Seniors strut their stuff

By Elle Cecil

The Point Cook Village retirement community held its second annual fashion parade on Wednesday April 6 in partnership with the Altona VIEW Club, raising funds for the Smith Family's 'Learning for Life' sponsorship program.

Sponsoring six disadvantaged Australian children aged between six and 12, more than 140 people were in attendance at the village clubhouse. VIEW stands for the Voice, Interests and Education of Women and has been raising money exclusively for the Smith Family for over 60 years.

Cliche Clothing was welcomed into the village where members of the Altona VIEW Club and one resident of the village modeled the newest collection of garments from Cliche, with a generous ten per cent of profits made from the sales of the clothing going to the Smith Family's Learning for Life program.

Sparkling wines were delivered to the ladies in attendance by gentlemen in bow tie and suit t-shirts, with a delicious lunch served after the parade's conclusion.

"The parade was prompted by the need for fundraising, for people to get together and have a nice lunch and meet different friends," says Altona VIEW Club President Jessie Rayner.

"It's my second year as president, but it's been great to see the fun, friendship and fundraising - we wanted to extend friendship to all and help those in need."

With members of the Altona, Sunbury-Macedon, Point Cook and Keilor Park VIEW Clubs in attendance, the event raised significant funds for the Altona VIEW Club's sponsored children.

Parents and guardians of these kids are able to choose what the funds are spent on, whether it be school uniforms, educational supplies, excursions, and other expenses, while all funds are accounted for with receipts of purchase.

For more information on Point Cook Village, visit www.pointcookvillage.com.au or phone (03) 9394 6799.

For information on a VIEW Club near you, visit www.view.org.au.

To find out more about the Smith Family's Learning for Life program, visit www.thesmithfamily.com.au.

Members of the Altona VIEW Club and a resident of Point Cook Village graced the runway. (Elle Cecil)

There were smiles aplenty at Point Cook Village as the ladies enjoyed lunch, a show, a raffle and a bit of retail therapy! (Elle Cecil)

More Werribee green space

Werribee is one of three suburbs to receive a new park as part of the state government's investment in providing outer suburbs with green spaces.

The new Werribee Township Regional Park in Tarneit and Wyndham Vale will be constructed at the northern boundary of Presidents Park.

Environment, energy and climate change minister Lily D'Ambrosio revealed draft plans for the new parks, also allocated for Melton and Clyde, and a $19.5 million investment to commence initial works such as walking trails, car parks and fencing once plans were finalised.

"These new parks will make Melbourne even more liveable, create local jobs and provide open outdoor spaces families and their pets can enjoy for years to come," Ms D'Ambrosio said.

The state government will work with Traditional Owners and local councils to ensure the parks meet the need of expanding communities and preserve and enhance natural and cultural heritage.

The parks will feature nature playscape, picnic and BBQ areas, revitalised creeks, wetlands and frog habitats.

Locals are again being asked to provide feedback on the long-term visions for the parks, specifically layout, visitor and environmental areas, and accessibility.

Residents can go to https://engage.vic.gov.au/parks or speak to the Parks Victoria team during community pop-ups in April and May.

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