

## PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter September 2024

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The speaker at our Birthday luncheon on 7 August was Rose Leto Rerecic, the Smith Family State Projects Leader NSW/ACT. The Smith Family actually started in Parramatta when a small group of men met at Parramatta’s Woolpack Hotel! They saw a great need for education of children in the community. When deciding on the name to call this new venture, they all claimed their names were “Smith” and so The Smith Family was born! There are now 91 Smith Family communities in NSW/ACT, and 14,700 Learning for Life students. Parramatta VIEW supports three Learning for Life students, and our secretary, Rosemary, has volunteered with the Smith Family office, and also helped students with their reading.

		
Rose Leto Rerecic, the Smith Family State Projects Leader NSW/ACT.	Yvonne, Ruth and Fay all share an August birthday with Parramatta Day VIEW	Ever popular entertainers, Ketty and John brought music and cheer once again.

Also at our birthday luncheon, Zone Councillor, Sandra Fong, presented a Making a Difference award to Yvonne for her commitment over 46 years as a member of Parramatta VIEW. Her organisational and fundraising skills have contributed to the raising of considerable funds over the years for the Smith Family.



### For your diary

**Wed 4 September, 11 for 11.30**, Guest Speaker, Kellie Darley, Councillor, Parramatta City Council.

Wed 18 September, 12 noon Club Parramatta

Wed 2 October, 11 for 11.30, guest speaker, Tom Ware

Wed 16 October, 12 noon, Seven Hills Hotel, 222 Prospect Highway, Seven Hills

Wed 6 November, 11 for 11.30, Guest speaker, Mark Bundy on the history of Rookwood Cemetery

Wed 20 November, 12 noon, Wenty Leagues

Wed 4 December, 11 for 11.30 Christmas luncheon, Entertainers, Ketty and John

<b>September birthdays</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Elizabeth	<b>October birthdays</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shobha
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The VIEW Club Pledge</u></b></p> <p>I pledge to promote the interests of VIEW, to extend friendship to all and to help those in need</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grace</u></b></p> <p>O Lord, giver of all good, we thank thee for our daily food. May VIEW Club friends and View Club ways, help to serve thee all our days.</p>
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## Friendship Thoughts

From the "Friendship Book", 2023 with thanks to Maureen

Sometimes it seems like everything has changed and become more high-tech! But some things haven't changed in a long time.

Walking through a new car park, I noticed two red buckets, full of sand and hung on hooks.

The same sort of fire buckets we had at school when I was young; the same fire dousing method they put to good use during World War II!

Sand spreads easily, it smothers just about every sort of flame, and isn't even a little flammable.

Why change what has almost always worked?

If we are lucky, we have people like that in our lives. Reliable, then, now, and always. The kind of friends we need never change!

