



Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association

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NEWSLETTER

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POSTPONEMENT

KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON

Given the recent strengthening of Queensland Government's COVID-19 sanctions and licensed venue trading restrictions on social distancing for the greater Brisbane City and surrounding Local Government areas, the Association committee in consultation with the Pineapple Hotel staff has determined to postpone the 2020 Kirra Sports Luncheon scheduled for the 9th October.

The Association's committee has a responsibility to support the health and safety initiatives on social distancing in minimising the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus. A good number of our Sports Luncheon table attendees are in that vulnerable age category (sixties and seventies) deemed to be most at risk to the virus.

The Association committee will continue to consult with the Pineapple Hotel on a possible future date for the Kirra Sports Luncheon as the COVID-19 sanctions are relaxed by Government. At this time, a possible date in the later summer months (end of March 2021) may be an option.

This annual event is a wonderful afternoon with Kirra mates whilst enjoying the Pineapple Hotel's famous seafood lunch and listening to great sporting yarns by our special Guest Speakers and Sports Legends.

Revenue raised by the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association supports the ongoing initiatives of the Kirra SLSC 'History Project'.....
"Acknowledging one hundred and five years of continuous surf lifesaving community safety services provided by members at Kirra Beach and for the broader City of Gold Coast, Queensland".

'UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE KIRRA SPORTS LUNCHEON – BE PREPARED AND ORGANISE YOUR TABLE GROUP'

Acknowledged as Queensland's finest

"We are just so proud to be involved in our surf lifesaving club!"

After taking out the majority of 'Performance in Surf Lifesaving' Awards for the 2019/2020 year of the SLSQ Point Danger Branch a few weeks ago, including: Club of the Year; Patrol Club of the Year; Team of the Year; Volunteer Coach of the Year; U18 Lifesaver of the Year; and Lifesaving Excellence Award.... Kirra SLSC again stood up to be acclaimed as the outstanding surf club of the year in multiple categories for Queensland.

On Thursday 27th August at the Surf Life Saving Queensland - "Awards of Excellence" gala event for the 2019/2020 Year of Surf Lifesaving, Kirra SLSC and its members were *"Up there in lights"*.

Congratulations.... yes, we are very proud of your achievements:

- Kirra SLSC as **QUEENSLAND CLUB OF THE YEAR**;
- Kirra Honorary Life Member (#74/2020) Andrew McAuliffe as **QUEENSLAND VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR**; and
- Bailie Nash, Sophie Clemson and Shayna Cassone (Kirra SLSC Open Female IRB Team) as **QUEENSLAND TEAM OF THE YEAR**.

What a 105th Year in Surf Lifesaving it has been for all members, families and supporters associated with the famous Kirra Surf Life Saving Club (Established 7th January 1916). *"Kirra SLSC is the second oldest surf lifesaving club in Queensland and one of the oldest continuously operating surf lifesaving clubs in Australia's history"*.

"Go the mighty ROYAL BLUE and GOLD of the famous Kirra Surf Life Saving Club"

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"*



Left: Surf Life Saving Queensland – Sports Team of the Year (2019/2020): L-R: Sophie Clemson; Shayna Cassone; and Baillie Nash
Reigning Australian IRB Champions and multiple Gold Medallists; Queensland IRB Champions; and Members of the Queensland Cyclones – State IRB Team

Right: Surf Life Saving Queensland – Volunteer Coach of the Year (2019/2020) Kirra SLSC Honorary Life Member (#74/2020) Andrew McAuliffe
Coach of the Kirra IRB Team that at the 2019 Australian IRB Championship held at Cudgen NSW achieved outstanding success with:
Nine (9) Gold Medal victories and multiple medal placings;
Australian Open IRB Champion Club;
Australian Under 23 IRB Champion Club; and
Australian IRB Champion Club – Overall Points Score.
Member of the Queensland Cyclones – State IRB Team



WAR VETERANS GRANT – A further update!

(Reference articles in the Kirra Old Boys July and August 2020 Newsletters): 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-one (71) Kirra SLSC members served in WW1 (4 members) and WW2 (67 members) in theatres of war throughout the world during those dark times. Five Kirra members made the ultimate sacrifice and were tragically ‘Killed in Action’ during WW2.



Our Kirra SLSC War Veterans Memorial – A design concept:

A rectangular stone of Tamworth Sandstone (approx. 1.2M height) with a truncated top for a basalt stone plaque with WW1/WW2 names etched (sand blasted) into the basalt (inlayed lettering painted yellow with coating of gold gilt)..... On the face (front) and inset into the stone will be a second plaque (basalt stone) for the Kirra SLSC emblem (traditional with reel) with the year the Surf Club was established (7th January 1916). A second and smaller low profiled truncated stone (Tamworth Sandstone) with the Armed Services ‘Emblem’ etched into a basalt stone plaque is included.

Both stones will be secured (bolted – aluminium/galvanised fittings) to a small concrete slab.... this slab will be big enough to accommodate future stones to acknowledge those Kirra Surf Club members who served in other world theatres of war (as additional grant funding is available through the Department of Veterans Affairs).

Immediately behind (and to the side) of the WW1/WW2 larger stone memorial will be an aluminium flag pole. The provision of a light pole (aluminium) with solar powered LED lighting (PVC fittings) to illuminate the memorial site at night is being considered.

Note: As advised by the manufacturer, the stones and engraved basalt plaques have a life guarantee of over 200 years..... I recommend you go online and view Legacy Monuments for examples of their memorials.

Down memory lane:

The Bronze Medallion in Surf Life Saving:



Extract: Message from Con Searle (7th August 2020): “Mick Hynes has been a mate of mine from the Kirra days 1962. We usually call one another every fortnight to see how we both are faring. He called me yesterday to tell me that while cleaning out an old cupboard he found his Surf Bronze Medallion from 1961. It brought back memories of the years we enjoyed in Kirra.

I thought I would email and attach photographs of the medallion, maybe others have kept theirs. The medallion means a lot to Mick”. (End of Extract)

Mick Hynes joined the Kirra Surf Club in the early 1960s and gained his Bronze Medallion in Surf Lifesaving on 23rd December 1961 (#3213). During the 1961/62 season there were nineteen Bronze Medallions awarded. Total membership was 236 members including 40 Senior Active; 24 Active Reserve; 29 Junior Active; and 22 cadet members. *Reference: Kirra SLSC 100 years (2016) by PD Kelly*

Memorabilia and history of past Kirra SLSC members and events:

The Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and Committee welcome all/any past member information; photographs of memorabilia and events; details on past social activities that would be of interest to others; or just interesting yarns of times gone by 😊😊😊

‘Down memory lane’ helps us to remember and acknowledge performances from the past; highlights and records the diverse and interesting events that have occurred over the decades; and assists through these historical narratives to keep us all connected together with our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club. The events of today eventually become the memories of yesterday..... *“So builds the proud traditions for the membership of the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”*

“Once a Kirra member – Always a Kirra member”



“Electronic mail address...The way to go!” Have you provided your electronic Email address? Of the current Association membership of now up to three hundred, almost fifty members are yet to provide their electronic Email address. The Association’s Committee invites you to provide your electronic mailing address (should you have one). Details of your Email may be forwarded to Association Secretary Adam Day at kirra@kirraoldboys.com

“Should you not have or do not wish to provide an Email address, you will continue to receive by mail all newsletters, news updates, and ‘Old Boys’ broadcasts circulated from time to time”

‘Association membership’

“An invitation to join” – To all Kirra Surf Club male and female senior long serving and past members; our Kirra Nipper coordinators and family members; and Surf Club associate and support members, an [invitation is extended](#) for you to be a member of the Kirra Surf Club Old Boys Association and receive your Newsletter **“What’s Happening!”** Be informed of the many activities and events planned throughout the year by the Association.

“It costs nothing to join and to have your name and contact details on the Association’s Membership Register!”

“Supporting your Club – our Kirra Surf Life Saving Club”

It is so simple to join! Just Email your name and contact details (Email address and telephone/mobile; and postal address) to the Association Secretary Adam Day: kirra@kirraoldboys.com

Keeping up to date with your Surf Club NEWS!!

It is now easy to be informed on everything that is happening with your Kirra Surf Club, including activities associated with:

- Surf lifesaving operations at Kirra Beach;
- Club special events, functions and other activities;
- Training and education programs;
- Kirra Nippers;
- Licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club 'Bar and Bistro'; and
- Your Kirra Old Boys Association.

Go on-line and visit the Surf Club's Website and Facebook sites:

- Webpage: www.kirrasurfclub.com.au
- Facebook: Kirra SLSC (A private site for Kirra members)
- Kirra Chronicle Newsletter
- Kirra Old Boys Newsletter

Supporters Website: www.kirrabeachsurfclub.com (coming)

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 (POSTPONED): Kirra Sports Luncheon postponed until Year 2021 with a possible date in March.....
FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED!

Friday 27th 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 challenging Year 2020 that was! ☺ ☺

Sunday 27th December: Annual 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 families 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 and welcomes past players, coaches, administrators and supporters of the Brisbane Rugby League to join the BLOBS GC Facebook site.

BLOBS Gold Coast has scheduled their next get-together for fellowship at the Kirra Beach Surf Club on Friday 4th September from 2pm.

This is an opportunity to catch up with old footy mates whilst supporting your Kirra Surf Club.

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.

Message from the Manager,

Kirra Beach Surf Club (Bar/Bistro/Gaming):

Just a heads up, the Kirra Supporters Club is updating all our digital profiles, website and email accounts. Moving forward these will be our new contacts. We will slowly move all our old accounts (contacts) over to the following:

Website: www.kirrabeachsurfclub.com

Manager: manager@kirrabeachsurfclub.com

General: info@kirrabeachsurfclub.com

Accounts: accounts@kirrabeachsurfclub.com

This is to help customers separate the Kirra Supporters Club from the Surf Life Saving Club with clearly recognisable business contact details.

Please update your personal contact details in your electronic Address Book. It will be great to catch up with you at our licensed Kirra Beach Surf Club 'Bar, Bistro and Gaming'..... "Best views of the Gold Coast"
Patrik Holmkvist (Manager)



Hope you enjoyed this read.... September 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)

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