



# Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

(Established 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978)



## NEWSLETTER

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**2019 – The year that was!** The 2019 Festive Season brought a closure to a very busy and successful year for our Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

2019 was a year of success for our revenue generation activities. Another well supported **Car Raffle** and the best attended **Sports Lunch** at the Pineapple Hotel. *“Many who attended the Sports Lunch indicated they enjoyed their day and the guest speakers, and stated they would be back for the 2020 event”*. These two key fund raising events require time to plan and hard work to make them a success. Thank you to those who generously pitched in and supported our small Committee... *“We are all volunteers and any support is always appreciated”*.

Our **membership** continues to grow to the numbers when the inaugural Committee (1978) had up to 300 on the Members Register. Wonderful to have new members from Kirra's 1990's and 2000's joining over the past eighteen months.... *“The future for the Association is dependent on recruiting new members who will over time take on those Association committee volunteer roles, building upon the legacies of those who preceded them!”*

**Highlights in 2019 also included:** The Kirra **Life Members** and **Patron Honour Boards** are now erected in the Supporters Club. Details for the **Australian Champions Honour Board** are with the signwriter for construction; A successful Kirra **Life Members Reunion** event in October: *“What a great turn out by many who have contributed much to their surf club!”*; The annual **Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day** goes from strength to strength with wonderful fellowship on this special day for our Kirra Surf Club members and families; The annual Kirra **Golf Day** brings members together for a fun yet challenging day on the golf fairways/greens.

*“These are a few of our initiatives in 2019 for the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association”*

The Association's **2020 Calendar of Events** is now being finalised..... Lock in the dates on your calendar and plan to attend these fun events to catch up with your Kirra mates:

- **3<sup>rd</sup> May:** Car Raffle Draw at the Kirra Supporters Club commencing 3pm;
- **July (TBA):** Kirra Golf Day at the Wynnum Golf Club with tee off at 7am;
- **28<sup>th</sup> August:** Kirra Sports Lunch at the Pineapple Hotel from 11:30am;
- **20<sup>th</sup> November:** Xmas Function/AGM at the Pineapple Hotel from 5:30pm;
- **27<sup>th</sup> December:** Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day at the Kirra Supporters Club from 3:30pm (*A special day for all Kirra past and current members, families and supporters*).

**On behalf of the Association Committee (Adam, Paul, Mark and Peter) we wish you and yours a healthy, happy and successful Year 2020. ☺☺☺☺**

**We also express our sincere appreciation for the most generous assistance and encouraging support so freely provided to your Committee throughout a very busy Year 2019.... “We thank you!”**



**Volunteerism: “The principal of donating personal time and energy through providing support for the benefit of other people within the community as a social responsibility rather than for any individual gain, reward or financial opportunity”.**

# Kirra Clubhouse Redevelopment Project *(Refer to previous Newsletters)*

Extract: Kirra Beach Pavilion: Strategic Heritage and Development Recommendations – Page 1: Sept 2019: Jacqueline Pearce (Architect – Senior Associate): ***“It is recognised by the Kirra SLSC that there are a number of serious challenges related to the future occupation of the significant heritage building, in its operation, use, tenure, maintenance and development in association with the Kirra SLSC providing ongoing, up to date lifesaving training, and member services”.***  
(End of Extract)

**EXTENT Heritage Pty Ltd** (Extent Heritage) was commissioned by Max Winders (Patron) on behalf of the Kirra SLSC to prepare a report containing recommendations to assist the Surf Club in preparing a strategic plan to address future development, occupation and use by Kirra SLSC of the Kirra Beach Pavilion (the clubhouse) and other potential building expansion options. Peter Beauchamp (Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member #49/1986) is the contact representing the Surf Club for the communication of the Report.

In summary, the Extent Heritage Report (Oct 2019) recommendations and considerations included:

RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS INITIATED
<p><b>1/.</b> Prepare a prioritised Maintenance Schedule to (a) identify urgent work; (b) arrange appropriate heritage approvals for outstanding and identified new work, and (c) allow for the provision of <b>long-term</b> maintenance and conservation works program.</p>	<p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> The Kirra SLSC <b>Building Redevelopment Working Group</b> (established by the Club President) is currently engaged with the CoGC Parks and Recreational Services in developing a Master Plan for the Kirra Beach Pavilion.</p>
<p><b>2/.</b> Arrange a ‘Building Operation Agreement’ <b>workshop</b> with key stakeholders to consolidate and agree to the building management arrangements and master planning into the future.</p>	<p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> A number of <b>Council/Surf Club</b> meetings have been progressed. Points of contact have been established between Council and the Kirra Surf Club (representing Club management).</p>
<p><b>3/.</b> Arrange a ‘Future Opportunities and Vision’ <b>workshop</b> with key stakeholders to (a) address the need for appropriate community input into the future management of this site; (b) develop a clear and viable vision statement for Kirra Beach Pavilion as it exists today; and (c) lay the foundations for the establishment of a Master Plan that maintains and is informed by the site’s identified heritage values.</p>	<p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> A Workshop was held with all <b>key stakeholders</b> (Council Officers; Divisional Councillor; Surf Club representatives; Surf Riders Club) in <b>October 2019</b> to progress the development of the Master Plan for the Kirra Beach Pavilion’s stakeholder areas (Surf Club; Surf Riders Club; and Council). Kirra SLSC occupies approximately 75-80% of the overall building complex..... <i>“Still a journey here!”</i></p>
<p><b>4/.</b> Prepare a <b>Business Plan</b> or <b>Economic Strategy for Kirra SLSC</b>, with key stakeholders to (a) understand the current financial situation; (b) recognise the current income opportunities available, income sources and scope for improvement; (c) understand the maintenance and conservation costs, operational costs; (d) and develop a clear and viable business plan for the Kirra SLSC in occupation of the Kirra Beach Pavilion.</p>	<p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> The <b>Kirra SLSC Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025</b> has been drafted and presented to Kirra SLSC Management Committee for consideration and approval by February 2020. Operational ‘Sub-Plans’ and Business Plan/s will progress with the approval of the Five Year Strategic Plan. The Kirra Supporters Association committee has set targets and is working to return the Kirra Supporters Club to a strong business position.</p>
<p><b>5/.</b> Prepare a <b>Master Plan for the Kirra SLSC in the occupation of the Kirra Beach Pavilion</b>, identifying future uses, improvements or developments that (a) protect and conserve the site’s heritage significance; (b) align with the site’s vision, and (c) allow for viable future operations (building expansion) and financial sustainability.</p>	<p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> <b>5/1.</b> A Kirra ‘clubhouse’ <b>Occupancy Matrix</b> has been developed identifying future operational spatial requirements; <b>5/2.</b> A preliminary meeting (2 hours) was held in mid-October 2019 with Kin Architects, Brisbane. Kin Architects submitted their <b>‘Scope of Works’</b> document and quotation for a proposed Kirra SLSC refurbished and extended clubhouse building <b>Master Plan</b> that includes conceptual drawings and 3D Imagery.</p>
<p><b>6/.</b> Provide an updated <b>Conservation Management Plan</b> to serve as the principal guiding tool for the ongoing conservation and management of the Kirra Beach Pavilion.</p>	<p><b><u>ACTION:</u></b> Kirra Surf Club has been regularly engaging with the architect consultant for CoGC reviewing the Conservation Management Plan (Yadley – 2011). The reviewed CMP submitted to CoGC in December 2019.</p>

**This next phase is vital to support the Kirra Surf Club's ongoing consultation with City of Gold Coast on operational surf lifesaving occupancy requirements within the existing Kirra Beach Pavilion; and further business engagement on the future refurbishment and expansion strategies for the Kirra Clubhouse.**

**'Scope of Works' submission by Kin Architects (24<sup>th</sup> October 2019)**

**Master Plan to provide for the Kirra SLSC management and members:**

- Consideration on how to extend the clubhouse beyond the lease line and present a vision to Council that will perform the functional needs outlined by the Building Redevelopment Working Group and KSLSC membership;
- Investigate options for increasing floor area – an additional level, a new extension over the carpark or incorporating the existing Pizza Hut tenancy into KSLSC operations;
- Consider a design concept that creates a clear, inviting and accessible entry into the clubhouse facilities on level 01;
- Design practical equipment storage and consider access requirements of the Surf Club;
- Allow for the provision for member accommodation;
- Incorporate KSLSC business vision into the new design concept to present a business case to council; Investigate retail opportunities;
- Consider day-to-day trade of the food and beverage services and the potential for a separate multi-purpose function space to cater for 150 people; and
- Consider how to incorporate club history and memorabilia into the concept.

**The Scope of Works (Kin Architects) detail a collaborative design process to ensure a well thought out and functional building refurbishment and expansion strategy:**

*Consultation and presentation with KSLSC Building Working Group (Design Approval). Allowance for initial presentation and up to three (3) additional revisions of scheme based on feedback from the Building Working Group. A full work-flow analysis and detailed consultation with the Building Working Group is allowed for: — Design strategic demolition with advice from Heritage Architect; — Full 3D modelling of site, surrounds and concept; and — Final presentation to KSLSC & CoGC Council.*

*Consumables to also include: 1. Preliminary conceptual design plans; 2. CAD Site Plan; 3. CAD Floor Plans (all levels); 4. CAD Elevations; 5. CAD Cross Sections; 6. Demolition Plans; 7. CAD 3D Model; 8. CAD Perspective 3D Images in colour; and 9. Diagrams to explain the concept*

**“A urgent plea for financial support for your Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”**

**The MASTER PLAN as proposed by Kin Architects will provide a professional document, conceptual drawings and imagery to support the future refurbishment and expansion strategies of your Surf Club. CoGC Council are expending \$1.1M from April 2020 on the Pavilion. The new commercial tenant (Seafood Restaurant) will be redesigning the former Pizza Hut area from August 2020.**

**IT IS NOW TIME TO PROGRESS THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE KIRRA CLUBHOUSE BUILDING AND OPERATIONAL LIFESAVING FACILITIES.**

**“A DONATION IN PART OR IN FULL (\$25,000) IS URGENTLY SOUGHT BY THE KIRRA SLSC TO PROGRESS THE SCOPE OF WORKS TO COMPLETE THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE FUTURE REFRUBISHMENT AND EXPANSION STRATEGIES OF THE KIRRA CLUBHOUSE”**

**For further information please contact Kirra SLSC Life Member Peter Beauchamp on Mobile: 0429 548 813 or Email: [beechofamily4@tpg.com.au](mailto:beechofamily4@tpg.com.au)**



# Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day

*“A special occasion for past and current surf club members, families and supporters to come together annually in fellowship to celebrate the lives and contributions of all those Kirra SLSC members and family who sadly are no longer with us”*

## LEST WE FORGET

**“An annual event for all Kirra SLSC members and not to be missed!”**



*“What a bumper day had by the many past and current Kirra Surf Club members and families who attended the 2019 Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day held at the Kirra Supporters Club ‘Bar & Bistro’ on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December”.*

Is it possible to say that this was the best ever attended with many past and long serving Kirra members, Honorary Life Members, families and surf club supporters joining in the celebrations for this very special day of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club? It was a scene full of the mighty

*‘Royal Blue and Gold’* with many wearing their Kirra Surf Club, Kirra Old Boys Association or the Kirra 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration polo shirts.

So many quality past members attended who in their time have given so much to advancing the ideals of their Kirra Surf Life Saving Club through contributions with Surf Club administration and management; beach patrols and surf safety; surf sports; and general surf lifesaving.



Our Kirra SLSC ‘Club Patron’ **Max Winders** also took time out from his family holidays at Southport to be there with Kirra mates. Max is only the fifth person in the Surf Club’s 104 year history to hold this very prestigious position of Club Patron..... *“Great to see you there Max, and thank you for your generous and continuing support of your Kirra SLSC and the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association”.*

As has become the annual practice, there were several past Valley Diehards RLFC players from those champion rugby league teams of the 1970s/1980s era joining in the activities. Many Valley Diehards players from this era were also members of the Kirra Surf Club. Wonderful to have former rugby league great, past Kirra member, and long time ‘Old Boys’ supporter **Ross Strudwick** attend his first Remembrance Day..... *“Yes, Ross stated that he will be back for many more Remembrance Days at his olde Surf Club in future years!”*

Our Association foundation President **Ron Gurnett** (Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member #38/1973) and foundation Secretary **Bob Littler** (Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member #39/1974) joined in this special day of remembrance and fellowship for their Kirra Surf Club.

**“The annual Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day is sponsored by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association”**

**CALENDAR BOOKING: 2020 BUMPO FREEMAN REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 FROM 3:30 PM – KIRRA SUPPORTERS CLUB**





**“Top Left: (L-R) Brenden Gear, Barry Mullins and Greg Dunn enjoying fun times; Top Centre: (L-R) John Finnemore, Brian Bartels and Mark Rogers catch up at their surf club on a very special day; and Top Left: (L-R) Wayne Heydt and Ross Strudwick, both excellent rugby league players in their time with Easts and Valleys, enjoying the fellowship at the Remembrance Day. Wayne’s dad was a member of the Kirra Surf Club and Ross is a past Kirra member. All are members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association”**



**Above Left: (L-R) Helen Dixon and Julie Dunn proudly wearing their husbands Life Member caps presented on the day to Joe and Greg; Above Centre: Peter Barry and Joe Dixon enjoy their day with long time mates at Kirra Beach; Above Right: Past Association President Keith Boucher with Gary Douglas (Gary was a top beach sprinter for Kirra) catch up and enjoy good yarns of yesteryear at the Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day”**



**“Left: (L-R) Jeff Callaghan, Ian Sommer, and Lance English... all quality members of their Kirra Surf Club; Below: Kirra SLSC Life Members Lance English, Keith Boucher, Peter Beauchamp and Ron Gurnett enjoying a top breakfast at the Kirra Supporters Club”**



**“Enjoy breakfast with great views every Saturday and Sunday from 8am”**



**TICKETS AVAILABLE – GET IN EARLY FOR THAT SPECIAL NUMBER**  
*Any assistance in selling and/or buying raffle tickets is much appreciated*



# **Its On Again**

## **Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Assoc**

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Valued at  
\$15,990**



**\$125 tickets ~ only 199 to be sold**

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**“Above: Kirra clubhouse today in 2020; and Left: The Kirra SLSC clubhouse (building of three levels on Kirra Point) in the early 1930s”**

A surf boat race being held at Kirra Beach in the early 1930s. It’s another first with Kirra SLSC introducing the first surf boat into Queensland Surf Lifesaving (Reference: Kirra 100 Years by Peter D Kelly: Page 28)

## **FOR SALE – FOR SALE – FOR SALE – FOR SALE**



Given the popular demand for an Association ‘Polo Shirt’, the Committee has ordered further polo shirts for members at a price of **only \$30.00/shirt** that includes the embroidered Logo (see photo.... *foundation date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 1978*)..... FABRIC 50% Cotton inner, 50% Biz Cool Polyester pique outer, loose fit and a comfortable polo shirt to wear....

**Sizes currently available include: L; XL; and 2XL**

**How to order your Association ‘Polo Shirt’:**

**Email** your details including the number of shirts required and your preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com);

**Direct Deposit:** You can direct deposit \$30/shirt into the Association banking account: BSB: 084130; A/C: 448755954; Name: Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

## **Association’s progress with the Kirra Historical Project**

**The latest news....** At the Kirra Surf Club Management Committee meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019, those present supported the strategies (Business Case) submitted by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association for the Club’s Historical Project. This includes the design concept, manufacture and location of the new Kirra SLSC Honour Boards.



## Can you help Michael Beattie?

Michael is an active member and past Captain of Kirra SLSC, and a Health & Physical Education Teacher with Yarrabilba State Secondary College:

**From Michael:** Essentially what I am going to be doing is setting up another **School Surf Lifesaving Program in partnership with Kirra SLSC**, similar to the program I established with Kirra in 2014. Due to the fact that my new school, Yarrabilba State Secondary College is expected to grow to 1600-1800 students by 2024 when we have a full cohort of year 7-12 (opening 2020 with year 7&8 only), means we have a greater capacity to deliver programs to specific students. ***“A wonderful new member source for the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club!”***

I am aiming to develop three separate programs that progress naturally as the children get older. Hopefully getting them involved at a younger age and part of our Surf Club early will develop better lifesavers in the senior school, with more ‘buy in’ at the Surf Club and an increase of active patrolling members.

To run such a program, as you would understand, requires a lot of equipment. Much of our learning in the younger grades is external to the surf club so requires us to have our own equipment (non surf club members). As Yarrabilba State Secondary College is a brand new foundation school, the funds to start-up stretch pretty thin and don’t allow us to spend on ‘non-essential’ items such as rescue boards and tubes etc. To help establish a program, I am asking that if any contacts you may have are able to check if they have equipment that they are willing to donate to our school so we can start up and begin our program in 2020. ***“Anything from boards, tubes, rashies, etc that can help us get started would be greatly appreciated!”*** Thank you for circulating this for me and the children.... Michael.

**This is a wonderful initiative and surf safe program. An excellent opportunity to source future members for our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. Your generous support both in kind and/or financially would benefit the college students and future surf lifesavers of Kirra. For more information and offer of assistance, please contact Michael – Email: [mbeat35@eq.edu.au](mailto:mbeat35@eq.edu.au)**

### ‘Kirra Surf Life Saving Club – established on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916’



Hope you enjoyed this read..... our first Newsletter for the New Year (2020). Please share the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association – Newsletter with your circle of friends and work colleagues connected with and supporting our Kirra SLSC.....

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Association Committee and our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.  
Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association  
(Peter, Adam, Paul and Mark)

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



***2019/2020 has seen catastrophic bushfires in Australia with all States and many hundreds of communities impacted. People’s lives have been lost and properties destroyed. The country’s national parks, and irreplaceable flora and fauna have been ravaged by the impact of uncontrolled wildfires. Life will never be the same for so many who call Australia home.***

***Our sincere thoughts and sympathies are extended to those who lost dear family members and firefighting colleagues, and the many others whose possessions were destroyed by fire during these tragic events occurring across our country.***

***We also offer our deepest appreciation and thanks to the many Emergency Services personnel for their selfless commitment for their fellow Australians, in particular to those rural volunteer and urban firefighters for their heroic efforts standing on the fireline in the most deadly of environments.***