



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association



NEWSLETTER

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STOP THE PRESS!!! IT'S ON AGAIN....

2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon at the Pineapple Hotel....

"Tickets are only \$125 and selling fast!!"

(The best value for money Sports Luncheon in Brisbane!!)

Friday 30th August – Table seating from 11:30am.....

Acclaimed sports journalist and horse racing legend Bart Cummings OAM is the Master of Ceremonies..... George Donniger (sports commentator, played for Brothers RLFC, businessman, and a great supporter of surf lifesaving) will engage with our special guests on their sporting life achievements.

Rugby League international and NSW representative Geoff Starling, the youngest player selected for Australia will relate his experiences as a Kangaroo (#459) on the successful tour of England, and playing for NSW against the 'Mighty Maroons'. Geoff was inducted into the Balmain Tigers Hall of Fame in 2007. *"Geoff is a strong supporter of the Former International Greats (GIFs) charity fund-raising activities"*

Bernie Pramberg is a celebrated sports journalist who covered a variety of events including football, golf, horse racing, cycling, Commonwealth and Olympic Games. A diehard Queensland Rugby League supporter and renowned State of Origin referee during the 1970s who was affectionally known as 'The Grasshopper'.

A further sporting great's details are being finalised by the Sports Lunch organisers.... [Watch this space!](#)

"The quality of our Guest Speakers will enhance your experience at the 2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon"

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET ON LINE: www.kirra2019.eventbrite.com.au

PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR TICKET PURCHASE (\$125) ON LINE FOR YOURSELF, YOUR SMALL GROUP, OR FOR YOUR TABLE OF TEN (\$1,250).

On booking and paying for your tickets, please provide your name and/or guest details to the Committee on kirra@kirraoldboys.com so that you and guest/s can be seated together.

For further enquiries please don't hesitate to contact either Peter Beauchamp (0429 548813; beechofamily4@tpq.com.au) or Adam Day (0447 208986; kirra@kirraoldboys.com)

For the price of your ticket!

- ✓ The Sports Luncheon will be of an **EXTRA ONE HOUR DURATION** and now from 11:30am to 3:30pm;
- ✓ Additional raffle prizes being provided and more chances to WIN/WIN/WIN!
- ✓ Sensational Pineapple Hotel seafood lunch with icy cold refreshments including wine;
- ✓ **FREE** transport (mini-bus) for Gold Coast residents to depart and return to the Kirra Surf Club.

"Any support you can provide through buying a ticket; encouraging your mates and work colleagues to attend; or organising a **TABLE OF TEN** will help make this a most successful event for your Association.... **PAY ON LINE NOW** at www.kirra2019.eventbrite.com.au

All revenue raised by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association is for the benefit of the members, families and supporters of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club

"2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon is proudly supported by the Pineapple Hotel, Brisbane"



Kirra SLSC – Office Bearers: 104th season of surf lifesaving

At the 103rd Annual General Meeting held Sunday 23rd June 2019, the following members were endorsed to lead the Kirra Surf Club for its 104th season of surf lifesaving. I know that you join with me in wishing the newly elected Surf Club Executive and Management Committees every success and offer of support for the 2019/2020 season.

Kirra Surf Club ‘Executive’ for the 2019/2020 season, includes:

President – Joel Kinneally; **Deputy President** – Anthony Cassone; **Secretary** – Baillie Nash; **Treasurer** – Loretta Cassone; **Captain** – Isaac Nation; **Chief Training Officer** – Laurie Cavill; **Sports & Comp. Officer** – Chris Eddelbuttel; **Junior (Nipper) Association Chair** – Darrin Jones; and **Supporters Club President** – Michael Hill.



“Our Association members offer their support”

The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association was well represented at the 103rd AGM with several members endorsed as ‘Office Bears’ on various Kirra SLSC Management and Sub-Committees, including:

Patron – Max Winders; **Deputy President** – Anthony Cassone; **Chief Training Officer** – Laurie Cavill; **JA Chair** – Darrin Jones; **Supporters President** – Michael Hill; **IRB Officer** – Andrew McAuliffe; **Surf Boat Officer** – Peter Flannery; **Old Boys Chair** – Peter Beauchamp; **Grievance Officer** – Peter Barry; **Legal Officer** – Dennis Boucher; **Medical Officer** – Dr Steve Barry; **Constitution Committee** – Peter Beauchamp, Michael Hill, Lianne Stanton, and Dennis Boucher; and **Meritorious Awards Committee**: Peter Kelly, Scott Byrnes, Garth Gear, Lance English, Gaven Gear, John Bell, and Lianne Stanton.....

“Yes, all are registered members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and are offering their experience and assistance for their Kirra Surf Life Saving Club!”

“ONCE A KIRRA MEMBER – ALWAYS A KIRRA MEMBER”



Message from Joel Kinneally President, Kirra Surf Life Saving Club

Dear Members,

As the AGM is over for another year, on behalf of the incoming Committee we’d like to thank you for your ongoing support of Kirra SLSC and let you all know that we will be looking after the forward direction of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club for not only the next 3 years if you’ll have us, but also well into the future if you think we are doing a good job.

As President my immediate goal is to revisit our communication with each and every one of you and to keep you up to date with what’s happening in your surf club community. Plans are already underway in developing a strategic plan that guides us through the short term but more importantly gives us direction to where we would like to be in ten years’ time.

I’d personally like to welcome you back or invite you back to get around your club and help us create some momentum as we head towards the 2019/2020 season. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved and I look forward to catching up with you all next time you are down the club.

That’s it for now, more to follow in time, please keep a look out for our emails of what’s on.

Take care.

Joel Kinneally
President - Kirra SLSC



Kirra SLSC 73rd Honorary Life Member

At the 103rd Annual General Meeting, long serving member **Nev Gray** was unanimously endorsed as a Kirra Surf Life Saving Club's 'Honorary Life Member'.

Honorary Life Membership of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club should always be an unexpected privilege and is an honour to receive. Of the many thousands who have been associated with the Kirra Surf Club over its one hundred and three (103) year history, only seventy-three (73) members have been bestowed this very special and highest club honour.

A modest and unassuming person, Nev had no knowledge that he was being considered for the Kirra Surf Club's 'Highest Honour'. In Nev's own words..... *"My family are very proud of me and so is everyone I've told at work. I am still overwhelmed..... it is such an honour. I am absolutely stocked and extremely proud"*.

"Left: Kirra SLSC's 73rd Honorary Life Member, Nev Gray (proudly wearing his maroon jersey) is standing with Michael Hill (Club President 2017-2019) in the Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro on Sunday 23rd June 2019"

For more information on your Kirra Surf Life Saving Club – Committee, What's On, History, Past Newsletters, Business Case for the Kirra Historical Project, Kirra Old Boys, and so much more..... Click on the Kirra SLSC Website: www.kirrasurfclub.com.au

Kirra SLSC – Honorary Life Governor Membership

Two very special and dedicated members who have given outstanding service were bestowed Honorary Life Governor membership of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club at the 103rd Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to **Loretta Cassone** and **Rose Gear**, two truly amazing people who have selflessly contributed so much of themselves to advancing the goals and supporting the membership of our Kirra Surf Club.... *"Well done!"*

"Hilly, thank you for your commitment and support!" At the 103rd Annual General Meeting, **Michael Hill** stood down from the leadership position of President, Kirra Surf Life Saving Club after two years in the role. Michael has given excellent service not only in the position of Club President, but also as President of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association. He has promoted a philosophy that the Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro is not *"just those up there"* but a crucial and integral part of the Kirra Surf Club moving forward. He has also been the *'public face'* of the surf club with the campaign for a fair deal from Gold Coast City Council on the club's building occupancy within the Kirra Beach Pavilion.

Whilst Michael will continue in the role as President for the Supporters Association, he will now have a little more free time to share with his young family..... *"Well done Hilly!"*

As Club President, Michael has committed himself to *"Strengthening relationships – building partnerships"* between the Kirra Club's Committee and the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and its almost three hundred members. *"Michael is a member of the Association"*.

Members enjoy Kirra's 103rd Annual Dinner

"Celebrating the achievements of a successful 2018/2019 season of surf lifesaving"



"Left: It was a fun evening at the Kirra Surf Club's 103rd Annual Dinner held in the Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro on Saturday 22nd June 2019. A number of Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association members attended, including this table group (L-R): Barry Cameron (Kirra SLSC Life Member #41/1976); Michael Hill (Club President); Mrs Glenda Winders; Max Winders (Club Patron); Peter Beauchamp (Kirra SLSC Life Member #49/1986)... taking the photograph; Adam Day (Kirra SLSC Life Member #58/1998); Adam's daughter Poppy Day"

Come along next year and catch up with olde Kirra mates and make new ones! It would be wonderful to have two or more tables full of long serving and past Kirra members attending next year's Annual Dinner to celebrate your Surf Club's 104th season of surf lifesaving..... "Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member"



"Left: Loretta Cassone (Kirra Club Treasurer, coordinator of the 103rd Annual Dinner and the newest Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor) is with Anthony Cassone (2019/2020 Kirra Deputy President) and enjoying a fun night together at the 103rd Annual Dinner held in the Kirra Supporters Club"



"Right: Kirra SLSC's latest 'Australian Champion'.... Chris Eddebuttel is the reigning Gold Medallist for the Masters Surf Board Riding Event won at the 2019 Australian Surf Lifesaving Championship held on the Gold Coast.... Chris was also on the Kirra SLSC Executive Committee for the 2018/2019 season holding the position of Sports and Competition Officer..... Congratulations Chris on your outstanding win at the Aussies!"






"We are one and we are family"




Selected for the 2019 Queensland 'State IRB Teams'



Congratulations to the sixteen (16) Kirra IRB team members who have been named in the Queensland Cyclones 'State IRB Team' and Queensland's 'IRB Development Team'.

The Queensland Cyclones 'State IRB Team' includes Ben Domeracki; Isaac Nation; Belinda Elms; Baillie Nash; Sophie Clemson; Andrew McAuliffe; and Loretta Cassone.

The Queensland 'IRB Development Team' includes Joel Kinneally; Ella

Kinneally; Eli Clemson; Josh Clemson; Mark Sheldrick; Leah Sheldrick; Shiloh Young; Gab Kinneally; and Anthony Cassone.

This is outstanding news!! Congratulations to our Kirra SLSC members who were selected for their hard work, training and consistent high performance in IRB competitions. We wish our Kirra Surf Club members and the Queensland (Cyclones) State IRB Team every success at the **Australian IRB Championship** to be held at Kingscliff NSW from the 11th to 14th July 2019. The Cyclones are the current Inter-State Champions..... **"GO TEAM KIRRA"**

2019 CALENDAR EVENTS AND DATES

Dates and venues for remaining Year 2019 events of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.....

"Come along and see you there!!"

DATE - 2019	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 18 th August	Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association Annual General Meeting commencing 10:00am	Kirra Surf Club
Friday 30 th August	Kirra Sports Luncheon (11:30am start - through to 3:30pm)	Pineapple Hotel
Saturday 26 th October	RETURN TO KIRRA BEACH - DEDICATION OF LIFE MEMBERS AND CLUB PATRON HONOUR BOARDS (Arrive at 1pm to view Kirra SLSC aquatic displays including IRBs; Helicopter; Nippers; Members and Life Members photographs <u>and</u> from 3:30pm the dedication of Kirra Surf Club Honour Boards in the Supporters Club	Kirra Surf Club
Friday 29 th November	'Old Boys Association' - Christmas Social (5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start to late)	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 27 th December	Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day This is a special day for all surf club members and families to come together and remember those Kirra members who sadly are no longer with us - "Lest we forget"	Kirra Supporters Club



Kirra Supporters Club Bar/Bistro

**Great venue – Great views – Great meals –
Friendly staff – Cold refreshments**

“The family club”

“Breakfast is now available on weekends”

“Kirra Supporters Club – A great venue for watching the whales passing off Kirra Beach!”

Down memory lane:



At Thirroul Beach in 1995, our Kirra IRB Team were strong competitors and won the Club’s first ever Australian IRB Championship **GOLD MEDAL** This success was achieved by Kirra SLSC members Michael Harrison, Darren Tink and Belinda Elms in the Open Rescue Event. The Kirra IRB Team also gained a **SILVER MEDAL** in the Mass Rescue Event with Michael Harrison, Darren Tink, Paula Wood, Belinda Elms, and Helen Gordon.

Our Kirra IRB Team was placed second in the overall National Points Score for this Australian IRB Championship..... *“So the journey of Aussie success commenced at Thirroul now continues today in IRB competition!”*

With this Gold Medal at Thirroul Beach, Belinda Elms became the first female member in the Club’s history to have her name recorded on the Kirra SLSC ‘Australian Champions – Honour Board’. Belinda has won further Australian and World IRB Championship **GOLD MEDALS** for her team and our Kirra Surf Club, and continues to compete in IRB’s (2019)... *“Belinda is an outstanding IRB competitor and multiple Gold Medal winner at Queensland, Australian and World IRB Championships”*

“Mark this one in your calendar as a must attend Kirra event!”

**RETURN TO KIRRA BEACH and
DEDICATION OF THE HONRARY LIFE MEMBERS AND CLUB PATRON HONOUR BOARDS
Saturday 26th October 2019**

- **1pm:** Arrive Kirra Beach; Meet and greet; View aquatic displays including IRBs, Helicopter, Kirra Nipper activities on the beach; Club Members and Honorary Life Members photograph;
- **3:30pm:** Dedication of the Kirra Surf Club Honour Boards in the Kirra Supporters Club by our Club Patron Max Winders, our longest serving Honorary Life Member attending, and Club President Joel Kinneally; and
- Enjoy the facilities available in the Kirra Supporters Club, and good yarns with olde and new Kirra mates.



Hope you enjoyed this read..... We invite you to share the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter June 2019 with your circle of friends and those listed in your own electronic ‘Address Book’..... Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association and our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

**Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association Committee:
(Peter, Adam and Paul)**

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