



# Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

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



## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2020

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### **STOP THE PRESS!! Tickets are still available!**



**WE NEED YOU!**

**A special request to our Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and Kirra Surf Club members:**

Your assistance in buying a ticket or selling a few Car Raffle tickets amongst your circle of friends and business colleagues would be very much appreciated. If you can help, please contact 'Old Boys' Committee Members Paul Cameron (Mobile) 0418 728 089 or Mark Rogers (Mobile) 0411 511 511 or Email: [kirra@kirraoldboys.com](mailto:kirra@kirraoldboys.com) for your tickets.....

***“Thank you for your support”***

**Its On Again**

**Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Assoc**

**Car Raffle**



**Win a  
Toyota Yaris  
Valued at  
\$15,990**



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

Drawn Sunday 3rd May 2020 at 4pm  
Kirra Surf Club Supporters Bar  
Marine Parade, Kirra  
Complementary drinks for all ticket holders  
present for draw from 3pm to 5pm

Vehicle supplied by:

**Sci-Fleet Toyota**



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association  
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Tickets available now  
Phone: Paul Cameron 0418 728 089  
Mark Rogers 0411 511 511  
Or Direct Deposit  
BSB: 084 130  
A/c: 448755954  
& email your details to

**Less than 100  
tickets left at  
\$125 each**  
**DRAW** to be held at  
the Kirra Beach Surf  
Club Bar/Bistro on  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020  
at 4:00pm.

*“Complementary refreshments  
and finger food provided for all  
ticket holders present at the  
draw from 3:00pm and 5:00pm”*

***Get in early and  
obtain your raffle  
ticket/s....***



## Vale: Ian (Elke) Sommer

It was sad news to hear of the sudden passing of our dear friend and fellow Kirra SLSC member, and foundation member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association, **Ian (Elke) Sommer**. Such a tragic loss of a husband, father, grand-father, friend and a true gentleman was felt by so many across the broader community, including those from his Kirra Surf Life Saving Club and the Valley Diehards Rugby League Football Club (and those many mates from his playing days with East Carina and Easts RLFCs).

*“Left: Recent photograph of Ian at the Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day held on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Kirra Beach Surf Club licensed bar/bistro”*

Ian (Elke) Sommer joined the Kirra Surf Club in 1968 and remained connected throughout his life with his Surf Club. He willingly took up the challenges of lifting the standards of beach patrols as one of two Patrol Captains for the 1970/1971 season. That year Ian and his crew achieved success in the surf boat and finished a close third at the Branch Championships. He was elected and diligently served as the Club’s Vice-Captain for the 1971/1972 season. Elke continued rowing surf boats in competitions for many years including being a member of Kirra’s Masters Crews.

Ian remained an active surf club member for many years keenly participating in such events as the annual Brisbane and Ipswich House to House Collections; weekly Bingo nights at the Homestead Hotel at Zillmere throughout 1970s; and supporting Pub Raffles at Brisbane and Kirra Beach hotels. Ian proudly wore his ‘Royal Blue and Gold’ club polo shirt on many occasions throughout his life.



*“Far Left: Kirra SLSC Boat Crew in the 1972/73 season: (L-R) Keith Cook, Ian Sommer, Barrie Thorne (Sweep), Barry Robinson, John Bowler; and Left: “Left: Kirra SLSC Masters Boat Crew in the early 1990s (L-R) Graham Flude, Ian Sommer, Alan Beauchamp, Laurie Johnson, Jim Abbott (Sweep)”*

As a foundation member (1978), Ian was a strong advocate and financial supporter of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association. He was a regular at

Christmas Reunions and other events including the annual Kirra Golf Game, Car Raffles and Sports Lunches at the Pineapple Hotel.

Ian was instrumental in establishing the annual Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day held at the Kirra Beach Surf Club licensed bar/bistro. Following the ‘Old Boys’ taking on the task of coordinating this annual Bumpo Remembrance Day, Ian remained an anonymous benefactor in encouraging attendance of past and current surf club members, families, and his former Valley Diehards colleagues to this special annual event. Several Valley Diehards players from the 1970/80s were past members of the Kirra Surf Club and remain long term members of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association..... **“Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member”**



An outstanding footballer, Ian played at the highest level and achieved premiership success in rugby league with his beloved Valley Diehards..... Whilst playing his earlier football with the East Carina and East Suburbs clubs, Ian was instrumental in encouraging several of his fellow players and those from junior grades to join his Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

*“Valley Diehards RLFC – BRL Premiers 1979  
“Front (L-R): Tom Dooley (President); Ian Sommer (Vice-Captain); Ross Strudwick (Captain/Coach); Paul Richards; Ted Lloyd (Sponsor); Middle Row (L-R): Brian Canavan (Trainer); Wally Lewis; Marc Svensen; Peter Falvey; Al McInnes; Tom Duggen; Gordon Robson (Masseur); Back Row (L-R): Mick Neill; Chris Close; Peter McWhirter; Clyde Williams (Manager); Vic Wieland; John McLeod; Alan Mills”*

Our sincere and deepest sympathies are extended to Ian’s wife Debbie and daughters Brooke, Loren and Abby, grand-children, and the extended families. Also to Ian’s brother Glenn (a past Kirra SLSC and Old Boys member) and his family; and to Ian’s many close friends and colleagues. It was estimated that over seven hundred attended the funeral service to celebrate Ian’s life achievements, and to farewell a good mate and an outstanding long term Kirra SLSC member..... **“Lest we forget”**



## FOR SALE - FOR SALE - FOR SALE

Given the popular demand for an Association 'Polo Shirt', the Committee has ordered further polo shirts with embroidered Logo for members at a price of **only \$30.00/shirt** (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 your size 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 to the Association bank account: BSB: 084130; A/C: 448755954; Name: Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.



*"Above: Kirra Beach Pavilion constructed in 1935 and the Kirra SLSC clubhouse for eighty-five (85) years. The Kirra Surf Club provided significant financial and in-kind investment for the original construction of the building, a project led by Club President SW Winders (also Mayor, Coolangatta Town Council). Since construction, the Kirra Surf Club has continuously invested in the ongoing maintenance of the Pavilion. Year 2020 is the 104<sup>th</sup> year of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Established 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916)"*

## Around the Kirra Beach Surf Club: (Licensed bar, bistro, gaming)



*"Left: Congratulations to Patrik Holmkvist on his permanent appointment as Manager, Kirra Beach Surf Club. Patrik has brought hospitality industry experience, leadership and communications skills, and innovation to the position resulting with significant improvement of the Club's business..... When next at the Club please say 'Hi' to Patrik and his great staff"*

*"Enjoy the Kirra Beach Surf Club with icy cold drinks, great meals and the best views of the wonderful Gold Coast"*

*"Above Left: Long term Kirra SLSC/Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association members (L-R) Nev Gray (Kirra SLSC's newest Honorary Life Member), Ivo Garofalo and Kevin (Jack) Dunn enjoying an icy cold and refreshing ale, talks with good mates, and fun times at the Kirra Beach Surf Club – licensed bar, bistro and gaming"*

**'Kirra Surf Life Saving Club –  
Established on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916'**

***"Kirra SLSC is the second oldest surf lifesaving club in Queensland and one of the longest continuously operating surf lifesaving clubs in Australia"***

BUSINESS  
AS USUAL

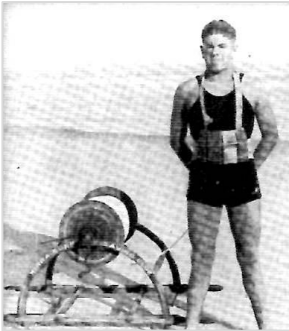
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Mon-Fri 10am-9pm  
Sat-Sun 8am-10pm

**Kirra Beach**  
SURF CLUB - EST 1916

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## Down memory lane:



*"Left: Jack Ajax – 1929 Australian SLSA Junior Surf Belt Champion (Manly NSW). Jack Ajax was the first Queensland surf lifesaver to win an Australian Surf Lifesaving Championship event. He was the Kirra SLSC Club Captain for the 1928/1929 season"*



*"Left: Ken Wiles – 1959 Australian SLSA Surf Belt Champion (Mooloolaba Qld). Ken is training at Kirra Beach with his surf reel team: (L-R) Jeff Callaghan, Alan Manton (obscured), Bill Dunne, and Robert 'Polo' Wilson"*



*"Right: Brenden Gear – 1977 Australian SLSA Cadet Single Ski Champion (Bancoora Vic).*

*Brenden won a second Australian SLSA Championship Gold Medal (1979 – Trigg Island WA) as a member of Kirra's Junior Rescue & Resuscitation: Six Person Team"*



**Volunteerism:** *"The principal 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".*

## 2020 – ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Draw – Kirra Old Boys Car Raffle</b> Complementary refreshments/fingerfood for ticket holders from 3:00pm to 5:pm – Raffle draw commences at 4:00pm <i>Note: Monday being a Queensland Public Holiday</i>	Kirra Beach Surf Club Bar/Bistro
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Annual Kirra Golf Day</b> 24 player positions available – Tee off from 8:30am Green Fee - \$40 / Cart Hire - \$20/player (if required) Contact John 'Brashie' Bell (M: 0401 172 521) on your attendance	Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club (West course)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Kirra Sports Luncheon</b> 11:30am start and through to 3:30pm	Pineapple Hotel
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Members Christmas Social Function/AGM</b> 5:30pm arrival for a 6:00pm start	Pineapple Hotel
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day</b> <i>"A special day for all surf club members and families when we come together and remember those Kirra SLSC members and dear family who sadly are no longer with us – Lest we Forget"</i> <i>"Commencing from 3:30pm"</i>	Kirra Beach Surf Club Bar/Bistro



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

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

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