



Whale of a time as KAK leads charge at Jonah's birthday bash

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It's not every day that celebrity haunt Jonah's Whale Beach turns 89 years old, and to celebrate Peter Montgomery and his staff threw a right old knees up.

Former Australian prime minister Bob Hawke was on the mic leading the singalong to *Waltzing Matilda* with none other than former INXS guitarist Kirk Pengilly on backing vocals alongside his wife, former professional surfer and chair of Surfing Australia Layne Beachley.

Also spotted among the sea of well-known faces were Australian TV veteran Kerri-Anne Kennerley and her husband John making a rare joint public appearance.

The pair once led Sydney's social pack, but following an accident that damaged his spinal cord in March 2016, John has been an incomplete quadriplegic. He is only spotted out with KAK on special occasions, and it seems Jonah's birthday celebrations was one of them.

"[John's] sense of humour is still fully intact. He sat out on the verandah and was having a chuckle with several old mates. He was in great spirits," a guest told Fairfax Media.

A tribute was also paid to the six victims of the New Year's Eve seaplane crash.

As well as Hawke, Australian tenor Lorenzo Rositano performed for guests, including Deborah Hutton, Jono Coleman and "Coffee King" Les Schirato. An Australian-themed menu was created by executive chef Matteo Zamboni for the day. It included spanner crab fritters, smoked brisket with milk buns and slaw, grilled wagyu rump cap and Sydney rock oysters, all washed down with Bollinger.

If you weren't aglow – real or fake – you would not have been welcome aboard party boat Seadeck, which set sail around Sydney Harbour in celebration of Bondi Sands' latest launch (and the answer to a lot of prayers) – One Hour Dark Express Tan.

With Demi Bryant and Tori Levett on the decks, the soiree was filled with the who's

who of the Instagram world, including Steph Claire Smith, Tammy Hembrow, Shani Grimmond and Pia Muelhenbeck.

Former *Geordie Shore* star, British TV host and tanning enthusiast Charlotte Crosby jetted Down Under for the lively event that ended on the dance floor.

If you can't get a date of the male/female variety, you can always take along your dog to Bondi's Openair Cinema on the Dolphin Lawn.

The Bachelor stars Matty Johnson and his chosen one Laura Byrne, and her three-legged pooch Buster, all enjoyed watching Hugh Jackman belt out the tunes in *The Greatest Showman* for the opening night.

In a bid to prevent food waste, the cinema has teamed up with OzHarvest to present Soul Sundays – a Sunday session of food sampling, trivia, music and games for all the family with \$3 from each ticket going to providing six meals to those in need. The cinema runs until March 4 with American Express Card Members receiving a range of exclusive benefits.

Do you have a Sydney social event coming up? Email amy.croffey@fairfaxmedia.com.au.



Andrea Dunn, Doug May, Peter Phelps, Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Kirk Pengilly, Jono Coleman (above); Blanche d'Alpuget and Bob Hawke (right).



Ky and Katie Hurst (above); (below) Kirk Pengilly with wife Layne Beachley and Kerri-Anne Kennerley.



Kerri-Anne Kennerley and husband John (above) at Jonah's 89th birthday celebrations on Australia Day. (Right) Sculptor Louis Pratt.



Jeremy Alpe and Deborah Hutton (above); Les Schirato (right).



At the American Express Open Air Cinema launch in Bondi are: (clockwise from top) Matty Johnson, Laura Byrne and her three-legged rescue dog Buster; the crowds at the event; Danny Clayton and a friend; Olivia Deeble and Lukas Radovich.



Nikki Phillips at the launch of the latest Bondi Sands product (top left); former Geordie Shore star Charlotte Crosby (above); Pia Muehlenbeck with her fiancée Kane Vatoat (left); Steph Claire Smith and Tammy Hembrow (far left).