and the import of coal from Wollongong?) and from 1927 the role of Kiama Council in supplying urban services.

Criteria b)

Criteria c)

Criteria d)

Criteria e) Contributes to understanding of industrial processes.

Criteria f) The only example of a gasworks in the Kiama LGA.

Criteria g) Industrial load bearing brick buildings of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century characteristic of their type.

Integrity / Intactness: The essential fabric of the two buildings remains intact, although the gasometer has been removed. The site is capable of interpretation.

References:

Studies:	Author	Title	Number	Year
	Latona Masterman and Associates	Kiama Heritage Study	p. 86/69	1987
	Simpson Dawbin	Kiama Heritage Review 2000		2000

Parcels:	Parcel Code	LotNumber	Section	Plan Code	Plan Number
	LOT	102		DP	775450

Latitude:

Longitude:

Location validity:

Spatial Accuracy:

Map Name:

Map Scale:

AMG Zone:

Easting:

Northing:

Listings:	Name:	Title:	Number:	Date:
	Local Environmental Plan	Kiama	2011	16/12/2011

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