

WHITTLESEA VIEW CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Voice Interests and Education of Women

Whittlesea VIEW Club - Est. October 2023

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MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER



At the September meeting we were privileged to hear from our guest speaker, Jonathon Hardwick (Jonno), representing Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships is a remarkable international charity that operates the world's largest civilian hospital ship, bringing free, life-changing medical care, surgeries, and

training to some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities. Their mission not only restores health and dignity to thousands each year but also strengthens local healthcare systems through training and mentoring.

Jonno proved to be an enthralling and engaging speaker. The room was captivated by his stories and insights, with a hushed silence as members listened intently to his words. His passion and dedication shone through, leaving us all inspired and deeply moved by the incredible work Mercy Ships carries out across the globe.

We would also like to give a special thank you to our member Janeece for sharing her wonderful experiences from the VIEW Club's Brisbane Convention this year. Janeece gave us a fantastic insight into the fun, friendship, and inspiration she enjoyed at the event. It was lovely to hear her positive reflections and to share in her enthusiasm for such a memorable convention.

2024 COMMITTEE

President – Julie 0447 542 214
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2024 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Helen, Jean, Cheryl, Julie, Janeece.
Ann B



EVENTS & OUTINGS

Cake, Coffee and Conversation - Sherwin Rise Retirement Village Tour and Morning Tea

Our September coffee morning was a little different this month – instead of our usual get together at a cafe, we enjoyed a lovely morning tea and tour at Sherwin Rise Retirement Village in Wollert. Lincoln and Nathan gave us an entertaining talk that had us laughing and learning, and the tour of the village was both interesting and fun. This was followed by Lincoln whipping up a real treat for morning tea! It was a wonderfully relaxing morning, and we earned \$500 for our cause by attending. Thanks to one of our member's husband for attending to make up numbers.



Activity & Lunch – Kinglake Historical Society + lunch at Kinglake Pub

On Thursday 25/9/25 we were guests of the Kinglake Historical Society, where we enjoyed a tour of their Heritage Centre, followed by a yummy 'country style' morning tea. Deidre, their president, told us the 'The Story of Kinglake', from the 1830s till today. We then spent time in their incredible Centre, which is a treasure trove of history, and a credit to their committee. We then enjoyed lunch at 'THE PUB', as it's known, all seated around a roaring open fire. A great day enjoyed by everyone.

(The Historical Society posted this article in their newsletter)



On Thursday 25 September, we were pleased to welcome 16 members of the Whittlesea VIEW Club to the Heritage Centre and we all spent an enjoyable morning together. After a short talk about Kinglake, our visitors had to time look at the displays before we gathered again for morning tea and, at this time, it was good to hear about the origin and activities of the VIEW (Views, Interests and Education of Women) Clubs who provide a social group for women with the added purpose of supporting the Smith Family organisation. Our visitors then went on to lunch at the Kinglake Pub.



October
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Cheryl

Janeece

Trish

Chris R

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
Thurs 9 th Oct	Club meeting @ 10.10 for a 10.30 start	Whittlesea Bowls Club
<i>Guest Speaker</i>	Stacie Symon, an advocate for Elder Rights Australia.	
Cake, Coffee &	Conversation – there will be no formal one this month	
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Whittlesea VIEW Club 2nd Birthday -11.30am-3.30pm @ Epping RSL, 195 Harvest Home Rd, Epping. Payment \$30.00 pp to be made by cash, Eftpos & or Direct Debit by 9/10/25	
Thurs 30 th Oct	VA area lunch –12 noon	Templestowe Hotel, 23 Parker St, T’stowe *see below for details
Thurs 13 th Nov	Club meeting @ 10.10 for a 10.30 start	Whittlesea Bowls Club
Thurs 13 th Nov	Heidelberg Theatre Company	*see details below + email

Please text Glynis 0403 501 686 or Sue 0411 241 924 if you would like to attend any of our events. Please include your name and indicate payment made (if required beforehand). They will reply with a 👍 to confirm your booking. **For catering purposes, if you have said you are coming and can no longer attend, please inform Sue or Glynis asap.**

EVENTS COMING UP...



FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

****2nd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ** - Thursday 23rd October – Epping RSL , 195 Harvest Home Dr, Epping.** A day to celebrate all that our Club has achieved in 2 years, and this will be a fundraiser to make a difference in at least one child's life. There will be a major raffle on the day and all donations of goods and services will go towards this effort. There will be a basket at our next meeting to collect any contributions you have.

We hope you'll all join us for this milestone. The cost is \$30.00pp, which needs to be booked and paid for by 9th October, as we have to confirm our booking and pay the RSL on this date.

Bookings can be made at our next general meeting on the 9th October by cash or eftpos. Bookings can also be made directly into our account (details on next page).

PLEASE RSVP after payment to Sue 0411241924. OR Glynis. 0403 501 686, and let them know if you have any dietary requirements?

Sunday 2nd November – Bunnings BBQ Mernda – volunteers needed

*Please see the roster at our club meeting for volunteers or ask Helen or Julie.

EVENTS/OUTINGS:

Thursday 30th October - VA area lunch with the VIEW club ladies –@ 12 o'clock at the Templestowe Hotel — 23 Parker St., TEMPLESTOWE.

RSVP: Hazel Austin (National Councilor Area VA) - mobile - 0407 845 292

email - haustinz@bigpond.com no later than - 16th October 2025

Thursday 13th November @ 8pm Heidelberg Theatre Company – (email sent 30/9/25)

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" (preview night) – \$25.00 paid to Fay or EFT, by 2/11/25.

Pre-theatre dinner (own expense) 6pm at Sir Henry Barclay Hotel, 92 Burgundy St, Heidelberg

25th March 2026 – VA01 VIEW Gala – venue and details TBC

For more information about events or activities, please refer to the clipboards on the entry table at our meetings or ask a committee member. Thank you



PAYMENTS DETAILS FOR WHITTLESEA VIEW CLUB

When making a payment via EFT clearly write your name(es) and the name of the event in the reference section.

Whittlesea VIEW Club Bank details:

Whittlesea VIEW Club

BSB: 633 000 ACC NO: 209 908 896

We also accept cash. For insurance purposes, it is a requirement for VIEW Clubs to have all the names of who are attending, whether they are members or non-members.

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR OUR MEMBERS



MAHJONG - Every Tuesday @ 10.30am at the Whittlesea Bowling Club bar area – headed up by Ann B.

You are probably thinking it's like the game you play on your phone, where you match tiles in pairs.....and get very addicted to! Yes, the real game is very addictive but it's totally different to the online game. Mahjong is an ancient Chinese game played with tiles, full of quirky traditions and the objective is to create a winning hand by forming sets of tiles through drawing and discarding and finally calling MAHJONG! Ann has been playing Mahjong for years and has been extremely patient teaching all the novices and they are appreciative of her time and expertise. The group started with 4 and has now swelled to 8-10. Have a chat to Ann if you want to know more or join in on Tuesdays. They donate \$2 each time to VIEW and usually stay for lunch afterwards.



BOOK CHAT - 1st Friday of the month @ 10.30am at the Whittlesea Bowling Club in the Boardroom (the little room behind Reception) – lead by Zoe



The first 'chat' was held on Friday 5/9/25 and it was a huge success. The idea of the Book Chat is that month-about you will be discussing any book that you have read & enjoyed, and the following month it will be a recommended book (everyone reads the same book) to be discussed at that meeting. The books can be borrowed, bought or online which means you can choose what is right for you. There was a social lunch afterwards & a gold coin donation for VIEW. There were 14 members present, which is their maximum. Speak to Zoe if you want to go on the waitlist for this group or you are more than welcome to start up another group.

What other activities would you like to partake in?

Do you have a hobby/pastime that you are passionate about & think others would like to learn, or do? Please talk to Judy A or Julie.

TRADING TABLE



We're changing the way we run the Trading Table to make things easier and fairer for everyone. As of July, if you bring something in to sell, we kindly ask that you also take it home at the end of the day if it doesn't sell. Christine & Glenys have been doing a huge job each month setting up, packing up, taking everything in and out plus storing it all in their homes! Way too much for 2 members. Thank you.

****You can put a price on your items for sale or members can make an offer****



VIEW Pledge: I pledge to promote the interests of VIEW, to extend friendship to all to help those in need.