



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

NEWSLETTER

(Newsletter 1/2018)

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Association's new committee members:

After eight years at the helm of the Kirra Old Boys Association, President Keith Boucher and Secretary Lance English have determined that it was time to *"pass on the baton"*.

At the annual *"Bumpo Freeman Day"* to remember Kirra members who sadly are no longer with us (held in the Kirra Supporters licensed facilities on the 27th December 2017) those present endorsed Peter Beauchamp as the next *"Association President"* with Adam Day and Paul Cameron as Committee members. Adam Day will undertake the duties as the *"Association Secretary"*. Paul Cameron given his business experience particularly in the Motor Vehicle Industry has accepted a lead role in championing the financial opportunities for the Association as *"Treasurer"*.



"Many thanks Keith and Lance!" I know that you join with me in acknowledging the significant time and energy so generously provided over the past eight years by Keith and Lance to advancing the goals of the *"Association"*. They both worked tirelessly in successfully building the membership, fellowship, and the financial position of the Association. Highly respected by many, they are true Kirra Club legends who have collectively devoted *"one hundred and ten years of voluntary service"* as members of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. (Keith gained his SLSAA Bronze Medallion on the 24th

November 1962 whilst Lance gained his on the 12th December 1964 – Reference Kirra SLSC 100 years by Peter D Kelly)

"Above photograph: Kirra SLSC Club President Michael Hill joins club legends in the Kirra Supporters licensed facilities – L to R: Michael Hill; Lance English; Cheryl Fenton; Keith Boucher; and Ron Gurnett"

So the journey continues for our Association:

With the *"changing of the guard"* there are always a number of administrative responsibilities to be completed. Your new Committee has now completed a handover of administrative and financial arrangements for the Association with Keith and Lance. Whilst your new Committee is keen to take up our roles for your Association, we ask that you be a little patient with us as we *"learn the ropes"* and consolidate required procedural and governance arrangements. Thank you for the many generous offers of support offered the new Committee, including those received from Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Members.

"Strengthening relationships – building partnerships" On the evening of the 27th December and immediately following my endorsement as President for the Kirra Old Boys Association, I telephoned and had a good conversation with Michael Hill, President of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. I informed Michael of my endorsement as the *"Association President"* and my desire to work closely with him in advancing the goals of the Kirra Old Boys Association, whilst strengthening our *"long term"* strategic support for current and future members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

Michael expressed his sincere appreciation for my telephone call and reinforced his support for the Kirra Old Boys Association. We have been regularly keeping in touch since this initial telephone call.

“NEWSLETTERS – STOP THE PRESS!”

Old Boys NEWSLETTER:

If you are reading this than you have successfully accessed the new “*Electronic Mailing System*” arranged by our Old Boys Secretary Adam Day. Yes a simple process, just **CLICK** on **Newsletter Download** to open your ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ NEWSLETTER. This same method for forwarding your Old Boys Newsletter will also be used for periodic **UPDATES** and **STOP PRESS** items for your information.

The ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ **NEWSLETTER** will be produced and circulated bi-monthly..... So in 2018 you should receive your NEWSLETTER in January; March; May; July; September; and November..... “*This Newsletter is provided for your information and details the activities, news and events of your Association*”. Should you have “*Information or Photographs to Share*” that you wish to include in the Old Boys NEWSLETTER or as an UPDATE or STOP PRESS item, than please provide this via the Old Boys new Email address kirra@kirraoldboys.com All items will be circulated on your behalf:

Kirra SLSC NEWSLETTER:

Early this month the editor of the Kirra SLSC Newsletter, Loretta Cassone offered the opportunity for the Old Boys to have an item in the monthly Club NEWSLETTER. This is an excellent way to share information about the ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ with the broader Kirra Surf Club membership. Our first item was in the Kirra SLSC January issue of the “**KIRRA KHRONICLE**”.

Old Boys items for the **KIRRA KHRONICLE** are required by Loretta no later than the 9th of each month. Should you have an item of interest and/or a photograph for the monthly Kirra Club’s Newsletter, than please forward this to kirra@kirraoldboys.com. Your Committee has given an undertaking to circulate the monthly “**KIRRA KHRONICLE**” with Old Boys members.

Joining the Facebook evolution!

I (Old Boys President) had preliminary discussion with Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member Peter Kelly on the potential benefits that could be gained by either creating a Kirra Old Boys Association “*Facebook site*” **OR** having the Association included within the “*Kirra Surf Life Saving Club 100 Years Facebook site*” **OR** the Kirra SLSC Facebook site”. The KSLSC 100 Years Facebook site currently has 684 likes and is followed by over 685 people..... “*Facebook and other electronic applications are good tools for keeping informed!*” Several members attending the recent “*Bumpo Freeman Day*” who do not have a Facebook address expressed their interest in gaining one so to be included in the “*two-way information sharing*” that develops through being involved..... “*What’s doing in my patch/what’s happening with the Association patch?*”

“THE OLD BOYS ARE GOING LIVE ON THE WEB!”

“Go to the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club WEBPAGE”

Yes, the ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ is going live in providing you information on the World Wide Web. This is a ‘ONE STOP SHOP’ for you to access news and events of your Association. I am currently preparing Old Boys information to be loaded on to the Kirra SLSC Website. Your Old Boys Committee will maintain the currency of this information with periodic updates as details as available..... In the meantime, take the opportunity to read and catch up on “*what’s happening*” for your Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. Our thanks go to Loretta Cassone who is the Administrator for the Webpage for her assistance to including the ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ on the Club’s Homepage.

“How do I access the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club website”

SWITCH ON your computer/tablet/etc and **OPEN** your ‘Search Engine’ e.g. Google, etc;

TYPE Kirra SLSC and **CLICK ENTER** on your keyboard; You now access to the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club **HOMEPAGE**;

Note the **HOMEPAGE MENU**:

Our Club **News & Events** **Life Saving** **Sports** **Nippers** **Supporters Club** **Old Boys** **Contacts**

Now **CLICK OLD BOYS**; You now accessed the ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ section of the Kirra SLSC Website;

CLICK on the Sub-Headings to see “*What’s On!*”

'Kirra Old Boys Association' EMAIL ADDRESS

kirra@kirraoldboys.com

What is planned for the Kirra Old Boys Association for 2018?

There are several activities either "pencilled in or now set to go" for the Association's 2018 Calendar of Events. Your Committee will endeavour to confirm these and other events for you as further details are available, including the date and venue for such activities.

Old Boys Car Raffle:

Yes it's a goer with Old Boys Treasurer Paul Cameron planning this significant fund raising activity for the Association. Paul is planning to commence the Car Raffle in the next few weeks with the draw for the winning ticket to be held at a function in the 'Kirra Supporters Association' licensed facilities (date to be confirmed for the draw in April/May?).

Paul (0418 728 089) is very keen to lead and coordinate this "Car Raffle" and I know that with his experience and success in previous raffles that this will be a successful fund raiser for the Association.

Annual Old Boys Golf Day:

Kirra Honorary Life Member John Bell is finalising his planning for the annual Old Boys Golf Day. This is a great day to catch up and enjoy the fellowship with good mates. Thanks to KSLSC Honorary Life Member Greg Dunn who is a member of the Wynnum Gold Club for assisting John with the booking arrangements. Those interested please contact John Bell to book your game.

WHEN: 29th July 2018

VENUE: Wynnum Golf Club

TIME: Tee off at 7:20AM

NUMBERS: Confirmed twenty-four player spots available..... Ring John early to book your place.

CONTACT: John Bell – Mobile: 0401 172 521; Home: 07 5590 9256; Email: johnleebell46@gmail.com

"You will have a great day with good mates whilst enjoying wonderful fellowship during a game of golf.....Bewdy!"

Sportsmen's Lunch:

KSLSC Honorary Life Members Lance English and Keith Boucher have offered to again assist KSLSC Honorary Life Member John Bell with coordinating this very successful annual fund raiser for the Association. This is a very popular annual event with wonderful guest speakers. Venue is the Pineapple Hotel, Brisbane (date to be confirmed...).

Association's General Meeting:

This is the occasion to catch up with fellow Old Boys and enjoy some Xmas fellowship with mates. Office Bearers for the 'Kirra Old Boys Association' will be confirmed at this General Meeting. Venue is the Pineapple Hotel, Brisbane (date to be confirmed... November 2018).

Bumpo Freeman Day:

"Celebrating the life of a dear friend and surf lifesaver" – This very special day of the Old Boys calendar is held in the 'Kirra Supporters Association' licensed facility of the surf club and scheduled between Christmas and New Year.

"The annual Bumpo Freeman Day is a very special occasion for all Club members to come together in fellowship to celebrate the lives and contributions of those Kirra SLSC members who are no longer with us – LEST WE FORGET".

Bumpo Freeman Day – Friday 28th December 2018 from 3:00pm – Venue: Kirra SLSC 'Supporters Bar'

Volunteers (that could be you) are needed to contact and encourage fellow "long term" Kirra members to attend the annual "Bumpo Freeman Day" to be held at the Kirra Supporters licensed facilities during the 2018 Festive Season. What a wonderful occasion to reach out and encourage those men and women who are either past or current long serving active members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club to join in this special "Day of Remembrance".

STOP THE PRESS! STOP THE PRESS!

“Old Boys asked to lend a hand!”

For those Old Boys who may not be aware, the ‘Kirra Supporters Association’ has been struggling both financially and with its governance arrangements for a period of time. Over recent years several Kirra Honorary Life Members and long serving members have made significant contributions to maintaining the operating viability of the Association and its licensed facilities (Club Bar)..... ***“To those members we offer our sincere thanks and well done”***. For the past year the SLSQ Point Danger Branch has been overseeing the operations of the Supporters Club.

Extract: SLSQ Point Danger Branch: Email 15/01/18; Kerrie Barnes: “As you know the Branch is currently overseeing the operations of the Supporters Club – an update will be sent to all the Life Members as soon as we have the December financials. But at present we are happy with the progress of the club and it is pleasing to see a profit being made”. (End of Extract)

On Wednesday 10th January, I visited the ‘Kirra Supporters Club’ and introduced myself as the newly endorsed Old Boys President to the facilities manager, Curtis Henderson. Curtis has been in his role for a few months and was very welcoming and supportive of having the Old Boys input to events and functions for the Kirra SLSC licensed facilities. As President ‘Kirra Old Boys Association’ I offered assistance for initiatives that the Old Boys Committee may realistically have some capacity to support.

The continuing operating viability and financial success of the Kirra SLSC ‘Kirra Supporters Association’ through its licensed facilities is a significant responsibility for the Club’s Management Committee. The Kirra SLSC President Michael Hill is also the President of the ‘Kirra Supporters Association’. The ‘Kirra Old Boys Association’ since its inception over forty years ago has continue to be a substantial contributor both financially and ‘in kind’ towards developing and supporting the Kirra SLSC licensed facility and its various management committees.

Extract: SLSQ Point Danger Branch: Email 16/01/18; Kerrie Barnes: “With increased patronage we want to ensure that the environment in the club is fresh – to this end we will look to repair and replace some items in the future. After the Commonwealth Games there will be extensive works done on the clubhouse care of the GCCC – which is a godsend and will fix many items (196 in total) and make the club a lot safer and better to look at. Some of the work started in December with works done to ensure the stability of the building”. (End of Extract)

WORKING BEE IN THE CLUB BAR FACILITIES:

“The flag has gone up for ‘Kirra Old Boys Association’ members to lend a hand!”

A WORKING BEE will be held on Saturday 17th February commencing at 8:30pm in the Supporters Club.

The task is to repaint the interior of the licensed facilities area and freshen it up.

Kerrie Barnes is “calling for help” from us more experienced Old Boys who may be able to lend a hand.....

“Many hands make less work and assists in finishing the job quicker!”

Please give me a call (0419 758215) or Email: beehofamily4@tpg.com.au should you have the time available to assist with this crucial activity.

I will enquire on accommodation arrangements for the evening once the work is completed.....

“YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP”

Other “Old Boys” events to be determined:

It requires a team effort! Organising the Old Boys Association activities does require a team effort and all assistance is most welcome. Your Committee is interested to hear from you on your ideas for further fellowship and fund raising activities that the Association may include in the Old Boys “Calendar of Events”. Please submit your ideas with the names of volunteers to coordinate such activities to kirra@kirraoldboys.com.

“Let the ring around commence by all of us to invite a Kirra friend and colleague who currently is not involved, to register with the Association!” Should you successfully encourage your “mates” to agree to be included on the

Association “*Membership Register*” for future communications on planned Kirra Old Boys and Kirra SLSC events, then please provide their contact details including their Email address to kirra@kirraoldboys.com.

Building the Association Membership:

Whilst the Association membership has grown over several years as is seen at events such as the recent “*Bumpo Freeman Day*”, many of those regularly attending these events are generally from the 1960s/1970s era..... “*Yes, this is my brother Alan and my era as we joined the Club in 1970*”. These long term active Association members and their families have been and continue to be the primary membership base for the Kirra Old Boys Association and “*the reason for its continuing success*”. Our task now is to encourage those past and long serving Kirra SLSC members not only from the 1960s/1970s era and earlier, but also those from 1980s era and onwards to become involved in our ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ events. “*It just takes a phone call to start the ball rolling and to create interest to be involved!*”

Past Kirra Champions who attended the “*Bumpo Freeman Day*” including Lisa Harmer (KSLSC Honorary Life Member Barrie Thorne’s eldest daughter); Trevor Klingner, yes TK is back from Papua New Guinea after twenty-five years and now living on the Gold Coast; and Ian Wright who now participates in ocean endurance events; have offered to personally contact their past Kirra team mates and colleagues and to encourage them to join up and be included on the Association “*Membership Register*”..... “*Being involved costs only a little of your time*”.



Cadet R&R Team - L-R Nicole Willis, Jennifer Graham, Megan Littler (background), Rachel Littler, Lisa Thorne



Cadet R&R 1987: L-R: Martin Charlton, Brad Willis, Lisa Thorne, Nicole Willis and Nicole Littler

“*Gosh, how quickly does time pass?*” Lisa Harmer was a member of the first all-female team to contest an Australian R & R Championship Final.... “*It was another national first for Kirra!*” Kirra’s Cadet Four ‘Person’ R & R Team at the 1986 Australian Championship held in Adelaide included: Nicole Willis; Jennifer Graham; Megan Littler; Rachel Littler; and Lisa Thorne. This team placed third in Queensland and sixth at the Australian Championship.

The following year Lisa was a member of the successful Kirra Cadet Four ‘Person’ R & R Team of Martin Charlton; Brad Willis; Lisa Thorne; Nicole Willis; and Nicole Littler. This team won the 1987 Queensland Championship held at Coolangatta Beach

Photographs from ‘*Kirra SLSC 100 Years*’ by Peter D Kelly.

“*It would be wonderful to have these outstanding Kirra SLSC competitors as members of the Association*”. Lisa Harmer recently provided her contact details for inclusion on the ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ Membership Register.

I invite you to share this Association Newsletter 1/2018 with your “circle of Kirra friends” listed in your own “Outlook Address Book”..... Many thanks ☺

On behalf of the ‘*Kirra Old Boys Association*’ Committee, I sincerely wish you and your families a healthy, happy and very successful Year 2018. We hope to catch up with you in the future at several Old Boys and Kirra Club events to be held throughout the year.

Peter Beauchamp
President – Kirra Old Boys Association
January 2018