

PARRAMATTA VIEW CLUB – Newsletter December 2023

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The guest speaker at our November meeting was Margaret Cunneen, Senior Counsel. Members were held spellbound as she related details of many of the cases for which she had been the Crown Prosecutor and had obtained justice for the victims. Many child assault cases were included in her judgments, she empathised with the victims and their families.

The then ICAC Commissioner, remarked one day that “it’s just like pulling wings off butterflies.”

Margaret regularly boxes for sport ... and had become the target of an ICAC investigation. Having cleared herself of the accusations the ICAC made, she named her book “The Boxing Butterfly”.

A small number of members enjoyed lunch at the Seven Hills Hotel on Wednesday 15 November.

From our Friendship Officer, Zita

Janette’s cousin is staying with her at the moment. She hopes to be able to join us for our Christmas luncheon. That’s good news.

Rosemary is on 4 antibiotics a day: midnight, 6am, midday, 6pm!! Still laughing, so they must be working!

For your diary

Online only raffle to support LFL students. There are many prizes. Code to scan up till 6 December will be available at our Christmas meeting.

Wed 5 December, Christmas luncheon, 11 for 11.30 am. Wear Yuletide Sparkles. **Could members please order their meals as soon as they arrive, asking to be served at 12 noon with the rest of the VIEW Club meals.** Guest speaker Tom Ware will tell us a Christmas story, then another tale.

Wed 17 January, 10.30 at nbc for morning tea and a chat, and perhaps stay on for lunch.

Wed 7 February 2024. 11 for 11.30 am. Annual General Meeting. Subs of \$20 due. Our new Zone Councillor, Sandra Fong, will be conducting the elections. Can members please consider standing for a committee position or making a nomination.

December birthdays 22 nd Laraine P	January birthdays 2 nd Lorraine W 16 th Barbara F
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Stationery items for LfL learning clubs. Please bring items to our December meeting.

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

Friendship Thoughts

From "The Friendship Book, 2023, with thanks to Maureen.

One Christmas in the 1860s, American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, recently become a widower, was nursing a son who had been shot during the American Civil War.

In response he wrote the poem "Christmas Bells", more popularly known as the carol "I heard the Bells on Christmas Day", with its insistent refrain of "Peace on earth, good will to men".

Should you be in your own personal winter, may the true spirit of Christmas reach out to you and lift you up,

Peace and goodwill - the bells still ring.

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The feeling of good health after a long walk isn't just physical - it's mental and emotional as well.

Of course, going for long walks isn't an option everyone has, but for the sake of mental health, let's find some way in the New Year of spending some safe, secure and relaxed time with our own thoughts.

Just thinking.

FOR LOVERS OF PUNS (from Lorraine)

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.

Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.

If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.

Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.

A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.

I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.

Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.

How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.

I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.

I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.

Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.

Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.

When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.

Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."

Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.

Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.

I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.

I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.

What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.

I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."

What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision?

Suture self.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.