

ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA INC

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Tappings from Terry

Terry has been unwell this week and was not able to be with us on Thursday or to help out with the Oyster Festival. Annette reports that he is making a steady recovery and should be back with us soon.

Terry did ask that members check out the following information about grants on the RI website:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/grants>

The Week That Was

Numbers were down a little at last week's meeting due to illness and members travelling to all parts of the globe. Unfortunately Rob Pollock was unavailable for the third time to talk about the oncology unit at Moruya Hospital. The bulletin editor stepped in and spoke about the Gonski reforms recently agreed to by the NSW and Australian Governments. In brief it will mean that students will be funded according to background and learning needs. It will mean considerable changes for the ways schools in NSW do business.

In Terry's absence John Messner filled in a President and Chris O'Brien was the Chair. Brendan provided the three minute talk on civil engineering and the long history of the construction of a rail line to transport coal from the Ulan area to the coast. The line was started about 100 years ago and was delayed many times due to war, depression and changed government priorities – it was finally completed in the 80s.

Laurelle gave a great fine session – it seemed at the last minute our skills were needed to help out at the Oyster Festival! I am not sure that we were that helpful, however, George's skills as a chief were called upon when Julie Goodwin wasn't quite up to cooking the Bacon and eggs.



John cleans the van on Friday

Mike Young took home the wine, Laurelle managed to pick up the eggs as well as the port and Bob Antill won the bread.

The major activity of the week was the Oyster Festival. A hard working crew attacked the van on Friday morning to get it all spick and span for Saturday. I have to say it looked a picture with every millimetre scrubbed to it sparkled. Thanks to all who put in the effort – I understand it took more than 35 volunteer hours in total to get it looking so good.

It was all hands on deck on Saturday to meet the demand of hungry hordes at the Festival. Unfortunately the hordes did not appear and it was a slow day for us, with taking about half of last year. Lots of theories were discussed, was the crowd down? Were there just too many food stalls? Or were we just in the wrong spot? Or was the van just too shiny? I am sure we will discuss it in detail next week.



Left: The van cleaning continues

Right: Mike, Joan, Chris and Di Lovatt serve up a storm on Saturday

Duty	9 May	16 May	23 May	30 May	6 June
Chair/Rotary History	John Messner	Rolf Gimmel	Bob Aston	Jack Wightman	Mike Young
Cashier/Wheel	Rolf Gimmel	Brendan Wilson	George Barker	Mike Young	Charmaine White
Invocation	Brendan Wilson	Laurelle Pacey	Mike Young	Charmaine White	John Messner
3 Minute Talk	Laurelle Pacey	Peter Bull	Charmaine White	John Messner	Chris O'Brien
Fines					

If you cannot do your allocated duty please arrange a replacement then advise the editor

Date	Event
4 & 5 May	Narooma Oyster Festival – Helpers Needed
9 May	ADG Vere Gray
16 May	Board meeting
23 May	Diamonds are Forever – Georgie Staley Partner's night
26 May	Narooma Rotary Markets – NATA Oval
6 June	TBC
13 June	Change Over! Partner's Night

The Theory of Intelligence – Thanks to Fred Doctor

"Well you see, Norm, it's like this . . . A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first.

This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer and/or wine eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers or wine."

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