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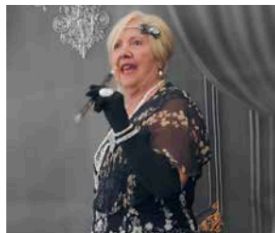
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## Evening VIEW Club

by Lianne Brennan



Looking back at the last couple of months, we have experienced domestic and international events, revealing a complex world that can feel vast and intimate, incidents that seem out of sight but are just around the corner, affecting our lives, depending on our perspectives. When things become overwhelming, intentional compartmentalisation can be a helpful strategy, allowing us to focus on the positive aspects of individuals, groups, and communities.

We officially meet once a month, but we are fortunate to have a thriving Club that continues to flourish through these challenging times. Our members' social support and generosity reveal much

about our genuine intention to forge connections and support the education of disadvantaged young Australians. Now VIEW Clubs supporting The Smith Family's (TFS) work, a charity focusing on education, have never been more critical to fundraising for children and their families needing help. This year's big win for the Club is having one more child to sponsor through the TFS's Learning for Life program.

During our last dinner meeting, we enjoyed an insightful presentation by Peter and Karen Harding, who serve as the beloved President and Secretary of The Ballina Players, respectively. Established in 1955, the Ballina Players (BP) is one of Australia's oldest amateur theatre companies. We learned that Peter and Karen are more than their titles. The passion, commitment, and countless hours dedicated to producing a regular season of comedy, drama, cabaret and musicals each year are genuinely inspirational. BP is not just their group but also their extended family, supported by an exceptional talent pool from the Northern Rivers and volunteers. The theatre building is continuously upgraded to create the experience and support the set productions. Visit their website

to check ticket sale dates for the current show and support the theatre community: [ballinaplayers.com.au](http://ballinaplayers.com.au). In 2025, just like in the past 11 years, they will afford us a Musical Charity Night for the *Georgie Girl* musical in November. We are more than grateful. As for the night itself, to pay homage to Ballina Players' June production of *Chicago*, we saw the gorgeously dressed ladies filling up the room donning bling, sequins, frills, tassels, feathers and lots of pearls to embody the fuss and all that jazz. Oh, what a night. There are many great photos, but here's one of Isabell, our Meet-and-Greet lady on the night. She stole the night wearing a sequined top, hot pants, fishnet stockings, stilettos and puffed off with a long cigarette holder. Simply jazzy.

The Lennox Head Evening VIEW Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Seven Mile room, The Lennox Hotel. It is 6pm for drinks and chat, followed by the official start at 7pm. \$35 for dinner and \$5 for fundraising raffle. To join and make other membership enquiries, email [lennoxevening.view@gmail.com](mailto:lennoxevening.view@gmail.com) or Facebook/ Lennox Head Evening VIEW Club for events and updates

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