

## PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter April 2025

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On 5 March members heard Jennifer Hubbard speak on fashion during World War II. All wool was sent to England for trench coats; epaulets left hands free, there were bomber jackets and zippers. Knitters made socks, balaclavas, fingerless gloves. It was a time of rationing, the little black dress and the model T Ford. With rubber needed for the War, corsets shrank! Judy found a much reduced corset for her!



7 March, IWD High tea at Galston. Pam Evans presented Parramatta and Pennant Hills clubs with gifts. The Smith Family launched VIEW Clubs in 1960. Parramatta and Pennant Hills were chartered that year, so this year are celebrating 65 years! As part of the celebrations representatives from all clubs were invited to attend afternoon tea at Government House Sydney with Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of NSW. Lorraine, Sheryl and Judy represented Parramatta.



Music on veranda Governor cuts the cake



### Dates for your diary

- Wed 2 April, at nbc 11 for 11.30 meeting, Guest speaker from Westmead Hospital School.
- Wed 16 April, TBA

Wed 4 June meeting at nbc 11 for 11.30, Guest speaker ?

April birthdays 19 <sup>th</sup> Maureen	May birthdays 20 <sup>th</sup> Cath
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The VIEW Club Pledge</u></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;"><u>Grace</u></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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### **From the “Friendship Book”, 2025, with thanks to Maureen**

In his poem “The Way through the Woods”, Rudyard Kipling wrote of a path that was closed and then “undone” by the wind and the rain. Trees, grass and bushes grew there and soon only the ghosts seemed to remember the way through the woods.

What made me think of that? It was a few words described as “a Scandinavian proverb”. It read, “Go often to the house of a friend, for weeds soon choke up the unused path”.

Paths are made – and kept – by walking them.

### **Things to Consider**

- We’re churning out a generation of poorly educated people with no skill, no ambition, no guidance, and no realistic expectations of what it means to go to work. ~Mike Rowe
- If kids knew what they wanted to be at age eight, the world would be filled with cowboys and princesses. I wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness nobody took me seriously and scheduled me for eye removal and peg leg surgery. ~Bill Maher
- Why is talking sexually in the workplace considered sexual harassment to adults, but talking about sexuality to children K-3 at school considered essential?
- I once saw a movie where only the police and military had guns. It was called Schindler’s List.
- I just got a full tank of gas for \$22. Granted, it was for my lawn mower, but I am trying to stay positive.
- Mice die in mouse traps because they do not understand why the cheese is free. The same thing happens with socialism.
- If you don’t want to stand for the national anthem, perhaps you should give your legs to a veteran who lost his. That way a real man can stand in your place!
- History is not there for us to like or dislike. It is there for us to learn from it. And if it offends you, even better, because then you are less likely to repeat it. It is not anyone’s to erase. History belongs to all of us.