



PATROLS ARE BACK

Kirra Khronicle



November 2025

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Busy Times Ahead at Kirra!

What a jam-packed month we have coming up! Our dedicated members are training hard for their Surf Rescue Certificates and Bronze Medallions, while our Nippers are back in full swing - taking on some tough competition at the Branch Carnivals. And amidst it all, we still find time to patrol our beautiful Kirra Beach and keep our community safe!

This month, we're also proud to be hosting students from Loganlea State High School for a club camp, where participants will gain their IRBCC Awards and Advanced Resuscitation Technique Certificates. It's fantastic to see so many members building their lifesaving skills and contributing to safer beaches for everyone.

A quick reminder - extended patrols commence from 20 December, so don't forget to add

that extra hour to your morning or afternoon patrol.

We'd also like to congratulate all our members who are graduating Year 12 and heading off to Schoolies celebrations. Stay safe, look after your mates, and best of luck with your future adventures!

Finally, if you've recently changed your email address or moved house, please make sure your details are up to date with the club so you don't miss out on important updates and events.

Got a funny story, great photo, carnival result, or message to share with your fellow members? We'd love to include it in our next newsletter - send it through to the club office!

Signing off
Rex the Roving Reporter



Leon Rebello MP McPherson
Honours awards.

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Details up to date

A reminder to everyone to make sure your contact detail are up to date with the club. If we don't have your correct details, we can't inform you of important information or events.

How to Check:

- Look on your SLS members portal under Membership/Update your details.

<https://members.sls.com.au/members/>

- Contact the club and ask.

Email:
kirra@kiraslsc.com



Supporters Club Membership

Did you know – that as a member of the Surf Club you automatically become a member of the Kirra Beach Surf Club (Supporters).

Around the Beaches

McPherson Awards

A couple of weeks ago we attended the inaugural Leon Rebello MP McPherson Honours awards. Kirra SLSC was a finalist for Service Club of the year and Bianca Clark (Our Nipper President) was a finalist for Surf Life Saver of the Year. Congratulations to everyone. This award is for recognition of every member who volunteers their time to protect Kirra Beach. 💙💛 And thank you to Leon and staff for a wonderful night. 💙💛



Giving Back

This season, Kirra Surf Life Saving Club was proud to lend a hand to one of our North Queensland sister clubs by donating an Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB).

The IRB was no longer in active use at Kirra, and we were thrilled to see it go to a club where it could make a real difference. Helping another team continue their vital lifesaving work is what the surf lifesaving community is all about - supporting each other to keep our beaches safe.



It's going to be well-loved and well-used by our Patrol Teams 🏊, Nippers 🧒, and Little Green Caps 🟢.

We love seeing clubs supporting clubs helping each other keep doing what we all love keeping our Queensland beaches safe 🌊💙

Once again, Kirra SLSC — thank you so, so much! 🙌🙌❤️



[More about Kirra Surf Life Saving Club](#)

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Patrol Captain Course

SMPC Course Invitations:

Branch have two upcoming courses at Bilinga SLSC:

- 20–21 Dec 2025 – for new Patrol Captains (2-day course)
- 21 Dec 2025 – for members with the older SMBM award who want to upgrade (1-day course)

 **Important:** Members must attend all sessions for their respective course. For questions or more info, please contact Branch.



Silver Medallion Patrol Captain Course*:

Saturday, 20 December 2025 8:00am-4:00pm
***Sunday, 21 December 2025 8:00am Start**

Where: Bilinga SLSC (257 Golden Four Drive, Bilinga)

Facilitators: John Hamrey, Derek Baldwin.

OPTION 1: Full course for members who do not hold a PC award.
OPTION 2: *Upgrade course for members already holding SMBM award. Members only required to attend Sunday session*

Prerequisites:

- Must be a registered financial member of a club
- Must be 17 years and over
- Members over 18: Must have a current Blue Card, CYRMS/CSA
- Must hold Bronze Medallion & Cert II in Public Safety
- Must have two (2) years patrolling experience
- Must be proficient in Bronze Medallion OR First Aid OR ART
- Must be able to attend all sessions in their entirety

RSVP: You must RSVP via Members Area > eLearning > Course List (uncheck "My Club Only") > scroll to find course from list > Enrol

Cost:

- Nil for members | \$15.00 if you RSVP but don't show up

Note:

- Online learning must be completed prior to attending first session (details will be supplied following enrolment)
- Candidates to bring own device (laptop/tablet)
- Course will only proceed if full (12 members)

Any questions? Contact PDB
 Phone: 07 5534 6077
 Email: education@slsqpointdanger.com.au

Officials Course

NEXT OFFICIALS COURSE - 26 NOVEMBER 2025 (SECOND LAST OPPORTUNITY THIS SEASON)

Details below about the next opportunity for members to

obtain their Officials Award with Point Danger Branch.

Please click on the following link to register 🙌

<https://forms.office.com/r/bK6Dqk8Ku9>

RSVPs close Wednesday 29 October 2025 at MIDDAY.



Officials Course:

WEDNESDAY 26, November 2025
 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: Online Face-to-Face session (via Microsoft Teams)

Facilitator: John Hamrey

Prerequisites:

- Must be a registered financial member of a club
- Must be 16 years and over
- Members over 18: Must have a current Blue Card, CYRMS/CSA
- Require a SLSA Members Area account to complete below
- Must complete the online component of the course prior to attending face-to-face session (instructions will be emailed on close of registrations)

RSVP: Wednesday 29 October 2025 @ MIDDAY
 You must RSVP via link in bio/caption

Cost:

- \$10.00 online enrolment (Candidate to pay)
- \$10.00 (Club to pay)

Note:

- Core Official - Junior events ONLY (<U14)
- Technical Official - All age events

Any questions? Contact PDB
 Phone: 07 5534 6077
 Email: pdbsurf@slsqpointdanger.com.au

The Pines Helping

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing community for supporting all Point Danger Branch clubs in The Pines Elanora Shop for Your Surf Club campaign.

Congratulations to everyone who helped and secured us \$3000 for the club

Your support directly helps us continue our mission to keep our beaches safe and build a strong future for surf life saving.

THANK YOU for standing with us! ❤️🧡



SLSQ Award of Excellence

A huge congratulations to Andrew McAuliffe on being named Queensland Volunteer Coach of the Year at the Surf Life Saving Queensland Awards of Excellence! 🙌

This well-deserved award recognises Andrew's outstanding dedication and leadership as Kirra's IRB Coach, guiding our team to incredible results throughout the season - including success at Branch, State, and Australian Championships. His passion, commitment, and countless volunteer hours have not only lifted team performance but also strengthened the camaraderie and culture within our IRB section.

We're incredibly proud of Andrew's achievements and grateful for everything he contributes to Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. 💙💛



Christmas Day Patrols

ATTENTION ALL

Christmas is fast approaching (2months away) and that means we need volunteers for the CHRISTMAS DAY Patrol. Kirra SLSC is required to have an open and fully operational beach all day from 7:00am - 6:00pm, penalties and fines apply if we fail at this. So, if you are keen and willing, I ask EVERYONE to do what they can in helping with the CHRISTMAS DAY Patrol.

This year (like last) the patrol will be split up into 4 shifts sharing between 3 and 2.5 hours for a shift. The shift times are as follows.

Shift 1

7:00am - 10:00am 3hrs

Shift 2

10:00am - 12:30pm 2.5hrs

Shift 3

12:30pm - 3:30pm 3hrs

Shift 4

3:30pm - 6:00pm 2.5hrs



I recognise Christmas is a busy time for us all that is why the patrol has been split up into 4 shifts to make it as easy as possible for people to work it in with their plans for the day.

So, if you are keen and willing to help out please click the link below and fill out the JotForm, it takes less than a minute and helps me see how many volunteers we have for the day and what shifts need more attention.

<https://form.jotform.com/.../christmas-day-volunteer-patrols>

I thank you all in advance for your help and efforts going towards making this patrol an easy and successful day. If anyone has any questions, they wish to talk about feel free to message me or send me an email (captain@kirraslsc.com) and I'll do my best to help you out.

Thank you very much, sincerely your Club Captain, Dugong



Kirra Beach Surf Club

Great venue – Great views

Great meals – Friendly staff

Cold refreshments

“The family club”

“Breakfast is available on weekends”.

“Kirra Beach Surf Club – A great venue with the best views of the Gold Coast!”



Congratulations to Our New Award Recipients!

It's been an exciting few weeks at Kirra, with several of our dedicated members successfully completing their Surf Rescue Certificate, Bronze Medallion, and Observers Certificate. These awards represent countless hours of training, commitment, and teamwork - the very heart of what makes our club strong.

Surf Rescue Certificate

👏 Chelsea McAuliffe

👏 Clancy Noud

These young lifesavers have demonstrated great enthusiasm and skill, taking the first big step in their Surf Lifesaving journey. We can't wait to see them on patrol in their red and yellow this season!



Bronze Medallion

👏 Lachlan McAuliffe

👏 Bianca Sunday

👏 Amy Barnett

👏 Steven Firmstone

Achieving the Bronze Medallion is a major milestone, marking the transition to becoming fully qualified lifesavers. Congratulations on all the hard work and dedication that went into achieving this goal!

Observers Certificate

👏 Sharon McAuliffe

A big well done to Sharon for gaining her Observers Certificate, a vital qualification that supports our patrol operations and keeps our beaches safe.

Thank you to our amazing trainers and assessors for guiding our members through their courses and for the ongoing commitment to safety and education at Kirra.



From the Boaties

The surf boat area is moving along nicely, this year we have a lady's crew training now just waiting on 2 ladies to get their bronze, so 2 new members for patrol. The ladies are training 3 times a week at this stage and learning their craft of surfboat rowing.

We do have a masters men's crew in training also at the moment, but we are looking for one more. So if anyone else is interested please get in contact with me, we hope to have them at a carnival in the new year.

The ASRLQ is running a super series where crews can win money. This a new concept for surfboats and is only for open crews so any young guys or girls out there that would like to give this ago, please get in contact with me, I have one young guy and young girl training with the masters men and masters ladies crew at the moment, they are very keen to give this ago next year. So, let's get this up and running to give it a red hot go next year.

If anyone has any questions at all please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.



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2025/2026 Management Team Appointment

The following members have been appointed to the Management Team of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Supporters Association for the 2025/2026 business operating year, as endorsed at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on 28 September 2025.

We extend our sincere congratulations to all appointees on their endorsement and thank them for their continued commitment to the success of the Supporters Association. Your leadership and contribution play an essential role in ensuring the ongoing growth, sustainability, and community connection of our Supporters Club and in providing valuable support to Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

We look forward to another productive year ahead, working together to strengthen our operations, enhance the member and visitor experience, and continue supporting lifesaving services at Kirra Beach.



Vale: Garth Robert Gear

(04 October 1960 – 14 October 2025)

It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Kirra Surf Life Saving Club Honorary Life Member (#68/2013), Garth Gear, who passed away on 14 October 2025 following a long and courageous battle with illness.



Garth's connection to Kirra ran deep. The eldest of four sons to club stalwarts Bob and Joan Gear, Garth grew up on Kirra Beach and was part of the club from his earliest years. His passion for the surf and the club community led him through every stage of surf lifesaving — from Nipper to patrol member, competitor, instructor, and eventually Club Captain.

A talented and committed athlete, Garth was a proud member of Kirra's Junior R&R Team, which made history in 1978 by winning both the Australian Junior and Senior R&R Championships — a first for any surf club outside Sydney. His contribution to Kirra's strong culture of teamwork and excellence continued long after

his competitive days, as he supported club events, helped train new members, and championed the next generation through Kirra Nippers with his wife Rose.

In recognition of his lifelong service, Garth was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2013 — one of the highest honours a Kirra member can receive. His leadership, generosity, and unwavering loyalty to the club leave a lasting legacy that will never be forgotten.



On behalf of Kirra SLSC and the Supporters Association, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Rose (Honorary Life Governor #7/2019), their children Marissa, Stephanie, and Matthew, their partners, grandchildren, and the extended Gear family.

Garth will always be remembered for his devotion to family, community, and the surf lifesaving movement he so proudly served.
Lest We Forget.

Kirra Sportsman's Lunch a Huge Success!

Our Kirra Sportsman's Lunch, held in September, was another fantastic success — raising over \$5,000 to support the ongoing operations and programs of Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

The afternoon was filled with plenty of laughs, great stories, and outstanding company, as members, sponsors, and guests came together to enjoy good food and entertainment while supporting a great cause. Events like these play a vital role in helping our club fund essential equipment, training, and patrol resources that keep our beach safe.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, donated prizes, and helped make the day such a success — your continued support makes a real difference to our club and our lifesaving community.



Dare to dream!

On Wednesday 22nd October 2025, Kirra Surf Club representatives met with Kin Architects to discuss the Kirra SLSC Building Redevelopment Project. Kin Architects attendance included Leah Gallagher (Kin Director/Architect), Ashlee Chimes (Kin Architect) and Dan Hall (Kin Architect). Surf Club representatives (at the clubhouse) were Cheryl Fenton (Past Club President) and Peter Beauchamp (Hon Life Member, Secretary Supporters, and President Past Members Association). On-line for the meeting were Loretta Cassone (Hon Life Governor, Club Treasurer, and Supporters Accountant/Finance Officer), Michael Hill (Hon Life Member and Supporters President), and Ian Wright (Club Deputy President). Apologies were provided for Hayden Lewis-Fox (Kirra SLSC President) and Adam Day (Hon Life Member and Secretary Past Members Association).



It has been a busy and initiative-taking year 2025 for the Project with significant funding sourced for the engagement of professionals (e.g. Town Planner/s; Traffic Engineers; Surveyors; Quantity Surveyors; etc). Numerous meetings were held with key stakeholders, in particular Local and State Government officers on the 'footprint and tenure' of the site and investigating the potential for growing the land space necessary for a new Kirra SLSC clubhouse.

Our Town Planner (Cameron Adams of Adams & Sparkes) was also on-line and updated the meeting on his progress in particular on preparing information for 'Pre-Lodgement Meeting/s' with the City of Gold Coast and State Government in the next few weeks. Cameron stated that the meeting/s will assist in determining details on the

'footprint and tenure' and also to advance the proposed development application either through Local Government arrangements or by a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) with State Government. Leah Gallagher (Kin Architects) as the 'Project Manager' to be fully engaged and provide direction throughout this process.... "Watch this space!"

As has been regularly mentioned, this Kirra Project is 'UNIQUE' when compared to other surf club sites across Queensland that are proposed for redevelopment. Significant impacts that our Project Management Team (Kin Architects) have been working through have included (but not limited to): Determining the State Government Reserve ownership of the building footprint and car park/s; Limited 'footprint' area for the surf club building expansion and growth; Heritage listing of the 'Kirra Beach Pavilion'; Maintaining the small number of carpark spaces; Proximity to the beach; Bolder wall and A-Line; Environmental considerations; Traffic flow; Occupancy needs of the surf club and design fit; Head-Lease with Council; Waste management; Finalising the Master Plan and building design concept aligned to the available footprint; Project development approval arrangements; and so much more.

Thank you to the Kirra SLSC 'Board of Management' for their continuing faith and support in this Project, and all associated with the Surf Club for their enthusiasm and patience to see this through....

"Above: (L-R) Kin architects Ashlee Chimes; Leah Gallagher and Dan Hall with Kirra representatives Peter Beauchamp and Cheryl Fenton – 22/10/2025 at the Kirra clubhouse"



'Only a concept of what may be achieved'

Dates for the Fridge

November

8 – U8-U10 Teams carnival
9 – First Aid Course @ PDB
15&16 – GC City Titles
20 – First Aid Course @ PDB
23 - Skills Maintenance Day 8am
26 – Officials Course
28 -Old Boy Association
Christmas Reunion 5:30pm
Pineapple Hotel

December

6 – Little Mates carnival
14 - Skills Maintenance Day 8am
14 – Nipper Christmas Break up
20 & 21 – Silver Medallion Patrol
Captain course
25 – Christmas Day – Volunteers Needed
28 – Bumpo/Elke Remembrance
Day @ Kirra Supporters club
2:30pm



NOTE YOUR CALENDAR – BE GREAT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Association's Annual Christmas Reunion

**Friday 28th November 2025
from 5:30pm**

At the 'famous' Pineapple Hotel



(just walking distance from the Gabba)

**"ALL WELCOME – WEAR YOUR ROYAL
BLUE AND GOLD – BE GREAT TO SEE
YOU THERE WITH US!"**



***"A wonderful evening of
fellowship and good yarns
whilst catching up with Kirra
Surf Club past and long
serving members and just
good mates"***

'Complimentary refreshments and finger food'

***Reasonably priced accommodation available at walking
distance to the Pineapple Hotel***

**'Special acknowledgement and thanks to
Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Governor Bob
Singleton, his family, and the Pineapple
Hotel staff for their ongoing support of the
Surf Club and our Association.... THANK
YOU'**

Annual Kirra SLSC (Bumpo/Elke)

Remembrance Day

**Sunday 28th December 2025 –
from 2:30pm**

Kirra Supporters Club

Kirra Beach

***'A special day for all Kirra SLSC current
and past members, our families and
supporters – A Day of the annual calendar
not to be missed! Come along and make it
a day to remember....wear your Royal Blue
and Gold!'***

***"We remember those who served
and are no longer here with us!"***

ALL WELCOME

***'Be good to see our mates and long-time Kirra
supporters from Valleys RLFC join us on the
day... Many Kirra SLSC past members played for
the mighty Valley Diehards!'***

'Complimentary refreshments and finger food'

**Reminder!!! Booked your accommodation on the southern
Gold Coast to attend the Kirra SLSC (Bumpo/Elke)
Remembrance Day.....**

***Get in early and have it walking distance to the Kirra Surf
Club!***

KIRRA SLSC

2025/26 MEMBERSHIP FEES Membership Categories	Before 30 Sept 2025	From 1 Oct 2025
Active Membership (including renewals) (Senior / Long Service / Award)	\$105	\$115
(Membership ages between 14 – 17 Years)	\$100	\$110
Associate Membership	\$105	\$115
Family Membership (Family of 4 – must be living in the same household – extra membership receives \$10 off category fee)	\$300	\$320
Nippers U8 – U14	\$85	\$95
Green Caps U6 – U7	\$75	\$85

Ways to Pay 2025/26 Membership

- Online at <https://members.sls.com.au>
- Cash or Cheque
- EFTPOS
- **Direct Deposit** - Bank details are:
BSB: 124 063 Account No: 2165 7960
Account Name: Kirra Surf Life Saving Club
Reference: Your Name



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