

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2021



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

:- Established 29th November 1978 :-

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"Proudly supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club"



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2021 Kirra Sports Lunch

DATE: FRIDAY, 7TH MAY 2021

TIME: 11:30AM (BE SEATED) TO 3:30PM

VENUE: THE FAMOUS PINEAPPLE HOTEL

ENJOY: A GREAT DAY WITH MATES

ALL INCLUSIVE IN THE PRICE OF YOUR TICKET:

SEAFOOD LUNCH

BEER & WINE

TICKETS: ONLY \$125

Wonderful Speakers, Raffles and Auction Items



The Pineapple Hotel is only walking distance from the famous Gabba Cricket/AFL Stadium

Go 'On-line' to view the availability of quality and reasonably priced accommodation near to the Pineapple Hotel

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

Go to the live booking site to purchase and pay for your tickets.....

www.kirra2021.eventbrite.com.au

Start planning your table of ten for a great day with good mates whilst enjoying the Pineapple Hotel's famous seafood buffet, wonderful guest speakers and icy cold refreshment

Bus transport for Gold Coast residents to depart from the Kirra Surf Club at 9:45am and to return back to the Surf Club following the Sports Lunch.....

For further information: Email – kirra@kirraoldboys.com

Join in a fabulous day with our renowned guest speakers and sporting greats!!

Bart Sinclair OAM – Legendary sports journalist, racing identity and your EMCEE for the Kirra Sports Lunch

Julie McDonald OAM – Australian long-distance champion swimmer, Commonwealth and Olympic Games medallist

Rugby League historian and sports journalist **Steve Ricketts** to interview Australian and Queensland Rugby League greats

John Lang and **Rod Morris** reliving their experience playing in the inaugural 1980 State of Origin game at Lang Park. John was hooker and Rod a prop forward in the team captained by Arthur Beetson..... **Queensland WON 20 - 10!!!**



"Revenue raised by the Association supports the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club"

Calendar of Events – Year 2021

“Lock the dates into your calendar as these are now confirmed for Year 2021. Plan your attendance and enjoy the ‘Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association’ fund raising and fellowship events”

Friday 7th May 2021: The very popular KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON is back on at the Pineapple Hotel commencing from 11:30am to 3:30pm.... This year it is a ‘State of Origin’ theme with wonderful Guest Speakers. Enjoy the famous Pineapple Hotel’s seafood lunch and cold refreshment that is all included in the price of your ticket. Guaranteed to be a fun afternoon with good friends and Kirra mates.... **TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!!**

Sunday 11th July 2021: Yes it’s back!!! The KIRRA GOLF GAME will be held at the Wynnum Golf Club. The date booked early in 2020 by Greg Dunn has now been confirmed. More details to be forthcoming from our 2021 Kirra Golf Game coordinator and Kirra SLSC Hon. Life Member John (Brashie) Bell.... “Yes, watch this space!”

Saturday 17th July 2021: The KIRRA SLSC ANNUAL DINNER will be held in the Kirra Beach Surf Club... This will be a fun night celebrating the success and achievements of the Surf Club’s 105th Year of Surf Lifesaving. The Association will book a table or two for the Annual Dinner for those wishing to join in the celebrations.

Sunday 18th July 2021: The KIRRA SLSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING with the presentation of the Surf Club’s Annual Report followed by Election of Officers for the 2021/2022 Year of Surf Lifesaving. A date to be reserved in all our calendars: ‘Once a Kirra Member – Always a Kirra Member’

Sunday 3rd October 2021: The very successful KIRRA CAR RAFFLE is back for Year 2021!!! The Car Raffle Draw will be held at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club between 3:00pm and 5:00pm with complimentary cold refreshments for ticket holders. Additional prizes to be available throughout the afternoon..... **TICKETS ON SALE SOON!!!** “It is a fun afternoon with mates and a chance to WIN A NEW CAR!!

Friday 26th November 2021: Be at the ‘Kirra Old Boys’ CHRISTMAS FUNCTION/AGM at Bob Singleton’s famous Pineapple Hotel commencing from 5:30pm for a fun evening of fellowship with olde and new Kirra mates.

Monday 27th December 2021: Come together for the annual BUMPO/ELKE REMEMBRANCE DAY at the Kirra Beach Surf Club commencing from 3:30pm..... A special day for all associated with the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.... Let’s have a sea of Royal Blue and Gold: ‘Wear your Kirra Old Boys Association or Kirra SLSC polo shirt’.

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SURF BOATS BACK AT KIRRA SLSC!

Photograph of the Kirra SLSC U23 Years Female Crew competing at the Surf Boat Carnival held at Noosa on the 13th February, 2021: “How good it is to have a Kirra surf boat back in competition!!”

The surf boat is swept by Meg Holywell. Meg only recently achieved her SLSA National Accreditation as a Surf Boat Sweep. She is the first female surf lifesaver to be accredited as a Surf Boat Sweep in the Kirra Surf Club’s 105 year history.... “Congratulations and well done Meg!”

Kirra has a proud and long history of surf boat competition and I know that you join with the Association Committee in wishing our surf boat rowers and sweep every success in the mighty ‘ROYAL BLUE AND GOLD’ colours of the Kirra Surf Club.

Now to become a treasured memory!



STOP THE PRESS!! *The Kirra Beach Hotel was officially closed to trading on Sunday afternoon 28th February 2021. Immediately following closure demolition teams will commence the removal of the existing hotel building. It is envisaged that it may take up to two years before the new hotel resort and accommodation will reopen.*

The LENNONS KIRRA was opened on Friday 30th November 1956. It is of interest that Lennons also opened its famous Broadbeach Hotel just two weeks later on Monday, 17th December 1956. Both hotels were renowned venues and watering holes for the Gold Coast.

'Kirra members enjoy last drinks at the KBH!!'

George Doniger, a wonderful supporter of our Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association organised '**LAST DRINKS at the Kirra Beach Hotel**' on Saturday 6th February with long serving and past members of both the Kirra and North Kirra Surf Clubs coming together in fellowship to celebrate past fun times and mateship.



"Left: Kirra's long serving and past members enjoying good times and recalling past memories in their 'favourite corner' of the Kirra Beach Hotel; and Above: North Kirra past members 'show the flag' during their last drinks at the Kirra Beach Hotel"

"Right: Kirra Surf Club long serving and past members from the 1980s/1990s era of surf lifesaving came together for last drinks at the Kirra Beach Hotel.... Here they are enjoying dinner whilst remembering and sharing wonderful memories of good times"



"Above: Kirra Beach Hotel in the 1960s - an icon of the southern Gold Coast is now no more..... sixty-five years of memories!"



What's happening at the beach?

End of an amazing innings!



Chief Lifeguard Warren Young – City of Gold Coast

After almost fifty years in his job, CoGC Chief Lifeguard Warren Young has called it and retired. A friend and colleague to many of the Kirra Surf Club, Warren has spent most of his adult life patrolling some of the busiest beaches in Australia, pulling struggling swimmers to safety, and coordinating the nation's largest unit of professional lifeguards. Highly respected amongst his peers locally and internationally, he built a Lifeguard Service to match the growth demands for the City of Gold Coast with the provision of safe bathing beaches.

Warren joined the Mermaid Beach SLSC as a teenager and has been a member there for fifty-three years supporting and encouraging fellow clubbies in providing a safe beach for bathers.

As a tribute to his professionalism and dedication to duty, Warren was recently named as the City of Gold Coast '2021 Citizen of the Year'. His lifeguard service will be remembered with the CoGC Burleigh Heads Lifeguard Centre named after him. Mayor Tom Tate officially unveiled the newly renamed 'Warren Young Lifeguard Centre'. Warren, we thank you for your service.

KIRRA
UP LATE
SATURDAYS
8PM-LATE
\$5 Basic Spirits
\$12 Cocktails
www.kirrabeachsurfclub.com
MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS. 18+ ID REQUIRED. CONDITIONS APPLY.

Kirra Beach Stubbies Coolers Limited Edition now in stock and selling for only \$10!! Available at the Supporters Club bar! Get in quick before they sell out!



Place to be! The licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club – wonderful facilities with friendly staff, cold refreshment, great meals and the best views of the Gold Coast – OPEN DAILY FROM 11AM

Club trophies and memorabilia

Seeking your assistance.... Should you have any Kirra SLSC trophies and lifesaving memorabilia from yesteryear (in your care for safekeeping) that could be placed in the lockable/secured display cabinet now located in the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club, please consider providing these items to the Surf Club. You could either pass these on to Gabrielle (Club's Office Manager) or Patrik (Licensed Club Manager) for safe keeping and displaying in the cabinet.... OR contact your Association Committee on Email: kirra@kirraoldboys.com and arrangements can be made to collect these items from your home or business.

'The History Project is an special initiative of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.... proudly supporting our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Est: 7th January 1916)

A world first – Introduction of Expired Air Resuscitation

Extract: Web: Wikipedia articles on Expired Air Resuscitation; Professor Tess Cramond; SLSAA; Others: Earle Smith AM (Kirra SLSC), Alan Doig OAM (Burleigh Heads SLSC), Jack Dearlove MBE (Mooloolaba SLSC), and Bruce Campbell AM MBE (Metropolitan Caloundra SLSC) volunteered and participated in an Australian first (possibly a world first) demonstration of the success of Expired Air Resuscitation as live patients at the St Andrews Hospital, Brisbane in November 1961.

Under the supervision of **Professor Tess Cramond AO OBE** (nee Brophy) and her colleague **Doctor Roger Bennett** (SLSAA Medical Advisor), this incredible trial saw these four brave surf lifesavers voluntarily being placed into unconsciousness and their breathing halted to allow experimental Expired Air Resuscitation (mouth-to-mouth) to be conducted on them. Each volunteer was individually placed into this coma state on multiple occasions during the trial and kept alive using ground-breaking Expired Air Resuscitation techniques applied by a number of medical practitioners, police officers, and emergency service providers. ***“The world owes a huge debt to these four brave men and Queensland Surf Lifesavers!”***

Professor Cramond and Doctor Bennett’s recommendations following this trial led to changes in rescue services and improved survival rates. Their work with surf lifesaving in conjunction with the Australian Resuscitation Council ultimately led to enhanced community training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and for CPR Signs being mandatory for all backyard and public pools displaying basic CPR techniques. In 1961, SLSAA Medical Officer Dr Roger Bennett recommended the introduction of Expired Air Resuscitation to the World Conference on Resuscitation held in Sydney.

Professor Tess Cramond AO OBE was an innovator in rescue and resuscitation techniques, a pioneer of Expired Air Resuscitation, and a genuine lifesaver in the truest sense of the word. Her research and findings would go on to transform rescue services and dramatically lift the survival rates of patients rescued from the surf. Her work, and that of Doctor Bennett and the four volunteer casualties not only helped world surf lifesaving organisations develop better methods of resuscitation, but also assisted humanity reduce the mortality rate resulting from drowning and the many other threats to life resulting from respiratory failure.

After Doctor Bennett’s death due to cancer in 1967, Professor Cramond took up the challenging issue of pain management. She continued with her commitment to surf lifesaving and remained as the Association’s Medical Adviser for more than thirty years. She also advised the Queensland Electricity Commission’s Safety Advisory Board from 1976 to 1987 on appropriate rescue and resuscitation techniques for power industry workers operating in the field. Professor Tess Cramond AO OBE (1926 – 2015) was awarded Honorary Life Membership of Surf Life Saving Queensland and the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia. She died on the 26th December 2015. *(End of Extract)*



Earle Smith AM is a Member of the Order of Australia; Inductee to Surf Lifesaving Australia – Hall of Fame; and an Honorary Life Member of Surf Life Saving Australia, Surf Life Saving Queensland, the Point Danger Branch SLSQ, and his Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (KSLSC Hon. Life Member #23/1953). He was a past Queensland and Australian surf lifesaving champion who also trained many surf sports champions from not only his surf club but other surf lifesaving clubs in the SLSQ Point Danger Branch.

Earle held numerous surf lifesaving committee positions at Club, Branch and State levels. He was an accredited Surf Carnival Official and officiated at all competition levels in surf lifesaving, including for several decades at Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships. He dedicated his life to supporting youth education and development; and the advancement of the surf lifesaving movement throughout Australia and locally for his beloved Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (*Est: 7th January 1916*).

An iconic surf lifesaver, he will be remembered as a man who did it his way who left legacies in surf lifesaving that will live on forever. He was one of those several surf lifesaving and surf club legends acclaimed at the Kirra SLSC – 100 Years Celebration Dinner held in January 2016. Earle Smith AM (1926 – 2012) passed away on the 7th August 2012. *“He was a Kirra SLSC colleague, mentor, leader, and a dear friend to many in surf lifesaving who is sadly missed at his local Kirra Beach”.*

Kirra Historical Project..... AN UPDATE – March 2021

The Association's 'Kirra Historical Project' business case that is supported by Kirra SLSC Management can be viewed on the Kirra Surf Club's Webpage | Old Boys... www.kirrasurfclub.com.au

“Revenue currently raised by the Association is used to support the Kirra Historical Project – Showcasing the proud history of Kirra SLSC and members performance spanning 105 years”

In such a short period of time since August 2018, goals achieved for the Historical Project have included:

- Researched, designed and constructed the **Kirra SLSC Life Members Honour Board**;
- Coordinated a generous donation offsetting the cost of the Life Members 'Honour Board';
- Researched, designed and constructed the **Kirra SLSC Patrons Honour Board**;
- Coordinated and sponsored the Kirra SLSC **Life Members return to Kirra** event;
- Presented a unique Kirra SLSC **Life Member's Cap** to each Life Member;
- Designed and presented the **'IRB Champions (2018) Photo Display'**;
- Researched, designed and constructed the **Kirra SLSC Australian Champions Honour Board**;

The following tasks for the Kirra Historical Project are currently being finalised, including:

- Achieved a financial grant of \$10,000 from the Australian Government to construct a **WW1/WW2 Veterans' Commemorative Memorial** at Kirra Beach (near and/or in front of the surf club) recognising the heroic service of Kirra SLSC members in defence of Australia during WW1 and WW2. Names are with *the Stone mason to complete construction of the memorial (March 2021)*;
- Finalised the research and design for the Sports Champions – Photographic Gallery of Kirra SLSC **World and Australian Champions**; and
- Finalised the research and design of the **Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions Honour Board**.

BECOME A MEMBER – KIRRA SURF CLUB OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

To all our Kirra Surf Club current senior, long serving and past members; Kirra Nipper Association coordinators and past members; and to the many Kirra families and supporters; an **invitation** is extended for you to join and receive your monthly Newsletter detailing the many activities, items on the history of our Kirra Surf Club, and special fund raising events planned throughout the year by the Association.

“It costs nothing to join the Association!”

“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

Hope you enjoyed this March 2021 Newsletter..... Please share the Newsletter with your circle of friends and work colleagues. Should you have any items or photographs of interest for our next Newsletter then please forward these to the Association's email address: kirra@kirraoldboys.com

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.
Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

President: Peter Beauchamp; Secretary: Adam Day; and Committee Members: Paul Cameron and Mark Rogers

“Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member”

Volunteerism: “The principle 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”