



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association



NEWSLETTER

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WE NEED YOU!

“WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!”

IT’S ON AGAIN....TICKETS NOW SELLING!!

“All monies raised at the 2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon benefit the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”

2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon at the Pineapple Hotel....Friday 30th August – Table seating from 11:30am through to 3:30pm

“Enjoy an outstanding day with Kirra mates and friends; the Pineapple Hotel’s famous seafood lunch and cold refreshments; excellent speakers and champions relating their challenging experiences and success; raffles and special fund raising activities; and just a fun day for all”
FREE bus transport for Gold Coast residents to depart (10am) from and return to the Kirra Surf Club.

“All included in the price of your ticket!!”

“Tickets are only \$125 – best value Sports Luncheon in Brisbane”

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET ON LINE:

www.kirra2019.eventbrite.com.au

“Start today and organise your small group or a table of TEN..... Bring along nine mates with you for an enjoyable lunch, drinks, and many good yarns!”

Acclaimed sports journalist and horse racing legend **Bart Sinclair OAM** is the Master of Ceremonies..... **George Doniger** (sports commentator, played for Brothers RLFC, businessman and great supporter of surf lifesaving) will engage with our special guests on their sporting life achievements.

Our wonderful guest speakers include: NSW Rugby League international **Geoff Starling** who played for Balmain (Hall of Fame inductee), NSW and was a member of the Australian Kangaroo’s tour of England; Celebrated sports journalist and referee **Bernie Pramberg**; and

STOP THE PRESS!!! Our guest speakers include Kirra’s very own Australian Champions and Queensland State Team representatives **Bailie Nash** and **Sophie Clemson!!** Both were multiple Gold Medal winners at the recent 2019 Australian IRB Championship held at Cudgen NSW.

“Quality of our Guest Speakers will only enhance your experience at the Kirra Sports Luncheon”

For further enquiries on the Kirra Sports Luncheon please contact either Peter Beauchamp (0429 548813) and Adam Day (0447 208986) **OR** email kirra@kirraoldboys.com

“The 2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon is proudly supported by the Pineapple Hotel, Brisbane”



Kirra legend Barrie Thorne

Our mate and Kirra SLSC legend has been in the Sunshine Coast University Hospital since Saturday 3rd August. He suffered a serious stroke whilst enjoying his annual fishing adventure on Fraser Island with his Wynnum Manly mates. Given the serious concerns for his health, Barrie was airlifted from the island to hospital.

His partner Marilyn (Maz) and daughters Tina and Lisa were quickly at Barrie's side offering their love and support. Lisa made the dash from Tasmania to be there. On the following Wednesday, I (Beecho) with my wife Elise and fellow Kirra Life Member Ron Gurnett had the special opportunity to visit our dear friend and great mate at the hospital. Barrie was in 'The Gym' when we arrived so the long rehabilitation journey for him had commenced. As he has done throughout his life, this is another challenge that he has taken up with full determination and gusto..... Since our visit other Kirra mates and friends have also visited Bazza. Whilst he is experiencing some paralysis including speech, he enjoys seeing his mates and sharing good yarns.

Barrie's daughters have been posting updates on their dad's health and have also advised that Bazza enjoys having his olde Kirra mates drop in to the hospital for a visit and a yarn. As his health improves, the medical specialists are planning for Barrie to be transferred to the Gold Coast to continue his treatment and rehabilitation, possibly to the John Flynn Hospital at Tugun that is close to home.

Barrie Thorne is one of the legends of the renowned Kirra SLSC (established 7th January 1916) who has dedicated his life to surf lifesaving and his Surf Club. He is an Honorary Life Member of not only his beloved Kirra, but also of the SLSQ Point Danger Branch and Queensland Surf Life Saving.

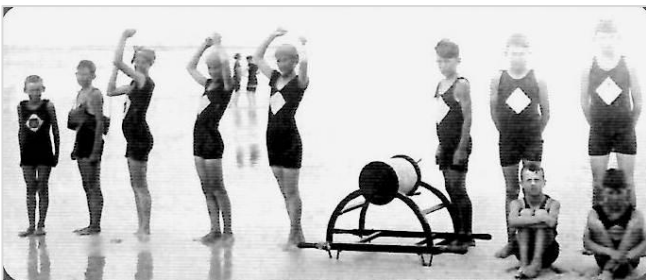
Our sincere thoughts and best wishes are with our mate, and with Marilyn, Lisa and Tina.....

“Place this one in your calendar as a must attend Kirra event!”

**RETURN TO KIRRA BEACH and
DEDICATION OF THE HONRARY LIFE MEMBERS AND CLUB PATRON HONOUR BOARDS
Saturday 26th October 2019**

- **1pm:** Arrive Kirra Beach; Meet and greet; View aquatic displays including IRBs, Helicopter, Kirra Nipper activities on the beach; Club Members and Honorary Life Members photograph;
- **3:30pm:** Dedication of the Kirra Surf Club Honour Boards in the Kirra Supporters Club by our Club Patron Max Winders, our longest serving Honorary Life Member attending, and Club President Joel Kinneally; and
- Enjoy the facilities available in the Kirra Supporters Club and good yarns with olde and new Kirra mates.

Down memory lane:



“Above: The first Junior Surf Life Saving (Nippers) in the world was formed at Kirra Beach(1920); Right: Ken Wiles, Australian Senior Belt Champion in 1959 is training at Kirra Beach with Jeff Callaghan, Bob (Polo) Wilson, and Bill Dunn. Ken, Bob and Jeff would all be bestowed Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Membership for services to the Club”



It's GOLD! GOLD! GOLD! for Kirra members...

On behalf of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association (long serving and past Kirra SLSC members), congratulations to the Kirra SLSC and members for a memorable year of Surf Sports competition and outstanding success.

The 2019 Australian Surf Lifesaving 'Surf Sports' Championship Calendar closed over the weekend with the Australian Pool Rescue Championship held at Southport (Team Kirra of three members won 2 x Gold; 3 x Silver; and 4 x Bronze Medals in their events). This success topped off an incredible year of competition for Kirra SLSC (established 7th January 1916) and includes:

- **Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal success at the Australian SLS Championships held at Kurrawa, Cudgen, and Southport;**
- **20 x members winning one or more Australian 'Gold Medals';**
- **Kirra achieving 'Gold Medal' success in 12 x Australian SLS Championship events;**
- **Members collecting a total of 46 x 'Gold Medals' in individual and team events at Australian Championships;**
- **Kirra SLSC is the 'Champion Club' in 3 x Australian IRB Championship categories; and**
- **Kirra members selected for the victorious Queensland State IRB Team that won an 11th consecutive Australian Inter-State Championship at Cudgen.**



Congratulations and well done to all Kirra's 'Australian Champions', coaches and support teams.....

Go the mighty ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD!!

"Left: Kirra IRB Team won all the major trophies at the 2019 Australian IRB Championship held at Cudgen NSW"

'Our latest champions to be listed on the Kirra SLSC Australian Champions Honour Board'

Year	Australian Championship Event	Australian Champion
2019	Masters Surf Board Riding	Chris Eddelbuttel
	Under 23 Years Female IRB Surf Rescue	Bailie Nash, Sophie Clemson, Shayna Cassone, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Under 23 Years Female IRB Mass Rescue	Bailie Nash, Sophie Clemson, Shayna Cassone, Katlin Dale, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Under 23 Years Female IRB Tube Rescue	Bailie Nash, Shiloh Young, Spencer Moncrieff, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Open IRB Male IRB Surf Rescue	Mark Sheldrick, Joshua Clemson, Leah Sheldrick, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Open IRB Male IRB Mass Rescue	Mark Sheldrick, Joshua Clemson, Leah Sheldrick, Belinda McAuliffe, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Open IRB Taplin	Ben Domeracki, Spencer Moncrieff, Isaac Nation, Bailie Nash, Sophie Clemson, Shayna Cassone, Katlin Dale, Mark Sheldrick, Joshua Clemson, Leah Sheldrick, Eli Clemson, Joel Kinneally, Ella Kinneally, Belinda McAuliffe, Aurah Allard-Delahunt, Charlee Taylor, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Open Female IRB Rescue	Sophie Clemson, Bailie Nash, Shayna Cassone, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Open Female IRB Mass Rescue	Sophie Clemson, Bailie Nash, Kaitlin Dale, Shayna Cassone, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Open Male IRB Rescue	Ben Domeracki, Isaac Nation, Belinda McAuliffe, Andrew McAuliffe (Coach)
	Australian IRB Champion Club	Note: The last occasion that Kirra SLSC was acknowledged as the 'Champion Club' of an Australian Surf Life Saving Championship was seventy-two years ago at the championship held at Coolangatta Beach in 1947.
	Under 23 Years Australian IRB Champion Club	
	Australian IRB Champion Club (Overall Points Score)	
	55 - 59 Years Male 50m Manikin Carry	William Barry
55 - 59 Years Male 100m Manikin Carry with Fins	William Barry	

Kirra SLSC – 2019 Australian Champions



Left: Chris Eddelbuttel – 2019 Australian Masters Surf Board Riding Champion (Kurrawa Beach)”



“Above: Kirra IRB Team at the 2019 Australian IRB Championship held at Cudgen NSW – Achieving Nine (9) Gold, One (1) Silver, and Two (2) Bronze Medals in championship events; and recognised as the 2019 Australian IRB Champion Club; Under 23 Years Australian IRB Champion Club; Australian IRB Champion Club (Overall Points Score)”

“Right: Kirra Pool Rescue Team at the 2019 Australian SLS Pool Rescue Championship held at Southport – Achieving Two (2) Gold, Three (3) Silver, and Four (4) Bronze Medals in championship events. (L-R) William Peter Barry; Lyn Kirkwood; and Ray Wintzloff”



“Celebrations on Cudgen Beach for another Australian Championship event victory”



“Go Team Kirra – The mighty Royal Blue and Gold”



Annual Kirra Golf Game

It was just a great day to be out there on the fairways chasing that elusive little white ball at the Wynnum Golf Course. The 2019 Kirra Golf Game coordinated by Kirra Honorary Life Member John (Brashie) Bell was another great success. It seemed that 'Mother Nature' had booked her diary to ensure a fine and sunny day given the several days prior were wet, windy and cold.

Almost thirty of Kirra's long serving and past members were there on the first hole for the 'meet and greet'. Whilst there were friendly nods and laughter on the first tee, don't be mistaken as it was all business by these Kirra competitors..... Front runners and current Kirra 'Pairs Champions' Barry Robinson and Steve Paul were quietly confident of retaining their title. Julie Dunn was the only female player this year as our regulars Leanne Stanton and Vicki Flannery were unfortunately, unable to attend.

As players continued around the fairways and dropping long putts on the greens, it became obvious that our reigning champions were under threat to retaining the title. Bob (Polo) Wilson's game was on song, however the strain of carrying his partner who spent more time swinging the stick than striking the ball, was beginning to tell..... "How's your back Polo?"



Congratulations to our 2019 Kirra Golf Game 'Pairs Champions' Ian (Elke) Sommer and Rob (Andy) Anderson who both played a consistent team game to take the trophy. Roger Cresswell was the dark horse for the day, taking out the longest drive and nearest the pin awards.

"Left: The 2019 Kirra Golf Game - Pairs Champions with that famous and much sought after Champions Trophy.... (L-R) Rob (Andy) Anderson and Ian (Elke) Sommer. They are calling on all comers to try their best to take the Champions Trophy off them at the 2020 Kirra Golf Game!!"

Thanks again to our Kirra Life Members John (Brashie) Bell and Greg Dunn for another successful 2019 Kirra Golf Game. Brashie and Greg are looking at dates (month of July) for the 2020 Kirra Golf Game to again be held at the Wynnum Golf Club.... "Come along as it is a great day to catch up and enjoy the fun with good Kirra mates!!"



"Left: 2019 Kirra Golf Game coordinator John (Brashie) Bell with closing comments and presentation of championship awards.... Well done Brashie...a great job!"

"Right: After a challenging eighteen holes, players at the 2019 Kirra Golf Game enjoy the opportunity to catch up with olde mates over a cold beer.... Yes, another wonderful day with Kirra members at the Wynnum Golf Course"



What's left on our 2019 calendar?

Dates and venues for remaining Year 2019 events of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.....

“Come along and see you there!!”

DATE - 2019	EVENT	VENUE
Friday 30 th August	Kirra Sports Luncheon <i>(11:30am start - through to 3:30pm)</i>	Pineapple Hotel
Saturday 26 th October	RETURN TO KIRRA BEACH - DEDICATION OF LIFE MEMBERS AND CLUB PATRON HONOUR BOARDS <i>(Arrive at 1pm to view Kirra SLSC aquatic displays including IRBs; Helicopter; Nippers; Members and Life Members photographs <u>and</u> from 3:30pm the dedication of Kirra Surf Club Honour Boards in the Supporters Club</i>	Kirra Surf Club
Friday 29 th November	'Old Boys Association' - Christmas (Keg) Social <i>(5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start to late)</i>	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 27 th December	Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day This is 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”	Kirra Supporters Club



Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro

Great venue – Great views – Great meals –
Friendly staff – Cold refreshments

“The family club”

“Breakfast is now available on weekends”

“Kirra Supporters Club - A great venue for watching the whales passing off Kirra Beach!”

Kirra Historical Project – an update

It will be at least a three year Project. Phase One is now completed with the two new Honour Boards for Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Members and Club Patrons now on show in the Kirra Supporters Club.

Research on Kirra's Queensland and Australian Champions is almost finalised with the two spreadsheets to be circulated for final content naming and proof reading to ensure the details are accurate. The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association has raised sufficient funds at this time to hopefully cover the costs for these two new Kirra 'Champions Honour Boards'.

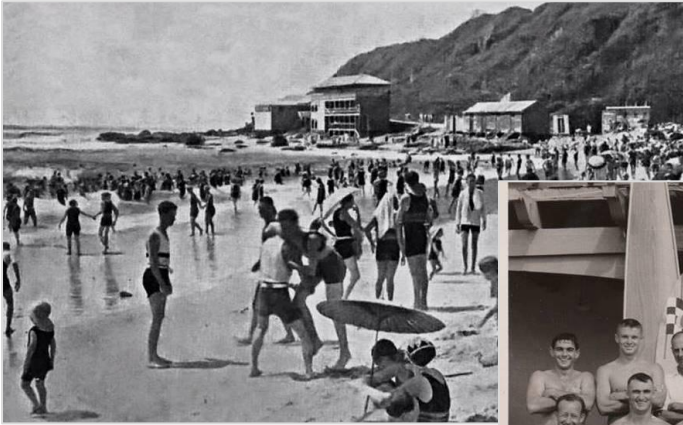
Investigations are also progressing on the design and costs for a new 'Kirra Display, Trophy and Memorabilia Cabinet' to house the Club's many trophies, awards and special memorabilia accumulated over 103 years.

This glass cabinet will be a showpiece and located in the Kirra Supporters Club so that members and all those who visit our Surf Club can view the wonderful success and achievements of the Kirra Members.

“All revenue raised by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association is dedicated to restoring and showcasing the outstanding success and history of the members of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”.

Copy of the Kirra Historical Project 'Business Case' can be viewed on the Kirra Surf Club website.

Down memory lane:



“Left: Kirra SLSC clubhouse (the three level building) and other buildings on Kirra Point, and bathers at Kirra Beach pre 1936 (Photo courtesy Kirra 100 years)”

“Right: Kirra SLSC members – 1958/1959 season”



“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”

“An invitation to join” – To all Kirra Surf Club current senior, long serving and past members; our Kirra Nipper coordinators and past members; and Club associate and support members, the [invitation is extended](#) for you to be listed on the Association’s Membership Register to receive your Newsletter ***“What’s Happening!”*** and be informed of the many activities and events planned throughout the year by the Association.

“It costs nothing to join to have your name and contact details on ‘The Association Membership Register!’

“Supporting your Club – our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”

It is so simple to join! Just Email your name and contact details (postal address; telephone/mobile; and **Email address**) to the Association Secretary Adam Day: kirra@kirraoldboys.com



Hope you enjoyed this read..... We invite you to share the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter for August 2019 with your circle of friends and those listed in your own electronic ‘Address Book’..... Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association and our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.
Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association
(Peter, Adam and Paul)

“Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member!”

An invitation is extended by Con Searle, past member and outstanding supporter of the Kirra SLSC, and long term member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, to enjoy a wonderful day of family fun at the 'Veteran's Race Day' to be held on Saturday 24th August at the Kilcoy Races – ALL WELCOME AND FREE ADMISSION



TAB RACING QUEENSLAND f

Sat 24th August

Veteran's Day Races

8 gallop races
Feature race Butler McDermott Lawyers
Vietnam Veterans Cup Open Handicap 1200m.

Honour the past and present Diggers and Veterans,
renew friendships meet, enjoy Kilcoy country hospitality
and great country racing

Fashions on the Field - cash & prizes
\$500 Pick the Card Kilcoy races
Raffles, \$100 Members Draw,
Famous Kilcoy Steak Sandwich,
country style food cafeteria, bar refreshments

Gates open 10:30am Free admission
www.kilcoyraces.com
No alcohol or food allowed into race course.

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