



# Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association



## NEWSLETTER

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Kirra Surf Club  
Old Boys Association



## 2018 Sports Luncheon

**DATE** FRIDAY 31st August 2018

**TIME** 11:30am — 3:30pm

**VENUE** Pineapple Hotel, Kangaroo Point

**COST** \$120 or \$1,080 for table of 10

**INCLUDES** Pineapple Hotel's Famous Seafood Lunch  
Beer & Wine

**TICKETS** Free bus from Kirra Surf Club & return  
[www.kirra2018.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.kirra2018.eventbrite.com.au)

**Plus Raffles & Auction Items  
throughout afternoon**

Enjoy an outstanding day with Kirra mates and friends;  
seafood lunch and refreshments;  
excellent speakers relating their challenging experiences and successes;  
raffles and other fund raising activities;  
and just a fun day for all attending

Start today and organize your table of **TEN**  
Bring along nine mates with you for an enjoyable lunch, drinks and good yarn supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club  
Limited tickets

### GUEST SPEAKERS

**Bart Sinclair OAM**— *Legendary racing identity, journalist & your EMCEE for the day*

**Julie McDonald OAM** — *Australian long-distance freestyle swimmer, and medalist at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul*

**John Ribot**— *Rugby league legend on & off the field and member of the 1982 "Invincibles" Kangaroo touring squad*

**Lt Col Tony Bennett**— *Commanding Officer 8/9 RAR, deployments to Afghanistan, Timor Leste & Solomon Islands. Recipient of Distinguished Service Medal for leadership in action.*

**George Doniger**— *Rugby league legend, sports commentator & Gold Coast identity*

**purchase your tickets online now — [www.kirra2018.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.kirra2018.eventbrite.com.au)**

**for tables of 10, email Adam Day [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)**

**bus booking contact John "Brashie" Bell on 0401 172 521**

## 2018 SPORTS LUNCHEON

Yes it is now full on for your Association to host another successful Sports Luncheon at Kirra Life Governor Member Bob Singleton's **Pineapple Hotel on Friday 31st August.**

John Bell (Brashie) has been working closely with the Association Committee on the planning for this major event. Well done Brashie with your efforts to again achieve an amazing list of 'Guest Speakers' whose tales on their adventures and achievements will keep all enthralled. Racing legend and 2018 Queens Birthday Honours recipient Bart Sinclair OAM is our Sports Luncheon Emcee.

☺ **A special price is available for a TABLE OF TEN** ☺

**Individuals and small groups purchasing tickets will be seated together with mates.**

***"Start ringing to invite your mates to fill a table"***

**INDIVIDUAL TICKET COST: \$120 and includes the Pineapple Hotel's Famous Seafood Lunch; your Beer, Wine, and light refreshment; FREE bus from the Kirra Surf Club and return; and a wonderful day full of laughs and fun times with good mates.**

**TABLE TICKET COST: \$1,080 (TEN TICKETS FOR THE COST OF NINE)..... *"A great offer so start today to organise your table of ten mates, current and past Kirra members, and work colleagues"***

'For your convenience, our Association Secretary Adam Day has arranged for ONLINE payment for you' Sports Luncheon ticket/s – To purchase your ticket/s online go to –

**[www.kirra2018.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.kirra2018.eventbrite.com.au)**

## **IRB Championship success for Kirra members!**

At the 2018 Queensland IRB Championship held at Kurrawa Beach over the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June, our dedicated Kirra Surf Club 'IRB Team' achieved outstanding success. Coached by past Kirra Club President Andrew McAuliffe, this team comprising many younger Kirra members mentored by those more experienced IRB competitors were all highly disciplined and resolved to do their best.

The results achieved by this determined Kirra Surf Club 'IRB TEAM' at the 2018 Queensland IRB Championship were simply amazing! Four Gold Medals; Two Silver Medals; One Bronze Medal; Team placed third overall in points scored for the championship; Place second overall for the Most Improved Champion Team; **and yes there is more!!!** Seven Kirra IRB Team members selected in the 2018 Queensland IRB Team to contest the Australian IRB Inter-State Championship; and a further eight Kirra IRB Team members selected in the 2018 Queensland Development Team.

### **GOLD MEDALISTS**

**Gold – Assembly Teams:** Ben Domeracki, Isaac Nation, Mark Sheldrick, Joel Kinneally, Josh Clemson & Belinda McAuliffe

**Gold – Open Male Teams:** Ben Domeracki, Isaac Nation, Mark Sheldrick, Josh Clemson, Belinda McAuliffe & Leah Sheldrick

**Gold – Open Female Teams:** Te'a Peluso, Haidee Psaltis, Bailie Nash, Sophie Clemson, Shayna Cassone & Harrison Sheppard

**Gold – U23 Teams Rescue:** Eli Clemson, Sam Dobbs, Mark Sheldrick, Josh Clemson, Leah Sheldrick & Charlee Taylor

### **SILVER MEDALISTS**

**Silver – Open Male Mass Rescue:** Ben Domeracki, Isaac Nation, Belinda McAuliffe & Sophie Clemson

**Silver – Open Female Mass Rescue:** Te'a Peluso, Haidee Psaltis, Shayna Cassone & Charlee Taylor

### **BRONZE MEDALIST**

**Bronze – Open Female Tube Rescue:** Te'a Peluso, Shiloh Young and Joel Kinneally

### **SELECTED IN THE 2018 QUEENSLAND IRB TEAM**

Ben Domeracki; Isaac Nation; Mark Sheldrick; Josh Clemson; Belinda Elms; Harry Sheppard; and Andrew McAuliffe (Patient Coordinator)

### **SELECTED IN THE 2018 QUEENSLAND IRB DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

Te'a Peluso; Haidee Psaltis; Bailie Nash; Sophie Clemson; Shayna Cassone; Leah Sheldrick; Shiloh Young; and Anthony Cassone (Team Manager)

(Results provided by Kirra's Loretta Cassone)

***This is truly an amazing achievement. I know that you join with me in congratulating our Kirra Surf Club 'IRB Team' for their outstanding success at the 2018 Queensland IRB Championship and wish them all the best at the coming Australian IRB Championship"***



***"Above: The successful Kirra IRB Team at the 2018 Queensland IRB Championship held at Kurrawa Beach"***

## The Association proposes a key project for the Kirra Club'

For a number of years many current, long serving and past Kirra members have raised their concerns that the Club's 'Historical Displays' do not showcase the outstanding performance and achievements of Kirra SLSC members over its 102 year history (*Kirra SLSC – second oldest surf club in Queensland and one of the oldest in Australia*). Given these concerns your Association Committee developed a Business Case proposal to sponsor and manage a unique 'Project' that will focus on enhancing, replacing and/or providing additional new visual displays to better showcase the collective history of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. The Project is expected to take approximately three years to complete.

**"The strategy!" To showcase Kirra SLSC's 102 year history through various visual 'Historical Displays' that will instil 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 Surf Club members.**

### Goals for this Project include:

- ✓ **Life Member Honour Board:** A new Life Member Honour Board (Roll of Honour) to list those 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. Member names to also include post-nominal letters attained;
- ✓ **Club Patron Honour Board:** Introduce a new Honour Board that recognises those members who perform the revered position as Patron, Kirra Surf Life Saving Club..... Only **five** members have performed this role over the Club's 102 year history;
- ✓ **Kirra SLSC Committee/s Honour Board:** Re-establish the Kirra SLSC Committee/s Honour Board that once held pride of place within the Club and list those members who performed in Club Executive Management roles throughout its 102 year history, including those of the Kirra Junior Activities, Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, and the Kirra SLSC Supporters Association;
- ✓ **Our Champions Honour Board/s:** Replace the aged and poorly maintained large Champion Honour Board/s (Australia/Queensland) and design unique historical display/s to list and acknowledge all past, current and future Club individual members and team winners of Queensland, Australian and World Championships.
- ✓ **WW1/WW2 and other Theatres of War – Honour Board/Displays:** Acknowledge Kirra SLSC members who served with distinction in various world theatres of war over the Club's 102 year history. Several Club members made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of Australia.
- ✓ **Photographic Galleries:** To enhanced, replaced and/or create new photographic galleries to showcase the history of the Kirra Surf Club over a 102 year period. This may include Honorary Life Members; World Champions (e.g. IRB Champions); Australian/Queensland Champions; Rescue Events; Bravery Award recipients; History unique events; IRB/JRB/Surf Boat/etc; and Recipients of unique awards e.g. Commonwealth Honours and Special Certificates and Citations.
- ✓ **Display Cabinet (Glass/Internal lighting/Secure):** Kirra maintained a Trophy Cabinet in the 1950s/1960s/1970s however this does not exist today. The Kirra SLSC Display Cabinet will showcase the numerous collection of historical items gathered over 102 years now stored in various locations and/or in the possession of several current/past Kirra SLSC members (for protection). Several families have expressed a desire to showcase their family's Commonwealth Award and/or other Wold/National/State Certificates and/or Badges in the Kirra SLSC Display Cabinet.
- ✓ **Kirra 'Walk of Fame':** Further discussion will be necessary on this proposal to showcase in the public domain on the ocean side of the Kirra Pavilion similar to that located in Point Danger Park, the many unique events that are specific to Kirra SLSC and Kirra Beach – Promoting the history of Kirra SLSC and its members contributions to developing the communities of Coolangatta and the southern Gold Coast. Historical activities and/or events of interest may include but not be limited to: Councillors, Coolangatta Town Council; Tragic shark attack; Bravery Awards; Significant surf rescues; Kirra Catamaran Club; 1970s Kirra SLSC 'Night' Surf Carnivals; Cyclone events; Kirra legends; etc.

**"The purpose for the Old Boys Association fund raising is set for the next three years"**

***“Q/- How is the Project to be financed?” This ‘Historical Displays Project’ will be sponsored by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association. Revenue generating activities coordinated by the ‘Old Boys Association to achieve Project specific goals may include: ‘Old Boys’ regular fund raising activities and events; Provision of in kind support; Private/public sector funding options; Sourcing State/Commonwealth Grants if available; Possible Local Government contributions; and Member sponsored donations.***

***The Project Steering Committee to include members from the Old Boys Association and the Kirra Surf Club. The Old Boys Association Secretary will take the lead for the administrative management of this Project.***

Following consultation initiated by your Association Committee with a number of current and past Kirra Surf Club members including several KSLSC Honorary Life Members, authority to proceed with this Project was endorsed by Michael Hill (President Kirra SLSC) and Peter Beauchamp (President Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association) on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**The signed Project ‘Business Case’ can be viewed on the Kirra Surf Club’s Website: [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://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”***

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## **Old Boys Association membership**

***“Keep building the membership!”*** Over the past six months up to forty long serving and past Kirra Surf Club members have joined the ‘Old Boys Association’. As our numbers approach three hundred members, your Committee remains committed to reach 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 long serving and past members; our Kirra Nipper coordinators and members; and Club associate and support members, an invitation is extended for you to be listed on *“The Association”* Membership Register to receive your Newsletter ***“What’s Happening!”*** and to be informed and consider participating in the activities and events planned throughout the year. 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](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com)

**Information about your Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association is available on the Kirra SLSC Website: [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) | Old Boys**

**Have you provided your electronic Email address? Of the current Association membership (now almost three hundred), only fifty members have not yet provided an electronic Email address. The Association’s Committee invites you to provide your electronic mailing address (should you have one).**

**Details on your electronic Email address may be forwarded to Secretary Adam Day at**

[kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto: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”***

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

### KIRRA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

(Established 1916)

Life Members (Inaugural) Reunion Dinner held Sunday, 1st May 1994 in the Club Old Boys Lounge



#### LIFE MEMBERS

STANDING (left to right): Bob Littler, Trevor Klingner, Peter Beauchamp, Scott Byrnes, Ron Gurnett, Trevor Wardrobe, Ralph Ford-Johnson, Keith Hamilton, Clive Jones, Ken Meehan, Ken Wiles, Arch Nicholson, Barry Mullins, Steve Barry, John Pidgeon, Bob Gear, Stan Hilton, Ron Halpin, Barry Cameron.  
SITTING (left to right): Barrie Thorne, Max Klingner, Rick Sellwood, Dot Kopitke, Doug Brockhurst, Peter Wippell.  
ABSENT: Ged Moore, Lil Ryan, Les Sellwood, Joe Doniger, Earle Smith.

The Kirra Surf Club 'Life Members Reunion Dinner held in the former **Club Old Boys Lounge** (*now the Club's licensed bar and restaurant*) on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 1994 was an innovative idea proposed by Honorary Life Member Arch Nicholson OAM. Club records at that time could not verify if a similar event had been previously held to acknowledge those who were bestowed the Club's highest honour of Honorary Life Membership.

I recall that this was a wonderful reunion with all but five Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Members present. There were many yarns of past adventures shared over an enjoyable meal and cold refreshments. Sadly half of those who attended this inaugural Life Members Reunion Dinner are now no longer with us. Their dedicated service to the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club will never be forgotten ..... ***"Lest we forget"***

### 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](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) "So simple to access..... Go there and have a look on what's happening for the Kirra Surf Club and the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association"

An 'Old Boys' article is now a regular feature of the Kirra Surf Club's monthly newsletter – **KIRRA KHRONICLE**. Should you have an item of interest and/or a photograph for this monthly Newsletter, than please forward to me care of [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com) prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month.....

***"Go visit the Kirra Website – it's a good read!"***

## KIRRA SLSC – ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2018/2019



A well-attended Kirra SLSC Annual General Meeting was held at the surf club on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018. Michael Hill was endorsed for his second year as Club President. Other office bearers on the Club Executive for the 2018/2019 season also include (but not limited to):

**President: Michael Hill; Deputy President: Steve Muller; Honorary Secretary: Scott Byrnes OAM; Honorary Treasurer: Loretta Cassone; Captain: (To be filled); and Chief Instructor Laurie Cavill.**

A full list of 2018/2019 Kirra SLSC Office Bearers will be available on the Club's Website:  
[www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au)

Congratulations and wishing all a successful year for those endorsed on the various management and sub-committees for the 2018/2019 season of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.



### Kirra SLSC – Honorary Life Membership

Congratulations to Liane Stanton who at the Club's Annual General Meeting held Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 was endorsed as the 72<sup>nd</sup> Honorary Life Member of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. Liane has over many years given diligent service in a range of roles in advancing the ideals of her Kirra Surf Club and surf lifesaving. I know that your join in congratulating Liane on being bestowed the highest honour of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

*"Full details to be provided by the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club"*

*"Kirra SLSC serving the community through surf lifesaving for 102 years – Est. 8<sup>th</sup> January 1916"*

## Building relationships –Strengthening partnerships

The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association established on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978 currently has almost three hundred Kirra SLSC long serving and past members on the Association's Membership Register. The Association's goals determined forty years ago remain similar today in 2018:

- Providing an opportunity for long serving and past Kirra SLSC members to remain connected with their surf lifesaving club;
- Building fellowship between long serving, past and current Kirra SLSC members through annual social functions and other special event activities; and
- Coordinating and supporting revenue generating activities of the Association for the overall benefit of the surf club membership and the sustainable future of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

Hope you enjoyed the read..... I invite you to share this Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter 5/2018 with your circle of friends and those listed in your own electronic 'Address Book' ..... Many thanks ☺

**Peter Beauchamp AFSM**

**President – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association**

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018



# Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

*"Organised events remaining for 2018"*

Date	Event/Activity	Contact
<p>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 from 6:50am Wynnum Golf Club</p>	<p><b>'Annual Golf Day'</b>  <b>WHEN:</b> 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with tee off at 7:20am  <b>VENUE:</b> Wynnum Golf Club  <b>NUMBERS:</b> 24 player spots reserved  <i>(Contact the Golf Club Pro Shop on 07 3396 9000 to booked your golf cart)</i>  <i>Lance English; Keith Boucher; Greg Dunn; Peter Kelly; Roger Cresswell; Bob Wilson; Peter Beauchamp; John Bell; and Tom Lagan and others have confirmed their playing.....</i>  <b>ONLY 5 PLAYER SPOTS REMAINING..... RING JOHN (BRASHIE) BELL TO BOOK YOUR GAME!!</b></p>	<p><b>John Bell</b>            Mobile: 0401 172 521;            Home: 07 5590 9256;            Email:  <a href="mailto:johnleebell46@gmail.com">johnleebell46@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 11:30am to 3:30pm</p>	<p><b>2018 Sports Luncheon at the famous Pineapple Hotel near the Gabba</b>  <b>"See the Flyer in this Newsletter"</b></p>	<p><b>John Bell</b>            Mobile: 0401 172 521  <b>Adam Day</b>  <a href="mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com">kirra@kirraoldboys.com</a></p>
<p>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 from 6.00pm Pineapple Hotel</p>	<p><b>'Annual Meeting and Christmas Function'</b>  <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>  <b>WHEN:</b> 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 from 6:00pm  <b>VENUE:</b> Pineapple Hotel at Kangaroo Point  <i>"Complementary refreshments and fingerfood provided"</i></p>	<p><b>Adam Day</b>            Secretary            Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association            Mobile: 0447 208 986            Email:  <a href="mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com">kirra@kirraoldboys.com</a></p>
<p>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 3.00pm Kirra SLSC Supporters Bar</p>	<p><b>'Bumpo Freeman Commemorative Day'</b>  <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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 3:00pm at the Kirra SLSC Supporters Bar.</i>  <i>"You are invited to wear your Kirra Old Boys or Kirra SLSC polo shirt"</i>  <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>  <b>LEST WE FORGET</b></p>	<p><b>Peter Beauchamp</b>            President            Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association            Mobile: 0429 548813            Email:  <a href="mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com">kirra@kirraoldboys.com</a></p>