

# NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2022

## Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

-: The Association was established on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978 :-

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## **BUMPO/ELKE REMEMBRANCE DAY**

“Held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club, this annual event is a special occasion for all past and current Surf Club members, their families and club supporters who come together to celebrate the lives and contributions of all our Kirra SLSC members and family who sadly are no longer with us!”

**WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE**

“This annual event is proudly coordinated by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association”

### **Over 550 years of association with their Kirra Surf Life Saving Club...**

Fellow Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Members join their mate Barrie (Bazza) Thorne for the christening of a surf boat in his name at a ceremony held at Kirra Beach - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 –

*Left to Right:* Adam Day (LM: 58/1998); Ron Gurnett (LM: 38/1973); Keith Boucher (LM: 71/2017);

Rick Sellwood (LM: 45/1981); Barrie Thorne (LM: 42/1977); Lance English (LM: 67/2012);

Peter Beauchamp (LM: 49/1986); Bob Littler (LM: 39/1974); and John Bell (LM: 70/2015).



*"Below: Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (LM: 69/2014) Peter Flannery's long involvement with surf boats was recognised with a new surf boat christened in his name.... Congratulations Peter!"*



### **EVENT – CHRISTENING OF TWO SURF BOATS**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Kirra Beach from 2:30pm**

Kirra Surf Boat Captain – Steve Coady: “An open invitation was extended to all current and past Kirra members to join in the fun and celebrations of the christening of the Club's two Surf Boats – a giant leap forward in surf boat competition for Kirra SLSC”

# *‘Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member’*

**More images: Surf Boat christenings and a very successful Bumpo/Elke Remembrance Day**



**“Left: Club Patron Max Winders addresses those present and acknowledges the success by Kirra Surf Boat Captain Steve Coady to reintroduce surf boat competition back to Kirra Beach... GO TEAM KIRRA; Below: Current, long-serving and past Kirra SLSC members and supporters observing the proceedings”**



**“Left: Boat Captain Steve Coady acknowledging the financial support provided to purchase and setting up the two surf boats, and also calls on Father Gerard to bless the craft and those who row in them”**

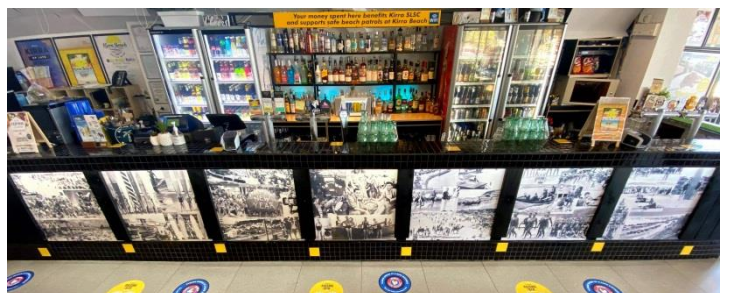
**“Right: Kirra SLSC Life Member Barrie Thorne is joined by his daughters (Lisa and Tina) and grand-daughters (Olivia and Erin) at the christening and naming of the two surf boats at Kirra Beach”**



**“Left: Our Kirra boaties join Bazza Thorne during the Bumpo/Elke Remembrance Day celebrations”**



**“Right: A glimpse of Kirra SLSC’s early history is now proudly showcased on the front of the bar in the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club. The club is open daily from 11:00 am until late. It is the place to be for cold refreshments, great meals and best views of the Gold Coast!”**



## **UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

*The best way that your Association can keep in touch with you is through our regular newsletters sent to your electronic mailing address or your residential (postal) address. If your details have changed please contact the Association Secretary (Adam Day) at [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)*

***“Electronic mailing address is the way to go!”***

Have you provided or updated your electronic Email address with the Association Secretary? Communicating via your Email address assists to make it easier and faster for the Committee to regularly ‘KEEP IN TOUCH’ and to inform you about ‘WHAT’S ON!’ for the Association and your Kirra Surf Club. Details of your Email address may be forwarded to Association Secretary Adam Day care of our address: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)

## **BECOME A MEMBER – KIRRA SURF CLUB OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**

To all our Kirra Surf Club current senior, long serving and past active 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](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)

***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 association with your surf lifesaving club”***

***-: Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member :-***

# VIGILANCE AND SERVICE – KIRRA BEACH

Thank you to all Kirra members who stepped up and performed Beach Patrols over the festive period. Several are members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.... thank you for your service ☺



*“Left: On the beach early on Christmas Day providing a safe bathing reserve for their local community and the many visitors to Kirra Beach and the wonderful City of Gold Coast:  
(L – R): Ivo Garofalo; Daniel Fenton; Cheryll Fenton; Darren Gear; and Mark Rogers”*

***“All are proud members of their Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”***

*“Right: Continuing their family tradition built over many years of patrolling at Kirra Beach on Christmas Day is Belinda and Andrew McAuliffe... A great effort Belinda and Homie”*

*“Below: It was an overcast day on Kirra Beach for Boxing Day, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Kirra members out in force and all set up to perform their Beach Patrols”*



***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”***

# Snapshot – What’s happening?



*“Left: Kirra’s Surf Boat Captain ‘Steve Coady’ presents Bazza Thorne with his Kirra Boaties shirt at the Bumpo/Elke Remembrance Day (27/12/21).....”*



**“Enjoy a hot coffee from Salty’s at Kirra Beach and support your Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”**

## **“Siblings” Kirra Beach**

Construction works are finalised and fit outs are being completed for the opening of Siblings on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This licensed business occupies the former Pizza Hut venue. There have been significant upgrades to the original spatial footprint.... A big change is the new deck built out under the building’s public promenade awning on the ocean side of the Kirra Beach Pavilion. Irrespective of what the Surf Club has been told, and yes there has been plenty of advice that the new business operating as an “*up market seafood restaurant*” will only value add for the Surf Club, this privately owned licensed hospitality venue will impact on the trade of Kirra SLSC’s very own Supporters Club...



Our licensed Kirra Supporters Club exists as a charitable business for the sole purpose of raising the necessary finances to support the voluntary operations of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club and provision of safe beach patrols for the Gold Coast community and visitors to Kirra Beach.... All who are members and proudly associated with the Kirra SLSC are called upon to continue to provide their support to ensure the success of our very own Kirra Supporters Club. *“Watch this space!!”*



## **KIRRA BEACH SURF CLUB**

### **BAR, BISTRO AND 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..... Try the breakfast menu available every Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00am...”*

## Down memory lane:



*“Left: The first Point Danger Championship held in 1928 and yes it was at Kirra Beach! Can you see the large Kirra SLSC clubhouse building on Kirra Point?”*

*“Right: Kirra SLSC clubhouse building in 1964... The Surf Club occupied the majority area of the Pavilion. Kirra Surf Club in partnership with the Coolangatta Town Council built the Kirra Beach Pavilion in 1935 as its new clubhouse for member and surf lifesaving purposes...”*



*“Left: The twin towns (Coolangatta and Tweed Heads) in 1974.... No high rise buildings and there was still a surf village feel..... Kirra SLSC had obtained its first Jet Rescue Boat (JRB) of a Smith design that was delivered and operational in the second half of the 1972/1973 patrol season. It would be regularly seen on the Tweed River negotiating the ‘bar’ to undertake ocean patrols along the southern Gold Coast beaches”*

Enjoy the articles and photographs in this January 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, copy and return these to you once copies have been made.

**Wishing you a healthy, happy and successful Year 2022**

**Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association and its Committee**



Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

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

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