

## PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter April 2026

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Anna, a very welcome new member, with years of experience using her nursing skills on the team at Westmead Private Hospital. Judy met her at our exercise class in Parramatta.



President Ruth with Pam Wilson, President of North Rocks VIEW. Pam gave a very interesting history of Castle Hill and it is hoped we may be able to arrange one of the tours she mentioned

### Friendship report

Our treasured ex friendship officer Zita, is now at Summitcare Baulkham Hills closer to her family, and now able to use her iPad and phone to keep in touch.

Four members came to the Tollgate Hotel bistro for lunch on 18 March.

### Dates for your diary

**Wed 1 April**, 11 for 11.30 at nbc. Speaker from Community Transport.

**Wed 15 April** – 11 for 11.30 lunch at Club Parramatta, 2 Macquarie St.

**Wed 6 May**, 11 for 11.30 at nbc. Speaker Aruni Ratnayake, Diabetes Prevention Officer, Western Sydney Diabetes Integrated & Community Health.

**Wed 20 May**, time TBA – Baulkham Hills Historical Society Museum Visit, 92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills (\$5 admission, visit and \$5 heritage walk, Morning tea \$5)

<b>April birthdays</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Maureen a very big O!	<b>May birthdays</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Cath
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**A challenge to members:** Do you have friends or neighbours who might be interested in joining our club? Have new people downsized and moved near to you? Have you friends or family from exercise classes, etc who might fit in well to our club? Do you have some ideas for activities or outings for us

<p 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 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, 2026”, with thanks to Maureen**

A friend tells a story of growing up in poverty. One day, she and her sister were told to take out their gran’s bin and to sweep the slabbed back yard.

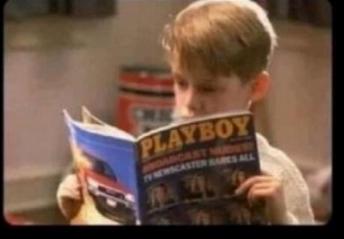
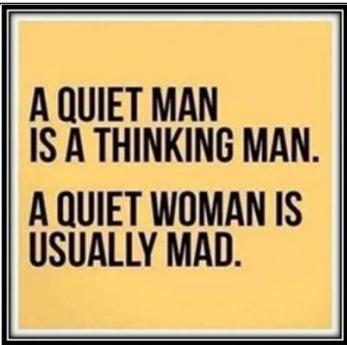
This was nothing unusual, so they got on with it, and they sang as they worked. When they were finished, their grandad gave them some (scarce) coins.

They looked surprised.

“It’s not for the work,” he explained. “It’s for singing while you worked.”

“Times might be tough,” she told me. “But Grandad taught us that how you face those times makes all the difference.”

**Funnies, from Lorraine**

<p>Gender study when I was a kid</p> 		
<p>Life's short. Make sure you spend as much time as possible on the Internet arguing with strangers about politics.</p>	<p>MEMES IN THE PAST</p>  <p>MEMES TODAY</p> 	
<p>If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it baack for 30 years. If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 years. Follow me for more financial advice.</p>	<p>An elderly man was on the operating table awaiting surgery to be performed by his son, a renowned surgeon. Just before they would put him under, he asked to speak to his son: “Don’t be nervous, son, do your best and just remember, if it doesn’t go well, if something happens to me ... your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife.</p>	

**Profiles of students Parramatta VIEW is supporting during 2026**

<p>My name is Hawraa and in 2026 I'm in year 12 at school Aged 18, born in July</p>	<p>My name is Maddison and in 2025 I am in Preparatory at school</p>	<p>My name is Arlo and in 2025 I'm in Preparatory at school. Aged 7, born April</p>
<p><i>After school and on the weekend, I like to go to the beach with my family and play some ball games, then have dinner with them all and grab some ice cream after.</i></p>	<p>After school and on the weekend, I like to go to the pool and go to the playground and watch TV and play with my barbie dolls</p>	<p>After school and on the weekend, I like to play with my wrestling figures and watch wwe on the weekends</p>
<p><i>If you could travel anywhere in the world in the future, where would you go?</i> Japan love it I've seen it and ever since then I've always wanted to go.</p>	<p><i>If you could travel anywhere in the world in the future, where would you go?</i> I'm not sure where I would go but I have always wanted to go to Disney land</p>	<p><i>If you could travel anywhere in the world in the future, where would you go and why?</i> would like to travel to Serbia as my dad is from there so would be nice to see where he was born.</p>
<p><i>What is your favourite school subject and why do you like it?</i> My favourite school subject is modern history because it's very interesting what they teach us and you learn new things every time you have a lesson</p>	<p><i>What is your favourite school subject and why do you like it?</i> I like art and pe</p>	<p><i>What is your favourite school subject and why do you like it?</i> I love pe because we have the best pe teacher. I also like art because I like to do the drawing.</p>
<p><i>If you could try any job for one day, which job would you choose? Why is this job exciting to you? What do you think you would do for the day?</i> Helping people in need of help. I've always been into doing that as a job and my dream job for when I have an opportunity to get into it I want to be an occupational therapist.</p>	<p><i>If you could try any job for one day, which job would you choose? Why is this job exciting to you? What do you think you would do for the day?</i> I would like to work as an animal carer and learn how to draw.</p>	<p><i>If you could try any job for one day, which job would you choose? What do you think you would do for the day?</i> I would like to be a wwe wrestler when I grow older, I'm really good at my moves and I think it will be cool</p>
<p><i>Parent/carer: Write a comment to your child's sponsor. How has the support you receive from The Smith Family helped your child? Has your child had any recent personal or school achievements you would like to share?</i> My daughter has written beautifully about what she gets up to in her day to day life.</p>	<p><i>Parent/carer: Write a comment to your child's sponsor. How has the support you receive from The Smith Family helped your child? Has your child had any recent personal or school achievements you would like to share?</i> I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to become a scholarship and having the beautiful support and help that they have given me for my son in the few years I've been involved.</p>	<p><i>Parent/carer: write a comment to your child's sponsor. How has the support you receive from The Smith Family helped your child? Has your child had any recent personal or school achievements you would like to share?</i> Arlo has settled in really well at school, has a few really good friends and his teacher has been really supportive.</p>