



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association



NEWSLETTER

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**One to remember! Great guest speakers, wonderful service,
best attendance ever, just a tremendous day for all!**

2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon, Pineapple Hotel...Friday 30th August

"The quality of our Master of Ceremony (MC) and Guest Speakers made it such a successful day"..... They are all legends and champions in their field. Master of Ceremony (MC) was racing legend Bart Sinclair OAM. Our guest interviewers were past footballer, broadcaster and outstanding supporter of the 'Kirra Old Boys', George Doniger; Julie McDonald OAM, one of Australia's greatest Olympic/Commonwealth Games distance swimmers; and our MC Bart Sinclair;

Our 'Guest Speakers' relating their adventures and sporting success included Rugby League Kangaroo and Balmain 'Hall of Famer' Geoff Starling; Kirra's very own Australian IRB Champions and Queensland State Team representatives Bailie Nash and Sophie Clemson; and past referee and popular sports journalist Bernie Pramberg. Rugby League great Greg Viewers also joined in and discussed his days playing for Souths (Brisbane), Queensland and Australia..... As one of our lunch guests stated: **"The range of guest speakers made it an awesome day!"**

Thank you to our guests from the RAR 8th/9th who arranged for the Pipes and Drums to play an arrangement to welcome this year's guests..... **"So very special!" STOP THE PRESS!!!** The Pipes and Drums would love to return in 2020..... **"A big thanks for the band's generous support!"**

One hundred and twenty-six (126) guests joined in a fun day enjoying the best seafood lunch, cold refreshments and great yarns..... **"The best attendance ever for this annual event of the Association's calendar"**. As another guest stated: **"The best Sports Lunch in Brisbane!!"**

Special thanks to the hotel 'Functions Coordinator' Stacey Newman whose mantra is **"No request is too difficult!"** and the professional friendly staff of the Pineapple Hotel who went above and beyond in supporting our guests. A big thank you to our friend and Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor Bob Singleton for his generous support..... **"Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member"**

A great effort and thanks to Pam Sheldrick who drove the Kirra bus to provide transport to and from the event for those members living on the Gold Coast... **"Thanks Pam...well done!"**

A special moment at the Sports Lunch was the update provided on our great mate and Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member Barrie Thorne by his daughters Lisa and Tina, and the standing ovation and best wishes for Bazza provided by all attending..... **"We are all thinking of you Baz!"**

Planning has already commenced for the 2020 Kirra Sports Luncheon to be held on Friday 28th August 2020 at the famous Pineapple Hotel. Given the success of this year's Sports Luncheon, tickets will sell fast so make sure you note your 2020 calendar and reserve the date!

2020 Kirra Sports Luncheon – FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2020 (11:30am to 3:30pm)

The Sports Luncheon is organised by the Committee, Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association with all revenue raised for the benefit of the members of the Kirra Surf Life saving Club.

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

A fun day for all attending – 2019 Kirra Sports Luncheon



“Place 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

- **1:30pm:** 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.

What’s left on our 2019 calendar?

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
Saturday 26 th October <i>from 1:30pm</i>	RETURN TO KIRRA BEACH - DEDICATION OF LIFE MEMBERS AND CLUB PATRON HONOUR BOARDS <i>(Arrive at 1:30pm to view Kirra SLSC aquatic displays including IRBs; Helicopter; Nippers; Members and Life Members photographs and from 3:30pm the dedication of Kirra Surf Club Honour Boards in the Supporters Club</i>	Kirra Surf Club
Friday 29 th November	‘Old Boys Association’ - Christmas (Keg) Social <i>(5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start to late)</i>	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 27 th December <i>from 3:30pm</i>	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”

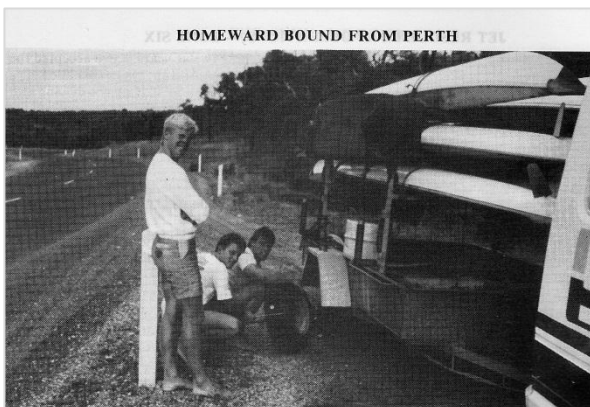
“Breakfast is now available on weekends”

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

Down memory lane:



“Above Left: Kirra Beach Pavilion (Kirra SLSC clubhouse) under construction in 1935; Above right: Coolangatta Railway Station during the early 1960s”



*“Butch, has your Dad shown you how to do it?”
Glen Winstanley, Jon Day, and Darren Gear having their share of problems.*

“Left: Kirra members are homeward bound in the club bus after competing at the 1987 Australian Surf Lifesaving Championship held at Perth WA. Changing the trailer tyre are (L-R) Glen Winstanley; Darrin Gear; and Jon Day”



“Above: Aerial photograph of Kirra Beach and Coolangatta taken by Fred Lang in 1938. Kirra SLSC’s new clubhouse and carpark are in the foreground. The Kirra Beach Hotel did not exist in those early years”



“Electronic mail address...The way to go!” Have you provided your electronic Email address? Of the current Association membership (now almost three hundred), less than fifty members are yet to provide their electronic Email address. The Association’s Committee invites you to provide your electronic mailing address (should you have one). Details of your Email may be forwarded to Association Secretary Adam Day at kirra@kirraoldboys.com

“Should you not have or do not wish to provide an your Email address, you will continue to receive all newsletters, news updates, and ‘Old Boys’ broadcasts circulated from time to time to ALL MEMBERS”



Kirra Surf Life Saving Club Vale – Ken Broomhall

Ken Broomhall joined the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club as a Junior Member after the end of the World War Two years and obtained his Bronze Medallion (Award # 23164) on the 17th February 1946. He remained an active member after progressing to the senior membership ranks, well into the 1950s.



Ken enjoyed competition and participated with success. He was the Club's Junior Champion Lifesaver in 1947. He was a member of the victorious Kirra SLSC Junior R&R Team that achieved outstanding results in 1947, including 1st placing at the Point Danger Branch and Queensland Surf Life Saving Championships; and 3rd placing at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championship held at Coolangatta Beach. The efforts of the Junior Team contributed to Kirra SLSC being named as the 'Champion Club – Points Score Winner' of this 1947 Australian Championship.

*"Left: Kirra Junior R&R Team – 1947 (L-R): Keith Hamilton; Trebor Jones; **Ken Broomhall**; Bill Reinicke; Mort Duckworth; Kev White; and Earle Smith (Coach)*



Ken continued to enjoy competitions and was also a member of Kirra's March Past Team in 1950 (see photograph – Kirra SLSC 100 years by PD Kelly: Page 103)

As with many Kirra members, work and family came calling and although he could no longer contribute as an active member, Ken continued to remain in touch with his surf lifesaving mates and enjoyed the regular updates on the successes of his Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

Our deepest sympathies are offered to Ken Broomhall's family and dear friends for their loss..... Thank you to Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (#31/1966) Ralph Ford-Johnson who advised on the passing of long-serving past member Ken Broomhall at the young age of ninety years.

*"Left: 1945 Kirra Boys: (L-R): (Top) **Ken Broomhall**; Allen Jenks; (Second Row) Ralph Ford-Johnson; Ray Broomhall (cap); Max Klingner; Lowrie Harvey; Geoff Kelly; Ernie Kember; (Front) Stan Hilton; Bruce Geary; Doug Brockhurst; Tom Ninness"*

"Once a Kirra member – always a Kirra member"

"An invitation to join" – To all Kirra Surf Club current senior, long serving and past members; our Kirra Nipper coordinators and past members; and Club associate and support members, the [invitation is extended](#) for you to be listed on the Association's Membership Register to receive your Newsletter **"What's Happening!"** and be informed of the many activities and events planned throughout the year by the Association.

"It costs nothing to join to have your name and contact details on 'The Association Membership Register!'"

"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



New tenant for the Kirra Beach Pavilion

Gold Coast City Council has approved a new tenant to take over the footprint in the Kirra Beach Pavilion previously occupied by the Pizza Hut. Council granted a long term lease to BTC Consulting Group to operate an up-market Seafood Restaurant/Takeaway similar to their existing Fish Emporium on the Isle of Capri.

The report prepared by GCCC Parks and Recreation Services further recommended a significant 'up-front' financial investment to undertake a full roof replacement and electrical rewiring, as well as further works including urgently required maintenance for the entire Kirra Beach Pavilion. It is advised that additional substantial funding is also to be allocated on an annual basis over the next three years to assist with further capital works for the heritage listed building.

On Friday, 16th August Kirra Club President (Joel Kinneally) and Life Member Peter Beauchamp met with Bruce Flick (Coordinator, GCCC Parks and Recreational Services) in the Kirra Supporters Club to receive an overview of the Council's proposed redevelopment and ongoing investment in the Kirra Beach Pavilion. With the decision, Council will hold a 'Stakeholders' meeting to discuss and develop a '**Master Plan**' on the future development of the heritage listed Kirra Beach Pavilion, the building extension constructed by the Surf Club in 1975, and the building surrounds and community amenities. Club President Joel Kinneally reinforced that Kirra SLSC would be represented at the meeting as the Kirra Beach Pavilion's major stakeholder.

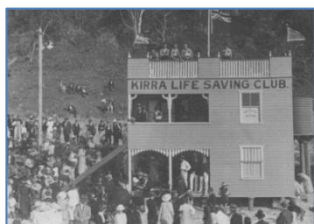
It is noted that the proposed building roof replacement and other works prioritised to commence in the near future may require staged temporary closure of sections to the building for such activities to be completed. Given the significant business redevelopment undertaken for the licensed Kirra Supporters Club, it was requested that the building project plan needed to take into consideration the daily trading hours of the Kirra Supporters Club.

At the aforesaid meeting with Bruce Flick (GCCC), Club President Joel Kinneally confirmed that the Club had established a 'Building Redevelopment Project – Working Group' consisting of long serving members/professionals experienced in project planning and building construction works. This 'Working Group' reports to the Kirra SLSC Club President/Executive. An architect has already been engaged to develop a 'Scope of Works' document that will be invaluable for when the Kirra Surf Club attends the proposed 'Stakeholders' meeting in the next few weeks.

General observations..... The Kirra Surf Club has operated a good campaign over the past twelve months (2018/2019) through its community support and a very successful 'Public Petition' to have the entire Kirra Beach Pavilion returned to the Surf Club. As a consequence of this public campaign, the plight of the Kirra Surf Club is now out there in the public arena and such community support is clearly recognised by GCCC and its elected councillors..... The Surf Club will continue to capitalise on this demonstrated public support and Gold Coast City Council's acknowledgement that the Kirra Beach Pavilion in its present configuration and condition just cannot meet the current and future operational surf lifesaving, member and community services occupancy demands of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

There appears to be genuine concern demonstrated by Mr Bruce Flick on the issues raised by the Kirra Surf Club on such points as past communications between Council and the Surf Club; GCCC funding arrangements to maintain the building; Surf Club constraints to expand to meet current and future lifesaving and member services requirements; Kirra Beach Pavilion building heritage impacting on the functions of the surf club; and the business sustainability of the Kirra Supporters Club. He has given a commitment on behalf of Council to assist the Kirra Surf Club over the next several years to enhance our clubhouse facilities. Let time and actions be the demonstrated evidence of Gold Coast City Council's support for our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club moving forward.

'Kirra Surf Life Saving Club – established on the 7th January 1916'



Hope you enjoyed this read. We invite you to share the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter with your circle of friends..... Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association and our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

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

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