

## NAROOMA VIEW CLUB – June /July 2024 NEWSLETTER



**Stop Press..... Ane-Maree Hindson from IRT will join us to present some valuable insights into staying at home longer at our next luncheon meeting Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 11:30am Narooma Golf Club. We look forward to seeing you there.**

Our new caterers Porterhouse Hospitality, are providing some very tasty meals, and did a wonderful job catering for last months birthday luncheon.

We will continue with members ordering and paying for their meals at the bistro prior to the meeting making sure to let the staff know you are in the VIEW Club meeting

As per usual, sponsorship contributions & the purchase of raffle tickets will be possible at the desk as you arrive.

For this reason, final numbers will not be as essential as previously.

We're all enjoying trying something different from the new menu

This month we were pleased to have Fr Jo Tran present to us about his life's journey which brought him to Narooma as Parish Priest. His escape from Vietnam on a 2.8m boat with 90 people (adults, children and infants) was inspiring. He spoke about the 3 day trip from Saigon to international waters during which time the boat was approached but bypassed by a Khmere Rouge police boat and also suffered engine failure. Struggling in 3-4m swells in a leaky boat, he and his crew, were picked up by an American oil tanker and spent 9 days on route to Okinawa where many remained. Sponsored by Fr Tom Wright in Canberra, Fr Jo was flown to Canberra in 1981. Fr Jo left his family in Vietnam in 1980 and has since been joined by 4 brothers, who made their escape as refugees, his mother, father & 2 sisters who came under reunion programs.

Fr Jo says that "every day in Australia is a day of blessing", & that he is "so grateful to be able to have the opportunity to look after people".



### **Birthday Girls:**

Chris O'Brien, Jennifer Walker, Lesley Galea, Chris Chatillon, and Valerie Tippins celebrate their birthdays in June & July. We wish you all the best and hope you all enjoy your special day.



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## Narooma VIEW Club's 46<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our 46<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Narooma again turned on beautiful weather and the golf club outlook was a spectacular backdrop for our guest speaker Father Jo Tran, a lovely lunch, party games and raffles.

Celebrity heads was great fun and lots of laughs. Thanks to all our contestants and Brenda for co-ordinating proceedings so well.



*Lunch  
with  
friends*



*Rose, Veronica & Mary*



*Margi, Anne and Glenn*

*Celebrity heads contestants!*

## Sophia's letter

We were pleased to receive a letter from Sophia, one of our sponsored students, who shared lots of insights into her life. Sophia is currently in year 8 and shared that she struggles a little with English but finds maths 'super duper easy' even though her favourite subjects are phys ed, drama and then maths. Her favourite food is a warm curry and she enjoys playing basketball and soccer with her friends. She is looking forward to being able to choose her electives and thinks that she likes the idea of taking economics. Sophia enjoyed her recent athletics carnival, especially the 800m run and managed to place second twice and third once in her events. She enjoys the warmer months as she likes to be outside for longer into the evening. She thanked Moira for her letter and wished us well.

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