

# NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2022



## Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

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

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## BE COVID SAFE!

There are now over three hundred registered members with the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, many who are deemed to be in that vulnerable age group.... The Australian Oxford Dictionary defines 'vulnerable' as: "easily wounded or harmed"..... Most if not all of us in the Association have enjoyed an active, robust and mostly healthy lifestyle thus far, and consider ourselves pretty adaptable and resilient to whatever may come.... **"COVID does not discriminate!"**

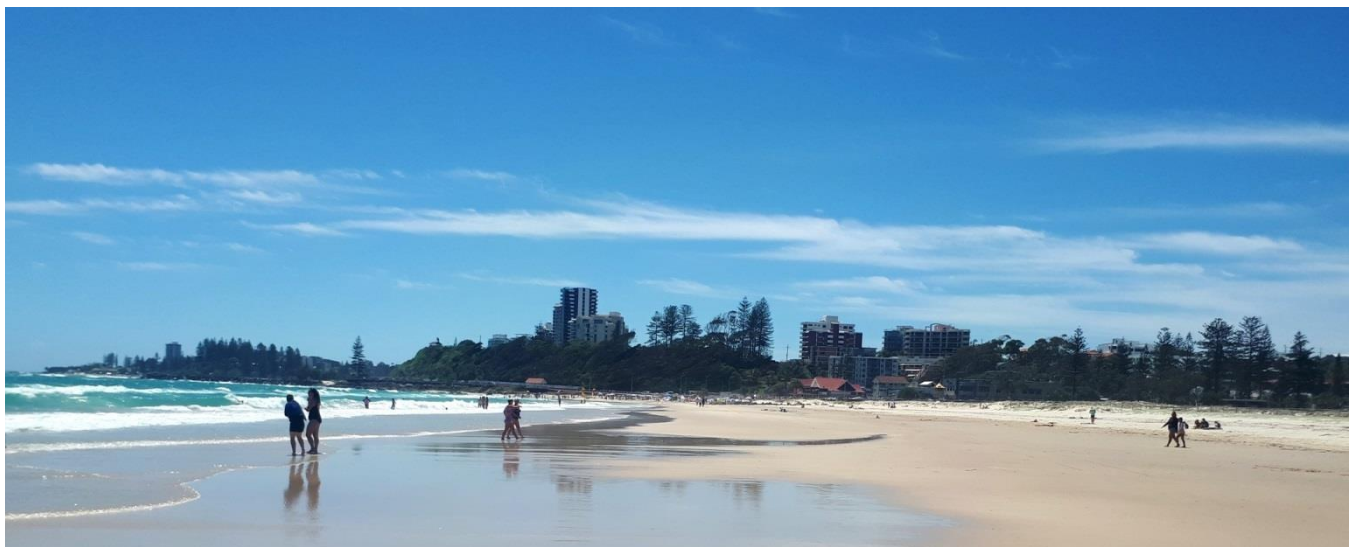
During these uncertain times of COVID spikes, peaks, troughs or whatever it may be called by Government Chief Health Officers and politicians, please be aware of your surroundings when you are 'out and about' doing your business, exercising or catching up with family and mates..... Maintain social distances; wear a face mask; regularly use available hand sanitisers; have a booster if you are eligible; and get tested if you are showing any symptoms. **'REMAIN SAFE AND ENJOY LIFE'**

### **COVID-19 SYMPTOMS** *"Extract: Australian Government – Department of Health: COVID-19 Symptoms (Update 27/01/2022)"*

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe. Some people recover easily, and others get very sick very quickly. If you test positive for COVID-19 you may experience: fever; coughing; sore throat; shortness of breath..... Other symptoms include: runny nose or congestion; headache or fatigue; muscle or joint pains; nausea or loss of appetite; diarrhoea or vomiting; temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste. COVID-19 symptoms are similar to some common illnesses, such as colds and flu, or allergies.

Most people who test positive for COVID-19 recover completely, but some people may develop long COVID. Long COVID is where symptoms of COVID-19 remain, or develop long after the initial infection – usually after 4 weeks. Symptoms of long COVID can last for weeks or sometimes months, and include: extreme fatigue (tiredness); shortness of breath; heart palpitations; chest pain or tightness; problems with memory and concentration; changes to taste and smell; joint and muscle pain. It is not yet known how long the symptoms of long COVID will last.....

*"Photograph: Kirra Point / Kirra Beach (28/12/2020) – where else would you rather be?"*



# Out and about!

Our Association members are 'Out and About' doing some mighty fine things..... "BEWDY!!"



**Yvonne Papadimos....** Extract: Queensland Athletics - "The Board of Queensland Athletics announced Yvonne Papadimos as the new State President starting in the position on the 11 June 2021. Yvonne in one of the most respected athletics administrators in the country".

Yvonne is also an executive member of the Organisation of Sports Federation of Oceania (OSFO) since 2007. Yvonne's role in the Oceania region is as the Executive Director of the Oceania Athletics Association, a position she has held since 2005. As a former athlete, sports administrator and technical official, Yvonne brings to the OSFO Board a wide range of skills and valuable experience. A highlight for Yvonne was officiating at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games; and in 2018 at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast where she also carried the Queen's Baton. Her experience in the Pacific is wide-ranging where she has been a Technical Official and the Technical Delegate at the Pacific and Pacific Mini Games since 2003.

Yvonne has a long association with her Kirra Surf Club including active participation in club administration and management, revenue generation, surf sports, and supporting safe swimming at Kirra Beach. She has served on the Club's management committee/s including successfully performing all duties as the Kirra SLSC Secretary for four years (1981 – 1985). Yvonne has also assisted the Kirra Supporters Association, and supported planning for the very successful '100 Years Celebrations' of the Kirra SLSC held in January 2016. Yvonne was one of the first female members to join and support the Association comprising past active and long-term Club members. "Yvonne, congratulations on your ongoing achievements in Sports Athletics and for your Kirra SLSC"

## IT'S A WORLD RECORD!!!



**Congratulations..... It's a new World Record!!** It was a mighty team of middle distance runners competing in the recent Queensland Masters Athletics (QMA) on the 8<sup>th</sup> January who triumphed with a new **WORLD RECORD** for the QMA M65 4 x 800 Metres Team Relay Event. In achieving this new World Record of 10 minutes 44.06 seconds, they have also set new Queensland and Australian QMA records for this middle distance relay event.

**"Left: World Record Team: (R – L) Mark McLean; Peter Reeves; Ian Cameron; and Robert Gunningham"**

Our very own **Mark (Macca) McLean** is a member of this outstanding team of world champions. Macca joined the Kirra SLSC and obtained his Bronze Medallion in Surf Lifesaving on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1979 (#12579). Mark continues to be associated with his Surf Club as a long-term member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.... **"CONGRATULATIONS MACCA"**



Extract: Kirra Khronicle – January 2022 (The Kirra SLSC Newsletter):

"A massive **THANK YOU** to Darren (Butch) Gear for all his hard work over the past month, cleaning up the clubhouse, doing dump runs, helping with the Coffee Shop renovations, and doing some general maintenance around the club..... **It is greatly appreciated**".

Wonderful to see that our Association members are out there contributing and supporting their Kirra Surf Club.... "Well done and thanks Butch!" There are many registered with the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association who remain actively involved with their Kirra SLSC..... (Photo: Butch continues to attend and perform his rostered Beach Patrols) **"Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member"**



# AUSSIE DAY AT KIRRA BEACH!

*“Planned and coordinated by the Kirra Supporters Club”*

It was an outstanding fun filled afternoon attracting good attendance for the **“Aussie Day at Kirra Beach”** coordinated by the very successful Kirra Supporters Club on Australia Day – Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The licensed club Manager (Justin Fletcher) and Head Chef (Ben Phillips) did a mighty job in putting together the Aussie Day event and ensured a fun day for patrons..... *“Several Kirra Surf Club current long-serving and past active members caught up with olde mates during an enjoyable afternoon!”* Whilst the planned Aussie Day activities were all action downstairs at the **‘Saltys Beach Bar’**, plenty was happening upstairs in the main

licensed Club – ‘Bar and Bistro’..... Kirra Boaties conducted raffles through the afternoon in support of the Surf Club’s surf boat competition..... **“A big thank you to the wonderful staff on duty that ensured a very successful and action packed day at the Kirra Supporters Club”**

*‘Photographs – a fun-filled Australia Day event at Kirra Beach’*



*“All monies raised by the Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association benefit the Kirra SLSC and contribute in supporting safe patrols at Kirra Beach”*

# UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS



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

## ENCOURAGING PAST KIRRA MEMBERS TO JOIN THE KIRRA SURF CLUB OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

Today in January 2022, your Association has up to three hundred (300) past active and long serving Kirra SLSC members registered on the mailing list. Given this membership number, our Association is one of the largest amongst surf lifesaving clubs throughout Queensland.

***“Seeking your support to encourage those past male and female members from your era in Kirra SLSC to become a member of the Association”***

To all of 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 associated with the Surf Club: 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!***

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)

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

***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”***

# DOWN MEMORY LANE:



“Above: It was a busy day at Kirra Beach (early 1930s) – In the background is the Kirra SLSC’s second clubhouse of three levels.... built on Kirra Point and proudly owned by the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Est: 07/01/1916)”

“Below: Kirra Surf Club legend Max Annand (1953) – An outstanding swimmer, talented surf sports competitor, and a popular and quality surf lifesaver”



“Above Left: Difficult to find a place to park during a surf carnival held at Kirra Beach in 1934.... This was only a year before construction commenced on the Kirra SLSC’s third clubhouse (build as a joint project between the Kirra SLSC and Coolangatta Town Council); Above Right: The eagle soars high over Kirra Point (1970s)”



“Left: The 1960s on the southern Gold Coast was just so different to the hustle of year 2022... It was a family holiday destination with large camping grounds and reasonably priced accommodation” ☺ ☺

**It was the year 1970 and a number of new members joined with most maintaining a long association with their Kirra SLSC, including: Graham (Bumpo) Freeman; Greg Ward; Gary Douglas; Ross French; John Bowler; Beauchamp brothers (Alan and Peter); Ken Shaw; Jack Hunter; Michael Dellit; Jim Devlin; Wayne McCormack; Keith Mullen; Russell Smith; Glenn Sommer; David Thomas; Max Armstrong; and Peter Cohen, to name a few. *Barrie Thorne was Club Captain with Lance English as Vice-Captain.***



**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...”*



***“A BIG THANK YOU TO THE COMMITTEE AND STAFF OF THE KIRRA SUPPORTERS CLUB”***

Over the past three years it can be clearly observed that there has been such a turn-around of the business for the Kirra Supporters Club. The small Association management team comprises long-term and experienced Kirra SLSC members including three Honorary Life Members and an Honorary Life Governor. They have diligently worked together and with their staff to develop an inviting and profitable licensed Kirra Supporters Club. *“What a difference a few short years has made to this business!”*

Most of those on the management team for the Kirra Supporters Club are registered members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, including two who are also on the Kirra Old Boys committee.

*“The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association acknowledges the outstanding successes achieved, and further expresses appreciation to the Kirra Supporters Club management team and its professional staff for their continuing support of the Association and for their commitment to ensure the success of our major annual events held at the licensed Club... thank you and well done”.*

Hope you enjoyed the articles and photographs in this February 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

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