



“Making Connections Makes a Difference”

As we approach the end of a busy year, we reflect on how we have all connected in the community and made a difference in the latter half of 2022.

VIEW National Convention Adelaide – Best Ever! – we encourage you all to read the November **VIEW Matters Magazine**, which brilliantly captures all the colour and fun of our Adelaide National Convention events and celebrations in September. Remember you don't need to wait for the hard copy of the Magazine to be delivered to your club, simply go to the VIEW Website - view.org.au and click on the **e-book version**. While you are there take a peek at the Convention photographs. It really was terrific to be able to connect with so many VIEW members once again. Thank you to all the SA VIEW members for making us feel so welcome, you certainly know how to have a good time!

It was so nice to see so many active VIEW members and hear about all your current and upcoming activities .. keep up the great work!



NP Marg Woodhouse, NVP Evelyn Berg , Club Pres Sue Lundie-Jenkins, NC Lorraine Thompson, PNC Annette Thiedeke



In October, Marg returned to sunny Queensland and was joined by Evelyn, and Elizabeth at the Gold Coast and Darling Downs (Area QC01) Gala in Arundel. 86 Members from 11 VIEW Clubs heard from Kym Mamo Family Coordinator for Toowoomba and Logan Qld, and Neesa a tertiary LfL student who moved to Australia from Samoa, telling her journey with The Smith Family. Her key message was that “Education is the key that opens doors”!

Kym Mamo The Smith Family LfL Family Coordinator Toowoomba & Logan Qld, Neesa tertiary LfL student

Several *Meet & Greet*s were held with VIEW Club members throughout the Gold Coast as well as Evelyn, Marg and NC Lorraine Thomson. They then travelled to Warwick VIEW Club to celebrate its 20th birthday!

A big *Thank you* to all the QLD VIEW club members for making the Executive feel so welcome in our recent visit.

With Christmas fast approaching **VIEW Gift Wrapping activity** is gearing up with many VIEW Clubs preparing to hold Xmas Gift wrapping in their local shopping centres raising much needed funds for The Smith Family programs.

A special call out to NC Bev Orgill and the **Victorian VIEW club members** who will be volunteering at **The Smith Family Wrapping Station @ the Good Food and Wine Festival - Christmas Market** on 25-27 November. This is an excellent way to promote VIEW Clubs and our work in the community...



VIEW Clubs
Online Raffle
celebrating
The Smith Family's Centenary
2022

Feeling lucky! – why not purchase a ticket, (or another one) in the VIEW Clubs National Online Raffle... drawn on 7th December.. with a wonderful prize pool valued at over \$15,000 .. just imagine winning the first prize – a return trip for two to the UK courtesy of Singapore Airlines.. *Woo Hoo, it could be you !!*... Please continue to promote the raffle to members, family, and friends.

While relaxing over the Christmas break....

- we encourage you to have a think about your entry for the **VIEW 60th Anniversary Tea Towel “Re-purpose. Re-invent. Re-use” Competition**. Simply purchase a VIEW 60th tea towel (discounted to \$9.00) and use at least one tea towel to create your item and send a photo of the end product to view@thesmithfamily.com.au The categories are, Best Fashion, Most Innovative, Best Group, Most useful accessory.
- We invite you to consider stepping up to a **Club Committee position** in 2023 - **All** members are encouraged to step up to Club Committee roles at their **VIEW Club Elections 2023** – These roles can be sharedand we especially encourage new members to consider these important roles because new members bring new and innovative ideas. You could also consider nominating for a Zone or National Councillor role in 2023. Come and join our leadership team... learn new skills, meet new people they really are fun and exciting roles.

In the New Year, Marg, Evelyn and Elizabeth are excitedly looking forward to **Yerrabi (ACT) VIEW Club’s inauguration on Thursday 16th February 2023** and catching up with VIEW Club members in Canberra and Surrounds.

A reminder of International Women’s Day (8 March), celebrating economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. How are you going to celebrate in your Area? You may like to consider hosting an event at your club or join together with other clubs in your Zone.

The Registration Pack for VIEW National Convention, Hobart Tasmania 8-10 September 2023 will soon be available online view.org.au (before the end of November). We encourage you to register early so you don’t miss out!



Finally, some excellent news to end the year on - nationally VIEW Clubs are making a difference to the lives of **1565 Learning for Life students!** Thank you to all the clubs who are supporting students and those who took on new students this year!



A reminder of VIEW’s Christmas SALE enabling you to pick up some stocking fillers with great discounts on VIEW merchandise.... and it’s a good time to be clearing your Club Bank Accounts of excess funds by supporting **The Smith Family Christmas Toy and Book Appeal** which has a special significance this Centenary year as The Smith Family celebrate 100 years of service to humanity supporting the disadvantaged in society and reflecting on the five men ‘called the Smiths’ who gave gifts to the children in the orphanage on that Christmas eve in 1922.



Marg, Evelyn, and Elizabeth, extend Seasons Greetings, and wish all VIEW Club members, their families, and friends a very Happy and Joyous Christmas and New Year season. We also acknowledge that this can be a difficult time for some people who are alone or recovering from natural disasters like the recent floods and those remembering loved ones who have passed away. We are thinking of you!

Take care enjoy the festivities and your break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

