

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2020



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

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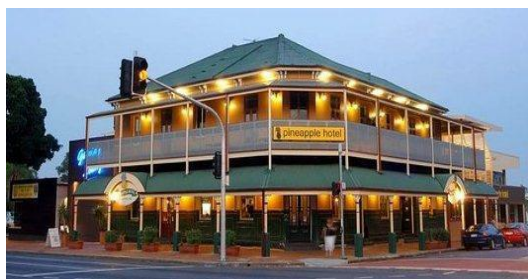
“A great occasion not to be missed!”

‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’

Christmas Function

A wonderful opportunity to catch up with past and long serving Kirra SLSC members to enjoy Christmas fellowship with mates at Bob Singleton’s famous Pineapple Hotel.

“Complimentary refreshments and fingerfood provided”



The Pineapple Hotel is situated on Main Street, Kangaroo Point and just walking distance to the famous Gabba Cricket Ground. Bob Singleton is a Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor and long-time supporter of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER FROM 5:30 PM TO LATE

Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’s committee positions of President, Secretary and 2 x Committee Members for the Year 2021 will be endorsed at the Christmas function. Adam, Paul, Mark and Peter have advised that they are happy to continue for another year on the Kirra Old Boys committee.....

Given that the Committee has been required to postpone both its annual Kirra Golf Game and the Kirra Sports Luncheon this year owing to the Government’s COVID sanctions, it would be wonderful to have a good roll up of Association members at this annual Christmas event. Come along and enjoy the evening. If you have one, wear your Kirra Old Boys or Kirra Surf Club polo shirt.

“Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member”

‘For your safety and comfort, COVID planning and social distancing practices are applied by Pineapple Hotel management for all patrons’

CALENDAR DATES 2020/2021

Include the dates in your calendar and plan your attendance at those ‘Old Boys’ events scheduled for Year 2020; and the events proposed for Year 2021

Sunday 27th December 2020

Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club from 3:30pm.... “A very special day for all Surf Club members to come together to remember our Kirra mates and family who sadly are no longer with us.... LEST WE FORGET”

Friday 7th May 2021 (To be confirmed)

Kirra Sports Luncheon at the Pineapple Hotel commencing from 11:30am to 3:30pm.... Guest Speakers; Famous Seafood Lunch; Complimentary Refreshments; Fun times with Kirra mates.

Sunday 4th or 11th July 2021

2021 Kirra Golf Game at the Wynnum Golf Club. Both dates have been booked by Greg Dunn and awaiting confirmation on which day will be available. More details to be forthcoming from our game coordinator John (Brashie) Bell.

Sunday 3rd October 2021

2021 Kirra Car Raffle draw at the Kirra Beach Surf Club from 3:00pm.... Complimentary refreshments for ticket holders; and additional prizes available throughout the afternoon.

Friday 26th November 2021 (To be confirmed)

‘Old Boys’ Christmas Function and AGM at the Pineapple Hotel commencing from 5:30pm for a fun evening with Kirra mates.

Monday 27th December 2021

Bumpo Remembrance Day at the Kirra Beach Surf Club from 3:30pm.

Kirra Historical Project AN UPDATE

The Association's 'Kirra Historical Project' business case that is supported by Kirra SLSC Management can be viewed on the Kirra Surf Club's Webpage | Old Boys... www.kirrasurfclub.com.au

“Revenue currently raised by the Association is used to support the Kirra Historical Project – Showcasing the proud history of our Kirra SLSC and members performance spanning over 105 years”

In such a short period of time since August 2018, goals achieved for the Kirra Historical Project have included:

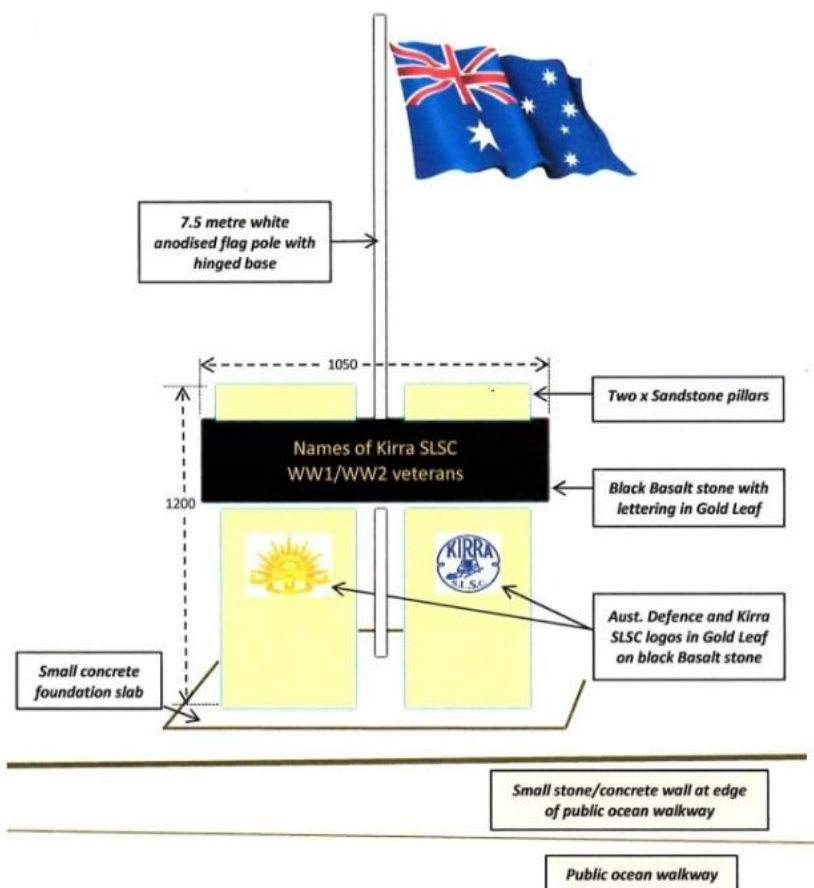
- Researched, designed and constructed the **‘Kirra SLSC Life Members Honour Board’**;
- Coordinated a generous donation offsetting the cost of the Life Members ‘Honour Board’;
- Researched, designed and constructed the **‘Kirra SLSC Patrons Honour Board’**;
- Coordinated and sponsored the Kirra SLSC ‘Life Members return to Kirra’ event;
- Presented a unique Kirra SLSC Life Member's cap to each Life Member;
- Designed and presented the **‘IRB Champions (2018) Photo Display’**;
- Researched, designed and constructed the **‘Kirra SLSC Australian Champions Honour Board’**;

The following tasks for the Kirra Historical Project are currently being finalised, including:

- Achieved a financial grant of \$10,000 from the Australian Government to construct a **‘Veterans Memorial’** at Kirra Beach (near and/or in front of the surf club) recognising the heroic service of Kirra SLSC members in defence of Australia during WW1 and WW2;
- Finalised the research and design for the Sports Champions – Photographic Gallery of Kirra SLSC **‘World and Australian Champions’**; and
- Finalised the research and design of the **‘Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions Honour Board’**.

Kirra SLSC ‘WW1/WW2 Veterans Memorial’

(Refer to your ‘Old Boys’ July 2020 Newsletter)



The ‘Old Boys’ Committee has approved Legacy Monuments (Yatala) to undertake the design and construction works for the **Kirra SLSC WW1/WW2 Veteran’s Memorial**.

Legacy will obtain the sandstone and basalt stones from a quarry in Tamworth NSW with an expectation of delivery in early January, then sandblasting and engraving. A final review and approval of the wording and names for the memorial will be completed over the next several weeks. Peter Kelly, our surf club historian and author of the publication ‘Kirra SLSC 100 years’ continues to be consulted on Kirra’s WW1/WW2 veteran names.

Whilst the initial plan was to have the dedication of the memorial on the same day as the annual Remembrance Day at Kirra Beach (December 27th), this cannot now be achieved. A new dedication date in 2021 is yet to be determined and will be dependent upon the completion of the Project. With the Federal Government Grant (\$10k) achieved and agreement signed, the ‘Old Boys’ Committee has until June 2021 to complete this very special Project.

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”



Trophy Cabinet for the surf club

As part of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association - *'KIRRA HISTORICAL PROJECT'*, the Association Committee has approved and ordered a large Trophy/Display Glass Cabinet with delivery end of November. (*AS Safety Glass and shelving; Down lights and Spotlights; Lockable Sliding Doors; Black Aluminium Frame; etc*)

This display cabinet will provide the opportunity for the Kirra Surf Club to showcase its large collection of trophies and lifesaving memorabilia in a **secured and lockable cabinet**. In the future, an additional cabinet (same design) could be purchased to display this potentially growing large collection of items amassed over the Surf Club's 105 years.

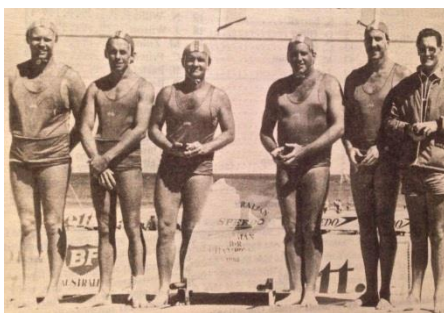
The Trophy/Display Cabinet will be located in the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club in a position that will *showcase this amazing history of the Kirra SLSC* to members, families, supporters and the many visitors to our Club. This location negotiated with the Club

Manager (Patrik) will provide separation between the Bottle Shop and the general licensed area of the Club, therefore creating a designated foyer entrance for the venue.

Seeking your assistance.... Should you have any Kirra SLSC trophies and lifesaving memorabilia from yesteryear (in your care for safe-keeping) that could be placed in the lockable/secured display cabinet, please consider providing these items to the Surf Club and pass on to either Gabrielle (Club's Office Manager) or Patrik (Licensed Club Manager) for safe keeping and displaying in the cabinet.... **QR** contact your Association Committee on Email: kirra@kirraoldboys.com and arrangements can be made to collect these items..... *'An initiative of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.... proudly supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club'*

Down memory lane:

A collection of photographs that will be included in the soon to be completed Photographic Gallery of Kirra SLSC *'World and Australian Champions'*:



- 1929 – Jack Ajax: Australian Junior Surf Belt Champion;
- 1947 – Kirra SLSC: Australian (Overall Points Score) Champion Club;
- 1977 – Brendan Gear: Australian Cadet Single Ski Champion;
- 1986 – Peter Glancy; Peter Hollingworth; Peter Kelly; Trevor Klingner; Greg Dunn; Arch Nicholson (Coach): Australian Open R & R (Five Person) Champions;
- 1995 – Michael Harrison; Belinda McAuliffe; Darren Tink: Australian Open IRB Surf Rescue Champions;
- 2016 – Isaac Nation; Belinda McAuliffe; Ben Domeracki; Te'a Peluso: World Open Male IRB Mass Rescue Champions;
- 2019 – Chris Eddebuttel: Australian Masters Surf Board Riding Champion;
- 2019 – William (Peter) Barry: Australian 55-59 Years Male 50M Manikin Carry Champion and 100M Manikin Carry with Fins Champion.



On display in the Australian War Memorial

(Extract: Facebook post by Rick Meehan: 9th October 2020):
"Yesterday I had the pleasure to visit the Australian War Memorial in Canberra with Maryann and see my painting hanging on display. Absolutely proud as punch and this occasion was most humbling to say the least.

My art piece titled 'Diggers Lament' expresses the troubles many of our veterans experience during and after their service. Their grief, their sorrow is mostly attributed to PTSD. My painting is a symbol to many Australians, We should never forget the sacrifices that our veterans endured during their careers and we should always continue to support them as they have supported us in times of conflict.

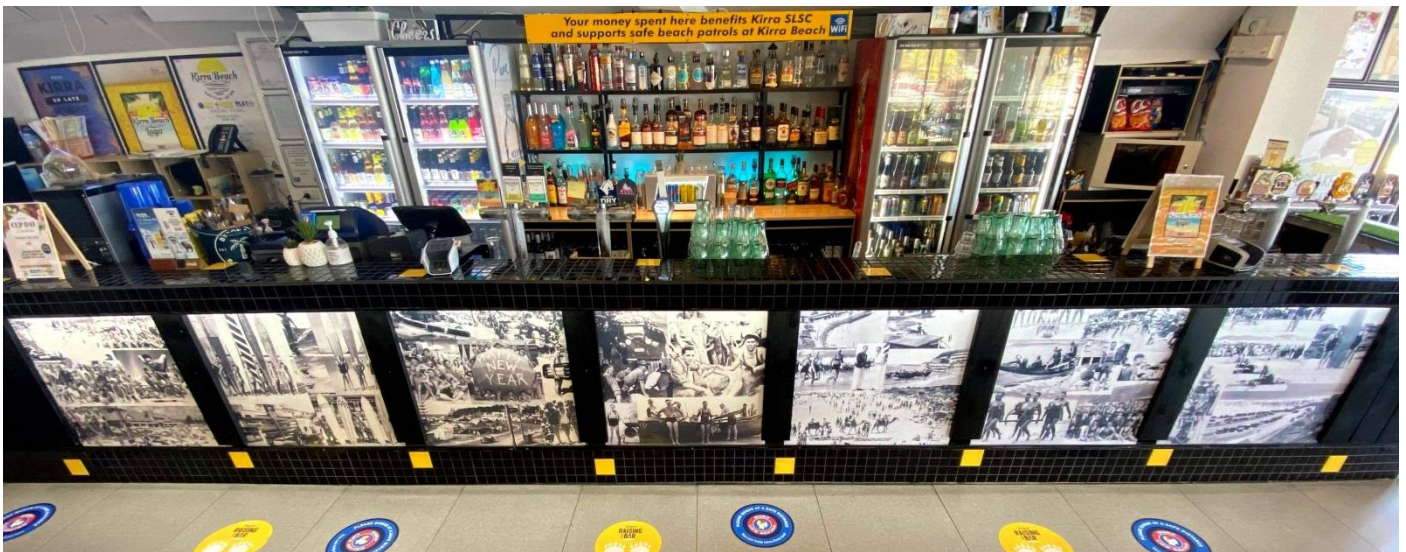
The new Director of the Australian War Memorial Matt Anderson PSM was there to greet Maryann and me, and congratulate me on my painting. We spoke on many subjects and I have no doubt he will do an amazing job, carrying on from former Director Dr Brendan Nelson AO. All in all it was a very memorable day".

Note: Rick Meehan and the Meehan Family have a long and successful association with the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

History showcased in the Kirra Supporters Club



Come on down and view the wonderful history of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club proudly displayed in the licensed **Kirra Beach Surf Club bar and bistro**. Members and visitors alike who visit the Club and view the memorabilia, photographs and Honour Boards of Kirra members of yesteryear are astonished to learn that the iconic Kirra Surf Club has been operating continuously for 105 years. The Kirra Beach Surf Club is the place to be for catching up with mates and family for cold refreshments, enjoying a tasty meal, friendly staff service, and all with the best views of the Gold Coast.



The Kirra Surf Life Saving Club has been well established as one of the leading voluntary surf lifesaving clubs in Australia. It is at the forefront of surf safety innovation; a provider of voluntary aquatic surf lifesaving and community safety services at Kirra Beach and for the broader City of Gold Coast, Queensland; and a successful participant in achieving Queensland, Australian and World Championship success in Surf Sports spanning more than one hundred years. This success as one of the country's recognisable surf lifesaving clubs assists management in drawing people, their families, supporters and volunteers from all walks of life who are passionate to be members of the famous Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.....

“Kirra Surf Life Saving Club – A true icon of the City of Gold Coast, Queensland, and Australia”

Huge seas and memories of yesteryear:

The year was 1957 when large seas hit the beaches of the Gold Coast.... Kirra Surf Club members are seen here challenging the ocean waves in front of the Kirra Beach Pavilion. *(From the collection of Kirra SLSC member – Owen Cowlshaw and restored by Mal Sutherland)*

“The Kirra Beach Pavilion was built in 1935 and occupied by the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club as its clubhouse for more than eight-five years!”



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



Hope you enjoyed this November 2020 Newsletter..... Please share this Newsletter with your circle of friends and work colleagues. Should you have an item and/or photographs for the next Newsletter then please forward to the Association's Email address: kirra@kirraoldboys.com

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

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

Kirra Beach Surf Club – Bar / Bistro / Gaming

(Revenue raised by the Kirra SLS Supporters Association supports the members of Kirra SLSC and the provision of safe Beach Patrols for the community at the famous Kirra Beach)





Multimillion-dollar Kirra Beach Hotel redevelopment to turn venue into 'modern' pub, hundreds of apartments

(ABC Gold Coast – 16th October 2020)

One hundred and ninety-eight apartments, 78 hotel rooms and a new retail precinct will replace the 64-year-old Kirra Beach Hotel, under a \$380 million redevelopment of the popular venue.

- Major redevelopment of popular pub includes almost 200 new dwellings built on the one-hectare site;
- KTQ Group says project will not result in overdevelopment, with more than 500 car parks planned;
- Developer says strong demand for luxury apartments along southern Gold Coast;
- Built over three stages by developer KTQ Group, with construction to begin in mid-2021;
- Three-storey basement car park with 530 car spaces;
- The first stage includes a 15-storey tower with 118 luxury residences;
- Kirra Beach Hotel to be demolished and replaced with a "modern recreation of the existing venue" with an additional rooftop bar;
- Kirra Beach Hotel redevelopment will include a retail and hospitality laneway;
- Bistro and the front bar and the sports bar and the beer garden;
- Second stage includes a 10-storey tower with 80 apartments, and the third stage will have 78 hotel rooms in a four-storey building;
- **Second and third stage could be completed within five to seven years, depending on market conditions;**



"Above: Kirra Beach Hotel built and opened in 1958"

"Right: Aerial view of Kirra Beach and an artist impression of the new Kirra Beach Hotel"



"Left: A public arcade (laneway) with access to the hotel and other business venues"

STOP THE PRESS: It has been advised that the present Kirra Beach Hotel will close in mid-February 2021 with works to commence immediately on the demolition of the existing hotel building. It is envisaged that Stage One construction may take between two and three years before the hotel reopens.