



NEWSLETTER

'Spring Edition' 2025

Kirra Surf Club

Past & Long Serving Members Association

(Formerly named the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association)

'Established 29th November 1978'

'An Association for all past active and long serving male and female members of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club'

ONCE A KIRRA MEMBER – ALWAYS A KIRRA MEMBER

Kirra Surf Life Saving Club

(Bumpo/Elke) Remembrance Day

Sunday, 28th December 2025 from 2.30pm

Kirra Supporters Club

'Be great to see you there at this major event of the calendar year! Be proud to wear your Royal Blue and Gold.... Let us fill the Supporters Club with the mighty Kirra colours'

Kirra Surf Club Past & Long Serving Members Association

ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The forty-two names below as recorded in the *'Meeting Attendance Register'* confirm that they attended the *'Foundation Meeting'* of the Kirra Old Boys Association held at Bill Wright's International Hotel, Spring Hill on the 29th November 1978... "Only *twenty-two remain!*"

Ron Gurnett; John Bowler; Steve Paul; Bob Littler; Tom Laffan;
Ross (Bundy) Edmonds; Graham Byrnes; Jim Schofield; Barry Robinson;
Vic Arnall; Garry Power; **Cameron Leagh-Murray; Mal Stockwell; Jim Devlin;**
Lech Gacia; Dennis Boucher; Keith Boucher; Greg Dunn; John Littler;
Roger Cresswell; **Colin Wright; Bob Gear; Ron Porter;** Lance English;
Graham Booth; Carl Godwin; Barry Godwin; Peter Beauchamp;
Keith Hamilton; Barrie Thorne; Stan Hilton; Col Heydt; Roger Hawkes;
Graham Stephens; Max Greatorix; Terry Challenger; Malcolm Jardeen;
Jim Steel; Dave Seeley; Barry Cameron; Mick Mulchay; Bill Wright.

(Names highlighted denote those who sadly have since passed – LEST WE FORGET)

ONCE A KIRRA MEMBER – ALWAYS A KIRRA MEMBER

The Kirra Surf Club Past & Long Serving Members Association was established on the 29th November 1978 and has more than three hundred male and female members. The Association is one of the largest of its type amongst surf lifesaving clubs in Queensland. The Association through its membership continues to remain actively involved in supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

Kirra Golf Classic – Year 2025

The annual Kirra Golf Classic was held this year at the Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club on Thursday 17th July 2025. This is a quality golf course that is rated in the top fifty courses throughout Australia. The Classic was played on the 'River Course' that follows the Tweed River.... *'A challenging but beautifully maintained eighteen holes'*.

It was an enjoyable day with Kirra SLSC past and long serving members and supporters contesting the Golf Classic – **'A return to Kirra event'**. The game presentations were held at the licensed Kirra Supporters Club following a fun round of golf with mates.



"Left: The players of the 2025 Kirra Golf Classic"

Results included:

Best Pairs (The Elke Trophy):
Adam & Peter Beauchamp

Nearest the Pin:
Brian Hurley

Longest Drive:
Adam Beauchamp.



"Far left: Adam Beauchamp and Brian Hurley receive their trophies from Kirra Life Member Peter Kelly"



"Left: Winners of The Elke for Best Pairs: Adam and Peter Beauchamp"

This was a wonderful **'Return to Kirra event'** and an opportunity for past, long serving, and current members; families and supporters to enjoy catching up with their 'olde' Kirra Surf Club mates. A big thank you to all who participated in our annual Kirra Golf Classic, and also our Kirra Life Members Peter Kelly and John (Brashie) Bell for coordinating this special day.

Thank you to the staff of our Kirra Supporters Club for their friendly and professional service for those who attended the presentations. Tremendous having our immediate past Kirra Surf Club President (Cheryll Fenton) join in the fellowship at the Supporters Club..... *"Cheryll and her surf boat crew may be starters for the 2026 Kirra Golf Classic?"*

'The Kirra Golf Classic is supported by the Kirra Surf Club Past and Long Serving Members Association'

Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

at the Pineapple Hotel (near the Gabba)
Friday, 28th November 2025 – from 5:30pm

*'This is an **must attend** evening of fellowship and good yarns, catching up with Kirra Surf Club current, past and long serving members, and just good mates!'*

ALL WELCOME – WEAR YOUR ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD – BE GREAT TO SEE YOU THERE – BRING A FRIEND!

'Special acknowledgement of Kirra Honorary Life Governor Bob Singleton, family and staff of the famous Pineapple Hotel for their continuing support of our Kirra Surf Club'

What is on at the popular Kirra Supporters Club?



Kirra Supporters Club - BAR, BISTRO, GAMING and SALTYS COFFEE "The popular Kirra Supporters Club is the best place to enjoy icy cold refreshments, tasty family meals, welcoming and professional staff, hot coffees, and the best ocean views of the Gold Coast!"

Kirra SLSC Annual General Meeting

Good turnout of members at the Surf Club's 109th Annual General Meeting held in the clubhouse 'Members Recreation Room' on Saturday, 31st May 2025 from 9:00am.

Our Club President Cheryll Fenton (Feb 2022 to May 2025) determined not to seek re-election after almost three and half years in the Club's senior executive role. Cheryll stood up and accepted the position during some difficult times experienced by the Surf Club and served with distinction. She championed quality business operations management, transparency and inclusiveness, and ensured the Board of Management focused on the best interests in supporting all who call themselves a Kirra SLSC member. Cheryll continues to contribute with the future direction of Kirra SLSC as an elected officer on the Board of Management for the Surf Club's 110th year, and with the Kirra Redevelopment Project.

Cheryll, thank you for your dedication and resolve....

A champion member and leader of our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club

Board of Management (2025 - 2026)

110th Year of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club

President – Hayden Lewis-Fox; Vice President – Ian Wright; Secretary – Yvonne Papadimos; Treasurer – Loretta Cassone; Club Captain – Mitchell Mackay; Vice Captain – Shayna Cassone; Junior Activities Chairperson – Bianca Sunday; Supporters Club President – Michael Hill; Chief Training Officer – Brayden Zarn; Youth Development Officer – Dion Sharman; IRB Officer – Andrew McAuliffe; Surf Boat Officer – Scott Post; Sports & Competition Officer – Cheryll Fenton; First Aid Officer – Ketynah Philip; Team Manager – VACANT; Craft Officer – VACANT; Gear & Equipment Officer – VACANT.

"Wishing the newly elected Club President Hayden Lewis-Fox and members of the Kirra SLSC Board of Management a very successful 110th year for the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club"

Honorary Life Membership

Congratulations to long-term Kirra SLSC member Ivo Garofalo who was elected by the voting membership present at the 109th Annual General Meeting as the seventy-eighth Honorary Life Member of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.... *Hon Life Member #78/2025.*

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Out and about with Kirra members!



"Left: Dan and Cheryl Fenton caught up with Roly and Belinda O'Regan at the recent Rugby International and fun times in Adelaide (July 2025)".

With the recent work retirement of our Honorary Life Governor Dennis Boucher and his subsequent decision to stand down as the Kirra SLSC Legal Officer after more than thirty-five years in the role, **Roly O'Regan** was endorsed at the Surf Club's Annual General Meeting (31st May 2025) as the Club's Legal Officer.

THANK YOU to **Dennis Boucher** for his long association as our Kirra SLSC Legal Officer. His contributions in this role of 'Legal Officer' has been significant and far reaching, value adding to the future of the Kirra Surf Club and the Kirra Supporters Association... "Dennis, our many thanks and sincere appreciation for all you give to your Kirra Surf Club".

Honorary Life Member #78/2025 - Ivo Garofalo

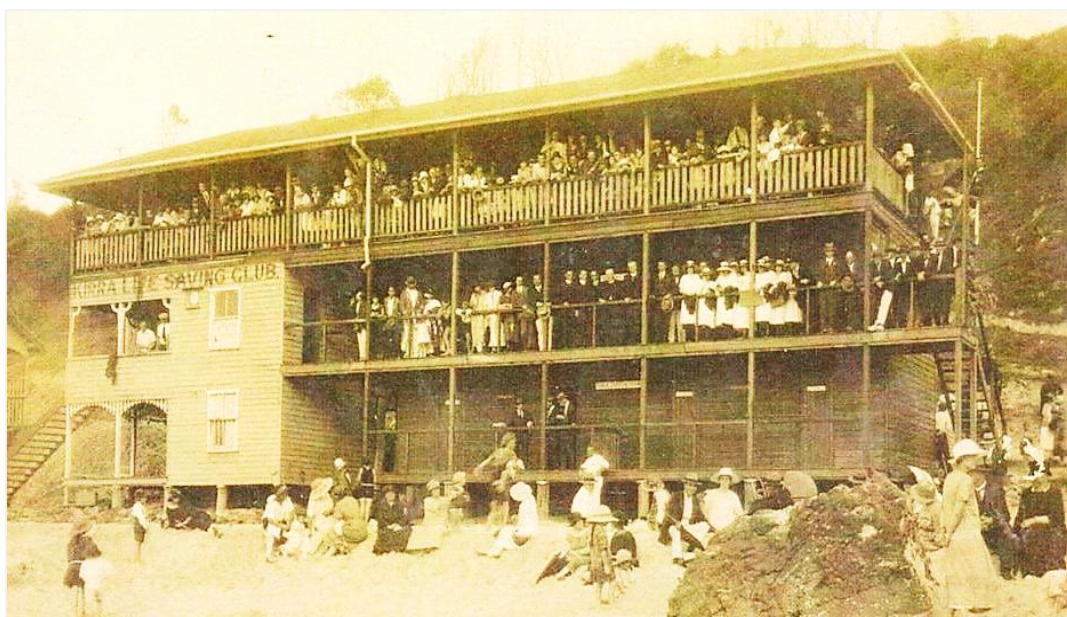
Long term member Ivo Garofalo was elected at the Club's 109th Annual General Meeting as an Honorary Life Member (#78/2025).

Kirra Surf Life Saving Club established on the 7th January 1916 is the second oldest surf lifesaving club in Queensland and one of the longest continuously operating surf lifesaving clubs in Australia. Over its one hundred and nine (109) years, there has been several thousand active members, families and supporters associated with the Kirra Surf Club who in their own way have voluntarily contributed to its continuing success in surf lifesaving operations..... "Vigilance and Service"

"Left: Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (#78/2025) Ivo Garofalo"



Of the thousands of members, families and supporters who have been involved with the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club since it was established on the 7th January 1916, only seventy-eight members have been bestowed the highest honour that can be awarded by the Surf Club. Of those seventy-eight Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Members, only thirty-five are living today (July 2025). *"Left: Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Membership Badge"*



ONCE IT WAS OUR KIRRA CLUBHOUSE!

A wonderful turnout of Kirra members, families and supporters to the clubhouse in year 1936... The clubhouse of three levels was built on Kirra Point beside the present day shelter... Oh the Memories!!

STOP THE PRESS.....STOP THE PRESS.....STOP THE PRESS.....STOP THE PRESS



OPENS POINTSCORE

1	Kirra SLSC	36
2	Kurrawa SLSC	31
3	Broadbeach SLSC	27
4	Caves Beach SLSC	25
5	Miami Beach SLSC	14
6	Hampton LSC	11

Just great news!!! Kirra SLSC 'IRB Team' competing in the famous '**ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD**' colours has successfully retained the **AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION IRB CLUB** trophy at the Aussie Championships held at South West Rocks NSW from the 18th to 21st July 2025.

To achieve '*back-to-back*' results as the Champion Club for years 2024 and 2025 is just an incredible achievement that recognises the competitive talent of our Kirra IRB Team, and their commitment to training to be Australia's **best** IRB TEAMS and **CHAMPION IRB CLUB**..... "*Well done!*"



"Above: 'A mighty Kirra IRB Team!' The Kirra SLSC 'IRB Team' receiving the Australian Champion Club trophy at the 2025 Australian IRB Championships, South West Rocks NSW"



"Left: Jet Rescue Boats and Rescue Helicopters on display at the Royal Carnival conducted at Kurrawa Beach to showcase surf lifesaving during the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane."

Kirra SLSC members were actively involved with both the helicopters and JRB's during this era of surf lifesaving in Queensland.



2026 KIRRA GOLF CLASSIC

Supported by the Kirra Surf Club Past & Long Serving Members Association



FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026

**COOLANGATTA & TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB
WEST COURSE - TEE TIME FROM 10:32AM
PRESENTATIONS AT KIRRA SUPPORTERS
CLUB FROM 4:30PM (ALL WELCOME)**

'Player positions open to current/past members, family and supporters of the Kirra Surf Club and the Association'

NEED ACCOMMODATION: 'Book now!! Accommodation is available for Friday 29th May 2026 in Kirra/Coolangatta and just walking distance to your Kirra Surf Club'



This annual Kirra Golf Classic in year 2026 is to be played on a Friday

Forty (40) player positions....and nineteen (19) carts have been booked

Contact your friends and let us book out all player positions

OPEN TO ALL PAST AND CURRENT KIRRA MEMBERS, FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS

A good day for an 'RDO' for those players still working....

Presentations and fellowship to be held at the Kirra Supporters Club

TROPHIES for 'Best Pair' and the 'Longest Drive' and 'Nearest to the Pin'

The famous 'ELKE' trophy to be presented to the Best Pairs

Additional awards to be presented for exceptional performances!!

Friday evenings at the Kirra Supporters Club is a 'Market Raffles Night'

Surf Club 'dormitory' available for Life Members and past Kirra Members

Plan your drive/depart early should you be travelling from Brisbane or the Sunshine Coast (the M1 can be busy)

LET US MAKE THIS THE BEST ATTENDED ANNUAL KIRRA GOLF CLASSIC TO DATE....

Your participation details to be provided to Game Coordinators Peter Kelly and John 'Brashie' Bell

**Thinking of attending, than email supporterssecretary@kirraslsc.com
stating your interest for this fun 'RETURN TO KIRRA EVENT'**



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Many thanks for your continuing support of the Kirra Surf Club Past & Long Serving Members Association. Committee: Peter Beauchamp (President); Adam Day (Secretary); Paul Cameron (Member)