

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2021

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

–: Established 29th November 1978 :-

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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’ fund raising and fellowship events”

Sunday 11th July 2021: Yes it's back!!! The KIRRA GOLF DAY will be held at the Wynnum Golf Club. The date booked early in 2020 by Greg Dunn has been confirmed. More details to be forthcoming from our coordinator for the 2021 Kirra Golf Day, KSLSC Hon. Life Member John (Brashie) Bell *“Yes, watch this space!”*

Saturday 17th July 2021: The KIRRA SLSC ANNUAL DINNER will be held in the Kirra Beach Surf Club... This will be a fun night celebrating the success and achievements of the Surf Club's 105th Year of Surf Lifesaving. The Association will book a table or two for the Annual Dinner for those wishing to join in the celebrations.

Sunday 18th July 2021: The KIRRA SLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING with the presentation of the Surf Club's 2020/2021 Annual Report on the Surf Club's 105th Year, followed by Election of Officers for the 2021/2022 Year of Surf Lifesaving. A date to be reserved in all our calendars: *‘Once a Kirra Member – Always a Kirra Member’*

Sunday 3rd October 2021: The very successful KIRRA CAR RAFFLE is back for Year 2021!!! The Car Raffle DRAW will be held at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club between 3:00pm and 5:00pm with complimentary cold refreshments for ticket holders. Additional prizes to be available throughout the afternoon..... **TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!** *“It is a fun afternoon with mates and a chance to WIN A NEW MG3 CAR!!”*

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: Come together for the annual BUMPO/ELKE REMEMBRANCE DAY at the Kirra Beach Surf Club commencing from 3:30pm..... A special day for all associated with the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club 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’.*

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VIGILANCE AND SERVICE

One of Kirra's Patrol Groups completing their final beach patrol on Sunday 2nd May 2021..... This group is full of long serving Kirra members who are also registered with the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.... “Well done to all Kirra SLSC members for their commitment in providing quality patrols at Kirra Beach”

Kirra SLSC President – Joel Kinneally (03/05/21): *“Today ends the 20/21 patrol season and on behalf of the management of Kirra SLSC thanks for showing up for your club, the Kirra community and the visitors that entrust us with their safety. Your time is priceless and very much appreciated more than you know”.*



YES IT IS ON AGAIN!!!

ANNUAL KIRRA GOLF DAY at the Wynnum Golf Club, Brisbane

Want a great morning of fun with your Kirra mates?? Then simply ring Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member John 'Brashie' Bell to confirm you are playing in the 2021 Kirra Golf Day held at the Wynnum Golf Club!



Limited player positions available, so ring Brashie early!!

Those playing who wish to book a golf cart need to contact the Wynnum Pro-Shop!

This is a great day of sport, friendship and social interaction amongst all attending. Great prizes organised by Brashie, the coordinator for the annual Kirra Golf Days. Thanks also to Greg Dunn for booking the game with the Wynnum Golf Club – Pro Shop back in early 2020. A light lunch and refreshments provided on the conclusion of competition sponsored by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

	<p align="center">Annual Kirra Golf Day Sunday 11th July 2021 with tee off from 7:00am Wynnum Golf Club - Brisbane</p> <p align="center"><i>Players are requested to arrive at the Wynnum Golf Course by 6:30am to pay your green fees and cart hire.....</i></p> <p align="center">Limited player positions available so please contact Brashie early to advise that you are playing</p> <p align="center"><i>(Contact the Pro Shop on <u>07 3396 9000</u> to booked your golf cart)</i></p>	<p align="center">John 'Brashie' Bell Mobile: 0401 172 521 Email: johnleebell46@gmail.com</p>
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DOWN MEMORY LANE

Came across some interesting photos dating back to a year that I believe was early 2000s??



“Left: The balcony viewed from the beach access ramp.... Things to note include the flagpole (where did it go??); The Club built patrol tower (it’s gone); and the ocean walkway that was away from the immediate area in front of the boatshed.... now that was a plus!”



“Above right: The JRB/IRB mural that was prominent inside the licensed Supporters Club for many years.... Sadly it was required to be destroyed to accommodate the building construction in 2010/11 associated with enclosing the balcony and improving the venue and safety for patrons.... Guess who is driving the JRB and IRB?”

Remembering the 105 year journey of the Kirra SLSC (Est: 7th January 1916) and its many members is so important.... this provides the foundations of who we are! However, whilst one must never dwell and wish a return to what once was, that cherished and recorded history should always be considered when determining the future strategic directions for the surf club: **Traditions – People – Future – Performance – Achievements**

Peter Kelly's 'Kirra SLSC 100 years' (1916 - 2016) is such a special publication... Q/. Who will collect, save, collate, and then record those continuing yarns and images of future years for the next edition of the Kirra SLSC story?

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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”*

A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT – 2021 KIRRA SPORTS LUNCH

After a gap year owing to COVID restrictions, the 2021 Kirra Sports Lunch was again held at the famous Pineapple Hotel. Thank you to our host Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor Bob Singleton and his Events Coordinator Stacey Newham and staff for their quality support and service throughout the day. It was just a wonderful day of fellowship catching up with long term Kirra mates and creating new ones.

Given the quality of our legendary speakers, this year's Kirra Sports Lunch was a sell out!! A big shout out and thank you to our special guests who generously volunteered their time and kept us all enthralled with stories of their sporting and life achievements who included: Our emcee Bart Sinclair OAM; Swimming legends with Julie McDonald OAM interviewing Janelle Pallister (Elford) and her daughter Lani (Australian Swim Team for the 2021 Olympics – Japan); Sports journalist Steve Ricketts interviewing rugby league legends John Lang and Rod Morris..... Rod was a member of the Kirra Surf Club during the 1970s... ***"The day was a huge success because of their involvement!"***

Enjoy the images of a fun day for all!



"Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member"

Kirra Beach and clubhouse – the year was 1970:



In year 1970, member accommodation at the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club would be considered sparse compared to those utilised in future years, however it met our needs of those times. Surf Club facilities were in the original Kirra Beach Pavilion (*built in partnership between the Council for the Town of Coolangatta and Kirra SLSC in 1935*).

The significant building extension (*built by Kirra SLSC in 1975*) that today in year 2021 accommodates the

licensed Kirra SLSC Supporters Club facilities; and downstairs a large boatshed, operational equipment storage and showers/toilets did not exist!.... ***“It is our clubhouse, it is what we have, and we are very proud of it!”***

“Kirra Surf Life Saving Club facilities” that were available for members in the early summer months of 1970:

- Upstairs bunkroom to accommodate approximately sixty members (male only) and weekends through summer were always full. These double bunks had sagging wire springs and stuffed mattresses. You needed to get in early for a top bunk. Foam mattresses were being progressively purchased to replace the old kapok mattress. Along the eastern and western walls of the bunkroom were small double timber lockers provided for member’s personal belongings;
- The central roof top observation tower was still accessible providing great views over Kirra Beach and north to Southport, Stradbroke and Moreton Islands (on a very clear day);
- A separate upstairs small entertainment area had a pool table, a ‘hand me down’ television and old sofas. The pool table (the balls were hidden at night to discourage games that kept members awake in the bunkroom) was eventually replaced with a ‘table tennis’ table. Members enjoyed the many challenges and ‘World Championships’ when playing each other;
- A small upstairs amenities area was provided with a single toilet and wash basin;
- A small locked room off the member’s entertainment area with great ocean views was initially used by the Club Captain. Several years later this area was remodelled as the office for the Club’s Honorary Secretary.... It became the first administration office for the Surf Club at Kirra Beach that continues to exist today;
- Off the recreation area was a small and lockable Caretaker’s Room.... Jack Drew was the caretaker in 1970;
- There were two very steep timber stairs to the ground floor amenities. It was common for members to regularly stumble and fall down (or up) these stairs. Fortunately, minimal injuries from those many falls on the stairs by members;
- One set of stairs (highway side) led to the surf club’s dining room and kitchen. Often there would be fifty or more members sitting in the dining room for meals provided on weekends during the early 1970s. The Club’s Kitchen Director was kept very busy on weekends catering and preparing member meals.... Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch. The Club’s caretaker duties included assisting with the cooking of these weekend meals for members;
- Next to the dining room on the ground level was the Brigade Room (with timber floor). This room held much of the Surf Club’s memorabilia and Honour Boards showcasing the members who served with distinction. The Brigade Room was regularly used for Club and Point Danger Branch meetings, and other formal events. An old piano in the Brigade Room would be the hub for entertainment. Members would belt out a tune on the old ivories during evening festivities with a timber beer keg in the corner! What was that song? *“We were sailing along on Kirra Bay; You could hear the girls a cheering, they seemed to say; You have stolen our heart, so don’t sail away; As we sing our home sweet song at Kirra Bay; At Kirra Bay”*;
- Half way down the ocean stairs was an equipment store mainly for R&R reels and other lifesaving equipment; and
- The ocean side steep timber stairs led to the ground floor small shower and toilet amenities. It was often a matter of waiting your turn on busy summer weekend to access these amenities.

Constructed on to the western aspect of the Pavilion were three small buildings: One used for the storage of the surf boat and patrol equipment; a First Aid Room facing the beach; and a small and secured unofficial women’s dormitory for member wives and girlfriends accommodation on weekends.... *“No female active members in surf lifesaving during the 1970s!”*



“Above Left: Kirra Beach with plenty of sand in summer 1969; Above Right: Where is that beach? – January 1970”



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

Drawn Sunday 3rd October 2020 at 4pm
Kirra Surf Club Supporters Bar
Marine Parade, Kirra
Complementary drinks for all ticket holders
present for draw from 3pm to 5pm

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

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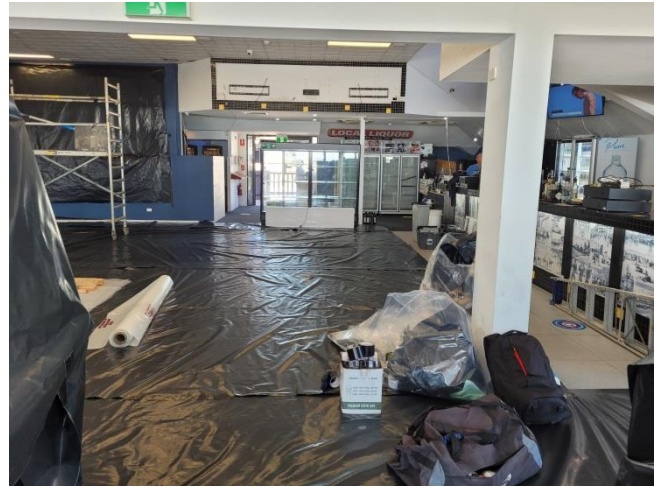
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Temporary closure of the licensed Kirra Supporters Club

Owing to the City of Gold Coast maintenance works to the Kirra Beach Pavilion including the full replacement of the building's roof, the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club is closed from Monday 10th May 2021 for a period of several weeks. Club Manager Patrik Holmkvist coordinated with his staff and volunteers to remove all stock, furniture and Surf Club memorabilia from the venue. During this required temporary closure period it is hope that opportunities will be available to continue with the ongoing internal improvements that is enhancing the licensed venue for all members and visitors.

Announcements will be made in the near future on the reopening of the Kirra Beach Surf Club..... "It is the place to be for fun times with friendly staff, icy cold refreshments, yummy family meals and the best views of the Gold Coast".

All revenue raised by our Surf Club's licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club is for the benefit of all members and supporting the provision of quality beach patrols..... "Protecting our local community and those many visitors who come to enjoy Kirra Beach"



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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 details of 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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Hope you enjoyed this May 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 forward these to the Association's email address: kirra@kirraoldboys.com

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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