

Surf to Save Kirra.

Contest organiser and Gold Coast mayoral candidate John Bradford teamed up with the Kirra Surfriders Club and Surfrider Foundation Australia on Saturday the 16th of February to hold a surfing event in aid of the 'Bring Back Kirra' campaign. The contest was advertised in the Gold Coast Bulletin and attracted surfers from several clubs.

The contest was held at Duranbah beach. Beautiful two to three foot peaks greeted the competitors and many impressive heats entertained the spectators.

At the end of the day, finals were held in each of three categories.

Results:

Women

1. Janhte Tranberg
2. Eden Putland
3. Fiona Mac Kenzie
4. Kobe Enright
5. Iluka Enright

Under 18

1. Ice Peira Ryan
2. Jack Freestone
3. Sam Clift
4. Mitch Duggan

Over 18

1. Clancy Dawson
2. Beau Walker (Nitro)
3. Jack Freestone
4. Ash Keilah

In tradition with informal events at the Kirra club, prizes were also awarded for the best tube of the day (Sam Clift), best wipe out (Paul Posadas) and for the best worker (Surfrider intern from France, Sebastion Tiffeau).

Special thanks to Peter Turner and Kirra Surf, Stomp surf wax and Surfrider Foundation for providing prizes. Lunch was provided by Kirra Pizza Hut.

Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew, Cheyne Horan, Stuart Ball, John Bradford and Neil Lazarow spoke at the presentation on topics including the need for recognition of surfing amenity, the economic value of surfing, the iconic nature of Kirra and the generation/s who have missed it.

Hopefully the event won't be required annually. Maybe one day all the crew can get together and have a 'Surf to Enjoy Kirra' back at the point.



Heat one; the competitors were greeted by nice little peaks.



Judges hard at work.



Open finalists with Cheyne Horan and Stu Ball.



Neil Lazarow was among the presenters to talk about the significance of Kirra.

Check out the Kirra Surfriders Club website gallery for many great action shots from the day.

<http://www.kirrasurfriders.com/galleries/savekirra08/index.htm>