



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association



NEWSLETTER

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“A wonderful day and great attendance...Thanks Kirra”

The ‘Return to Kirra’ event held Saturday 26th October 2019 was a special occasion to acknowledge and thank our Kirra SLSC ‘Honorary Life Members’ who have given so much for their Surf Club over its 103 year history. It was a day of celebration with Kirra SLSC President Joel Kinneally welcoming our Honorary Life Members, members, families and friends back to Kirra Beach.



A **Roll Call** of Honorary Life Members and presentation of a unique ‘Life Member’s Cap’ detailing each member’s life membership number and year awarded was cheered by all attending.

“Left: Kirra Club President Joel Kinneally presents our longest serving Honorary Life Member Ralph Ford-Johnson (LM#31/1966) with his Life Member’s cap... Life Member Keith Hamilton (LM#35/1970) looks on”

There was the dedication of the new **Life Members Honour Board** that details Club members who have been bestowed Honorary Life Membership of Kirra SLSC, Point Danger Branch, Surf Lifesaving Queensland and Surf Life Saving Australia; and our inductees to the Australian Surf Lifesaving ‘Hall of Fame’. It was so special to have our newest Life Member Nev Gray (LM#73/2019) along with our longest surviving Life Members, Ralph Ford-Johnson (LM#31/1966) and Keith Hamilton (LM#35/1970) joining with Club President Joel Kinneally as they unveiled and dedicated this new and very special Honour Board for our Surf Club.

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“In the 103 year history of the Kirra Surf Club only seventy-three members have been bestowed Honorary Life Membership. Life Membership is the highest honour that can be awarded by the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club to a member for dedicated and meritorious service”.

Then followed the dedication of the new **Club Patron Honour Board** by our Patron, Max Winders with Club President Joel Kinneally. In its 103 year history, the Kirra Surf Club has had only five members to hold this very special position of ‘Patron of the Surf Club’..... this is unique in surf lifesaving.

It was then a **group photograph** of those Honorary Life Members attending this event. The last occasion that so many Honorary Life Members joined in a group photograph was at the reunion in 1994 organised by Arch Nicholson OAM (Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member LM#27/1961).

Thank you to the Life Members who had the opportunity to attend this special event. Acknowledgement and apologies were provided for those who could not be there. Arrangements will be made to present Life Member caps to those who unfortunately could not attend on Saturday.



The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association sponsored this very special day for all members of our Surf Club. Thank you to all involved.... *“A wonderful and enjoyable day held in the Kirra Supporters Club”.*

Kirra SLSC – Honorary Life Members (Year 2019)



Seated (L – R): Adam Day (#58/1998); Peter Kelly (#57/1997); Tony Wadeson (#66/2011); Lianne Stanton (#72/2018); Jim Harrison (#59/2001); Jeffery Callaghan (#55/1995); Garth Gear (#68/2013); Vic Arnall (#63/2005);
Standing (L – R): Peter Beauchamp (#49/1986); Vern Kent (#60/2002); Peter Flannery (#69/2014); Scott Byrnes (#50/1989); Rick Sellwood (#45/1981); Dr Steve Barry (#52/1991); Gaven Gear (#64/2008); Ralph Ford-Johnson (#31/1966); Nev Gray (#73/2019); Keith Hamilton (#35/1970); Les Sellwood (#44/1980); Barry Mullins (#48/1985); John Bell (#70/2015); Ron Gurnett (#38/1973); Keith Boucher (#71/2017); Barry Cameron (#41/1976); Lance English (#67/2012); **Absent:** Bob Littler (#39/1974); Peter Wippell (#40/1975); Barrie Thorne (#42/1977); Trevor Klingner (#51/1990); Bob Wilson (#54/1994); Mick Harrison (#56/1996); Col Wright (#61/2003); Greg Dunn (#62/2004); Joe Dixon (#65/2009).



“Left: Kirra Club President Joel Kinneally with Club Patron Max Winders following the dedication of the new Club Patron Honour Board”



Rick, Les and Deb Sellwood

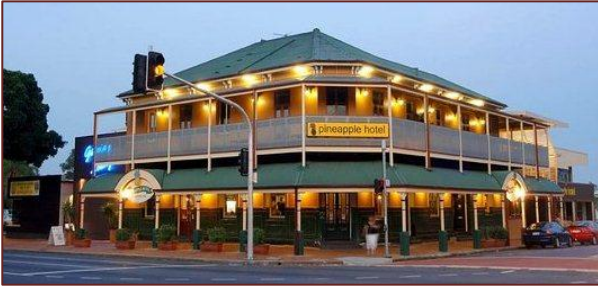


Joel Kinneally and Scott Byrnes



Michael Hill and Peter Beauchamp

“Great occasions not to be missed!”



The Pineapple Hotel is situated on Main Street, Kangaroo Point and just walking distance to the famous Gabba Cricket Ground. Bob Singleton is a Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor and long-time supporter of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’ **Christmas Function**

This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with past and long serving Kirra SLSC members to enjoy Christmas fellowship with mates at Bob Singleton’s Pineapple Hotel.

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2019 FROM 5:30 PM

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’s committee positions of President, Secretary and Committee Member for 2020 will be endorsed at the Christmas function. Peter, Adam and Paul have advised their intention to continue for another year on the committee..... “Complementary refreshments and fingerfood provided”



Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day

FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER 2019 FROM 3:30 PM

KIRRA SUPPORTERS CLUB – BAR & BISTRO

“Come along and wear your Kirra SLSC or Kirra Old Boys polo shirt”

“A special occasion for all past and current surf club members to come together annually in fellowship to celebrate the lives and contributions of those Kirra SLSC members who sadly are no longer with us”

LEST WE FORGET

“Complementary refreshments and fingerfood provided by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association”



Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro

Great venue – Great views – Great meals –

Friendly staff – Cold refreshments

“The family club”

“Breakfast is available on weekends”

“Kirra Supporters Club – A great venue with the best views of the Gold Coast!”

Our thoughts and best wishes:

Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (LM#42/1977) Barrie Thorne has now been relocated from the John Flynn Hospital, Tugun to the Darlington Residential Aged Care facility at Banora Point where he continues with his rehabilitation. Baz is determined to improve his health and mobility.

Lisa and Tina have been updating him on the activities of his beloved Surf Club, and he enjoyed the photograph of his fellow Life Members taken during the Return to Kirra event held on the 26th October. Visits are encouraged and Baz loves catching up with mates and hearing about the events of the day.

Darlington Residential Aged Care – 126 Leisure Drive, Banora Point NSW

Our sincere thoughts and best wishes are with our mate..... **“GO QUEENSLANDER”**



“Above: Weekend 26th/27th October 2019 – Family and life-long surf club friends are regular visitors with our mate and Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member Barrie Thorne”



“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



Kirra Surf Life Saving Club Vale – Beth Carseldine



It is my sad duty to advise of the sudden passing of Beth Carseldine on Friday, 27th September 2019. Her memorial service held on the 9th October in Nambour was well attended by family and many dear friends. To celebrate her life, those attending were encouraged to wear her favourite fashion colours – black and white. Our deepest sympathies and sincere thoughts are with her husband Stuart and family.

Thank you to our past member and long-time supporter of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club, Errol Jones for advising of Beth's passing.

Bill Winders
Ron Halpin (Sweep), Errol Jones (Bow), Blair Carter,
Stuart Carseldine and Roger Hawkes (Stroke)



Stuart Carseldine joined the Kirra Club and gained his Bronze Medallion in December 1960. He was actively involved in the surf club but particularly enjoyed the challenges of surf boat rowing. He was a regular in the Club's senior boat crew... Extract: Kirra SLSC 100 years: Page 143: "The Senior Boat Crew this season consisted of Ron Halpin (Sweep), Roger Hawkes (Stroke), Stuart Carseldine (2nd Stroke), Blair Carter (2nd Bow), and Errol Jones (Bow). For many years they, with Frank

Hull, became known as 'the Crew of 63' and would remain life-long friends".

Errol Jones further advised that this Kirra Senior Boat Crew of the 1960s regularly hold their reunion to catch up with long-time mates and family.... **"Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member"**



Action on the beach

"Far Left: A well organised start to another successful Kirra Nippers day at Kirra Beach – 27th October 2019"

Q/. Did you know that Kirra formed the first Junior (Nipper) Association in the world?

"Left: Kirra Old Boys Association members help out with PDB patrols at North Kirra... L-R: Daniel Fenton; Ray Fien; & Cheryl Fenton"

Kirra Surf Life Saving Club – established on the 7th January 1916'



Hope you enjoyed this read. We invite you to share the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter with your circle of friends.....

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)

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