

# NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2022



## Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

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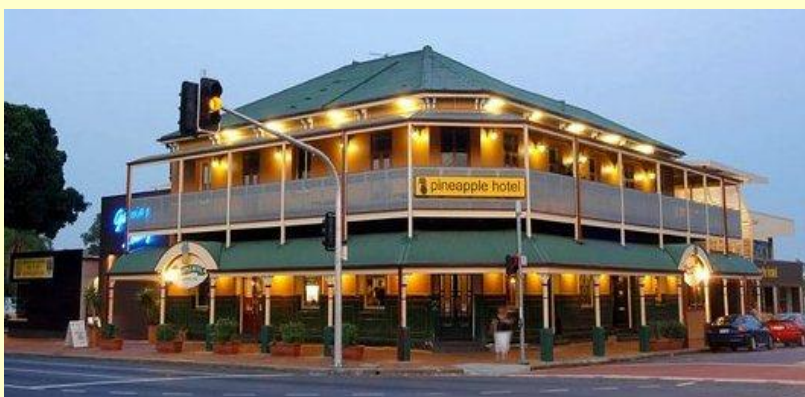
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# KIRRA SURF CLUB OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION & XMAS SOCIAL

Check the calendar and make your arrangements to be there for a wonderful evening catching up with olde Kirra SLSC mates at the famous Pineapple Hotel. At last year's Xmas function nearly sixty long serving and past Kirra members attended and all had a most enjoyable evening.

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2022**  
**FROM 5:30PM UNTIL LATE**  
(Downstairs bar overlooking the park)



"Above: The Pineapple Hotel is only walking distance from the famous Brisbane Gabba Cricket Ground and the Lions AFL Stadium"

**"Be great to see you there!! Wear your Kirra Old Boys or Kirra SLSC polo shirt – Dress is neat casual. Accommodation if required is available within walking distance of the Pineapple Hotel and can be booked on-line"**

## Celebrating his life..

### KIRRA SLSC MEMBER ROSS FRENCH (FRENCHIE)

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August, the family and friends of long serving Kirra Surf Club member Ross French gathered at Kirra Beach and the Supporters Club to celebrate the life of our mate 'Frenchie'.

Ross joined Kirra SLSC and gained his Bronze Medallion in November 1970. He continued to be associated with his Kirra Surf Life Saving Club for the next fifty-two years.... *"A dear mate and colleague of many who knew him"*

As per his wishes, Frenchie's ashes were taken by surf boat and cast off Kirra Beach, followed by those attending to assemble in the Kirra Supporters Club to remember and celebrate his life.

A keen Rugby League player and supporter, his mates from the Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club in Brisbane, and colleagues of the Brisbane League Old Boys (Gold Coast) also joined in to remember the life of their good mate and rugby league football player....

**Such a wonderful turnout for Frenchie 🙌**



## A great turnout to celebrate his life! Ross (Frenchie) French



## Got your calendar out!! Association events remaining for Year 2022

Date	Event	Location
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Kirra SLSC Hon Life Governor Errol Jones – Memorial Day commencing 2:00 pm	Kirra Beach and Kirra Supporters Club
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Kirra Old Boys – Annual Reunion and Christmas Social commencing 5:30 pm to late... wear your Royal Blue and Gold polo and dress is neat casual	Pineapple Hotel Brisbane
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December (Public Holiday)	<b>Bumpo/Elke Remembrance Day</b> commencing 3:00 pm <i>“A special day for all past and current Kirra members, families and friends to remember those no longer with us”</i>	Kirra Supporters Club



## INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER

**ATTENTION:** A message to all of our Kirra Surf Club senior, long serving and past active members; Kirra Nipper Association coordinators and past members; and to those many families and supporters who continue to enjoy their association with their Kirra SLSC.

***It costs nothing to join the Association!***

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



**Kirra SLSC  
Honorary Life Governor  
Errol Jones  
Memorial Day  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**



**MEMORIAL FOR ERROL  
The Final Row.....**

Justine, Chris, Holly and Nicholas would like you to join the family and members of Kirra Surf Lifesaving Club on: Saturday, October 8, 2022 for 'The Final Row'..

We will gather on Kirra Beach (in front of the clubhouse) with proceedings to commence at 2.00pm, and, following, we invite you to celebrate Errol's life and legacy with us in the Kirra Supporters Club.

**Acknowledging their continuing support  
Beavis and Bartels Families**

Whether it is for rescue or competition equipment, internal renovations to the clubhouse, or assistance with some special project, the financial sponsorship and support is always forthcoming. The generosity of the **'Beavis and Bartels Families'** for their Kirra Surf Club over the past fifty years has been so special and is always very much appreciated.

The Association committee is honoured to announce the recent donation/sponsorship received from the **'Beavis and Bartels Families'** of \$3000.00 that will be used to cover the financial costs for the manufacture of the new Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions Honour Board. This new Champions Honour Board is a key feature of the Kirra Old Boys Association's project to restore and upgrade the Surf Club's history and memorabilia spanning 106 years.

The new Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions Honour Board showcases the competitive history of our members and lists Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions dating back to that first Kirra Surf Club *'Gold Medal'* achieved by Bill Reinicke in 1928 who won the Queensland Open Surf Belt Championship, and thereafter by several hundred Kirra SLSC members winning over one hundred and fifty-one individual and team Queensland Championship titles.

***"A big thank you to the Beavis and Bartels Families for their generous support"***

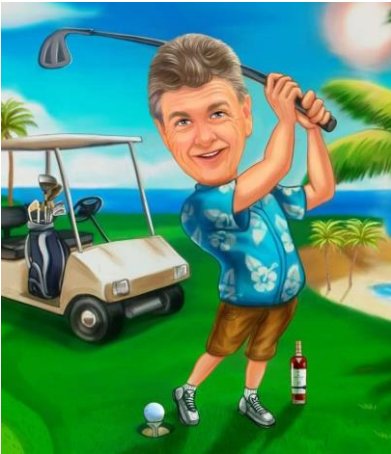
# OUT AND ABOUT!



## “A great innings Brashie”

Congratulations to Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (#70/2015) John ‘Brashie’ Bell who has called it after many years as a respected and valued staff member of the Seagulls Leagues Club... Brashie is highly regarded by both the management and the many patrons who regularly visit the Leagues Club for his commitment to quality work performance and his outstanding customer service,. Details of Brashie’s retirement were posted on Facebook and last count there were as many as a thousand ‘Likes’ received in acknowledging his service and best wishes.

Brashie is a strong supporter of his Kirra Old Boys Association and has been a champion in raising the badly needed funds for not only the Association but also his Kirra Surf Club. He founded the Kirra Golf Game and remains the coordinator for this successful annual event on the Association’s calendar.... “Well done Brashie!”



## ‘Bazza Mullins enjoying his retirement... you bet!’

Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (#48/1985) Barry Mullins jumped on that retirement wagon after a long and very successful business career based in Townsville.... Definitely now has more time for his golf (and those regular holes in one!), cheering on the mighty Cowboys, and enjoying those many other adventures in retirement...

‘Every day is a Saturday now for Bazza!’ We look forward to catching up with Barry on his visits to Kirra Beach and future attendance at a Kirra Old Boys annual event..... ‘Congratulations and well done Barry’.

***Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Est: 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916)***

***“Established for the many, never for the few – Be proud of your membership and life time association with your surf lifesaving club”***





# Kirra SLSC 'fund raising initiative'

Surf Clubs always need a regular financial income stream to assist in covering the annual operating costs associated with the provision of safe Beach Patrols, maintaining the clubhouse facilities and providing quality member services.... "Your Kirra Surf Club is no different!" The Kirra SLSC Management Committee has determined to provide an opportunity for its members (current and past) to participate in the major Art Union/s (Surf Lottery) coordinated for the benefit of surf lifesaving clubs in Queensland. Sales from tickets purchased by those associated with their Kirra SLSC will directly benefit the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

For further information as required, please contact Kirra SLSC 'Office Manager' Troy Draman on [kirra@kirraslsc.com](mailto:kirra@kirraslsc.com) and/or go to the link below to purchase your tickets to support your Club.

**The latest prize home is back on the Gold Coast and purchasing tickets through our Kirra SLSC site helps raise valuable funds to keep Kirra Beach safe!**

**1st Prize is a Luxury Gold Coast House at 3 Marina Pde JACOBS WELL QLD 4208 valued at \$1,600,000, Interior Design Package including furniture & appliances valued at \$212,969 and \$10,000 Gold Bullion.**

**Follow the link to purchase your tickets: <https://surflottery.com.au/club/kirrabeachslsc>**



## KIRRA BEACH SURF CLUB BAR, BISTRO, GAMING and SALTYS



*Sure is the place to be for icy cold refreshments, tasty meals, welcoming and professional staff, and the best views of the Gold Coast.... Takeaways now provided for members..... Come along and try the breakfast menu available every Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00am...*



### KIRRA SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION – MANAGEMENT TEAM 2022/2023

At the Annual General Meeting of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association held Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the licensed club, the following Kirra SLSC long term and experienced members were endorsed as the Management Team for the 2022/2023 business operating period:

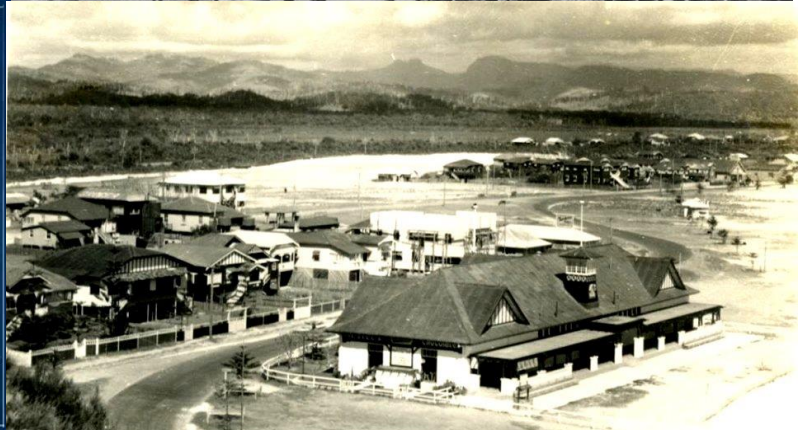
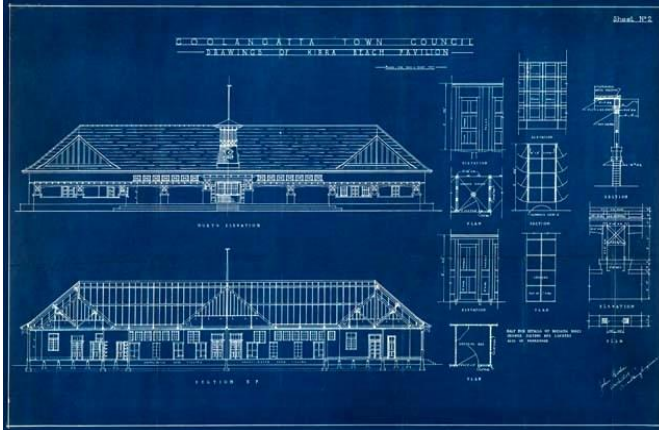
**PRESIDENT:** Michael Hill (KSLSC Hon Life Member #75/2021); **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Paul Cameron (KSLSC Honorary Member); **SECRETARY:** Peter Beauchamp (KSLSC Hon Life Member #49/1986); **TREASURER:** Barry Cameron (KSLSC Hon Life Member #41/1976); **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Anthony Cassone (KSLSC Hon Life Member #76/2022), and Darren Gear (KSLSC Deputy President); **ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE OFFICER:** Loretta Cassone (KSLSC Hon Life Governor #6/2019); and **CLUB MANAGER:** Justin Fletcher.

**ALL REVENUE RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE LICENSED KIRRA SUPPORTERS CLUB BENEFITS OF THE KIRRA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**



# OUR KIRRA SLSC CLUBHOUSE BUILDINGS OF THE PAST/PRESENT

(These are our clubhouses! 1920s/1940s/1960s/1980s/2020s – We are Kirra SLSC!)



Hope you enjoyed the articles and photographs in this September 2022 Newsletter. If you have any items of interest or photographs for our future Newsletters, please contact the Association's Secretary: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com) and arrangements can be made to collect these, copy and return to you. Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association and its Committee

***'Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member'***