



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

(Established 29th November 1978)



NEWSLETTER

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2020 KIRRA CAR RAFFLE

An outstanding success during difficult times!

A big THANK YOU to all who purchased tickets; Sci-Fleet Toyota for their generous support; Staff of the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club (Bar, Bistro & Gaming) for the Live Draw; and the Old Boys Committee for their perseverance in selling all raffle tickets.. Thank you and well done.

With the easing of Government COVID sanctions the 'Live Draw' was held at the Kirra Beach Surf Club on Saturday 25TH July. An exciting afternoon with every numbered ball being drawn from the barrel. Minor prizes (3 x \$500 vouchers) being claimed and celebrated. The Kirra Surf Club's newly elected Captain, Leah Sheldrick drew the final ten ping pong balls with the final winning number # 94.... Congratulations Bob Franzmann.

Our raffle prizes included:

- ✓ NEW CAR VALUED AT \$15,990.00
 - ✓ 3 x PRIZES VALUED AT \$500.00 EACH
- There was **ONLY 199** raffle tickets sold in total with great odds to win a prize! 😊



The raffle live draw was a fun afternoon with good attendance by ticket holders, past and current active surf club members, families and supporters all

joining in and celebrating at the famous Kirra Beach Surf Club.... best beach venue on the Gold Coast ☺ ☺ ☺ "Top rated family club and licensed venue for great meals, cold refreshments, welcoming and supportive staff, and the best views of the Gold Coast".

Performance excellence in surf lifesaving

The SLSQ Point Danger Branch 'Annual Awards Ceremony' was held on Saturday 1st August to recognise outstanding performances in surf lifesaving for the 2019/2020 season. Kirra's name was '**UP THERE IN LIGHTS**' taking out the major Performance Excellence Awards for the year, including:

Volunteer Coach of the Year – Andrew McAuliffe
(Long-time coach of the very successful Kirra SLSC Australian Champion IRB Team);

Team of the Year – Bailie Nash; Sophie Clemson; and Shayna Cassone

(Multiple Gold Medal IRB crew winners at the 2019 Australian IRB Championship held at Cudgen Beach);

UI8 Lifesaver of the Year & Earle Smith Award – Ella Kinneally

(A very dedicated surf lifesaver and member of Kirra's Australian Champion IRB Team);

Lifesaving Excellence Award – Scott Byrnes; Adam Rosenthal; and Katie Domeracki

(Recognising their outstanding performance for successfully applying lifesaving skills for a person who suffered a life threatening cardiac arrest);

Patrol Club of the Year – Kirra SLSC

(Best Patrol Club of the Branch for the 2019/2020 season);

Club of the Year – Kirra SLSC

(Best all round performing surf club of the SLSQ Point Danger Branch for the 2019/2020 season)

Note from Club President Joel Kinneally: "Thank you to each and every member for making our club the best club in the Branch. What an amazing season it has been!"

NOTE: The SLSQ Point Danger Branch supports the eleven surf life saving clubs located between the Tallebudgera Creek and the Tweed River.

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"

2020 KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON – PINEAPPLE HOTEL

**Kirra Surf Club
Old Boys Association**



2020 Sports Luncheon

DATE FRIDAY 9th October 2020
TIME 11:30am— 3:30pm
VENUE Pineapple Hotel, Kangaroo Point
COST \$125
INCLUDES Pineapple Hotel's famous
Seafood Lunch, Beer &
Wine
Free return bus from Kirra Surf Club
TICKETS www.kirra2020.eventbrite.com.au

Plus Raffles & Auction Items

Enjoy an outstanding day with Kirra mates and friends;

Seafood lunch and refreshments;

Excellent speakers relating their challenging experiences and successes;

Raffles and other fund raising activities;

Just a fun day for all attending.

Start today and organise your table of **TEN** for a great afternoon.

Bring along nine mates with you for an enjoyable lunch, drinks and good yarns supporting the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bart Sinclair OAM— *Legendary racing identity, journalist & your EMCEE for the day*

Julie McDonald OAM —*Australian long-distance freestyle swimmer, Commonwealth and Olympic medalist*

*Renowned sports journalist **Bernie Pramberg** to interview Australian/Queensland Rugby League greats **John Lang** and **Rod Morris** with a particular focus on the first Qld/NSW State of Origin game played in 1980. John was hooker and Rod a prop forward in the team captained by Arthur Beetson..... **Queensland WON!!!***

Additional sports champion/s currently being finalised..... watch for further updates

purchase your tickets online now — www.kirra2020.eventbrite.com.au

To request seating with mates, a table of 10 guests, or just booking a bus seat (limited seats available) from the Gold Coast (Kirra Surf Club),

Email the Committee at kirra@kirraoldboys.com

IT IS TIME!.... GET IN EARLY TO BUY YOUR TICKET/S FOR A FUN AFTERNOON WITH MATES AT THE KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON

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: 29th 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, sizes and your preferred postal delivery address for your shirt/s to: kirra@kirraoldboys.com

Direct Deposit: \$30/shirt into the Association's NAB banking account: BSB: 084130; A/C: 448755954; Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association.

STOP THE PRESS!! WAR VETERANS GRANT

An update!! (Reference article in the Old Boys July Newsletter): The Committee – Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association has received wonderful news that our application for Federal Government 'Grant Funding of \$10,000' is approved to offset costs for the erection of a small Commemorative Memorial to acknowledge those Kirra SLSC members who bravely served in defence of Australia through WW1 and WW2. Seventy (70) Kirra SLSC members served in WW1 (3 members) and WW2 (67 members) in theatres of war throughout the world during those dark times. Four Kirra members made the ultimate sacrifice and were tragically 'Killed in Action' during WW2.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has executed the Letter of Agreement on Tuesday 4th August 2020 and is transferring the Grant (\$10,000) to the Association's operating account. The Association Committee will manage the Project (in consultation) with the aim of holding an unveiling ceremony on the day of the annual Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day to be held on Sunday 27th December from 3:30pm at the Kirra Beach Surf Club.

The Project Scope: The submission included a proposal to erect a small Commemorative Memorial (with flag pole) to be located in front of the Kirra SLSC clubhouse, on the grassed foreshore between the building and Kirra Beach (*actual site to be determined*). This location will ensure that the Commemorative (War Veterans) Memorial is highly visible to Kirra Surf Club members and Nippers, families, and those thousands of passing (walking) local residents and visitors to Kirra Beach (City of Gold Coast).



Association's progress with the Kirra Historical Project

The latest news.... The Kirra Surf Club Management Committee meeting held on the 19th January 2019 supported the strategies (Business Case) submitted by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association on the Club's Historical Project. This included the design concepts, manufacture, financial arrangements and location of the new Kirra SLSC Honour Boards; Champions Photo Gallery; War Veterans Memorial; Photo Displays; Trophy Cabinet; and much more.

To date the Kirra Old Boys Association has successfully researched, fully funded and provided the Life Members; Patrons; and Australian Champions Honour Boards. These are now proudly displayed in the Kirra Beach Surf Club (Bar, Bistro and Gaming) to be viewed by surf club members, families and those many patrons who visit our iconic Kirra Surf Life Saving Club.

New initiatives currently being finalised by the Association's Committee include: The Kirra SLSC Australian and World Champions Photo Gallery; Kirra SLSC Queensland Champions Honour Board; and now with the allocation of the Federal Government Grant, the Kirra SLSC Commemorative (War Veterans) Memorial..... "Watch this space for further updates!"



(Left): Local State Member for Currumbin, Laura Gerber MP visits our licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club (Bar; Bistro & Gaming) and is seen here pouring a cold one with Club Manager Patrik Holmkvist. Laura, thank you for your support of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club and our local Supporters Club at Kirra Beach.

CALENDAR DATES AND EVENTS – 2020

Plan your personal calendar to enable your attendance at the following Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association events still scheduled for Year 2020:

Friday 9th October: Kirra Sports Luncheon at the famous Pineapple Hotel (11:30am to 3:30pm).....
TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Friday 20th November: Association 'Members Christmas Social' at the famous Pineapple Hotel (5:30pm to late)....
Catch up with mates for good yarns and to celebrate the year that was! 😊😊

Sunday 27th December: Bumpo Freeman Remembrance Day at the licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club from 3:30pm..... *"A very special day for all Surf Club members to come together to remember our Kirra mates and family who sadly are no longer with us.... LEST WE FORGET"*

Watch this space!! (BLOBS GC)

For information on the **BLOBS GC** (Brisbane League Old Boys – Gold Coast) monthly events and other activities.... Rod Sellers (past BRL Western Suburbs player) has created a Facebook site to update past Brisbane players and supporters on planned social events. Rod welcomes past players, coaches, administrators and supporters of the Brisbane Rugby League to join the BLOBS GC Facebook site.

BLOBS GC are planning a monthly social get-together for fellowship at the Kirra Beach Surf Club in September.... more details to follow from Rod Sellers once a date/time is confirmed.

Many Kirra SLSC past members played with success in the Brisbane Rugby League competition for the Valleys Diehards; Eastern Suburbs; Western Suburbs; and Brothers Clubs to name just a few. Several of the past Kirra SLSC members also played in the Sydney competition and representative teams during their careers.

Postponement – Annual Kirra Golf Game

With the increase in Coronavirus infections in Victoria/NSW and changes to the Qld/NSW border policy, there was no alternative but to postpone the annual Kirra Golf Game (booked at the Tweed Heads Golf Club for the 26th July).

I know you join with me in thanking Brashie (John Bell) for his efforts in preparing for the annual 'Old Boys' Kirra Golf Game..... and Greg Dunn for searching around to book a course. Being a local, Brashie will monitor how the border restrictions and business/venue social distancing sanctions evolve to see if there is an opportunity to schedule a game later in the year at Tweed Heads.

Sincere apologies for the postponement.... COVID-19 and the necessary Government social distancing sanctions are impacting on the daily lives of us all. Look after yourselves and family..... *"Stay safe and healthy"*



Hope you enjoyed this read.... August 2020 Newsletter. Please share this 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 Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and 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!"

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