

PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter October 2024

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Our guest speaker in September was Parramatta Councillor Kellie Darley. She is a respected community leader, who has been supporting families and other residents across the greater Parramatta area for many years through a number of initiatives. She says: I'm Co-Founder and Owner of ParraParents, an online community and guide helping families who live, work and play in the Parramatta area to discover wonderful things to do together.

After listening to the hopes and concerns of the Parramatta community and advocating for improvements to community infrastructure over the last 8 years, I decided to stand to become a Councillor at the City of Parramatta Council, in the Dundas Ward (where I live), at the 2021 elections. I wanted a seat at the table to influence the decisions of Council, make sure families and our community are far better represented and build on the positive impact I've already had in our community. I'm extremely grateful that with the support of thousands of residents, I was elected and am already improving transparency, engagement with our community and the liveability of our city – bringing fresh perspective and evidence based approach. I've been honoured to be awarded Parramatta Woman of the Year (2020) and City of Parramatta Volunteer of the Year for the Australia Day Awards (2019) for my contribution to our city. Prior to running ParraParents (and taking a career break to raise my two children), I held leadership roles in public health and community development for over 20 years. My specialties include managing and engaging diverse people, designing solutions, strategic planning, leading complex projects, problem solving, utilising technology, data analysis and streamlining processes. My career is backed by extensive education, including a Bachelor of Economics (majoring in marketing) from Macquarie University, Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology and Development Studies from Macquarie University and Master of Public Health from Sydney University.

For your diary

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

October birthdays 3 rd Shobha	November birthdays 3 rd Sheryl 8 th Heather – a big 'O' 17 th Janice
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Friendship Thoughts

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

Believe it or not, some people smile with straight faces!

For some, feeling like they have to smile is an imposition. Some smile naturally and often. Some work at it. Some never do it.

What we all have in common is that being on the receiving end of a good smile can make our day!

Someone smiled at me once, crossing a road. It brought tears to my eyes because it was so pure and sincere.

Happy World Smile Day, everyone!

Some funnies from Shobha – thank you Shobha!

I don't trust stairs. They are always up to something.

Q: Why did the coffee file a police report?

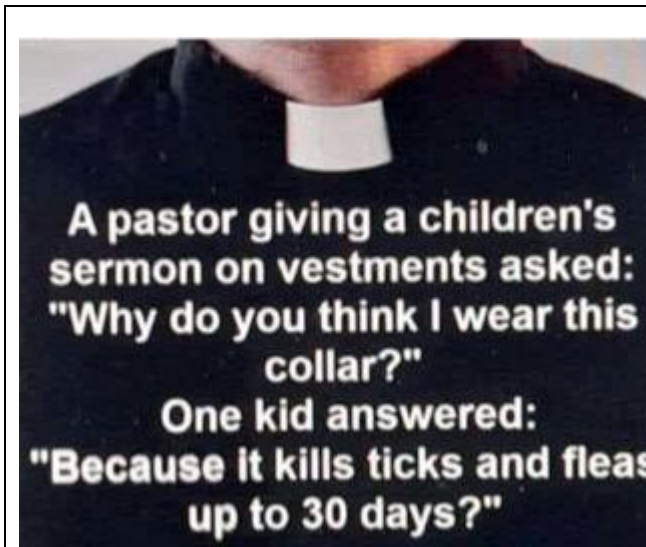
A: It got mugged.

Q: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?

A: A thesaurus.

Q: What did baby corn say to mama corn?

A: Where's pop corn?



A **Pessimist** sees a dark tunnel
An **Optimist** sees a light at the end of the tunnel
A **Realist** sees a freight train.
The **train driver** sees three idiots standing on the tracks.

My wife got stung by a bee on the forehead. She's at the Emergency Room now. Her face is all swollen and bruised, she almost died. Luckily, I was close enough to hit the bee with my shovel!

