

NAROOMA VIEW CLUB – Spring 2024 NEWSLETTER



STOP PRESS..... CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Friday NOV 22nd

Wear your most creative Christmas Hat

See you for lunch and some early Christmas cheer

Hello everyone,

What a busy year we've had and as I write regarding Christmas celebrations it's clear it is very quickly drawing to a close. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Luncheon & hopefully to see you at some of our upcoming community events. All the best for this glorious Spring season.. Kath & Amy

Guest Speaker: (September)

.....Just one more thing!

Our September meeting saw a warm and generous presentation by Dr John Brown, who spoke of his 50-year career as a general practitioner, cruise ship and hospital medical officer. John spoke of his time working in Papua New Guinea, Mudgee, Narooma, and on the "Fairstar", a career which is soon to come to an end, as he plans to retire in November.

Dr Brown spoke about working across the life span or 'from womb to tomb' and of the challenges and joys of working in rural, remote and isolated communities.

Members were entertained with stories of cruising illnesses, life in PNG, and medical developments such as keyhole surgery and improvements in maternity care. Dr Brown recognises his good fortune in having developed some lasting relationships with high level specialists which he was able to translate into improved access to medical care for regional and remote patients. He spoke with fondness of what he sees as the privilege of having provided medical services to so many people throughout his working life.

He also mentioned at the end of his presentation especially for Margie Ryan (who secured him as our speaker at the last minute) that many

patients, as they leave the consulting room comment that there was often "just one more thing", which usually translated into much more... Dr Brown offered words of appreciation for his family, for the Narooma area, which he has called home for 22 years, and he acknowledged the importance of VIEW Club in the area and the value of our efforts in supporting The Smith Family.

We are thankful for John's contribution to our community and wish him (& Larry) all the best on his upcoming retirement.



Jen Elliott, Dr John Brown & Kath Harris

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Guest speaker: (October)



All Saints Anglican Church
Bodalla

Laurelle Pacey agricultural scientist, author, journalist and historian spoke at our October meeting on the history of the All-Saint's Church in Bodalla. Laurelle was a freelance journalist over 15 years and as she was honoured with an OAM for her service to the community and to local history. Laurelle spoke of her fascination with investigating questions that need to be answered which led her to take a deep dive into the reasons why the All-Saint's Church was built in stages. In an effort to gain insights into what was happening in the life and times of the church and its people she discussed many interesting details of Thomas Sutcliffe Mort and his many pioneering interests, including the establishment of the commercial production of

cheese in Australia, and Edmund Blackett, an ecclesiastical architect.

It was particularly interesting to note that it was Maryanne Mort, (second wife to Thomas), who ultimately drove the completion of the church with the help of Edmund's architect son and many largely unknown / un named locals.

It was a very enjoyable step back in time for us all.



Thanks so much to Laurelle for her time and insights

A letter from Sophia:

Dear Sponsor, Thank you for your wishes, We appreciate your kindness. It was unfortunately difficult to survive winter, especially waking up. Did you experience the same thing?

Yes, I do enjoy year 8 as I have met many people this year. Haha I only have my best English skills when I am writing letters to you, I have to make sure my writing is clear.

Wow your food choices do sound very delicious, I might have to try roast pork soon as I never have.

Thank you for the congratulations, I appreciate it. Staying active reduces my stress and that's the one thing I want to focus on right now. What are things that help you reduce your stress?

No I did not watch any of the olympics, but that's so cool your neighbour has been at the level. I would love to visit France, your neighbour sounds lucky. Thank you, the weather is slowly getting warmer.

Best wishes to you as well. From Sophia and Mum

Birthday Girls:

Shirley Gunter, Kathy Day, Di Lovatt, Sue Elliott, Sandy Macklan and Mary Marshall celebrate their birthdays in Sept / October.

We wish you all the best and hope you all enjoyed your special day.



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Christmas wrapping is on again this year.

Pat is looking for volunteers to wrap gifts at Bega Village Shopping Centre.

It's a great fun community activity which raises funds for LfL students sponsored by our Zone.

Wrapping will be from Friday 13th December to Tuesday 24th December

If you're interested in helping and can't get down there, contact Kath and we can arrange a lift.



AGM & Lunch Meeting Friday 28 February 11:30am Narooma Golf Club

The Committee has had a great year and thankfully most of them are happy to continue:

- Committee – President Kath, Vice President Margi, Secretary Amy and Treasurer Jenny are standing for their respective roles again. Thank you all.
However, nominations are being taken & will be completed at the Christmas meeting ready for the AGM in Feb, so if you would like to join the committee, please let us know.
- *A big thank you to Glen who has been our Zone Delegate in 2024. Glen has been our link with our neighbouring clubs and has kept us updated with changes at the zone & state level. Thanks so much to her for her ongoing support to the committee and the club.
Glen has decided to step down from the Zone Delegate role in 2025. Anyone who would like to be our 2025 representative at Zone meetings usually held in Bega 4 times per year, please let us know.*
- A huge thank you to Denise Rungen who has agreed to continuing in the position of Program Officer. Denise has already arranged several speakers for us for 2025. We are all enormously grateful for her efforts and interest and thank her for making our luncheon meetings so interesting and varied.
- Moira Cusack has also agreed to continue in the role of Learning for Life Officer. It has been wonderful and sometimes 'goose bumpy' having the children's stories shared each month. Thanks so much to her for her ongoing correspondence with our sponsored children and her contribution to our meetings.



Membership Fees are due at the February meeting.

Please bring your \$20 fee to the meeting in an envelope with your name on it.

This will make things much easier for our Treasurer Jenny.



Dates for your diary

- ✓ Barefoot Bowls & Lunch: planned for the first week of December... More details at November meeting
- ✓ Bunnings Barbeque: Sunday December 22nd – Batemans Bay Contact Kath if you can help
- ✓ Christmas wrapping: 13-24th December – Bega Village Shopping Centre
- ✓ AGM: 28th Feb luncheon meeting – nominations are now open
- ✓ International Women's Day Luncheon Sat 8th March: Narooma VIEW Club Event

*If you are attending the Christmas Luncheon on the 22nd November, please let Margi Ryan know
for seating arrangements on 0408 051 896*

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