

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2023



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

"The Association established on the 29th November 1978 supports Kirra SLSC past and long serving male and female members"

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Remaining events for year 2023

"Note your calendar and see you there!"

'Annual Reunion' and Xmas Social
at the Pineapple Hotel on
Friday 24th Nov 2023 from 5:30pm

Bumpo/Elke Remembrance Day –
Tuesday 26th Dec 2023 (Boxing Day)
at the licensed Kirra Supporters
Club from 3:00pm



**KIRRA SURF CLUB OLD BOYS
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL REUNION
& XMAS SOCIAL**

Check the calendar and make your arrangements to be there for a wonderful evening catching up with olde Kirra SLSC mates at the famous Pineapple Hotel. At last year's Xmas function nearly sixty long serving and past Kirra members attended and all had a most enjoyable evening.

FRIDAY 24th November 2023
FROM 5:30PM UNTIL LATE
(Downstairs bar overlooking the park)

"The Pineapple Hotel is only walking distance from the famous Brisbane Gabba Cricket Ground and home ground for the Lions AFL"

"Complimentary refreshments and fingerfood provided for all attending"

"Be great to see you there!! Wear your Kirra Old Boys or Kirra SLSC polo shirt – Dress is neat casual.

Accommodation if required is available within walking distance of the Pineapple Hotel and can be booked on-line"

BUMPO/ELKE

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tuesday 26th December 2023
from 3:00pm

Kirra Supporters Club

Come along and wear your Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association or Kirra SLSC polo shirt

'A special occasion for ALL past and current Surf Club members, their families and supporters to come together in fellowship and celebrate the lives and contributions of ALL our Kirra SLSC members and mates who sadly are no longer with us'

WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE

"Complimentary refreshments and fingerfood provided for all attending"

Coordinated by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

"Bumpo (Graham Freeman) and Elke (Ian Sommer) were keen boaties during their long association with their Kirra Surf Club"



"Left: Kirra Junior Boat Crew (L-R): Greg Ward; Jack Hunter; Alan Beauchamp; and Graham Freeman"



"Left: Kirra Senior Boat Crew (L-R): Keith Cook; Ian Sommer; Barrie Thorne; Barry Robinson; and John Bowler"

“Successful!!” 2023 Kirra Sports Lunch

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

“Proudly supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association established on the 29th November 1978, today has over 340 past and long serving Kirra SLSC members

2023 Kirra Sports Lunch

DATE: FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST 2023

TIME: 11:30AM (be seated) TO 3:00PM

VENUE: PINEAPPLE HOTEL, BRIBANE

ENJOY: A GREAT DAY WITH MATES

ALL INCLUSIVE IN THE PRICE OF YOUR TICKET:

SEAFOOD LUNCH

BEER & WINE PACKAGE

TICKET: \$127 PER PERSON

Wonderful Speakers, Raffles and Auction Items



The Pineapple Hotel is only walking distance from the famous Gabba Cricket/AFL Stadium

Go 'On-line' to view the availability of quality and reasonably priced accommodation near to the Pineapple Hotel

It was another successful and very enjoyable Kirra Sports Lunch held at the Pineapple Hotel on Friday 18th August 2023. The event is coordinated by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association with wonderful support provided by Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor Member Bob Singleton and his professional hotel management and staff.

“Revenue raised at the Sports Lunch benefits the Association and the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”.



A big thank you to all who stood up to ensure that this day was a success.... Great hotel venue with top staff; Table Captains arranging mates to attend; Old Boys Committee members and supporters working the day; Wonderful seafood lunch; Cold refreshments; Tremendous Emcee and Guest Speakers; Raffles and auction; A bus provided for travel from and return to the Surf Club; and good mates just enjoying a fun filled day.

Our Emcee Bart Sinclair OAM and our special Guest Speakers: Tom Edger, Julie McDonald OAM, Les Ross, and Ralph Devlin sharing their sporting memories ensured the Sports Lunch was a success.

A special mention and thanks to Peter Clarke (Spinner) for providing and organising the bus for our southern Gold Coast residents.... A big ‘THANK YOU’ to our Table Captains (Ron Gurnett; Bob Singleton; Joe Dixon; Steve Wilson; Con Searle; Greg Decker; Peter Clarke; Ian Wright; and Paul Cameron) who encouraged their mates to join them at the 2023 Kirra Sport Lunch.

‘The Pineapple Hotel is only walking distance from the famous Gabba Cricket/AFL Stadium’



“Left: Kilcoy Diggers table organised by Kirra Surf Club past member Con Searle..... The Kilcoy Diggers have been attending the Kirra Sports Lunch at the Pineapple Hotel since inception, generously supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.... Con is sitting in front of our Sports Lunch Emcee Bart Sinclair (centre of photograph)”

ONCE A KIRRA MEMBER - ALWAYS A KIRRA MEMBER



2023 KIRRA GOLF GAME



What an outstanding day (Thursday 13th July) for the 2023 Kirra Golf Game held at the Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club, followed with presentations at the Kirra Supporters Club.

Best attendance for several years that also included several Kirra SLSC Life Members. Peter Kelly and Alan Holland won the 'Elke' trophy for best performance on the day.

Thank you to Kirra Life Member John (Brashie) Bell for making this annual Golf Game such a continuing success. "Well done Brashie... your efforts are so much appreciated".

Staff of the Kirra Supporters Club ensured a great evening was enjoyed by all attending... thank you.

Thank you also to our Kirra SLSC President Cheryl Fenton for permitting several Life Members and past members use of the clubhouse dormitory accommodation on the Thursday night.... It was a 'Back to the Future' experience with several recalling their past use of the clubhouse facilities when they were younger active members of their surf club..... "Cheryll, so very much appreciated".

2023 Golf Game – Photo gallery



"Above L – R: Winners are grinners – John Bell and Greg Dunn present the 'Elke' to Peter Kelly and Alan Holland; Bob (Polo) Wilson and Peter (Beecho) Beauchamp in their golf cart ready for their eighteen holes; Kirra Life Members Ron Gurnett and Bob Wilson enjoy a cold beer at their Kirra Supporters Club... great views!"



"Left: 2023 Kirra Golf Game players enjoy fellowship with mates and partners at the Kirra Supporters Club"



Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Established: 7th January 1916)

‘The Kirra Surf Life Saving Club is the second oldest surf lifesaving club in Queensland and one of the longest continuously operating surf lifesaving clubs in Australia’

Kirra Supporters Club - BAR, BISTRO, GAMING and SALTYS COFFEE

"Recently refurbished, the licensed club is the best place to enjoy icy cold refreshments, tasty meals, welcoming and professional staff, and the best ocean views of the Gold Coast!"



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Kirra Club 1952-53 - Back Row: John Gibbons, Ted Fleming, Al Godfrey, Mike Geary, Ray Broomhall, Paul Rogers, Geoff Jones, Mac Jarden, Roy Woodrow, Don Edds, Brian 'Chugga' Bartlett, Harvey Mills, Brian Jackson, Bruce Tranter, John Fitzgibbon.

2nd Back Row: Steve Smith, Graham Tranter, Cliff Viertel, Stan Hatchman, Tony Dunn, Kev McCarthy, Bob Erskine, Leon Brosnan, Ernie White, Graeme Byrnes, Max Annand, Milton Rogers, Ron Halpin, D Thompson, Charles Annand.

2nd Row: Bill Fitzgerald, John Dean, Bryce Beikoff, Merv Clelland, Ken Porter, Jack Winders, Doug Brockhurst, Earle Smith, Trebor Jones, Bob Gear, Col Wardle, John Agnew, Neil Eastaughffe, Mort Duckworth, Norm White, Bob Clelland.

Front Row: Max Klingner, Don Barclay, Ted West, Keith Hamilton, Doug Green, Arch Nicholson, Tom Gear, Ian Murrowood, Ralph Ford-Johnson, Brian Love.

Vale: Paul Edwin Rogers

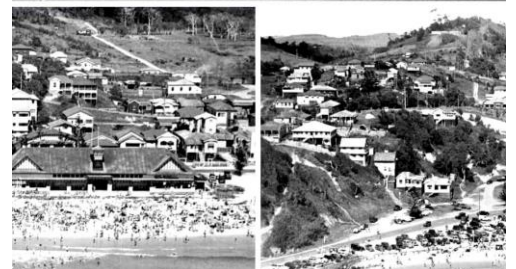
It is a sad duty to inform of the passing of a Kirra SLSC past active member and Kirra Old Boy..... Paul Edwin Rogers. Paul was an active member of the surf club for several years during the 1949 to 1955 era. In future years, work and family commitments limited the available time necessary to maintain his active service in surf lifesaving. However, forever interested in the progress of his Surf Club, Paul remained connected through the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association. In the above group photograph, Paul (back row sixth from the left) joins his fellow members at Kirra Beach during the 1952/1953 season.

Paul passed away on the 12th September 2023 at the age of 88 years. Our sincere thoughts are offered to Paul's son Jason, family and friends.... Yes, what is that saying? *"Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member!"*

Sunrise over Kirra Beach – Winter 2023



“Kirra Beach and the townships of Coolangatta and Tweed Heads in the 1950s”





“Electronic mail address...the way to go!”

Have you provided your electronic Email address? Of the current Association membership of now up to three hundred and thirty, almost 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 Email address, you will continue to receive by mail (Aus Post) all newsletters, news updates, and ‘Old Boys’ broadcasts circulated from time to time”

‘Remembering the Kirra SLSC history’

Kirra SLSC Honour Boards are provided and maintained by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

Work is being finalised on the Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions Honour Board and hopefully this will be installed in the clubhouse by Christmas.

Research is also currently progressing on the photo gallery of Kirra SLSC’s World and Australian Champions.



Hope you enjoyed this read..... Spring 2023 Newsletter. Please share this Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter with your circle of friends and work colleagues connected with and supporting our Kirra SLSC.....

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and Committee, and of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Est: 7th January 1916).

Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association
(Peter Beauchamp, Adam Day, Paul Cameron and Mark Rogers)

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‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – established 29th November 1978’