

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2021



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

-: Established 29th November 1978 :-

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VALE – ERROL JONES (Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor)

Errol Jones joined Kirra SLSC in 1960 and subsequently obtained his Bronze Medallion in Surf Lifesaving on the 12th December 1962 (QS 33294). Errol was a proud 'Boatie' having been the bowman in the famed 1963 Kirra Surfboat Crew that consisted of Ron Halpin, Roger Hawkes, Stuart Carseldine, Blair Carter, and Errol Jones. Frank Hull also rowed with and swept this crew on many occasions. Such was the camaraderie that existed between them that for the past fifty years they continued to hold regular reunions. Errol was affectionately known as 'Harpoon Harry' for being the bowman and having access to the shark harpoon that surfboats were required to be equipped with in those days.

Errol was an accomplished musician and often would regale the Kirra members on the Club's piano with some great Rock n Roll music in the old downstairs Committee Room.

In his working life he was a celebrated TV Producer, Writer and Director with his own production company and gained his PhD in this field. Errol delighted in scripting and showcasing all Kirra's major celebrations including the 75th, 90th and 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinners. He produced a video 'Kirra SLSC – The First 75 Years' that was created by using various archival footage on many formats along with still photographs edited with a musical background. The 100th Year Anniversary Celebrations in particular was spectacularly held in January 2016 at the Twin Towns Services Club with nearly 450 guests attending. This was widely called Kirra's best night of nights. It was an unforgettable night where we kicked up our heels and partied all weekend whilst catching up with old and new friends. Music and choreography were rehearsed by Errol and his team over several weeks prior to the event. A video - Kirra SLSC History Compile – was produced and edited for inclusion in the program. Errol contributed significant personal funds to assist with the production of these shows for the Kirra SLSC. They have had a long lasting beneficial impact on the history of the Club.



Errol's efforts have enhanced Kirra's reputation as one of the early leaders in the surf lifesaving movement, and maintained Kirra's place as a modern leader in community volunteer services, values and spirit.

Errol lived and worked in Sydney and was also a member of the famous Manly Surf Club. However, he was a true **'Royal Blue and Gold'** Kirra member, and so much so that his house in Freshwater was named 'Kirra'.

Errol's contribution to Kirra SLSC was recognised by being named Honorary Life Governor in 2020. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, Errol never received the honour of being publicly thanked by the Kirra Surf Club members although he was acknowledged in the Clubs Annual Report.

All Kirra Surf Life Saving Club and Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association members offer their deep condolences to his wife Justine and family.

Vale Errol Jones: **"Once a Kirra Member – Always a Kirra Member"**



ANNUAL KIRRA GOLF DAY Wynnum Golf Club

It was a great morning of fun with Kirra mates at the Wynnum Golf Club down the bayside of Brisbane!

The annual Kirra Golf Game initiated and coordinated by John 'Brashie' Bell (Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member) has been occurring now for several years and provides an opportunity for our long serving and past Kirra SLSC members and families to come together in fellowship and sport. Although the event was postponed in Year 2020 owing to Government COVID restrictions on social distancing, this year's Kirra Golf Day held Sunday, 11th July at the Wynnum Golf Club was another success with good weather and friendly competition amongst those attending.

Thank you also to Greg Dunn (Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member) for coordinating the booking with the Wynnum Club and for his assistance on the day. Greg is negotiating a date for July 2022 at the Wynnum Club.

On behalf of the committee and members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, we offer our sincere appreciation to Brashie, Greg and our players for your continuing support provided for this special annual sporting event of our Association's calendar.



"Left: Winners of the 2021 Kirra Golf Game Glenn Sommer and Rob (Andy) Anderson are presented with "The Elke" by Kirra Life Member John 'Brashie' Bell"

"Below - A day of fun by all attending"



KIRRA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 75TH HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

It was indeed an honour to on behalf of the committee and members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association (Est: 29th November 1978) to present long serving Kirra SLSC member and Kirra Old Boy Michael Hill with his 'Life Member Cap' and a 'Certificate of Appreciation'.

Michael was bestowed Honorary Life Membership of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club at the AGM held on Sunday, 18th July 2021 at Kirra Beach.

Michael becomes the 75th member in the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club's 105 year history to receive the highest honour that can be awarded to a member for outstanding service to the Kirra Surf Club.

"The Kirra Surf Life Saving Club established on the 7th January 1916 is the second oldest surf lifesaving club in Queensland and one of the longest continuously operating surf lifesaving clubs in Australia"



'Of the seventy-five Kirra SLSC members bestowed Honorary Life Membership; thirty-two still survive today who continue to support their Kirra Surf Club'

Association 'Calendar of Events – Year 2021'

“Lock these remaining events into your Year 2021 calendar. Plan your attendance and enjoy the ‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’ revenue raising and fellowship events”

Sunday 3rd October 2021: The very successful KIRRA CAR RAFFLE is back for Year 2021!!! The Car Raffle DRAW at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club between 3:00pm and 5:00pm..... **TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!**

Friday 26th November 2021: Be at the ‘Kirra Old Boys’ CHRISTMAS FUNCTION/AGM at Bob Singleton’s famous Pineapple Hotel commencing from 5:30pm for a fun evening of fellowship with olde and new Kirra mates.

Monday 27th December 2021: Annual BUMPO/ELKE REMEMBRANCE DAY at the Kirra Beach Surf Club commencing from 3:30pm..... This is a special day for all to remember and celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us. Let’s have a sea of Royal Blue and Gold: ‘Wear your Kirra Old Boys Association or Kirra SLSC polo shirt’.

Its On Again

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Assoc

Car Raffle



**Win a
MG3
Auto Core
Valued at
\$17,490**



\$125 tickets ~ only 199 to be sold

Tickets available now

Drawn Sunday 3rd October 2021 at 4pm

Kirra Surf Club Supporters Bar

Marine Parade, Kirra

Complementary drinks for all ticket holders

present for draw from 3pm to 5pm

Phone: Paul Cameron 0418 728 089

Mark Rogers 0411 511 511

Or Direct Deposit

BSB: 084 130

A/c: 448755954

& email your details to

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KIRRA BEACH SURF CLUB (Licensed Club)

“Yes... we have reopened!!”

After several weeks closure owing to the CoGC Council building repairs and roof replacement, the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club is back in business.

Come along and enjoy a cold refreshment, tasty meal, friendly and welcoming staff... all with the best views of the Gold Coast!

‘Was that a whale I saw out there??’



BAR / BISTRO / GAMING

Kirra Beach Surf Club.... “Where else would you rather be!”

Check out the range of products available to members at the licensed Club



Kirra Old Boy honoured at the Kirra Surf Club AGM!



Congratulations to **Roger Cresswell** who was bestowed **Honorary Life Governor** membership of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club at its Annual General Meeting held Sunday, 18th July 2021 at Kirra Beach.

Roger joined Kirra SLSC in the 1962/1963 season and gained his Bronze Medallion in Surf Lifesaving on the 2nd February 1963 (Q3640). He enjoyed all activities associated with surf lifesaving, was a dedicated beach patrol member, and enjoyed rowing surfboats with his mates. He was nominated and accepted positions on the Kirra Surf Club's Management Committee and served as Honorary Treasurer from 1965 to 1968 (three years) and again for two years from 1973 to 1975.

"Above: Roger Cresswell (sitting – blue polo shirt) at the 2021 Kirra Golf Game – Wynnum Golf Club"

As a registered builder, Roger undertook major building and renovations for the clubhouse including: 1975/1976 – Major clubhouse renovation and extensions; 2011/2012 – Enclosing the Supporters Club veranda; and in 2021 provided technical advice and support on the Building Occupancy 'Certificate of Classification' for the Surf Club within the Kirra Beach Pavilion.

Roger is a Foundation Member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association (Est. 29th Nov 1978) and continues to regularly attend and participate in Association activities and annual events. Congratulations Roger of being bestowed an Honorary Life Governor of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

The histories of our 75th Honorary Life Member Michael Hill and the new Honorary Life Governor Roger Cresswell will be summarised and provided by the Kirra Surf Club and for inclusion in the 106th Annual Report.

KIRRA SLSC AGM AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS (2021/2022)

It was possibly the best attended Kirra SLSC Annual General Meeting for many years held on Sunday, 18th July 2021 at Kirra Beach with in excess of one hundred members and supporters present. Over ninety Surf Club members were eligible to vote at the meeting. The Annual Report for the Club's 105th Year was presented, and positions voted on and Club Office Bearers endorsed for the Kirra SLSC's 106th Year.

Congratulations to the following who were endorsed as Office Bearers for the Kirra SLSC Executive Committee for the 2021/2022 Year of Surf Lifesaving:

President: Joel Kinneally; **Deputy President:** Mark Rogers; **Secretary:** Bailie Nash;
Treasurer: Loretta Cassone; **Captain:** Hayden Lewis-Fox; **Chief Training Officer:** Laurie Cavill;
JA Chairperson: Chris Brown; **Sports & Competition Officer:** Stephen Coady;
Supporters Association President: Michael Hill;

A full list of Kirra SLSC Office Bearers and Sub-Committees will be available on the Surf Club's webpage.

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"*





"Above: Photographs of the large attendance of members and supporters at the Kirra SLSC Annual General Meeting held Sunday, 18th July 2021. Owing to COVID restrictions the meeting was held outside and in the sunshine at Kirra Beach"

BECOME A MEMBER – KIRRA SURF CLUB OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

To all our Kirra Surf Club current senior, long serving and past members; Kirra Nipper Association coordinators and past members; and to the many Kirra families and supporters; an **invitation** is extended for you to register and receive your monthly Newsletter detailing the many activities, items on the history of our Kirra Surf Club, and announcements on special fund raising events planned throughout the year by the Association.

It costs nothing to join the Association!

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

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UPDATE – KIRRA HISTORY PROJECT

Update for members on the Kirra History Project that is coordinated and funded by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association. The approved Business Case (Year 2019) for the Kirra History Project is available on the Kirra Surf Club Webpage.... The following details progress on the latest initiatives:

KIRRA SLSC – QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONS HONOUR BOARD

Research undertaken and now completed with 'Year/Event/Names' confirmed... thank you to the many members (past and current) who contributed with feedback; Awaiting outcomes/results of the forthcoming 2021 State Winter Championships; and with that the final approved format to be provided to Signage, Redcliffe. Signage has now completed the Life Members; Patron; and Australian Champions Honour Boards for the History Project.

KIRRA SLSC – WORLD/AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS PHOTO GALLERY

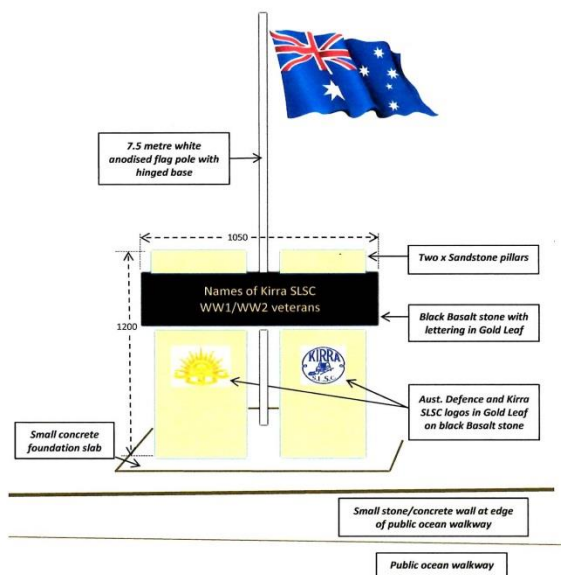
Research undertaken and now completed with 'Photograph/Year/Event/Names' confirmed... thank you to the many members (past and current) who contributed with the provision of photographs and their feedback. There are forty-seven (47) individual photographs for this Kirra SLSC Champions Gallery.

KIRRA SLSC WW1/WW2 VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL

Federal Grant received for \$10K from the Department of Defence (Remembering our Veterans Project) in July 2020; Research completed with 'Member Service Details' confirmed... thank you to many past and current members who gave feedback...special thanks to Life Member Peter Kelly; Seventy-four (74) Kirra SLSC members served in WW1/WW2.... Tragically five (5) Kirra SLSC members were KIA in WW2; Memorial stones purchased and with Legacy Monument (Yatala); Support from Australian War Graves in Canberra for the Project; Federal ministerial approval received to use the Rising Sun emblem (Australian Commonwealth Military Forces); Continuing to engage with CoGC Council officers on the preferred 3m x 3m land site (within the Kirra SLSC clubhouse precinct); and Order of Ceremony (draft completed) for the Dedication Ceremony with Rick Meehan as Emcee... if available when date confirmed, it is planned for Karen Andrews MP (Minister for Home Affairs); Keith Payne VC; and City of Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tait and Councillor Gail O'Neill to attend the ceremony.

KIRRA SLSC WW1/WW2 VETERANS' COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL

Below are final proofs provided by Legacy Monument for consideration prior to receiving approval from the Committee, Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association to etch the basalt stone. The lettering will be created by sandblasting, painted white and then filled with gold gilt. The life expectancy of the memorial stones and lettering is estimated at over two hundred years (Legacy Monuments, Yatala). Final feedback can be forwarded to kirra@kirraoldboys.com



"WE PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR KIRRA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB MEMBERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE DURING WORLD WAR ONE AND WORLD WAR TWO, AND THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY"

WORLD WAR I - AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE - E DE STERKE; J GORDON; E THORNLEY; SW WINDERS

WORLD WAR II

SECOND AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

C ADAIR; C BARBELER; R BLOW; NV BROCKHURST;
R CLAY; C CONAGHAN (†); H CUMMINGS;
W FITZGERALD; W FLEMING; JR GLENWRIGHT;
B HARDING; K HORN; AJ MILLER; T NINNESS;
J PIDGEON; L POWELL (†); H SMITH; G WATT; BJ WELLS

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

A GREBER; R JONES; E MAY; D MORRISON;
O REYNOLDS; W WEBSTER

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

W BARNES; R BOWDEN; A BROOMHALL; WJ CHAPLAIN;
V DICKSON (†); G DONIGER; E ELSE; H HENDERSON; R HINDS;
T JAMES; A JOHNS; MH KEEHN (†); AW KILBURN; L KILBURN;
LN KROLL; J LEEMAN; EM MAHER; RA MILLER; MG MOORE;
L O'CONNOR; L POWELL (†); W POULSEN; G SHAMBROOK;
EJ SMITH; D THOMPSON; HG WINDERS

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

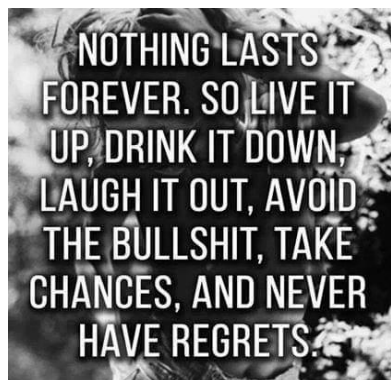
V BLOW; M EMERSON; B GORDON; N GROOM;
GF HIGGINS; L KILBURN; A LANSBURY;
I MUNRO; T NEYLAN; P ROUBIN; M RICHARDS;
C SMITH; L SMITH; F SPELLACY; K STANFORD;
P THOMPSON

MERCHANT NAVY

N GANDY; R JENKINSON

LEST WE FORGET

ALLIED TRANSPORT SERVICE - C CROWE



Hope you enjoyed this August 2021 Newsletter. Please share the Newsletter with your circle of friends and work colleagues. Should you have any items or photographs of interest for our next Newsletter then please contact the Association's committee on email: kirra@kirraoldboys.com and arrangements can be made to collect and copy your photographs. Your photographs will be returned to you once a copy has been made by the Association committee.

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

President: Peter Beauchamp; Secretary: Adam Day; and Committee Members: Paul Cameron and Mark Rogers

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