

# ROTARY CLUB OF NAROOMA INC

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THE PRESIDENT WRITES

### *Last week*

From my perspective, last week was a great night and was well supported by the membership. Thank you to all concerned for making the night a success. The PHF recognition awarded to Dr Jenny Wray was an expression of sincere appreciation from RC Narooma for the significant contribution she has made to medical services in the local community, and the teaching and training of medical students and registrars.

### *District Assembly - 21/22 April*

I understand that Terry and one or two other club members will be in going to the



District Assembly that is to be held at Canberra College, Woden this weekend.

District Assembly is a great resource to expand Rotary knowledge as well as provide, hopefully, some guidance and learning for incoming Boards for 2012-13.

### *Food Van*

The Food Van will be towed to NATA oval early Saturday

afternoon for an internal scrub-down in preparation for the Sunday market. We need a 3-4 person team to rid the van of any mould and help with other maintenance in readiness for the Oyster Festival.

### *22 April Market*

A roster has been circulated by email. The weather forecast for next weekend is not very encouraging.

### *26 April - Cinders at Bodalla*

We need to put together 4 tables of 6 people plus the Quizmaster. The 'member availability register' circulated last week, indicates that we are well short of this target. There will be more discussion on this tonight.

### *5 May - Oyster Festival*

For this to be successful fund raiser we need to operate 3 shifts with 5 people on each shift. The 'member availability register' circulated last week indicated that we only have human resources to man 1.5 shifts. We can overcome this problem if some members are prepared to work more than one shift, family members become involved and other help is forthcoming.

**President John**

## Tonight

No program tonight – After the meal Directors will hold their normal monthly Board Meeting - The rest of us get an early mark!

## Coming Events

- 22 April Narooma Rotary Market
- 26 April Cinders vs. Moruya RC. **PARTNER'S NIGHT Bodalla BC**
- 3 May TBC
- 5 May Narooma Oyster Festival – All hands on deck

## The week that was

It was great to see so many guests at last week's meeting. The list included Dennis Evans (RC of Bunbury WA), Tim our exchange student (welcome back Tim), Joan Morgan and Rob Wilson, Neil and Gloria Jenkins, Phil and Dava Gaffnev. Chris



Front Page: President John presents Dr Jenny Wray with a Paul Harris Fellow.

Above John with Jenny and husband Jock

Hall, Bill Wilson, Liz and Tony Stenhouse, George and Jenny Darling, our Club guests Jenny Wray and husband Jock Munro. We were also joined by members' partners including Therese Aston, Debbie Gimmel, Steve Deck, Kerry Messner and Micki Thomlinson.

Laurelle gave a quick update on youth events including RYPEN and the National Youth Science Forum – nominations are due soon.

President John also reminded us that we had a busy few

weeks ahead with markets, Cinders Trophy and the Oyster Festival.

Our guest speaker was Dr Jenny Wray. Jenny spoke about her work as a GP in a small country town. Jenny commenced her practice here in 1977, after a few years in town she worked at the Queen Street Surgery in Moruya before returning to Narooma to set up and expand the Lighthouse Surgery. In recent years the surgery has expanded to cater for additional doctors, visiting specialists and allied health professionals.

Jenny has a special interest in assisting in the training of the next generation of medical professionals. Jenny hosts GP registrars, prevocational GPs and medical students on a rotational basis as a part of Coast, City Country General Practice Training network.

Last year Jenny won the RACGP General Practitioner of the Year Award, recognising her outstanding contribution to general practice spanning a career of 30 years in rural communities, the Lighthouse Surgery also won the RACGP NSW General Practice of the Year award. A great achievement!

Jenny was also recognised for her role as a mentor for medical students, receiving the 2011 RAMUS Mentor Award. She was nominated by two former Narooma High students, Emily Deck and Elizabeth Downey, Emily is now an intern at Concord Repatriation General Hospital, whilst Elizabeth is in her final years of medical study.

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Apologies and additional guests to Rolf Gimmel the Tuesday before the meeting on 44762274 or email [rolfs@dodo.com.au](mailto:rolfs@dodo.com.au) OR you will be charged for your meal.

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Duties  
**This week**  
Cashier  
Chris O'Brien

3 Minute Talk  
Terry Irvine

Wheel  
Rolf Gimmel

**Next week**  
Cashier  
Jack Wightman

3 Minute Talk  
Chris O'Brien

Wheel  
Terry Irvine

Jenny and Jock also support other local students to study at university through a scholarship fund they have set up, the fund began in 2003 and to date they have supported 15 students.

In recognition of Jenny's outstanding contribution the Narooma Community, its youth and supporting the next generation of doctors the Club awarded her a Paul Harris Fellow, recognition well and truly deserved.



Angie and guests enjoy the port



Chris with Neil & Gloria Jenkins

### *The Rotarian' talks with Muhammad Yunus, a speaker at the 2012 RI Convention*

The Rotarian -- April 2012

**Nobel Peace Prize** winner Muhammad Yunus, known as the “banker for the poor”, began transforming lives while an economics professor at the University of Chittagong in Bangladesh. What began as personal microloans to poor women in nearby villages grew into Grameen Bank, which today has more than 2,500 branches throughout the country. Grameen Bank has helped launch or expand the businesses of more than 8 million borrowers – 97 percent of them women. Yunus, a keynote speaker at the 2012 RI Convention, recently spoke with Warren Kalbacker, a frequent contributor to *The Rotarian*. Here is an excerpt of the interview.

**The Rotarian:** In 1976, you introduced the concept of microcredit, which involves providing loans of as little as a few cents to individuals. Many businesspeople might be puzzled as to how lending such small amounts could be effective.

**Yunus:** Microcredit started in one village in Bangladesh. I was teaching economics, and the country was going through famine. I was frustrated because the economic theories I taught in the classroom didn't have any meaning in the lives of poor people. I thought I'd try to do something to help individuals in the village next to the university campus. I noticed loan sharking in the village – people lending money to the poor with terrible conditions attached. The sharks took control of peoples' lives. I thought I could solve this problem by lending money myself. I visited those who were borrowing from the loan sharks, and I made a list of 42 names. The total money they owed was the equivalent of US\$27. I put the money in their hands to pay off the loan sharks so they could be free. When I did that, everybody got excited. If such a small amount of money could make so many people so happy, I thought I should do more of it.

**TR:** Your concept of social business involves raising and investing capital, then managing the enterprise for a return. Yet you specify that there will be no profit-taking. Aren't you offering something like two cheers for capitalism?

**Yunus:** People think if you take out the profit incentive, businesses cannot survive. That's absolutely wrong. There are many other incentives. In a social business, I make other people happy. By making other people happy, I become happy. That incentive is something economists don't understand. I am introducing that. I'm not walking out on capitalism; I insist that capitalism is misinterpreted. It's based on a single type of business: profit-making. It's imbalanced. If you add the social business leg to the capitalist system, then it becomes stable. When a business is run only to maximize profit, people are too busy to examine or solve social problems, so they let governments take care of those problems. But we citizens are capable of solving problems ourselves.

That's what the social business can do.

**TR:** Grameen has teamed up with France-based food giant Danone to manufacture yogurt in Bangladesh. How does this venture differ from a traditional profit-making enterprise?

**Yunus:** This social business is a non-loss, non-dividend company designed to solve a social problem. If Grameen Danone Foods makes a profit, the profit stays with the company. Its purpose is to solve the problem of malnutrition among the children of Bangladesh. It makes a special type of yogurt that is inexpensive to produce and affordable to the poorest families. If a child eats it, he or she gradually becomes a healthy child. The company is now in its fourth year, and it's doing very well. The nutritional impact is clear, and the company is approaching the break-even point.

**TR:** You're a tireless advocate for personal initiative across all cultures. What motivates you?

**Yunus:** Economists assume that entrepreneurs who can take the risks and lead the way are limited in number – that these are the few people in the world with exceptional qualities, who are capable of being entrepreneurs, and the rest of the human beings are supposed to work under them. This is unacceptable. I insist that all human beings are entrepreneurs. No exceptions. No one lacks entrepreneurial capability. But institutions have framed policies that don't give us the opportunity to discover our entrepreneurial ability. They're being propagated through our education system, which is built on the premise that you work hard and get well paid, or you go to a good school and get a good job – as if a job is the ultimate goal of a human life. I say that is wrong.

**TR:** What will you focus on when you address this year's RI Convention?

**Yunus:** I'll be talking about the education system. All young people should be taught that they have choices. They can be a job seeker or a job giver. As they grow up, they can decide which they want to be. Institutions must be built so that whichever path young people take, they will be supported so they can pursue their goal in life. Right now, this choice is missing in the education system.

### *Some Humour!*

Golf on Christmas Morning!

Four old friends were playing their weekly game of golf. One remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without any argument go directly to the golf course to meet his pals and play a round.

His friends all chimed in and said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority; figure out a way and meet here early, Christmas morning."

Months later, the special morning arrived, and they were out on the golf course. The first player says, "Boy this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a big diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it."

The second guy says, "I spent a ton too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

The third man says "Well my wife is at home admiring her new car and reading the manual."

They all turned to the last one of the group who was staring at them like they had lost their minds. "I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I slapped my wife on the arse and said, Well babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning for sex or golf," and all she said was, "You'll need a sweater!"