



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

NEWSLETTER



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2018 Kirra Sports Luncheon a huge success!!

What a wonderful day with a great turnout at the Pineapple Hotel on Friday, 31st August for the annual Kirra Sports Luncheon. Up to one hundred and twenty members, friends and supporters of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club attended and enjoyed a fabulous seafood lunch and icy cold refreshments (all inclusive in the price of the ticket) whilst listening to our very special 'Guest Speakers'. Great to have Kirra Club Patron Max Winders and Club President Michael Hill attend this fabulous day.

Our MC was horse racing legend Bart Sinclair OAM who also interviewed Lt/Col Anthony Birch on his experiences and multiple international deployments with the Australian Army. Our regular guest and supporter Julie McDonald OAM interviewed Olympian Rower Simon Newcomb. Rugby league commentator and ex-international representative David Wright interviewed fellow football legend and founding CEO of the Broncos and the Storm RLFCs, John Ribot. *"The quality of our Guest Speakers enhanced the experience of those attending this most enjoyable 2018 Kirra Sports Luncheon!"* **THANK YOU**

**RESERVE THIS DATE ON YOUR
2019 CALENDAR**

**KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON
FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2019
AT THE PINEAPPLE HOTEL**

All inclusive for the price of your ticket

- ✓ **FREE** transport (mini-bus) departing and returning to the Kirra Surf Club for Gold Coast residents;
- ✓ Sports Lunch is now an **extra** one hour from 11:30am to 3:30pm;
- ✓ Additional raffle prizes with more chances to WIN/WIN/WIN! and Sensational Pineapple Hotel seafood lunch and icy cold refreshments (including wine) all inclusive for the cost of your ticket..... *"This just is great value!"* and
- ✓ A great day catching up on olde Kirra biddies ☺☺☺

"Having fun at the 2018 Kirra Sports Luncheon"



"Left: Wonderful having this group of amazing long-term past Kirra members back together at the Sports Luncheon.... A big thank you to Lisa Harmer for encouraging some of her best buddies and former Kirra Cadet R&R team members to attend and enjoy a fun day together with good mates"



"Right: Some long term Kirra supporters here! Ron Gurnett sitting with fellow KSLSC Life Member Bob Littler and to Ron's right is former Valley Diehards RLFC captain and multiple BRL premiership winner Marty Scanlon; the great Alfie Langer is sitting with Paul Cameron at the back table; KSLSC Life Member Barry Cameron is also here with his sons Paul and David"

Information about your Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, copies of past Newsletters, and details on planned events are available on the Kirra SLSC Website: www.kirrasurfclub.com.au | Old Boys

New committee elected – Kirra SLS Supporters Association:

The Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association 'AGM' and election of officer bearers was held on Sunday, 19th August 2018 at the surf club. The KSLS Supporters Association has responsibility for the Kirra Licensed Bar and Bistro (including Pokie Machines; Keno; etc) and staffing arrangements.

It was pleasing to see a number of Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association members accepting positions on the Supporters Committee for the forthcoming 12 to 24 months, including:

President – Michael Hill (also President Kirra SLSC);

Deputy President – Paul Cameron (Kirra Old Boys Assn. Committee member);

Secretary – Greg Dunn (Kirra SLSC Life Member);

Treasurer – Supervised by Accountants at this time including Ken Hunter and Adam Day;

Committee Member (1) – Peter Beauchamp (Kirra SLSC Life Member and President, Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association);

Committee Member (2) – Anthony Cassone (Long serving Kirra SLSC member); and

Committee Member (3) – Gaven Gear (Kirra SLSC Life Member).

A big year ahead for this newly elected Kirra SLS Supporters Association ‘Committee’ and Club Manager Curtis Henderson to ensure the continuing operational business viability of the Kirra Supporters Bar and Bistro..... Long term success will only be achieved with all members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club; the Kirra SLS Supporters Association; and the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association taking collective ownership and utilising this excellent surf club licensed facility.



GREAT CLUB – GREAT FACILITIES – GREAT STAFF – GREAT OCEAN VIEWS

“Come along and enjoy an icy cold beer, wine or refreshment with your delicious lunch and dinner meal in a family friendly establishment with great staff and the best views of the Gold Coast!!”

KIRRA SLSC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER (Kirra Khronicle)

For those who enjoy catching up on what’s happening with your Kirra Surf Life Saving Club..... Visit the webpage: www.kirrasurfclub.com.au *“So simple to access..... Go there and have a look at what’s happening for the Kirra Surf Club and the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association”*



“FORE!!! Images from the annual Kirra Golf Day held on the Sunday 29th July 2018 at the Wynnum Golf Club”



It was a wonderful turnout of the mighty **‘Royal Blue and Gold’** on a frosty Sunday morning with the tee off at 7:30am from the first hole of the famous Wynnum Golf Club. The Golf Club positioned a ‘ball spotter’ out there on the first fairway as we were hitting into a ‘white out’ with thick fog drifting in from the cold waters of Moreton Bay. As the fog lifted and sun shining, it was a day enjoyed by all as the Kirra golfers attacked the challenging fairways.

This ‘once in ten years’ golfer (Beecho) was privileged to share a golf cart with Kirra legend and Honorary Life Member Bob (Polo) Wilson. Up the middle went Polo who was the strength for this pairing, whilst his partner covered at least an extra thirty-six holes chasing that elusive little white ball. *“Gosh I love this sport!”*

It was a closely contested eighteen holes of golf with a recount called, however long serving past Kirra members Barry ‘Chookie’ Robinson and Steve Paul took honours to win this annual 2018 Kirra Golf Day ‘Pairs Championship’.

Many thanks to Kirra Life Member John (Brashie) Bell for organising another successful annual Kirra Golf Day..... Kirra Life Member Greg Dunn was the contact with the Wynnum Golf Club. An enjoyable yet challenging day was had by all attending. It was wonderful having Debbie Kelly, Liane Stanton (Kirra’s newly elected Life Member), Julie Dunn and Vicki Flannery playing in this annual golf day event for our Association. In 2019 it is hoped that more Kirra female members and supporters will enjoy the challenges and good times at this annual Kirra Golf Day..... *“Come along as it is a fun day for all!”*

A little golf history from the author..... *“My father (James Beauchamp) was a long term Wynnum Golf Club member and in 1979 won the prestigious Wynnum District Pair’s Gold Championship known as the Moreton Bay Cup with his mate Tony Patens. Their win is recorded on the Moreton Bay Cup Honour Board in the Wynnum clubhouse”.*

“Electronic mail address...the way to go!” Have you provided your electronic Email address to Association Secretary Adam Day? Of the current Association membership (now almost three hundred), **only** fifty members have not yet provided their electronic Email address. The Association’s Committee invites you to provide your electronic mailing address (should you have one). Details of your electronic Email address may be forwarded to Secretary Adam Day at kirra@kirraoldboys.com

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

Outstanding results achieved by Kirra's Pool Rescue Team at the Australian Championship in Adelaide SA

(Refer to our 'Old Boys' Newsletter # 6/2018)



A few weeks past at the SLSQ Queensland Pool Rescue Championship, Kirra members Ray Wintzloff and William Peter Barry brought home five Gold and two Silver Medals. This result by our Kirra Pool Rescue Team of two members saw them placed third in the Handicap Points Score and twelfth place in the Overall Champion Team Score out of thirty surf clubs contesting this Queensland Championship.

"Left: William and Ray are proud Kirra members at the 2018 Australian Pool Rescue Championship"

At the SLSA Australian Pool Rescue Championship held in Adelaide, Ray and William did themselves and our Kirra Surf Club proud with their outstanding results achieved. Their national championship medal count at the nationals in Adelaide included:

- 50m Manikin Tow – Silver Medal – Ray Wintzloff and William Peter Barry
- 100m Manikin Tow – Silver Medal – Ray Wintzloff
- 100m Manikin Tow – Silver Medal – Ray Wintzloff and William Peter Barry
- 100m Manikin Carry – Bronze Medal – Ray Wintzloff
- 100m Manikin Carry – Bronze Medal – William Peter Barry
- 50m Manikin Carry – Silver Medal – William Peter Barry
- Obstacle race – Silver Medal – Ray Wintzloff



What a great team effort with ONLY two competitors! Just imagine what may be achieved with more Kirra members in the team? *"Congratulations from the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association to William Peter Barry and Ray Wintzloff on their outstanding success at the Queensland and Australian Pool Rescue Championships..... We all are very proud of your efforts"*

Thanks to Lynette Kirkwood for supporting the Kirra Team. Contact Lyn – Email: ijamdrops@yahoo.com.au should you wish to join William and Ray as members of this very successful Kirra Pool Rescue Team.... *"Come on swimmers of all ages, just give it a go!"*

'Association membership'

"Keep building the membership!" Over the past nine months up to fifty current, long serving and past Kirra Surf Club members have joined the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association. As our numbers approach three hundred members, your Association Committee remains committed to reaching the target of five hundred members on the Association's 'Membership Register' *"It costs nothing to join and all are welcome on board!"*

"An invitation to join" – To all Kirra Surf Club current senior, long serving and past members; our Kirra Nipper coordinators and 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 to be informed and consider participating in 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

State finalists – 2018 SLSQ Awards of Excellence

Several Kirra SLSC members were named as State finalists and attended the SLSQ Gala Night of Awards held at Brisbane City Hall on Saturday 25th August. A pre-requisite to advancing to the SLSQ Gala Award Night was success at their local Surf Life Saving Branch level. Kirra members were finalist in a number of SLSQ Awards of Excellence categories, including:

Volunteer of the Year: Loretta Cassone;
Sports Team of the Year: Kirra Open Male IRB Team (2018 Queensland/Australian Champions);
Sports Team Manager of the Year: Anthony Cassone; and
Coach of the Year: Andrew McAuliffe

“Congratulations to our Kirra members for their outstanding success in being selected as finalists for the 2018 SLSQ Awards of Excellence. Whilst our members were not named as Queensland winners at the gala night, they did us all proud. Well done on you outstanding performance and achievements throughout a very successful 2017/2018 season”



“How large is this continent of ours?”

Have you ever wondered how large this continent of ours known as Australia truly is? Look at the image of Australia overlaid on Europe. The Australian landmass covers multiple European nations.... Germany being one of the largest comfortably sits into the back pocket of Australia!!

Many of us have been fortunate to travel some or much of this large and amazing country and view the incredible scenery that is there for all.....yet dangerous for those who are unprepared.

“We still call Australia home..... Go Aussie!”

‘Association’s progress with the Kirra Historical Project’

(Copy of the Business Case is available on the Kirra Webpage – Old Boys)

“The strategy!” To showcase Kirra SLSC’s 102 year history through various visual ‘*Historical Displays*’ that will instill pride of belonging for the many current, long serving and past members, and for those future members of the Kirra Surf Club; **and** To position the ‘*Historical Displays*’ in appropriate locations of the Kirra Pavilion to best showcase to the members and the general public those exceptional past achievements by Kirra SLSC members.

✓ **Life Member Honour Board: A new Life Member Honour Board (Roll of Honour) detailing members who were bestowed Life Membership at all levels in surf lifesaving, including Kirra SLSC; Point Danger Branch SLSQ; Surf Lifesaving Queensland; Surf Lifesaving Australia; and SLSA Hall of Fame. Your Association Committee has been informed by many Life Members, and current and past Kirra members that this should be the starting point for this substantial Project**

(UPDATE) **Phase 1: Kirra SLSC Life Members ‘Honour Board’**

The design for the Kirra Life Members Honour Board is finalised and available on the Kirra Website – ‘Old Boys’ for final comment and feedback. Thank you to those long serving members and Kirra Life Members who have provided feedback on the proposed Kirra SLSC Life Members Honour Board, including:

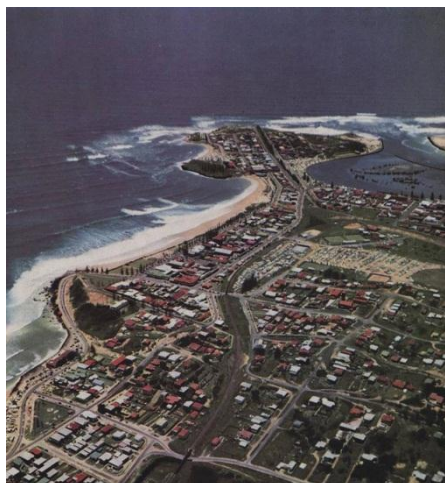
“Barrie Thorne: 20/7: Excellent initiative...I am getting good feedback on the proposed Honour Board; Greg Dunn: 12/08: All good by me. Keep up the good work; Max Winders: 13/08: Thanks to all concerned with putting this together; Kathy at Kirra Office: 13/08: Peter have checked over the attachment and current Life Member’s board in the Clubhouse and have found the following: Graeme Byrnes first name is spelt Graham; Ron Gurnett (Phone call): 17/08: Good initiative and supported. Sought clarification on location and agreed suitable in promoting Kirra members; Scott Byrnes (Ongoing discussions): Yes Dad’s name is spelt Graham. The Club needs to better recognise past service by its members; Michael Hill: (Ongoing discussions) Beecho, excellent initiative by the Old Boys Association and supported by the Club”.

The signed Kirra Historical Project 'Business Case' is available and can be viewed by going to the Kirra Surf Club's Website:

www.kirrasurfclub.com.au | Old Boys | PROJECT BUSINESS CASE – KIRRA HISTORICAL DISPLAYS

“Watch this space for further updates on this major project for our Kirra Surf Club”

A walk down Kirra's memory lane....



Here is an aerial photograph of that olde surfing village of Coolangatta taken in 1956..... no high-rise buildings; the train station is there in Griffith Street; and no sand at Kirra Beach....that is unusual!!! Before the small groyne and sand pumping, sand at Kirra Beach was a lotto draw being here today and gone tomorrow.

It was a time when people's lifestyles were of a slower pace than the hustle of today.... *“No smart phones would have been a bonus!!”* This attracted the many families enjoying their holidays in the large camping grounds then available in Coolangatta and Kirra Beach. So called progress has seen these camping grounds closed and are now a distant memory of those of an older generation.

The large groynes at the mouth of the Tweed River are yet to be constructed and land reclamation occurring at Tweed Heads.



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association - “Organised events remaining for 2018”

Date	Event/Activity	Contact
<p>Friday 23rd November 2018 from 6.00pm Pineapple Hotel</p>	<p>‘Annual Meeting and Christmas Function’</p> <p><i>This is the occasion to catch up with past and long serving Kirra SLSC members to enjoy Christmas fellowship with mates. ‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’ office bearers of President, Secretary and Committee Member for 2019 will be endorsed at this annual meeting.</i></p> <p>WHEN: 23rd November 2018 from 6:00pm VENUE: Pineapple Hotel at Kangaroo Point</p> <p><i>“Complementary refreshments and fingerfood provided”</i></p>	<p>Adam Day Secretary Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association Mobile: 0447 208 986 Email: kirra@kirraoldboys.com</p>
<p>Friday 28th December 2018 from 3.00pm Kirra SLSC Supporters Bar</p>	<p>‘Bumpo Freeman Commemorative Day’</p> <p><i>“Celebrating the life of Graham Freeman, a dear friend and Kirra surf lifesaver” – A special day for past and long serving Kirra SLSC members to be held on Friday 28th December 2018 from 3:00pm at the Kirra SLSC Supporters Bar.</i></p> <p><i>“You are invited to wear your Kirra Old Boys or Kirra SLSC polo shirt”</i></p> <p><i>“The annual Bumpo Freeman Commemorative Day is a special occasion for all Club members to come together in fellowship to celebrate the lives and contributions of all those Kirra SLSC members who are sadly no longer with us”</i></p> <p>LEST WE FORGET</p>	<p>Peter Beauchamp President Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association Email: kirra@kirraoldboys.com</p>

Hope you enjoyed the read..... I invite you to share this Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter 7/2018 with your circle of friends and those listed in your own electronic ‘Address Book’..... Many thanks ☺

Peter Beauchamp AFSM
Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member
President – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association
4th September 2018

More photos from the 2018 Kirra Sports Luncheon



"Left: Sisters Lisa Harmer and Tina Thorne get a great selfie with Maroons rugby league legend Alfie Langer"



"Right: A few of the table groups at the Sports Lunch held at the Pineapple Hotel... There is long-term Kirra Old Boys member Alan Beauchamp proudly wearing his blue Kirra shirt sitting with his son Luke (Luke is Captain of the Brothers Rugby Union 'Premiers' Team); Another long-term Kirra Old Boys member Ian Sommer wearing his white Kirra shirt is talking to Joe Chambers; Kirra Life Member Rick Sellwood in his white Kirra shirt is there (arms folded) listening to the wonderful yarns from one of our Guest Speakers"



"Left: Kirra Life Members Joe Dixon (blue long sleeve shirt) and Greg Dunn (Kirra shirt) enjoying their day with good mates at the 2018 Kirra Sports Lunch"



"Mark Rogers doing a great job selling raffle tickets; Greg Dunn talking to rugby league legend Len Dittmar"



"Above: Current and long-term past members join Michael Hill at the Kirra SLSC President's Table"



“Left: Kirra’s Honorary Legal Officer Dennis Boucher (mauve long sleeve shirt) enjoying himself with legal colleagues....Many thanks Dennis for organising your Boucher/Olsen Lawyers Table for the Sports Luncheon; Below: Dennis catching up and remembering past Kirra adventures with long-term Old Boys Member Jim Schofield and Kirra Life Member John (Brashie) Bell....Thanks Brashie for your great job in supporting this year’s Sports Luncheon....well done buddy!!”



“Left: Some great memories and history shared with these Kirra long serving and past members (L – R) John Dawson; Kirra Life Member Trevor Klingner; Kirra Life Member Gaven Gear; Kirra Life Member Barry Mullins; and Gary Hourigan..... Thank you for joining your old colleagues at this year’s Sports Lunch”



“Right: The Gear Boys having fun times together at the Kirra Sports Luncheon”



“Left: Rugby league commentator and ex-international representative David Wright (grey jacket) interviewing fellow football legend and founding CEO of the Broncos and Storm RLFCs, John Ribot; The tables in front of the Guest Speakers are those of the Kilcoy Diggers and the 89ers (Army 8th/9th Battalion); A huge thank you to our past Kirra SLSC member and long-term Kirra Old Boys Member – Con Searle for organising these tables with Rod Slater and Jason Watene, and for Con’s continuing support every year for the Kirra Sports Luncheon.... Many thanks Con and all the best to you and your wife”

**Reserve the date in your calendar – Kirra Sports Luncheon at the Pineapple Hotel
Friday 30th August 2019 – 11:30am to 3:30pm**