

## PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter December 2024

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Vale June McPherson, seen here with her beloved “Mac” enjoying lunch with us at our first meeting after ‘lockdown’ in November 2021. June’s daughter advised that Mac died in hospital in late October and June was moved into a nursing home, but she died a week later. We let June’s daughter know how much we enjoyed the ‘two love birds’ and sent our condolences, but it was for the best and they are now together.



A very welcome new member. Janet S who received her badge and information pack from our Secretary Rosemary.



Our lovely member, ,Shobha, brought Diwali plates for members, It was lovely that she chose a lovely dark green coat hanger made by

Maureen, and was given a book.



Our guest speaker in November was Mark Bundy on the history of Rookwood Cemetery, about the trains, and the growing number of sections now from our multicultural society. There has been some work done at the cemetery, including work by volunteers.

### Dates for your diary

- Wed 4 December, 11 for 11.30 Christmas luncheon. Entertainers, Ketty and John. Please bring stationery items for Learning for Life students to this meeting (see list on next page)
- Wed 15 January 2025, 11am for coffee, and stay for lunch for more catch up time at nbc.
- Wednesday 5 February, Annual General Meeting, Fees payable \$20 at Jan, Feb or March mtgs. Can members consider volunteering to stand for a position on our much depleted committee?

<b>December birthdays</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Laraine P	January birthdays 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lorraine W 16 <sup>th</sup> Barbara F
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For Primary		For Secondary		
Lead pencils	Twist crayons	Blue, black, red pens	Lead pencils HB, 2B	Highlighters
Sharpener	Textas	Geometry set	Eraser and Sharpener	A4 exercise books
Eraser	Ruler	USB	Glue	Drink bottles
Pencil case	A5 exercise books	Ruler	Display folder	Library bag
Lunch boxes				Lunch boxes

## Friendship Thoughts From the “Friendship Book”, 2023, with thanks to Maureen

Time is inexorable. It passes and there is nothing we can do about it. Or so it seems.

Richard Jefferies, the 19<sup>th</sup>-century nature writer, suggested a means of temporary escape when he said: ‘The hours when the mind is absorbed by beauty are the only hours when we really live, so that the longer we can stay among these things so much the more is snatched from the inevitable Time’

It’s perhaps not strictly true, but having spent those hours with beauty, would we feel like complaining? Or might we feel that time had stood still a while?

## Why?

- Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?
- Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?
- Ever wonder why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why don’t you ever see the headline ‘Psychic wins lottery’?
- Why is ‘abbreviated’ such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do ‘practice’?
- Why is the person who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why didn’t Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on planes? Why don’t they make the whole plane out of that stuff??
- Why don’t sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

<u>The VIEW Club Pledge</u>	<u>Grace</u>
I pledge to promote the interests of VIEW, to extend friendship to all and to help those in need	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.