



NAROOMA BEACON

Club Information

Welcome to our Club! Come and Join Us

We meet
Thursdays
at 6:30
PM
Whale
Motor Inn
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Posted by Charmaine White on Aug 16, 2014

Angie's Angle...

BEACON – John Ritchie's talk on Oyster Farming 14 Aug 2014

Did you know that *Saccostrea Glomerata* is the latin name for Narooma's famous Sydney Rock Oysters? This species of oyster, a gourmet's delight, are grown in the spectacular clear waters of Wagonga Inlet and estuaries by John Ritchie, local oyster farmer and others in this wonderful industry in Narooma and surrounds. John gave us a glimpse into the history of oyster farming, production styles and other issues.

Commercial oystering can be traced back to the Romans who over 2000 years ago imported these delicacies from England. Also grown in France from the North in Normandy down to the south in the Mediterranean. John also mentioned oyster farming in the US over a long period. Even Prince Charles wears a different hat at times as an oyster farmer! Oyster farming is the oldest aquaculture industry in NSW and a valuable contributor to the economy. In the late 19th century oyster farming became widespread around the Hawkesbury, St Georges River and Port Stevens.

John mentioned various systems for optimising the growth of oysters used over time. Originally in Australia Cabbage trees were cut down and the timber bundled together for the oysters to settle on under water. Another idea later was using milled timber like tomato stakes, dunking them in tar which protected the wood under water for about 2-3 years. Now, the favoured method of cultivation is using plastic. Oysters love sticking to the plastic slats in floating plastic baskets with tumblers. The constant movement of water promotes their filter feeding on algae, growth and shape.

Oysters can be subject to diseases like the Winter Mortality bug and Qx and outbreaks can impact heavily on the industry virtually overnight. John's love of oyster farming was very apparent even though he says breeding oysters is a delicate, time consuming business. Narooma is truly a mecca for oyster lovers thanks to John and his

Speakers

Aug 21, 2014

[Laurelle Pacey](#)

Narooma Arts Centre

Aug 28, 2014

[Ken Doust](#)

A Country Doctor , A Varied Life

Sep 04, 2014

[Students Mollie and Jesse](#)

MUNA

Sep 11, 2014

[Phil Armstrng](#)

A View to The Future

Sep 18, 2014

[Pauline Gleeson](#)

ASHA to Nepal

Sep 25, 2014

[Chris O'Brien](#)

Chateaux of the Loire Valley

Oct 02, 2014

[Charmaine White](#)

Back to the Roots in The Kimberley

Oct 09, 2014

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Mental Health Week

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Join Date

Lynda Ord

August 8, 2013

1 year

George Barker

August 15, 1958

56 years

Angie Ulrichsen

August 16, 2007

7 years

fellow farmers.

Youth report: MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) is happening at Old Parliament House, Canberra this weekend, 15-17 Aug. What a great event with all of our 5 Eurobodalla schools participating in debating current world issues. We hope to have our 3 Narooma students together with Sue Fahey and parents join us to tell us all about it on Thursday 4 Sept.

Rotary Club of Bega's 60th: A few of us have been invited to Bega Thursday 21/8 to celebrate their birthday. Thanks Bob for chairing in our absence.

Board Meeting: Our Board met last night at the earlier time of 5.30 for the first time. This worked very well and this will allow us to bring any news to our meeting following at 6.30.

Monthly Markets: On again Sun 24/8. Jack passed the roster around last night. We will aim to set up earlier and have food available by 8am for our hungry stallholders. So first shift starts at 0730. The Whale Watching Raffle will be drawn by Narooma Charters at noon and Fred from Canberra will be setting up a Rotary ShelterBox on display.

Rotary Club Visioning: Phil Armstrong, former District Governor, has kindly agreed to be our guest at the meeting on 11/9 to inspire us about all things Rotary.

Please organize with someone else if you are unavailable to do the meeting duty as rostered below

| DUTY | | 21 August | 28 august |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Chair | | Bob Antill | Angie Ulrichsen |
| Cashier/Wheel | | Mike Young | Peter Bull |
| Invocation | | Laurelle Pacey | Jack Wightman |
| 3 Minute Talk | | John Rungen | Mike Young |
| Happy Moments | | - | - |
| Introduce Guest Speaker | | Lynda Ord | Laurelle Pacey |

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