



# Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

(Established 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978)



## NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2020

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## COVID-19 impacting on our daily lives

It has been a difficult and unprecedented period for all as the Coronavirus spreads throughout the world. The health and well-being of so many people is under threat and sadly lives lost. Sanctions are enforced on normal daily life style activities, work, sporting and other events.

Many within our community have lost their employment and there appears to be little opportunity for re-employment for some time to come. Individuals and families are experiencing financial crisis and functioning on a day to day basis. Buying groceries at the local supermarket can be a life experience in itself. World and national economies are severely impacted with borders not only within our country but across the world being closed..... Our National and State Governments are displaying uncommon unity, working together for the health and well-being of all Australians, implementing strategies to minimise the spread of the virus and 'flatten the curve', whilst endeavouring to stimulate the economy for our nation.

Given the age demographic of the membership of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association with most being in the 50+ age bracket, many of our Kirra mates are considered to be the most vulnerable within our community. Most live with their family member/s, however some live alone and a few may experience mobile restrictions.

Should you have the opportunity and can assist, we asked that you reach out and contact your old Kirra Surf Club mates and enquire on their well-being.... ask if they are 'OK' and an offer of some assistance would be most welcomed and appreciated. *"Helping a Kirra mate, colleague or neighbour in their time of need!"*

*"Please follow the Government Medical Officer's advice on minimising you and your family's exposure to COVID-19, stay safe, check in with each other, practice social distancing and remain positive... We will see you all again sooner not later on the other side of COVID-19"*

## National information and updates – COVID-19

Whilst there are many sites available on the internet for information and updates on COVID-19, one site that is helpful is provided by the Australian Government – Department of Health. This web site is regularly updated and details how the Australian Government is monitoring and responding to the pandemic outbreak; how you can help to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Australia; medical advice and case numbers; and what to do if you may have symptoms.

To access this Australian Government site: **TYPE IN** Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Alerts and **ENTER**, then **CLICK** Coronavirus (Covid-19) Health Alerts | Australian Government

## Some Kirra SLSC activities deferred/cancelled owing to COVID-19

- Beach Patrols at Kirra Beach limited to 'Surveillance Patrols' by three Bronze Members with no requirement to place patrol flags on the beach to mark the designated swimming area;
- Restricted access policy for all members to the Kirra SLSC Clubhouse until further notice;
- Cancellation of all SLSQ/SLSA/World Surf Sports and Surf Lifesaving Championships;
- Cancellation/deferral of Kirra Surf Club events (no gatherings of more than two people);
- Temporary closure of the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club 'Bar & Bistro' from 24<sup>th</sup> March; and more...

See the message and update from our Kirra SLSC Club President Joel Kinneally that is now available on the Kirra Surf Club webpage: [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) | Our Club | Document | From the President: COVID-19

*"Focused on protecting the health and safety of all surf club members, families and supporters of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club"*

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




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

**\$125 tickets ~ only 199 to be sold**

Drawn Sunday 3rd May 2020 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:

Tickets available now  
 Phone: Paul Cameron 0418 728 089  
 Mark Rogers 0411 511 511  
 Or Direct Deposit  
 BSB: 084 130  
 A/c: 448755954  
 & email your details to

Sci-Fleet Toyota  Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association  
 ABN: 66 429 080 066 email: kirra@kirraoldboys.com

## **STOP THE PRESS!!**

***Tickets are still available!***  
***Change of the raffle draw date!***  
***Additional prizes!***  
***Supporting volunteer surf lifesaving!***

Yes, the annual Kirra Car Raffle that is a major revenue generator for the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association is **STILL ON with tickets still available!**

Owing to the Government's latest COVID-19 national sanctions on mass gatherings and the closure of licensed clubs and hotels, etc, the date for the draw for the Kirra Car Raffle has been re-scheduled. Further, given that the Committee cannot conduct a Draw Function (definitely a mass gathering),

and to provide opportunity to sell the last remaining tickets during these difficult times, **the Raffle Draw date is now rescheduled to FRIDAY, 3RD JULY 2020**.

**Yes, and there is more!!** The 'Old Boys' Committee has further determined that as there is no raffle draw function, the savings from this event will be allocated for an **"Additional THREE x \$500 valued complimentary prizes"** for items such as: (Examples) \$500 Coupon/s for Supermarket Groceries; Fuel; Clothing; Hardware; Alcohol; etc.

- !!! ONLY 199 TICKETS TO BE SOLD FOR THE CAR RAFFLE;**
- !!! GREAT OPPORTUNITY (GOOD ODDS) TO WIN A NEW CAR;**
- !!! LESS THAN 100 TICKETS REMAINING TO BE SOLD IN THIS 2020 KIRRA CAR RAFFLE;**
- !!! DRAW TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 3RD JULY 2020 AT 4:00PM;**
- !!! FIRST PRIZE OF A NEW CAR VALUED AT \$15,990.00;**
- !!! THREE COMPLEMENTARY PRIZES EACH VALUED AT \$500.00.**



**WE NEED YOU!**

***A special request to our Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and Kirra Surf Club members for your support:***

***Your assistance to buy a ticket or sell a few tickets amongst your circle of friends and business colleagues would be much appreciated. If you can help, please contact 'Kirra Old Boys' Committee Members Paul Cameron (Mobile) 0418 728 089 or Mark Rogers (Mobile) 0411 511 511 or***

***Email: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com) for your ticket/s.....***

***"Thank you for your generous support"***

## Temporary closure – Kirra Beach Surf Club ‘Bar & Bistro’

Given the National Government’s imposed sanctions, it was a sad duty for the Committee of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association to temporarily close the Kirra Beach Surf Club ‘Bar & Bistro’ on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. With increase patronage and staff interaction, multiple pre-booked functions and activities, and Bistro menu and customer service improvements, our licensed club has been successfully operating and looking forward to a prosperous year 2020.

*Extract: PM announcement – Sunday 22/03/2020 (8PM): Registered and licensed clubs, licensed premises in hotels and pubs, entertainment venues and cinemas, casinos and nightclubs will all close from midday on Monday, under new arrangements agreed between Scott Morrison and the premiers.*

The licensed club staff and patrons are highly valued and crucial for the continuing success of the Kirra Beach Surf Club ‘Bar & Bistro’. The Committee personally met with staff on that Monday to communicate the reasons for closure; provided Letters of Reference and gift packages; and reinforced its commitment to provide opportunities to re-employ the club’s casual staff. Strategies have also been developed to ensure staff and patrons are regularly informed and updated as the Club Manager (Patrik Holmkvist) and Committee monitors this uniquely changing environment to ensure the licensed club is in a ‘State of Readiness’ to successfully reopen when the national sanctions are lifted.

## Kirra Beach Surf Club ‘Bar & Bistro’ WILL REOPEN

### Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association:

**President:** Michael Hill; **Deputy President:** Paul Cameron;  
**Secretary:** Peter Beauchamp (KSLSC Honorary Life Member); **Treasurer:** Barry Cameron (KSLSC Honorary Life Member);  
**Committee Member/s x Three:** Anthony Cassone; Cheryl Fenton; Vacant;  
**Finance Officer/Accountant:** Loretta Cassone (KSLSC Honorary Life Governor)  
**Club Manager:** Patrik Holmkvist / **Head Chef:** Ben Phillips

*Note: Six of the Association officers are also members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association*

## HOME TAKEAWAYS NOW AVAILABLE – KIRRA BEACH SURF CLUB



With the temporary closure of trading for the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club, the Committee has supported transition to a new model whereby the club can still provide a service to our local community of members and supporters.

Club Manager (Patrik) and Head Chef (Ben) are now providing **TAKEAWAY PRODUCTS** including packaged alcohol and soft drinks, coffees, and Chef prepared takeaway meals for all members in our local community.

Stock up and support your local licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club – “A not for profit charitable business with all monies raised supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club for the provision of Beach Patrols for a safe Kirra Beach”.

***If you haven't been there yet, check out our little pop up shop at the surf club!  
Take Away Food - Drinks - Coffee  
Open Tuesday – Saturday: 10am to 5pm***



## 2020 – ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Friday 3rd July NEW DRAW DATE	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Draw – Kirra Car Raffle</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>!!! ONLY 199 TICKETS TO BE SOLD FOR THE RAFFLE;                      !!! DRAW TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 3RD JULY 2020 AT 4:00PM;                      !!! FIRST PRIZE OF A NEW CAR VALUED AT \$15,990.00;                      !!! THREE COMPLEMENTARY PRIZES EACH VALUED AT \$500.00.</i> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> "Owing to CORVID-19 Government stations including closure of all licensed venues and severe limitations on gatherings, the CAR RAFFLE DRAW FUNCTION is cancelled..... Costs savings from the function now allocated for an additional Three Complimentary Prizes".                 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brisbane <i>(Results of the draw published in the Courier Mail)</i></p>
Sunday 26th July	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WATCH THIS SPACE – THE KIRRA GOLF DAY ORGANISERS (BRASHIE AND GREG) TO DETERMINE IF THE DAY IS TO BE RESCHEDULED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual Kirra Golf Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">                     24 player positions available – Tee off from 8:30am                      Green Fee - \$40 / Cart Hire - \$20/player (if required)                      Contact John 'Brashie' Bell (M: 0401 172 521) on your attendance                 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club (West course)</p>
Friday 28th August	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WATCH THIS SPACE – THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSULT WITH THE PINEAPPLE HOTEL TO DETERMINE IF THE KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON IS TO BE RESCHEDULED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kirra Sports Luncheon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A fun day from 11:30am and through to 3:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pineapple Hotel</p>
Friday 20th November	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Members Christmas Social Function/AGM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pineapple Hotel</p>
Sunday 27th December	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <i>"A special day for all surf club members and families when we come together and remember those Kirra SLSC members and dear family who sadly are no longer with us – Lest we Forget"</i>                      "Commencing from 3:30pm"                 </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kirra Beach Surf Club Bar/Bistro</p>

## DOWN MEMORY LANE



*"Left: Coolangatta Railway Station in the early 1960's around that period of the closure of the train service between Brisbane and Coolangatta. Many Kirra SLSC and other surf club members of a past era often utilised the train to travel from and to Brisbane for their surf club activities"*



*"Right: Kirra SLSC members receiving a 14 seater mini-bus organised by Barry Cameron (Kirra Life Member 41/1976) and generously supported through Sci-Fleet Toyota, Brisbane in 1981: (R-L) Trevor Klingner (Kirra Life Member 51/1990); Ross (Bundy) Edmonds; Barry Mullins (Kirra Life Member 48/1985); Scott Littler; Peter Beauchamp (Kirra Life Member 49/1986); and Ron Gurnett (Kirra Life Member 38/1973)"*



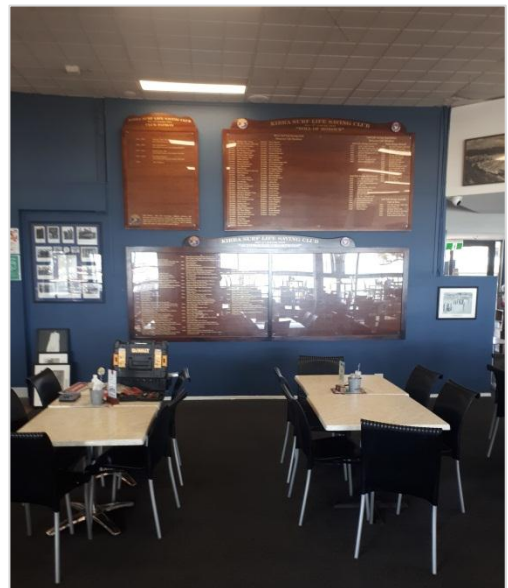
*"Left: Kirra Surf Club members operating the Jet Rescue Boat (JRB) and Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) off Kirra Beach in 1987. JRB crew (R-L) are Glen Winstanley; Peter Beauchamp (Skipper/Driver); and Kirk Wilson; IRB crew (R-L) are Darren Gear (Driver) and Darren Gilby"*

## Kirra Historical Project – An update

The new Kirra SLSC Australian Champions Honour Board is now positioned in the surf club. The recently erected (mid 2019) Life Members and Patron 'Honour Boards' were raised so as to provide the required space for the Australian Champions Honour Board to be included on the same wall.

This location in the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club provides added protection from the environment (particularly the high humidity downstairs in the Club) for the Honour Boards; and showcases the premier achievements by our members in a broad range of activities to the greater viewing public regularly visiting our Kirra SLSC building and the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club Bar & Bistro.

This now is a very special wall celebrating 104 years of performance by members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. The Australian Champions Honour Board is the third Honour Board to be sponsored, researched and built over the past twelve months by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association as part of the Kirra Historical Project..... "More to come!"



**A partnership  
benefiting all  
Kirra SLSC  
members**

The research and development of these 'Honour Boards' is part of the Kirra Historical Project. The Project Business Case was submitted by the Committee of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association to the Kirra SLSC Management in May 2018 and endorsed at the Kirra Surf Club's 2018 Annual General Meeting. The Business Case for the Kirra Historical Project is available to read on the Kirra Surf Club's Webpage | Old Boys... [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au)

*"All revenue raised by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association is for the benefit of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club"*



## FOR SALE – FOR SALE – FOR SALE

Given the popular demand for an Association 'Polo Shirt', the Committee has ordered further polo shirts with embroidered Logo for members at a price of **only \$30.00/shirt** (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.... **Sizes currently available include: L; XL; and 2XL**

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

**Email** your details including size and preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com);

**Direct Deposit:** Direct deposit \$30/shirt to the Association bank account: BSB: 084130; A/C: 448755954; Name: Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.



## National Medal for Service

Congratulations to long serving active member of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club and member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, **Ivo Garofalo** who was awarded the Commonwealth of Australia – National Medal for Service. Over his many years Ivo has continued to perform his annually rostered Beach Patrols at Kirra Beach, and is also an active member/operator of the SLSQ Jet Ski (Wave-runner) Ocean Safety Patrols that cover the beaches of the southern Gold Coast.

The National Medal for Service was presented to Ivo by Club President Joel Kinneally.... *“A celebration drink when the sanctions are lifted”*



It has been eighty-five (85) years since the Kirra Beach Pavilion was constructed and occupied in 1935 as the Kirra SLSC clubhouse. The Kirra Surf Club provided significant financial and in-kind investment for the original construction of the building. The building construction project was led by Kirra SLSC – Club President SW (Bill) Winders MBE OstJ. SW (Bill) Winders MBE OstJ was also at that time the Mayor, Coolangatta Town Council.

Since construction and sole occupancy of the Pavilion, the Kirra Surf Club has continuously invested in the ongoing maintenance of this iconic Gold Coast and Queensland building.

The current Kirra SLSC ‘Club Patron’ Max Winders is the grandson of our Surf Club foundation and legendary member SW (Bill) Winders MBE OstJ. Max Winders is only the **fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) person to be endorsed as Kirra Surf Club’s ‘Club Patron’ in 104 years.**

Year 2020 is the 104<sup>th</sup> year of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Established 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916)”

**“Kirra SLSC is the second oldest surf lifesaving club in Queensland and one of the longest continuously operating surf lifesaving clubs in Australia”**

**Volunteerism – The principal 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.**



Please share the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – April 2020 Newsletter with your circle of friends and work colleagues connected with and supporting our Kirra SLSC.....

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Committee, your Association, and our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.  
Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association  
(Peter, Adam, Paul and Mark)

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