



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association



NEWSLETTER

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Life Members and Club Patron ‘Honour Boards’ now a reality!

On Tuesday, 16th April the Honour Boards finally became a reality! The Club’s Management Committee and the Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association supported locating the ‘Honour Boards’ in the Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro. An excellent position to showcase the one hundred and three year history of our Surf Club.



Both Honour Boards are unique in so far as Kirra SLSC has never before (to our knowledge) recognised its Club Patrons in such a distinctive manner; and the Honorary Life Members ‘Honour Board’ details recipients of Life Membership across all areas of surf lifesaving including Club, Branch, State, Australia and Australian ‘Hall of Fame’ inductees. I do not believe that a similar display may exist in this format in other surf clubs.

The highest honour that Kirra SLSC can bestow a member is Honorary Life Membership. The new Honour Board gives due recognition to those recipients awarded the Surf Club’s – Honorary Life Membership.



The development of these ‘Honour Boards’ was part of the Kirra Historical Project. The Project Business Case was submitted by the ‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’ committee to Kirra SLSC Management in May 2018 and endorsed at the Surf Club’s 2018 Annual General Meeting. The Business Case for the Kirra Historical Project is available on the Kirra Surf Club’s Webpage – Old Boys.

Should you have an opportunity, please visit your Surf Club to view these new ‘Honour Boards’ and also enjoy the excellent services on offer in the Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro.

Comment from Max Winders – Club Patron, Kirra SLSC: *“Thanks for the recognition of those who did so much for the Club, and from a personal viewpoint for recognition of Bill Winders my grandfather, Jack Winders my father, Keith Hamilton my cousin, and their contemporaries..... Regards Max”*

“All revenue raised by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association is for the benefit of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”



“(Right) The old and the new! Kirra SLSC clubhouses at Kirra Beach in Year 1936”

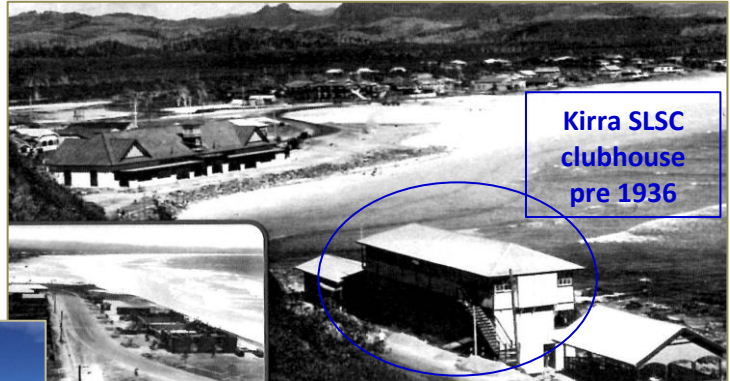
“The Kirra Pavilion has always been the clubhouse and home of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club since it was built and officially handed to the Surf Club eighty-three years ago!”



“KIRRA PAVILION HAS BEEN THE KIRRA SLSC CLUBHOUSE SINCE 1936”

“(Left) An aerial photograph taken by Fred Lang in Year 1938... (Supplied by Kirra SLSC Club Patron Max Winders)”

The Kirra Pavilion was officially opened and handed to our Surf Club on the 13th April 1936. The formerly owned and built Kirra SLSC clubhouse located on Kirra Point had by this time been removed with both the property and building handed to the Coolangatta Town Council.



Kirra SLSC clubhouse pre 1936

“Important information for all current and past members, families and friends associated with the Kirra SLSC”

Kirra SLSC only became aware through an article in the local newspaper that the Pizza Hut lease was to be terminated after more than thirty years. This was just weeks prior to the closing date for ‘Submissions of Interest’ to be lodged with consultants representing GCCC to occupy this area of the Kirra Pavilion,

Kirra SLSC submitted an ‘Expression of Interest’.... The Surf Club’s proposal for returning the Kirra Pavilion back to the Club included a five year building redevelopment strategy for the whole Kirra Pavilion for surf lifesaving purposes (including support for the Kirra Surfriders Club). **“The Club’s proposal never got past first base!!”** Club delegates quickly met the local GCCC Councillor. **“This meeting was non-productive with little enthusiasm demonstrated to our delegates in supporting the Kirra SLSC proposal on the future of our Surf Club!”**

It is rumoured that either an international Restaurant/Bar company from Hawaii USA (Dukes) or a boutique brewery are being considered for the new lease..... **“Both options will seriously impact on the local market potential and revenue generation sustainability of Kirra SLSC and its Kirra Supporters Club!!!”**

The Surf Club has developed a ‘Building Occupancy Assessment Matrix’.... This is an analysis of the current/future mandatory surf lifesaving operational requirements for the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club against the existing allocated occupancy area (our current footprint) within the Kirra Pavilion. **“Kirra SLSC has over the past two decades, well and truly outgrown its currently allocated footprint within the Kirra Pavilion!”**

Kirra’s past/current Club Presidents, Andrew McAuliffe and Michael Hill have continuously attempted to engage with Council on the Club’s limited occupancy space and the poor maintenance of the Kirra Pavilion;

With the Surf Club’s current accommodation restrictions within the Kirra Pavilion; Council’s apparent unwillingness to return the Kirra Pavilion to the Surf Club; Council’s heritage building listing of the Kirra Pavilion; and no opportunity to grow the Surf Club’s operating accommodation footprint beyond the Kirra Pavilion.... **“Such pressures seriously impact on the continuing future of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club!”**

The Kirra Surf Life Saving Club has been providing quality frontline surf lifesaving and community safety services at Kirra Beach and for the people of the Gold Coast, Queensland for more than 103 years!

Club President Michael Hill with assistance from Club Patron Max Winders and several Honorary Life Members, supported of the Club’s Management Committee, has again taken the challenge of these ongoing critical issues for our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club to Gold Coast City Council. **“KIRRA SLSC JUST WANTS A FAIR GO FROM COUNCIL WITH THE RETURN OF THE KIRRA PAVILION TO THE KIRRA SURF CLUB, WHERE IT BELONGS!”**

‘The decision – Kirra Pavilion’

Construction of the Kirra Pavilion jointly funded by the Coolangatta Town Council and Queensland Government was for the purpose of providing a new clubhouse for the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. The building was designated for Kirra Surf Club use at an official ceremony officiated by Mayor SW (Bill) Winders, Coolangatta Town Council in 1936.

(SW ‘Bill’ Winders OBE, OSTJ: Kirra SLSC Foundation Member, Club President, Honorary Life Member, Inductee ASLS Hall of Fame, and grandfather of our current Kirra SLSC Club Patron Max Winders)

Kirra SLSC surf clubhouse since 1936 – 83 years ago!

Kirra Pavilion – ‘built for the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club’

Extract/s: *Kirra SLSC 100 Years by Peter D Kelly, Published 2016:* On the 19th August 1935, Kirra SLSC President SW (Bill) Bill Winders OBE, OSTJ (Mayor, Coolangatta Town Council) advised the Kirra Surf Club committee that the Coolangatta Town Council had been successful in securing a loan of £2500, and a subsidy of the same amount from the State Government for the erection of new accommodation for the Surf Club. It was to be a ‘Depression Era Project’ designed to stimulate the local economy. Mr. John Beebe, Architect, acting on instructions from the Council had prepared a sketch plan of a two-story building. Beebe had also designed Brisbane’s Hamilton Lawn Bowling Pavilion.

At this meeting, the Kirra SLSC President further advised that in his view the building would cost more than £5000 and the proposed plan was unsuitable. The President thought a more suitable plan would be a single story building, which would be slightly longer. It would also contain a brigade room, committee room, casualty rooms, showers and a surfboat shed. In return the Kirra Surf Club would be required to hand over its present clubhouse building to the Coolangatta Town Council. A proposal was moved and carried that a special Kirra SLSC committee meeting be convened to consider the proposal.

The Kirra Pavilion completed in 1935 was officially opened by the Queensland Minister for Public Instruction and Assistant Treasurer, the Hon. F. A. Cooper on the 13th April 1936. It was built in a Tudor Revival Style. This style was more commonly used for a more affluent building. The Mayor of Coolangatta Town Council, Mr. S.W. (Bill) Winders OBE, OSTJ presided over the ceremony.....

The Kirra Surf Club Committee laid out the sum of £54/15/9 to purchase new fittings to comfortably furnish the committee and social room, including a ‘President’s Chair’ and committee table. Club accommodation in the new building also consisted of a bunk room with three tier bunks, a small kitchen and first aid room on the road side. Branching off the bunkroom was one cold shower and one toilet. On the beach side was a committee room containing the beach broadcasting studio and a brigade room where member’s lockers were located. The rest of the building was comprised of a men’s and lady’s dressing rooms with conveniences, showers, lockers and toilets maintained by the Club. A Surf Club office was provided that led to a ladder and the lookout tower 30 feet above ground level. From there, surf lifesavers obtained an excellent view of the beach and surf, and from which warnings could be issued to bathers when necessary. The remaining small section was intended for café purposes and included rooms for a Surf Club caretaker.

In return for occupancy in the new building, the Kirra SLSC handed over to the Coolangatta Town Council its Surf Club building of three levels occupied since 1922. Built by the Kirra Surf Club at a cost of just over £900, the building appreciated in value over thirteen years to £1,200. Parts of this building were later used in the construction of facilities at Bilinga and Rainbow Bay. *(End of Extract/s)*

‘Kirra Surf Life Saving Club has occupied and maintained the Kirra Pavilion as its clubhouse continuously for eighty-three years since 1936’

YES IT IS ON AGAIN!!!

ANNUAL KIRRA GOLF DAY at the Wynnum Golf Club, Brisbane

Who will take up the challenge for this year's honours and unthroned the current Champion Pairs – Barry Robinson and Steve Paul? Then simply ring Brashie Bell and book your game!

Only **thirty** (30) positions available, so ring Brashie early!!



Those playing will need to contact the Pro-Shop to book your golf cart!

This is a great day of sport, friendship and social interaction amongst all attending. Great prizes organised by Brashie..... our coordinator for the Kirra Golf Day. Thanks to Greg Dunn for booking the morning with the Wynnum Golf Club – Pro Shop. A light lunch and refreshments provided on the conclusion of competition, sponsored by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

	<p align="center">'Annual Kirra Golf Day'</p> <p>WHEN: 7th July 2019 with tee off from 7:00am <i>Players are recommended to arrive at the Golf Course by 6:30am to pay your green fees and cart hire.....</i></p> <p>VENUE: Wynnum Golf Club</p> <p>NUMBERS: Thirty player spots reserved <i>(Contact the Pro Shop on 07 3396 9000 to booked your golf cart)</i></p>	<p align="center">John 'Brashie' Bell</p> <p>Mobile: 0401 172 521; Home: 07 5590 9256; Email: johnleebell46@gmail.com</p>
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"Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member!"

For more information on your Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Committee; History; Past Newsletters; Business Case for the Kirra Historical Project; and details on planned events, **GO TO** the Kirra SLSC Website: www.kirrasurfclub.com.au | Old Boys

FOR SALE – FOR SALE – FOR SALE – FOR SALE



The Association has available 'Polo Shirts' for members at a price of **only \$30.00/shirt** that includes the embroidered Logo (see photo.... includes foundation date: 29th November 1978)..... FABRIC 50% Cotton inner, 50% Biz Cool Polyester pique outer, loose fit and a comfortable polo shirt to wear.

Men's Fit	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Garment ½ Chest (CM)	55	58	62	65	71
Ladies Fit	10	12	14	16	18
Garment ½ Chest (CM)	49	51.5	54	56.5	59

How to order your Association 'Polo Shirt':

- **Size:** See the 'Table' above to determine your size and **Email** your details including number of shirts required, and your preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: kirra@kirraoldboys.com;
- **Direct Deposit:** You can direct deposit \$30/shirt into the banking account for the Association: **BSB:** 084 130 **A/c:** 448755954 **A/c Name:** Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association; **(OR)**
- **Mail your cheque and details:** Mail your cheque for \$30/shirt and include details on the number of shirts required, your size/s, and your preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, 1 Lucas Cres., Ormeau Hills Qld 4208.



Kirra Supporters Club
Bar/Bistro/Gaming
 Great venue – Great views – Great meals –
 Friendly staff – Cold refreshments
“The family club”
“Breakfast is back at Kirra on weekends”

“Kirra Supporters Club – A great venue for watching the spectacular waves off Kirra Point!”



“Electronic mail address...The way to go!” Have you provided your electronic Email address? Of the current Association membership (now almost three hundred), less than fifty members are yet to provide their electronic Email address. The Association’s Committee invites you to provide your electronic mailing address (should you have one). Details of your Email may be forwarded to Association Secretary Adam Day at kirra@kirraoldboys.com

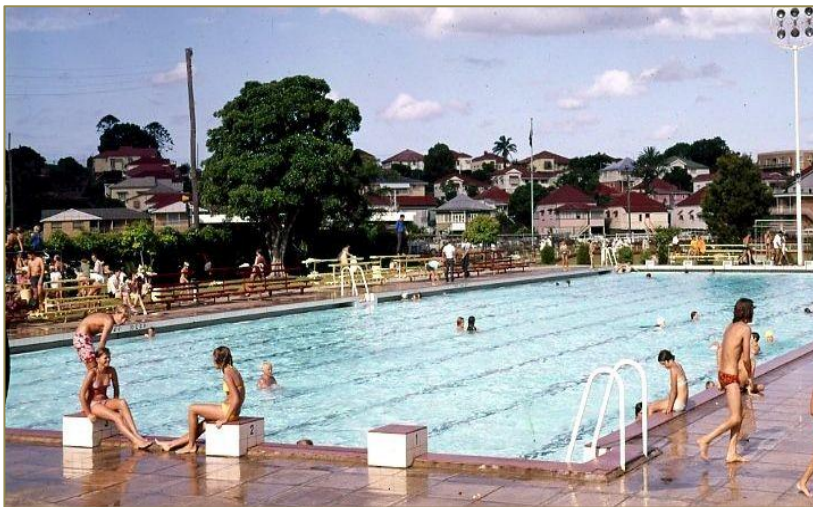
“Should you not have or do not wish to provide an your Email address, you will continue to receive all newsletters, news updates, and ‘Old Boys’ broadcasts circulated from time to time to ALL MEMBERS”

2019 CALENDAR EVENTS AND DATES CONFIRMED

Dates and venues confirmed for the Year 2019 events of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association..... *“Please place these dates on your home calendar. Hopefully you will have the time to attend, catch up with Kirra mates, enjoy the fellowship and great yarns, and assist with our revenue raising activities of your Association.... Come along and see you there!!”*

DATE - 2019	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 5 th May	Draw Kirra Old Boys Car Raffle <i>(Complementary refreshments and fingerfood for ticket holders served between 3:00pm to 5:pm – Car Raffle draw commences at 4:00pm)</i> Note: This is a long weekend - Monday being a Queensland Public Holiday	Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro
Saturday 22 nd June	Kirra SLSC Annual Dinner <i>(Contact the Kirra Surf Club office to book your ticket/s)</i>	Kirra Supporters Club
Sunday 23 rd June	Kirra SLSC Annual General Meeting <i>(President Michael Hill welcomes all attendance)</i>	Kirra Surf Club
Sunday 7 th July	Annual Kirra Golf Day <i>(Tee off from 7:00am)</i>	Wynnum Golf Club
Friday 30 th August	Kirra Sports Luncheon <i>(11:30am start and through to 3:30pm)</i>	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Social Evening <i>(5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start)</i>	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 27 th December	Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day “A special day for all surf club members and families to come together and remember those Kirra members who sadly are no longer with us – Lest we forget” <i>(Commencing from 3:00pm)</i>	Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro

Past memories in photos ☺ ☺



Left – Langlands Park Pool at Stones Corner, Brisbane in 1970.... Many will recall the pool being used by the Kirra Club through the 1970s and 1980s for Bronze Squad training, our competitor's early morning and afternoon swim sessions organised by Earle Smith AM, and the weekly proficiency swim tests conducted after work for all Club members.



Above: Kirra SLSC members (Year 1968) in front of the clubhouse.... An open veranda extended along the full length of the Kirra Pavilion. It is believed that the small café at the southern end of the Kirra Pavilion was operated by Doug Roughton at this time. The Surf Club's observation and clock tower is prominent on the roof of the building and was utilised by Club members on patrols.

Hope you enjoyed this read..... We invite you to share the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter 5/2019 with your circle of friends and those listed in your own electronic 'Address Book'..... Many thanks for your continue support of the Association and our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

Association Committee: (Peter, Adam and Paul) – April 2019



Its On Again

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Assoc

Car Raffle

**Win a
Toyota Yaris
Valued at
\$15,990**



\$120 tickets ~ only 199 to be sold

Drawn Sunday 5th May 2019 at 4pm
Kirra Surf Club Supporters Bar
Marine Parade, Kirra
Complementary drinks for all ticket holders
present for draw from 3pm to 5pm

Vehicle supplied by:

Sci-Fleet Toyota



Tickets available now
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