



# Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

(Established 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978)



# NEWSLETTER

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## KIRRA CAR RAFFLE

**Yes, tickets still available  
and now a LIVE DRAW!**

Owing to the Government easing COVID sanctions on gatherings and reopening of the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club, a **LIVE CAR RAFFLE DRAW** to be held at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club on

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**between 3pm and 5pm!!!**

**GOT YOUR TICKET?? – BE THERE  
FOR A FUN AFTERNOON – FREE  
DRINKS FOR TICKET HOLDERS  
DURING THE DRAW (3pm to 5pm)**

**Our prizes include:**

- ✓ **NEW CAR VALUED AT \$15,990.00**
- ✓ **3 x PRIZES VALUED AT \$500.00 EACH**

**Final opportunity to buy your ticket:**

Please contact 'Kirra Old Boys

Association' Committee Members:

Paul Cameron (Mobile) 0418 728 089 **or**

Mark Rogers (Mobile) 0411 511 511

**or** just Email: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)

for your 2020 Kirra Car Raffle ticket/s.....

✓ **ONLY 199 TICKETS IN  
TOTAL TO BE SOLD FOR THE  
CAR RAFFLE – Great odds!!  
Tickets \$125 each**

**Win a new car valued at \$15,990**

**Do you remember? – Kirra SLSC  
clubhouses over the past 100 years!!**



"Above: It was Year 1918 at Kirra Beach"



"Left: Governor Sir Matthew Nathan officially opens the new Kirra SLSC clubhouse on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1922"



"Above: Extended Kirra SLSC clubhouse of three levels officially opened in 1925 and was valued at £850... a modern surf lifesaving building in the centre of the Coolangatta Town Council area"



"Left: The old and the new of Year 1936 at the famous Kirra Beach in Queensland"



"Year 2016 – Kirra Surf Life Saving Club celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Year: (Established 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916)"

## ANNUAL KIRRA GOLF DAY - KIRRA OLD BOYS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
<p>Sunday 26th July</p> <p><b>BORDER IS OPEN!!!</b></p> <p><b>THE GOLF GAME IS ON!!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual Kirra Golf Day</b></p> <p>24 player positions are available – Tee off from 8:30am Green Fee - \$40 / Cart Hire - \$20/player (if required) <b>Please contact John 'Brashie' Bell (M: 0401 172 521) to advise your attendance.....</b></p> <p><i>Light refreshment/fingerfood provided at the completion of the round of golf..... supported by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association</i></p> <p><b>Update from Brashie:</b> "The course has been open for some time... As of 1<sup>st</sup> July you are allowed two people per cart and we have six carts pre ordered..... First in best dressed for those six and if any more required, players will need to book through the Golf Club".</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> For those staying overnight Saturday, unfortunately the Kirra Surf Club dormitory is currently closed owing to COVID sanctions and Gold Coast Council planned works (Total roof replacement to the Pavilion building and installation of new historical design windows for the surf club end of the building). <i>All dormitory and other windows currently boarded up.... works scheduled to start end July with Council approved contractor.</i> The <b>Kirra Beach Hotel</b> is available with clean and reasonably priced shared accommodation – pre-bookings are required (Kirra Beach Hotel – Tele: 07 5536 3311)</p> <p><b>Don't forget to telephone our Kirra Golf Game Coordinator 'Brashie' to advise your attendance..... 'Thanks Brashie'</b></p>	<p>Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club (West Course)</p>  

**Our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused with our planning for this annual Golf Game and the Sports Luncheon events of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association..... Government sanctions associated with COVID-19 have imposed strict limitations on social distancing and the functions of the hospitality and sporting industries.**

**The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association seeks your continuing support of the Old Boys events as sanctions ease and life in general returns to some normality. In the meantime we ask that you and your family remain safe, healthy and COVID-19 free. We look forward to catching up with you in the near future..... (The Committee)**

### **FOR SALE – FOR SALE – FOR SALE – FOR SALE**



Given the popular demand for an Association 'Polo Shirt', the Committee has ordered further polo shirts for members at a price of **only \$30.00/shirt** that includes the embroidered Logo (see photo.... *Foundation date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978*)..... FABRIC 50% Cotton inner, 50% Biz Cool Polyester pique outer, loose fit and a comfortable polo shirt to wear.... **Sizes currently available include: L; XL; and 2XL**

**How to order your Association 'Polo Shirt':**

**Email** your details including the number of shirts required and your preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)

**Direct Deposit:** \$30/shirt into the Association's NAB banking account: BSB: 084130; A/C: 448755954; Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.



**The Hon Darren Chester MP**

Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister for Defence Personnel

15 JUN 2020

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Mr Peter Beauchamp  
President  
Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association  
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ORMEAU HILLS QLD 4208

Dear Mr Beauchamp

I am pleased to advise that I have approved a grant of \$10,000 under the *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative Grants Program to the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association. This grant is to install a new memorial at the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club to commemorate service of members from the First and Second World Wars.

The Community Grants Hub (the Hub) is managing grants for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). The Hub will contact you to provide further details, and will provide you with a Letter of Offer for your signature. If you have any questions regarding this grant offer, please contact the Hub on 1800 020 283 or support@communitygrants.gov.au (quoting submission reference WRKHG7WN).

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on local communities and businesses. If your organisation or suppliers have been impacted and you think it may affect your ability to complete the project, please contact DVA's Commemorative Grants team for assistance on (02) 6120 8196.

I wish you every success with this project.

Yours sincerely

DARREN CHESTER

## **STOP THE PRESS!! WAR VETERANS GRANT**

The Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association has received wonderful news that our application for Federal Government 'Grant Funding of \$10,000' is approved to offset costs for the erection of a small Commemorative Memorial to acknowledge those Kirra SLSC members who bravely served in defence of Australia through WW1 and WW2.

Seventy (70) Kirra SLSC members served in WW1 (3 members) and WW2 (67 members) in theatres of war throughout the world during those dark times. Four Kirra members made the ultimate sacrifice and were tragically 'Killed in Action' during WW2.

**The Project Scope:** The submission included a proposal to erect a small Commemorative Memorial (with flag pole) to be located in front of the Kirra SLSC clubhouse, on the grassed foreshore between the building and Kirra Beach (*actual site to be determined*). This location will ensure that the Commemorative

(War Veterans) Memorial is highly visible to Kirra Surf Club members and Nippers, families, and those thousands of passing (walking) local residents and visitors to Kirra Beach (City of Gold Coast).

Over time and hopefully through further Government grant funding, additional plaques will be included at the Commemorative Memorial to also acknowledge those Kirra SLSC members who have served in all theatres of war since WW2 in defence of the people and our great country of Australia.

This Kirra SLSC Commemorative (War Veterans) Memorial will be a daily reminder of our Kirra SLSC members community service. Over time it may also become a special place for Kirra SLSC active, long serving and past members; Kirra Nippers; our families and the broader local Kirra Beach community to gather on Anzac Day to honour the volunteer service and sacrifice so bravely provided by our past Surf Club members.... 'LEST WE FORGET'

Consultation on the location and proposed design of the Kirra SLSC Commemorative (War Veterans) Memorial will occur with the Kirra Surf Club President and Management Committee. This initiative was endorsed by the Kirra SLSC Management Committee as part of the Kirra Historical Project in recognising over 104 years of community service provided by the members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. The Business Case – Kirra Historical Project is available on the Kirra SLSC Webpage – [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) – Old Boys.



## KIRRA SLSC – 104<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There was a good turnout at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club (Bar & Bistro) for the **Kirra SLSC – 104<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This solid attendance by active and long serving members, along with several of Kirra's Honorary Life Members is a positive indicator and lead in for a very successful 105<sup>th</sup> year of the Surf Club. The Annual General Meeting was an occasion to acknowledge the successes achieved throughout a challenging year that included COVID-19 and government sanctions, and the wonderful performances and achievements by the Kirra Surf Club members..... *"Australian Champions a plenty were present at the meeting!"*

Congratulations to Club President Joel Kinneally; the Surf Club's Executive and Management Committees; Kirra Nippers Committee; Supporters Association Committee; and the membership cohort for their successful contributions to Surf Club Administration; Revenue Generation; Education and Training; Youth Development (Kirra Nippers and School Camps); Surf Lifesaving Operations and Community Safety; Surf Sports; and so much more that in combination makes for a very successful Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

Club President Joel Kinneally and the Management Committee acknowledged and expressed their sincere appreciation for the generous support provided throughout the year by the members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association..... **"Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra Member"**

An update on the Election of Office Bearers for the 2020/2021 Year will be forthcoming from the Kirra Surf Club. Elected **Executive Committee** members include: President – Joel Kinneally; Deputy President – Anthony Cassone; Secretary – Bailie Nash; Treasurer – Loretta Cassone; Captain – Leah Sheldrick; Chief Training Officer – Laurie Cavill; Sports & Competition Officer – Chris Eddebuttel; Supporters Club President – Michael Hill; and Junior Activities Chairperson – Chris Brown.



## KIRRA SLSC – 74<sup>TH</sup> HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Congratulations to Andrew McAuliffe who at the Kirra Surf Club's 104<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was endorsed as the Kirra SLSC – 74<sup>th</sup> Honorary Life Member.

Andrew's extensive history and record of outstanding performance as a member of Kirra SLSC was presented to those members attending the AGM by Peter Kelly (KSLSC LM #57/1997). Andrew has contributed and continues to support the Kirra Surf Club in many areas of surf lifesaving, including Surf Safety and Beach Patrols; Administration; Training and Youth Development; Surf Club Leadership and Mentoring (a past President for a three year term); and Surf Sports. He is the coach of the Surf Club's 'Australian Champion IRB Teams' and has successfully led and coached the Kirra IRB Teams to multiple Australian and World IRB Championship victories over many years.

*"Above: Adam Day (KSLSC LM #58/1998) as Secretary, Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association with Kirra SLSC Club President Joel Kinneally present Kirra's 74<sup>th</sup> Honorary Life Member Andrew McAuliffe with his Life Member's Cap and a Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Polo Shirt. The Life Member's Cap is sponsored and provided by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association"*

Andrew is a member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

***"In the one hundred and four (104) year history of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Est: 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916) only seventy-four (74) members have been bestowed Honorary Life Membership. Honorary Life Membership is the highest honour that can be awarded to a member for dedicated and meritorious service to the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club".***

***Volunteerism: "The principle of donating one's personal time and energy through providing support for the benefit of other people and/or an organisation within the community as a social responsibility rather than for any individual gain, reward or financial opportunity"***

**Resilience and sustainability:** The resilience of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club is a reflection of its band of dedicated members who rally together when times are tough. These core members and hard workers who quietly go about their business are the 'Guardians of the Kirra Surf Club' and the true legends of surf lifesaving. We all know who they are, we are proud of their service, and we call them mate.

Difficult periods that do occasionally arise throughout the decades, strengthen the Kirra SLSC members resolve to ensure the continuing growth and success of their Surf Lifesaving Club. Difficult times have arisen in the past and without doubt will reoccur in the future, challenging the members personal volunteer commitment for hard work to sustain their Kirra Surf Life Saving Club, not only for its current membership but to leave an everlasting legacy for those who follow in future years.

## **KIRRA SLSC – HONORARY LIFE GOVERNOR**

Congratulations to Kirra SLSC long serving past member and member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, Errol Jones who at the Kirra Surf Club's 104<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was endorsed with Kirra SLSC – Honorary Life Governor Membership for his dedicated service to the Kirra Surf Club.

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



Errol joined the Kirra Surf Club in 1960 and has remained continuously associated with his Club for sixty years (Active – ten years).

An active Beach Patrol member, Errol participated in several memorable surf rescues. He also enjoyed competing in surf boats developing long term friendship with his crew that still exist today. He was a member of the Kirra surf boat crew that won the inaugural Tallebudgera to Coolangatta Boat Race, referred to by the media of that time as "Australia's toughest surf boat race" held on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1963. Errol commented: "After a tight race we crossed the line at Coolangatta...First! The euphoria of the moment was intoxicating as were the beverages amongst all Kirra members as they enjoyed toasting the Kirra victory". Errol further added: "It is moments like this that create a lifetime bond to the club.... Once a Kirra Member always a Kirra Member!"

Following his relocation to Sydney in the late 1960s for work, Errol continued to maintain his association with his Kirra Surf Club through the 'Kirra Old Boys' and by his extraordinary contributions to the production of the Kirra Surf Club's 75<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinners. Given his professional technical expertise, Errol provided the audio visual, lighting and sound equipment, and other resources transported from Sydney and operated by him throughout the Gala Dinners to guarantee a successful and memorable evening for his fellow Surf Club members and families attending. For those who attended, they will never forget the outstanding production showcasing the Surf Club's history at the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Dinner held at Twin Towns Services Club, Tweed Heads in January 2016..... "Thank you Errol!"

*Their Surf Club history for Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (#74/2020) Andrew McAuliffe; and Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor Errol Jones will be circulated by the Kirra Surf Club in recognising their special achievements and be recorded in the Club's 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Report.*

## **Association's progress with the Kirra Historical Project**

**The latest news....** At the Kirra Surf Club Management Committee meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019, those present supported the strategies (Business Case) as submitted by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association for the Club's Historical Project. This includes the design concept, manufacture and location of the new Kirra SLSC Honour Boards.

New initiatives currently being worked on by the Association's Committee include: Finalising the Kirra SLSC Australian and World Champions Photo Gallery; Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions Honour Board; and now with the allocation of the Federal grant, the Kirra SLSC Commemorative (War Veterans) Memorial..... "Watch this space for further updates!"



## Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association Passing of former Kirra SLSC members John Agnew and Ian Murrowood

It is our sad duty to inform of the recent passing of two former Kirra Surf Life Saving Club members John Agnew and Ian Murrowood. Both John and Ian were long serving members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club from the 1950s era.

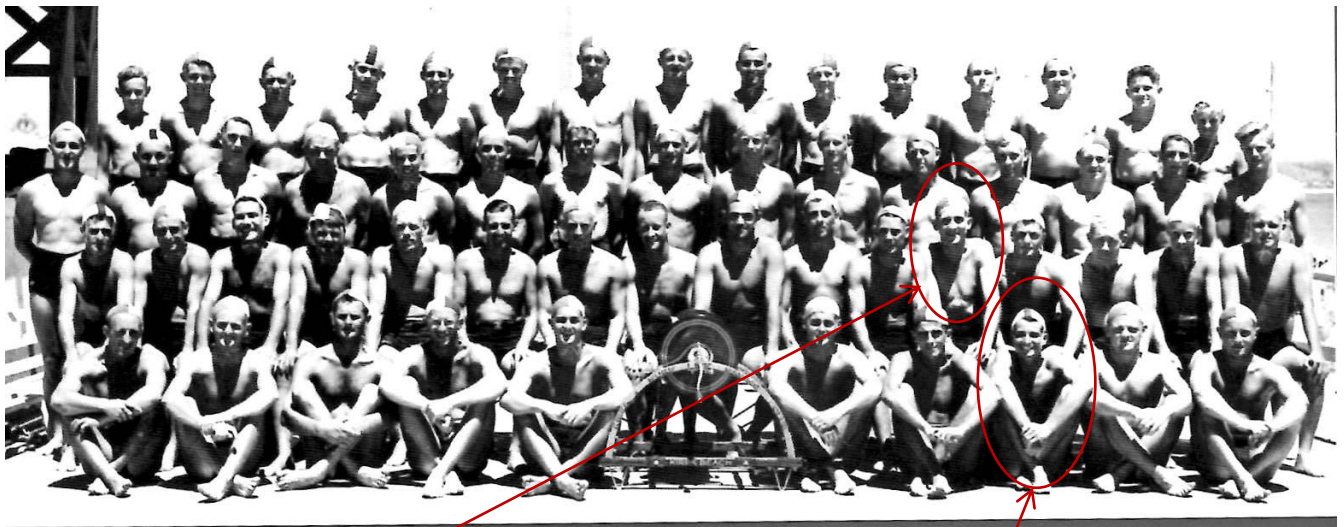
John Agnew joined the Kirra Surf Club in the early summer months of the 1950/1951 season gaining his Bronze Medallion in Surf Lifesaving on 5<sup>th</sup> February 1950 (#30658). As an active member he completed his Beach Patrols and enjoyed his weekends at Kirra Beach, enthusiastically assisting and contributing to the Surf Club activities. John was a regular at the annual 'Old Boys' Christmas Keg where he caught up with good mates to discuss adventures gone by. Several of the photographs that are electronically displayed today during 'Old Boys' events were generously provided by John to showcase the members and those times throughout the 1950's.

Ian Murrowood joined the Kirra Surf Club the following season after John and gained his Bronze Medallion in Surf Lifesaving on 12<sup>th</sup> November 1950 (#29632). Ian enjoyed his years and the friendships made with his fellow Kirra Surf Club mates. Work and family obligations would eventually see an end to Ian's active surf lifesaving, however he maintained his connection with his Surf Club through the Kirra Old Boys.

It is always sad to receive such advice on our past members..... Whenever possible, the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association will ensure that their time as members of Kirra SLSC is appropriately acknowledged.

Our deepest sympathies are offered to the families and friends of John Agnew and Ian Murrowood for their sad loss.

Thank you to Kirra Life Members Keith Boucher (LM #71/2017) and Ralph Ford-Johnson (LM #31/1966) for their advice on the recent passing of our former Surf Club members, Old Boys colleagues and mates.



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 Brozman, 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.



## KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON - KIRRA OLD BOYS

# Kirra Sports Luncheon

## *Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October*

Table seating from 11:30am through to 3:30pm

### Pineapple Hotel - Woolloongabba

*(Walking distance from the famous Gabba Cricket Ground)*

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.

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

***“Tickets are only \$125 -***

***Best value Sports Luncheon in Brisbane”***

*The Old Boys Committee in consultation with the Pineapple Hotel management have now finalised this new date for the Kirra Sports Luncheon..... A big thank you to the Pineapple Hotel team.*

## **TICKETS TO BE SELLING SOON!!**

*Please watch for more information as details for this special day become available..... The Old Boys Committee looks forward to having you join us at the Kirra Sports Luncheon.*

*Start planning your Guest Tables for a fun day with good mates whilst enjoying the Pineapple Hotel's famous Seafood Buffet and icy cold refreshments.*

**FREE** bus transport for Gold Coast residents to depart from the Kirra Surf Club at 10am and return to back to the Surf Club following the Luncheon.

***“All monies raised at the Kirra Sports Luncheon benefit the members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”***



Hope you enjoy this read..... July 2020 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 our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.  
Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association  
(Peter, Adam, Paul and Mark)

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

***‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – established 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978’***