

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2021

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

-: Established 29th November 1978 :-

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Facebook Article – Surf Life Saving Queensland: 24th June 2021: Congratulations to Kirra Surf Life Saving Club whose partnership with Loganlea State High School has been recognised at the Education Queensland Showcase Awards for the school's Youth Development Program. The program is designed to develop students' leadership skills in the context of community service and surf life saving, with students that successfully graduate becoming qualified lifesavers.

Kirra SLSC has gained valuable patrolling members from the program, who over the years have gone on to become Patrol Captains, hold Committee positions, win Gold at State, Aussie and World levels, and have used their skills to gain pathways into employment. What an awesome program to be a part of! **(End of Facebook Article)**



ANNUAL KIRRA GOLF DAY Wynnum Golf Club

A great morning of fun with your Kirra mates at the Wynnum Golf Club down the bayside of Brisbane!

Kirra Old Boys and partners given the first opportunity to play ☺ ☺ Brashie has advised that there are positions remaining. *Those playing who wish to book a golf cart need to personally contact the Wynnum Pro-Shop!*

Organised by Kirra SLSC Life Member John (Brashie) Bell, the annual Kirra Golf Days are a fun day of sport, friendship and social interaction amongst all attending. A light lunch and refreshments provided on the conclusion of competition sponsored by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

Sunday 11th July 2021 with tee off from 7:00am - Wynnum Golf Club

Players are requested to arrive at the Wynnum Golf Course by 6:30am to pay your green fees and cart hire First tee off from 7:04am

Limited player positions available (32 players) so please contact Brashie to confirm that you are playing...

(The Wynnum Pro Shop can be contacted on [07 3396 9000](tel:0733969000) to booked your golf cart)

Could this mean trouble?



Long-time good mates and Kirra 'Old Boys' catching up for their regular lunch.... *"Lunch sometimes extends into dinner that often is followed by a few sips and good fellowship!"* Photograph above (L-R): Darren Gear; Nick Hume; Adam Day; and Mark Rogers..... *'Back to the eighties/nineties at Kirra Beach!'*

"Hey... what is that saying?"

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



Its On Again

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Assoc

Car Raffle

**Win a
MG3
Auto Core
Valued at
\$17,490**



\$125 tickets ~ only 199 to be sold

Tickets available now

**Drawn Sunday 3rd October 2021 at 4pm
Kirra Surf Club Supporters Bar
Marine Parade, Kirra
Complementary drinks for all ticket holders
present for draw from 3pm to 5pm**

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

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Association 'Calendar of Events – Year 2021'

“Lock these remaining events into your Year 2021 calendar. Plan your attendance and enjoy the ‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’ revenue raising and fellowship events”

Sunday 11th July 2021: Yes it's back!!! The KIRRA GOLF DAY will be held at the Wynnum Golf Club.

Saturday 17th July 2021: KIRRA SLSC ANNUAL DINNER (Kirra Supporters – Contact the Club Office for tickets)

Sunday 18th July 2021: KIRRA SLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Kirra Supporters for an 8:30am start)

Sunday 3rd October 2021: The very successful KIRRA CAR RAFFLE is back for Year 2021!!! The Car Raffle DRAW at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club between 3:00pm and 5:00pm..... **TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!**

Friday 26th November 2021: Be at the ‘Kirra Old Boys’ CHRISTMAS FUNCTION/AGM at Bob Singleton’s famous Pineapple Hotel commencing from 5:30pm for a fun evening of fellowship with olde and new Kirra mates.

Monday 27th December 2021: Annual BUMPO/ELKE REMEMBRANCE DAY at the Kirra Beach Surf Club commencing from 3:30pm..... This is a special day for all to remember and celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us. Let's have a sea of Royal Blue and Gold: *‘Wear your Kirra Old Boys Association or Kirra SLSC polo shirt’.*

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”*

BECOME A MEMBER – KIRRA SURF CLUB OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

To all our Kirra Surf Club current senior, long serving and past 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

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DOWN MEMORY LANE:



Australian Junior Boat Crew Silver Medallists being presented with Medals by SLSA President Mr (later Sir) Adrian Curlew - L-R: R Halpin, B Hatchett, E Kempnich, H Mills, C Neylan

“Left: Southport – 1954.... Ron Halpin was the sweep and looks not much older than his crew of Kirra Juniors. Ron was acknowledged as a legendary surfboat sweep and all round surf lifesaving competitor. He had a reputation of being fearless in a big ocean. Ron was honoured with Honorary Life Membership (#30/1963) of his Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”



“Above: Surf boat race at Kirra Beach – Year 1929: For another first, Kirra SLSC was the first surf club in Queensland to obtain its own surf boat”



Update – Kirra Surfboat Captain

Over the last six months there has been plenty happening behind the scenes with Kirra Boaties preparing for the upcoming **2021/2022 Season of Surf Boat Competition**. Thank you to those that have been able to support us financially and for just being there to get the surfboat crews established for the Kirra Surf Club, including:

- **Kirra Management Committee for its encouragement and continuing support;**
- **Our Surf Club Treasurer and Life Governor Loretta Cassone for her amazing grants writing skills that successfully secured the financial support of \$20,000;**
- **Club Patron Max Winders/Winders Family donation of \$5,000 for the Kirra Boaties;**
- **Kirra Life Member Gaven Gear for negotiating a \$20,000 sponsorship with Father Gerard and his team from the Southport Catholic Parish; and**
- **Mick Kelly from Auto 1 Murwillumbah, and clubbies Peter Flannery and Peter Clarke for their personal commitment to the Kirra Boaties.**

This amazing support has enabled the Kirra Surf Club to achieve the following:

- **Order a brand new Clymer Surfboat that is in the process of being built;**
- **Purchase an almost new Perry Surfboat that is in excellent condition to be used as a second competitive boat to allow multiple crews to compete in the same division;**
- **Obtain a forty foot shipping container to store the new boat, with Storage King Coolangatta donating the space to store it on their site; and**
- **Purchasing one full set of competition L4 carbon oars and rowlocks.**

“How good is this for the Kirra Boaties!” This support places us in a good position heading into the coming 2021/2022 season. With this being said we still have some large purchases that we still need to find funding for and these include (but are not limited to):

- **Four x Ergo's rowing machines to support crew training and fitness programs;**
- **A further full set of competition carbon oars and rowlocks, and crew safety helmets;**
- **Urgently needed and registered boat trailer/s; and**
- **Ongoing operational budget to support training and competition requirements.**

If anyone is able to dig deep and support your Kirra Boaties whether it is through personal financial donations; contacts for potential sponsors; or providing the required competition or other surf boat equipment, then please don't hesitate in contacting me.



Contact details – Kirra SLSC Surfboat Captain

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Re-establishing Surf Boat Competition at Kirra SLSC benefits not only those who compete in this high performance competitive arena, but also contributes to the ongoing success of the whole Kirra Surf Club. It allows us, the Kirra SLSC to provide another pathway in surf lifesaving for youth development and involvement; supports the retention of membership; encourages new members to be involved; and importantly enhances the numbers of fit and healthy members available to perform their rostered Beach Patrols at Kirra Beach.

“Left: Kirra's female surfboat crew – 2020/2021 competition action”

Thank you to all who are associated with the famous Kirra SLSC for the encouragement and open support of your Kirra Boaties..... *“Bring on the 2021/2022 year of Surf Boat Competition!”*

NOTE YOUR CALENDAR – SUNDAY 11TH JULY (8:00AM TO 11:00 AM)

“COME AND TRY SURF BOATS DAY AT KIRRA BEACH”



CONGRATULATIONS AND QUEENSLAND STATE TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:

Congratulations to **Team IRB Kirra** for taking out the annual 2021 Sharkskin Ocean Roar Series conducted at beaches on the Sunshine and Gold Coasts. This is an achievement not previously attained by the Surf Club in its more than forty years of IRB Competition. Team IRB Kirra was also awarded the Overall Handicap Score Winner for the series.

Seventeen Kirra SLSC members have also be selected in the **State IRB Team** to represent Queensland at the National Inter-State IRB Championship to be held in August at Newcastle NSW... congratulations to our State representatives who include: Bailie Nash; Sophie Clemson; Shayna Cassone; Belinda McAuliffe; Te'a (Peluso) Domeracki; Ben Domeracki; Spencer Moncrieff; Taylor Rawlings; Isaac Nation; Mark Sheldrick; Josh Clemson; and Cody Nash. Also selected on the State Team in management roles are Andrew McAuliffe, Anthony Cassone and Loretta Cassone. Looking after the Queensland Development Team for the Nationals will be Joel Kinneally and Gabrielle Kinneally..... The Queensland Development IRB Team will be selected at the Queensland State IRB Championships.

The Kirra IRB Team is the reigning Australian Team Champions (Open; Under 23; Overall Points Score) and I know that you join with me in wishing our members every success in the forthcoming Queensland and Australian IRB Championships.....
“Go the mighty Royal Blue and Gold”

Dates: Queensland and Australian Championships

We wish our Kirra SLSC members every success in the forthcoming Queensland and Australian Championships.... **“GO THE MIGHTY ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD OF KIRRA SLSC!!”**

- 17/18 July: Queensland Pool Rescue Championship – Gold Coast Aquatic Centre
 - 30th July/1st August: Queensland IRB Championship – Mooloolaba
 - 9th to 12th September: Australian IRB Championship – Newcastle NSW
- (DATES ARE SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID)**

Hope you enjoyed this July 2021 Newsletter. Please share the Newsletter with your circle of friends and work colleagues. Should you have any items or photographs of interest for our next Newsletter then please contact the Association’s committee on email: kirra@kirraoldboys.com and arrangements can be made to collect and copy your photographs. Your photographs will be returned to you once a copy has been made by the committee.

***Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association
 Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association***

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

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