

The “Duff Bar”

The Story of Rob and Alison Duff — and the Bar Named in Their Honour

The bar at Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club carries a name that means far more than just a sign hanging from the roof. It stands as a tribute to **Rob and Alison Duff**, two people whose dedication, curiosity, and sheer determination helped shape the club into what it is today.

Back in “**the bunker**” days, we had money available for a new clubhouse, we were dreaming of a modern, welcoming space that would serve members,



families, and the wider community, Rob and Ali took that dream personally. They didn’t just sit in meetings or look at plans on paper. Instead, they hit the road.

Over that season, the pair travelled **up and down the NSW coastline**, visiting surf clubs large and small. They walked through bars, chatted with managers, studied layouts, compared materials, and asked every question imaginable. What worked? What didn’t? What made a club feel warm, functional, and financially sustainable. They were determined to bring back the very best ideas to Birubi.



Their road-trip research became the backbone of the design we enjoy today. The club’s layout, flow, finishes, and atmosphere all carry the fingerprints of their effort. What we now take for granted — the ease of service, the welcoming feel, the way the

space brings people together — exists because Rob and Ali went the extra mile, literally.

Today, when members gather for a drink, with their friends and families, they’re enjoying a space shaped by two people who cared deeply about getting it right.

The Duff Bar stands as a lasting thank-you — a tribute to their vision, their legwork, and their commitment to Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club.