



# Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association



## NEWSLETTER

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## OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR

*"A meeting of forty past and present long serving Kirra SLSC members arranged by Honorary Life Member Ron Gurnett (LM #38/1973) was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978 at the International Hotel, Spring Hill in Brisbane (Licensee Bill Wright – long serving Kirra member; Surf Club Vice-Captain 1966/67; 1991/92). At this meeting those present unanimously supported and celebrated the formation of the Kirra Old Boys Association. Ron Gurnett was endorsed as the inaugural Old Boys President with Honorary Life Member Bob Littler (LM #39/1974) as Secretary. Honorary Life Member Graham Byrnes (LM #29/1963) who was a wonderful conduit for the new Association to those past Kirra Surf Club members of the 1940/1950/1960s era was initially endorsed as Treasurer".*

*(References: Pages 198/323: Kirra 100 years by PD Kelly; Meeting Attendance Book; Minutes of Meeting; Member recall and feedback)*

### THE TRADITION CONTINUES

**Members who attended the inaugural Kirra Old Boys Association meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978**

*(Names as recorded in the Meeting Attendance Register)*

**Ron Gurnett; John Bowler; Steve Paul; Ross (Bundy) Edmonds; Bob Littler; Graham Byrnes; Jim Schofield; Barry Robinson; Vic Arnall; Garry Power; Cam Leigh-Murray; Mal Stockwell; Lech Gacia; Tom Laffan; Dennis Boucher; Keith Boucher; Greg Dunn; John Littler; Roger Cresswell; Colin Wright; Bob Gear; Ron Porter; Graham Booth; Carl Godwin; Barry Godwin; Peter Beauchamp; Keith Hamilton; Barrie Thorne; Stan Hilton; Col Heydt; Roger Hawkes; Graham Stephens; Jim Steel; Max Greaterix; Terry Challenger; Malcolm Jardeen; Dave Seeley; Barry Cameron; Mick Mulchay; and Jim Devlin.**

### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION AND GENERAL MEETING

An enjoyable Christmas function held at Bob Singleton's famous Pineapple Hotel on Friday evening (23<sup>rd</sup> November) celebrating the **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year** of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association (*Est. 29/11/1978*). There was a good turnout of long serving and past members including Tom Franklin who gained his SLSCA Bronze Medallion #27012 with Kirra on the 12th December 1948.

This was a great opportunity to catch up with olde Kirra Surf Club mates to enjoy Christmas fellowship and good yarns. Both our Kirra SLSC Patron Max Winders (only the 5th person to hold the position of Club Patron in 103 years) and Kirra SLSC President Michael Hill were there and affirmed their continuing strong support for the 'Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association'.

***At this Christmas function and following a summary provided on the year's performance, the 2018 committee members were re-endorsed in their respective positions for the 2019 Year:  
Peter Beauchamp - President; Adam Day - Secretary; and Paul Cameron - Committee Member***



# Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day

*'Celebrating the life of Graham (Bumpo) Freeman, a dear friend and Kirra surf lifesaver'*

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 FROM 3:30 PM**

**KIRRA SUPPORTERS CLUB – BAR & BISTRO**

*"Come along and wear your Kirra Old Boys or Kirra SLSC polo shirt"*

*A special occasion for past and current surf club members to come together annually in fellowship to celebrate the lives and contributions of all 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"*



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Supporters Association Inc.**

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**"The Family Club – Bar – Bistro – Gaming – Friendly Staff – Greatest views on the Gold Coast"**

**CONTACT THE KIRRA SUPPORTERS CLUB AND BOOK YOUR GROUP  
REUNION OR FUNCTION – "GREAT VENUE FOR CELEBRATING  
GREAT MEMORIES" – 07 5536 2787**

## "What have our members been doing through 2018?"



*"Left: Kirra Life Member (LM #48/1985) Barry Mullins at the 2018 Invictus Games. Barry is a regular with the Event Timing Team at major athletic events including the recent Invictus and Commonwealth Games, Aus Athletics, Stawell Gift, and much more..... "Well done Bazza!"*

*"Right: Kirra Old Boys stalwart Alan Beauchamp with son Luke at the Gabba enjoying the thrills of 'Fifty over Cricket... Australia lost!' Luke who captained Brothers Rugby Premiers in 2018 has recently signed with the Houston (Texas) SabreCats to play in the USA National Rugby Championship in 2019.... Congratulations Luke!"*





**Its On Again**  
**Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Assoc**  
**Car Raffle**




**Win a Toyota Yaris Valued at \$15,990**

**\$120 tickets ~ only 199 to be sold**

Drawn Sunday 5th May 2019 at 4pm  
 Kirra Surf Club Supporters Bar  
 Marine Parade, Kirra  
 Complementary drinks for all ticket holders present for draw from 3pm to 5pm  
 Vehicle supplied by:

Sci-Fleet Toyota  TOYOTA

Tickets available now  
 Phone: Paul Cameron 0418 728 089  
 Or Direct Deposit  
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**STOP THE PRESS!**

**Yes back on again!**

**OLD BOYS 'CAR RAFFLE'**

**Only 199 tickets at \$120 each**

**DRAW to be held at the Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 4:00pm.**

*Complementary refreshments and finger food provided for ticket buyers between 3:00pm and 5:00pm*

**Get in early to obtain your raffle ticket/s....**

*"Association Committee member Paul Cameron is again doing an outstanding job in promoting and selling Car Raffle tickets amongst his circle of friends and business associates..... A big effort and many thanks Paul"*

***Any assistance in selling and/or buying raffle tickets is most appreciated***



*"Left: Ticket holders Greg Dunn (LM #62/2004); Mick Keys (Past Member); and Barrie Thorne (LM #42/1977) enjoying a great evening at the Car Raffle Draw in the Kirra Supporters Club on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018..... GREAT VENUE TO CATCH UP WITH GREAT MATES.....Be there for the Car Raffle Draw on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019"* 😊😊





## 'Association membership'

**"An invitation to join"** – To all Kirra Surf Club male and female senior long serving and past members; our Kirra Nipper coordinators and family members; and surf club associate and support members, an **invitation is extended** for you to be a member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and receive your Newsletter **"What's Happening!"** 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 (Email address and telephone/mobile; and postal address) to the Association Secretary Adam Day: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)

## **"It's been a busy 2018!"**



**"Left: Fifty-nine new members joined the Association in 2018 including this wonderful group of Kirra Legends – Enjoying a fun afternoon with mates at the Kirra Sports Luncheon held at Bob Singleton's famous Pineapple Hotel"**



**"Right: Kirra's Pool Rescue Competition Team and Official (L-R): Ray Wintzloff; Scott Byrnes (LM #50/1989); and William Peter Barry. Queensland Championship: 4 x Gold and 3 x Silver Medals; Australian Championship: 5 x Silver and 2 x Bronze Medals.... An amazing effort by Ray and William – outstanding Kirra competitors and members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Assn."**



**"Left: Former Kirra SLSC President Andrew McAuliffe is coach (Anthony Cassone is team manager) of the very successful Kirra IRB Team... both joined the Kirra Old Boys in 2018"**  
**The Kirra IRB Team competition results in 2018 include:**

**Queensland Championship: 4 x Gold, 2 x Silver, and 1 x Bronze Medals; Seven members selected in the Queensland Cyclones IRB Team and eight further members selected in the Queensland IRB Development Squad;**

**Australian Championship: KIRRA WON GOLD – Open Male Teams Race; and Kirra IRB Team members competed in the victorious Queensland Cyclones IRB Team – Australian Inter-State IRB Champions.**

### **Kirra IRB Team: '2018 – A year of outstanding success'**





*“Left: Yvonne Mullins, long serving Kirra member (Club Secretary: 1981 – 1985); Committee, Kirra SLSC 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations; Member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association; and Executive Director, Oceania Athletics Association is with Jane Beare at the finish line following Yvonne’s turn in the Queens Baton Relay just prior to the start of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia”*

*Extract: WWW\_Oceania Athletics: Twenty Member Federations and three Associate Member Federations from nations across the Asian-Pacific Region comprise the Oceania Athletics Association. In her executive role, Yvonne travels to Federation countries and international athletic events held throughout the world to professionally support and assist with the development of Federation sports programs..... “Well done Yvonne”*

## **2019 CALENDAR EVENTS AND DATES NOW CONFIRMED**

**Dates and venues now confirmed for the Year 2019 events of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association..... “Please place these dates on your home calendar. Hopefully you will have the time to attend, catch up with olde Kirra mates, enjoy the fellowship and great yarns, and assist with our fund raising activities....See you there!!”**

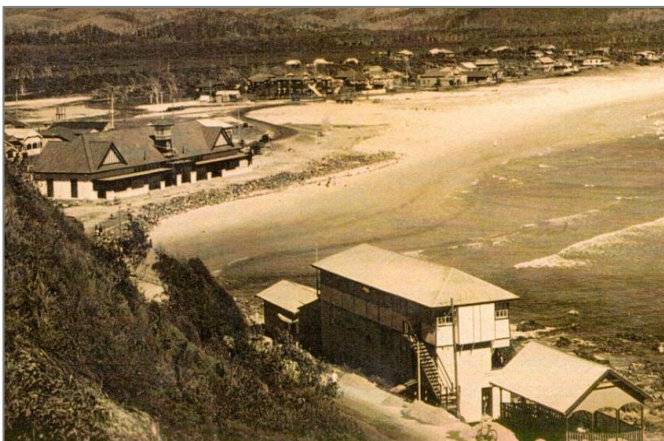
DATE - 2019	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Draw Kirra Old Boys Car Raffle (from 3:00pm)	Kirra Supporters Club
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Kirra SLSC Annual Dinner	Kirra Supporters Club
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Kirra SLSC Annual General Meeting	Kirra Surf Club
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Kirra Golf Day (from 7:00am)	Wynnum Golf Club
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Kirra Sports Luncheon (11:30am to 3:30pm)	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Social Evening (5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start)	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day (from 3:30pm)	Kirra Supporters Club

*Note: Other events will be included in the calendar as planned ‘for your information’*

### Queensland Public Holidays

New Year’s Day – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019; Australia Day – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January; Aus day Public Holiday – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January; Easter – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April; Anzac day – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April; Labor Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May; RNA Day Brisbane – 14<sup>th</sup> August; Queen’s Birthday – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October; Christmas Day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December; Boxing Day – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Information on your Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association: History; copies of past Newsletters; and details on planned events are available on the Kirra SLSC Website: [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) | Old Boys**



### **The old and the new!**

*“Extract: Kirra SLSC 100 years by PD Kelly: Page 65: In October 1936, two months after the closing of Hitler’s Berlin Olympics, the 1936-37 surf season commenced with the official opening of the new Kirra Pavilion..... The Minister for Lands (Mr Pease) on behalf of the Government, congratulated the Coolangatta Council on erecting such a fine building..... The new Kirra Pavilion was very popular with beachgoers and offered good changing and shower facilities..... The old Kirra clubhouse was dismantled and moved in part to establish Bilinga and Rainbow Bay surf clubs.*



# The report card – Year 2018

*The following summary of Association activities for 2018 was presented at the Christmas Function/General Meeting held at the Pineapple Hotel on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.*

## STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE – YEAR 2018

*(40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year – Established 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978)*

**Our goals:** The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association (referred to as the Association) was established on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978. From this early beginning the Association goals established over forty years ago have remained consistent to those strived for in 2018:

- # Providing an opportunity for all past and present male and female Kirra SLSC members to remain associated and involved with their surf life saving club;
- # Strengthening fellowship amongst past and current Kirra SLSC members through the promotion of and participating in planned social activities and surf lifesaving annual events; and
- # Coordinating revenue generating for the purpose of contributing to specific initiatives that focus on the long term benefit for current and future members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

**Association Committee (2018):** President: Peter Beauchamp (*KSLSC – LM #49/1986*); Secretary: Adam Day (*KSLSC – LM #58/1998*); and Committee Member: Paul Cameron.

*(2018 Association Committee was endorsed at the Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017)*

**Membership:** There are two hundred and sixty-three men and women, past and long serving Kirra SLSC members listed on the Association's Membership Register (23/11/2018). Through the 2018 calendar year, fifty-nine (59) new members joined the Association.

### Summary of achievements:

- The Association's new committee 'Office Bearers' details lodged with the Australian Business Register in January 2018 – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association: ABN 66 429 080 066;
- Established new electronic financial transaction arrangements, banking details, and authorities;
- Introduced a Consultative Group as a means to gain proactive feedback on proposed directions by the committee, comprising a number of Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Members, past Association committee members, and long term and past Kirra Surf Club members;
- Established a generic email address [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com) for the Association;
- Engaged and continue to communicate with active members of the Kirra SLSC with a strong focus on building relationships for the overall benefit of the Association and our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club;
- The Association is 'live' on the Kirra SLSC Website: [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) | Old Boys "So simple to access..... go there and have a look as to what's happening for your Kirra Surf Club and the Association";
- Contributing with regular feature articles in the Kirra Surf Club's monthly Newsletter – Kirra Khronicle;
- Adopted the marketing software/ mailing list manager (MailChimp) to administer the growing Membership Register and the electronic distribution of newsletters, updates, and other broadcasts;
- Finalised the 2018 Calendar of Events, circulated to members in January 2018 and posted on [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) | Old Boys. Provides lead time to assist with planning and encouraging member's active involvement. 2019 Calendar of Events has been finalised/circulated to members;
- Produced in January 2018, circulated the first Newsletter #1/2018 to Association members and supporters utilising MailChimp. *Our Newsletters are now electronically received and read by members living in QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS, SA and WA; and USA States of Michigan, California, and Virginia;*
- Circulated nine (9) Association Newsletter to members to date in 2018;
- In accordance with information provided from the Office of Fair Trading: Guidelines for Category Two Art Unions successfully conducted a Car Raffle drawn 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro;
- Supported the major Ocean Roar IRB Series Carnival held at Kirra Beach in June 2018 with workforce members....thanks to those Kirra Old Boys who assisted;
- Once a feature in past Kirra Annual Reports, an Association item summarising its annual performance has not been included in the Kirra SLSC Annual Report for several years. With Club President Michael Hill's

support and assistance from Loretta Cassone, the Association is again appropriately included in the Kirra Surf Club's Annual Report for 2017/2018, and will continue to be included in future Annual Reports;

- Initiated a major project for the enhancement of Club's historical items e.g. Honour Boards; photographs; trophy cabinet; displays; etc to showcase the past 103 years and future years' history of the Kirra Surf Club. Phase One is a new KSLSC Honorary Life Members 'Honour Board' to be unveiled at a Life Members 'Back to Kirra' event in 2019;
- All revenue raised by the Association is now allocated to this major project (estimated three years to complete) with endorsement from Association and Kirra SLSC Committees and members. The Kirra Historical Project document is available on the Kirra Surf Club | Old Boys homepage;
- Association members elected to the Kirra SLS Supporters Association Committee (AGM – Aug 2018); and
- Conducted a well-attended and successful 2018 Kirra Sports Luncheon at the Pineapple Hotel on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. (*The 2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019*).

**The values of fellowship and voluntary service remain constant. The warm welcome and hand of friendship offered over the past year (2018) to the new Association Committee Members reminds us that:**

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

*We thank you for your contributions in 2018 and look forward to working with you for another successful year for the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association in 2019 .....*

The Committee: (Peter, Adam and Paul)

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

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## Establishing the 'Kirra Old Boys Lounge'



In 1982, the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association was invited to provide financial and 'in-kind' contributions to the Kirra Surf Club through the provision of bar and refrigeration equipment, furnishings, tables and chairs, carpets, and construction trade skills.

This support enabled the Kirra Surf Club's Management Committee to finally establish the '**Old Boys Lounge**' that was officially opened by the President, Surf Life Saving Queensland at a special function held at the surf club in May 1983. (*Reference: Kirra SLSC 100 years by PD Kelly; Page 213*)



As the second oldest surf lifesaving club in Queensland (*Est.: 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916*), the '**Old Boys Lounge**' also contained memorabilia showcasing Kirra's significant history that was installed through additional financial support from the Old Boys Association and with the carpentry skills of Kirra Honorary Life Member (LM #63/2005) Vic Arnall.

In acknowledging this generous financial support provided by the Kirra Old Boys Association and the initiative by Ron Gurnett in forming the Association (Ron was the first Kirra Old Boys Association President endorsed at the foundation meeting 29/11/1978), the bar and customer service area was named '**Gunners Gallery**'.

*“Left: Peter Beauchamp behind the bar – Old Boys Lounge in the early 1980s”*

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



The Association has available 'Polo Shirts' for members at a price of **only \$30.00/shirt** that includes the embroidered Logo (see photo... includes 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.

Men's Fit	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Garment ½ Chest (CM)	55	58	62	65	71
Ladies Fit	10	12	14	16	18
Garment ½ Chest (CM)	49	51.5	54	56.5	59

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

- **Size:** See the 'Table' above to determine your size and **Email** your details including number of shirts required, and your preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: **[kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)**;
- **Direct Deposit:** You can direct deposit \$30/shirt into the banking account for the Association: **BSB: 084 130 A/c: 448755954 A/c Name: Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association; (OR)**
- **Mail your cheque and details:** Mail your cheque for \$30/shirt and include details on the number of shirts required, your size/s, and your preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, 1 Lucas Cres., Ormeau Hills Qld 4208.

**Please note: Your Association Polo Shirts will be ordered from the supplier once your shirt details and payment is received by the Committee.**

### Staying in touch is important:

Mail to Association member's 'Postal Address' has come back unopened with Australia Post advising 'Return to Sender'. ☹ Your Committee values being in touch with members. The following lists our fellow members and their location as currently recorded in the Membership Register. If you have an alternate address and/or telephone number for these members, please inform Association Secretary Adam Day by emailing **[kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)** or ringing Adam on 0447 208 986 so that he may follow up with them on their contact details.

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Don Wood	Kenmore Qld 4069
Brian Jackson	Noranda WA 6062
Dennis Oswin	Ferny Hills Qld 4053
Kenneth Westaway	Paradise Waters Qld 4217
Ed Woodbury	Taringa Qld 4068



Hope you enjoyed the read..... I invite you to share this Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter 9/2018 with your circle of friends and those listed in your own electronic 'Address Book'..... Many thanks ☺

**The Committee: (Peter, Adam and Paul)**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2018