

# Pre-loved fashion takes centre stage

## COMMUNITY NEWS

MORE than 90 women packed Tonic by the Bay last month as Busselton VIEW and Vinnies Busselton joined forces for their annual Sustainable Fashion Show.

The August 20 event combined fashion, fundraising and community connection, with five Busselton VIEW members stepping onto a makeshift catwalk in pre-loved outfits curated by the Vinnies Busselton team.

Before the runway began, Vinnies Manager of Volunteer Services May Bowden spoke about the importance of having a “third place” beyond home and work, and how volunteering can help people build connection and a sense of belonging.

Then it was time for the fashion, with organisers joking that “Paris came to Busselton” as the models took to the runway.

Vinnies Busselton’s Sandy provided commentary throughout the show, introducing each outfit and helping bring the looks to life.

While there may have been a few nerves on the first walk down the catwalk, organisers said confidence quickly grew as the models returned for outfit changes and embraced the fun of the event.

After the show, two guests took home door prizes donated by Vinnies before the catwalk was trans-



Catwalk models (clockwise from top left) Ann, Cher, Pam and Libby show off their finest on-shop-chic outfits, curated by the Busselton Vinnies team. Images supplied.



formed into a pop-up shop, giving attendees the chance to hunt for their own pre-loved treasures.

Busselton VIEW thanked the 10 Vinnies volunteers who helped run the day, along with Tonic by the Bay and everyone who attended.

The event also raised funds for The Smith Family.

Busselton VIEW is part of VIEW

Clubs Australia, a national women’s organisation that has operated for 65 years and now has more than 13,000 members.

VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education for Women and supports disadvantaged students through The Smith Family, while also providing opportunities for women to connect and build



Busselton View members and models for the day, Ann, Pam, Cher, Libby and Jill rocking their casual looks before stepping onto the catwalk for the annual fashion show.

friendships.

The Busselton club has been operating for two years, has more than 50 members and currently sponsors four children through

The Smith Family’s Learning for Life program. More info is available through Busselton VIEW’s Facebook page or by emailing [busseltonview@gmail.com](mailto:busseltonview@gmail.com)



After the show, the catwalk transformed into a pop-up store and guests had fun searching for some fashion treasures on the clothing racks.