

PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter November 2025

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Special 65th birthday edition, shared with Pennant Hills VIEW.

		
Lorraine, Shobha, Judy and Christine	Janet and Elaine	Sheryl and Judy
		
Pennant Hills speech	Ruth's speech	Cutting the cakes
		
		
Ruth, Julian Leaser Federal MP Berowra, Barbara F, Judith G	Maureen & Cath	Lorraine & Diane
		

Janice end, Laraine mid R	Sandra Fong Zone Councillor NEO1 Linda S delegate for PH on her left	Kelly Darley member for Parramatta, Michelle Byrne Hills Shire Mayor
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Entertainment by ladies' choir

Parramatta President Ruth's speech:

Good morning distinguished guests, club members, friends, and supporters.

It is my great honour to join you today to celebrate a remarkable milestone: **The Celebration of 65 years of the Parramatta and Pennant Hills View Clubs.**

This has been 65 years of championing, nurturing, supporting women in our community and raising funds to support the Learning for Life Program.

How great was the foresight of George Forbes, who in 1960, saw the potential for an organisation which allowed women from all walks of life to develop interests outside the home: to provide them with friendship, education and mental stimulation.

At the time, the women's place was in the home, but George saw that they should have a voice and that society needed a better balance in the decision-making processes of the day.

In January 1960, an advertisement appeared in the Manly Daily on Sydney's northern beaches. The advertisement invited housewives to leave their daily chores, develop fresh interests and meet new people. A meeting was held, and the very first VIEW Club came into being at Balgowlah. By November, there were six clubs in the metropolitan area.

In 1962 the first Convention was held at Mark Foys, Empress Ballroom. 450 Club Committee members and District Presidents attended. Parramatta & Pennant Hills clubs would have been represented at this gathering.

The VIEW membership was fast growing. It had to adapt to suit the needs of its rapidly-expanding membership. By May 1962, The Smith Family Board of Directors, recognised the need for the Club to have full control of its own affairs and VIEW became self-governing. Another change came in the 90's when The Smith Family decided that they needed to give disadvantaged families a hand up rather than a handout. In 1998, VIEW Clubs Australia became involved in the Learning for Life program. The success of this program soon became very evident. This is a program that has been embraced by all VIEW Clubs.

Thus were the beginnings of this brilliant organisation. One that we are so very proud of being counted in the membership.

BUT What an amazing man George Forbes must have been! So before his time!

Thank you, George, for believing in the potential and possibilities of women.



Wed 15 October, our committee members attended Blacktown's birthday party.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 5 November. 11 for 11.30 Good news!!! We are now able to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at NBC. Guest speaker from the Fire Brigade.

Wed 19 Nov., 12 noon lunch at The Tollgate Hotel Bistro, 625 Church St N Ptta, opp Daikin

Wed 3 December, 11 for 11.30 Christmas luncheon

November birthdays 3 rd Sheryl 8 th Heather 17 th Janice	December birthdays 22 nd Laraine P	January birthdays 2 nd Lorraine W 16 th Barbara F
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<u>The VIEW Club Pledge</u> I pledge to promote the interests of VIEW, to extend friendship to all and to help those in need	<u>Grace</u> 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.
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From the “Friendship Book” 2025, with thanks to Maureen
Henry is in his eighties, and his favourite teapot is older than him. It recently developed a crack. Looking for a new one, he was asked why he didn’t fix the old one.
He explained, “It’s done a grand job. Now it’s time for some re-purposing. It’ll make a fine planter.”
Henry, who has been a railway worker, a salesman, a soldier, an electronics engineer, a carer, a writer and an artist, added, “I’ve been repurposed more than a few times myself, so I can thoroughly recommend it.”

Clinical Assessment

A panel of doctors was asked for their opinions concerning a proposal to add a new wing to their hospital.

- The Allergists voted to scratch it.
- The neurologists thought the administration had a lot of nerve.
- The podiatrists thought it was a step forward.
- The ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.
- The plastic surgeons felt it would give the building the facelift it so desperately needed.
- The morticians yelled, “Over my dead body!”
- The surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.
- The cardiologists didn’t have the heart to say no.

Stationery items for LfL learning clubs. Please bring items to our Nov or Dec meetings

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