



VIEW is a national women's organization with 13,000 members across Australia. Members are connected by a common purpose to improve the life outcomes of Australian children and young people in need. VIEW exclusively supports The Smith Family by sponsoring the education of young Australians experiencing disadvantage.

VIEW's supportive network helps women build lasting friendships, empowered and connected by the common purpose to support The Smith Family and make a difference to Australian children experiencing disadvantage.

Message from our President Pauline Rockley



The first six months of 2026 is upon us, with our second birthday just around the corner. We've had some outstanding guest speakers to date, as well as fabulous monthly socials. Our member numbers have continued to grow, and our club just keeps on keeping on. It is such a pleasure to see how much we've grown, and I am excited to see how far we can go, and what we will continue to achieve.

Clubs do not just happen; it's the members that make a club like ours grow and flourish. When I see you all at the meetings and again at our social events I can't help but smile. The friendships and comraderies are so obvious.

As you all know our birthday is only six weeks away and then comes our second, Eco Sustainable Fashion Show. What a great time that was last year so bring your friends, family, and neighbours so as many of us as possible can be once again entertained by the Busselton Belles {our models}

A powerful quote:

"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women." — Maya Angelou

Pauline Rockley

President

Committee Update

Our Committee continues to meet each month where we discuss the things that have been and plan for the things to be. We are sad to farewell Maria Eiffler but are excited to welcome Marie Taylor who has nominated for the vacated Delegate role. We are working well together, having some fun doing it and judging by the feedback received from our members we seem to be doing our job. Please remember our job is to look after our club and our members, so please approach a committee member if you have any suggestions for improvements.

President	Pauline Rockley
Vice President	Bev Clarke
Secretary	Robyn Robertson
Asst Secretary	Karen Gaillard
Treasurer	Ann Stanton
Asst Treasurer	Sally Delroy
Program Officer	Paula Taylor
Program Officer	Jill Lumbus
Delegate	Maria Eiffler
Publicity Officer	Kath Green



L-R Robyn Robertson, Sally Delroy, Kath Green, Jill Lumbus, Pauline Rockley, Paula Taylor, Bev Clarke, Ann Stanton, Karen Gaillard

Our Meetings

Our meetings are on the third Thursday of each month and feature a guest speaker, some formalities and time to socialize. To keep things interesting, we sometimes have a theme to our meetings which is sourced from calendar events like International Women's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas etc. The theme will be supported with a suggestion for attire and we encourage you all to join in. Generally, some members stay after the meeting to share a bite to eat and what can I say, the more the merrier!



On **Thursday 16th April** over 40 ladies attended our April General Meeting and you could hear a pin drop as our guest speaker Stephanie Vaughan told her moving story of the challenges of growing up in Yorkshire as an unknowing victim of gender misdiagnosis. After a very late diagnosis as intersex, she subsequently transitioned and wrote a book about her experience. It is so incredibly powerful when people choose to share their stories of adversity faced! In the meeting that followed a motion was passed to start supporting our 4th Learning for Life student and once again the Raffles and Bring n Buy table proved popular. After the meeting 20 ladies stayed on at Tonic to share lunch and chatter about the month that had been.



On **Thursday 21st May** there was once again a great turnout for the May General Meeting where we celebrated the spirit of Mother's Day. Everyone, including a curious local duck who waddled in, were highly entertained by our guest speaker Bernie Masters telling of his and Carolina's adventures in Antarctica supported by some stunning photos. Who doesn't love a penguin! In the meeting that followed we were thrilled to hear Brina tell us about our newest sponsor child Indi, who is 10 years old and from our home state of WA. Once again, our Bring n Buy and Raffles proved popular raising over \$400. After the meeting some of our ladies stayed on for

lunch and chatted about exciting WA developments with visiting Melville VIEW Club member, Alison Rogers, from the VIEW Development Team.



On **Thursday 18th June** 35 ladies gathered at Tonic for our June General Meeting. Numbers were a little down due to our tendency of travelling to warmer climes during the winter months. Members and guests were thoroughly entertained by our very own Elizabeth Horne who regaled us with tales of her young adult years spent in Europe. From being born in a UK bomb shelter it seemed her life was always destined to be one of extraordinary adventures and she teased us with her stories of nannying for Gina Lollobrigida, working in a Beauty Salon in Italy and living in Spain under Franco. It is amazing the stories that people have to share! Once again, the raffles and Bring n Buy table were popular fund raisers and a dozen ladies stayed on to enjoy lunch at Tonic after the meeting.



Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Details
23 rd July 2026	GB Yacht Club	Our 2 nd Birthday celebration
20 th August 2026	Tonic by the Bay	Featuring our "Sustainable Fashion" show
17 th Sept 2026	Tonic by the Bay	Featuring guest speaker David talking about AI.
15 th Oct 2026	Tonic by the Bay	Featuring guest speaker Elizabeth Jones, Chairperson Coastal DHAC

Club Social Events

Whilst the primary function of the Busselton VIEW Club is to raise money to support the educational needs of disadvantaged children through frameworks provided by the Smith Family, we are also committed to providing a safe and friendly atmosphere where women from all walks of life can connect and establish new friendships. Whether you are a long-term Busselton resident or a blow-in like myself, it is always good to meet new friends and enrich your social sphere. So don't be shy and make the most of these opportunities and if you have a suggestion for an event, please share it with a committee member who will ensure it is considered.

In the last quarter we have had an eclectic mix of social gatherings that have ranged from a sundowner to an "open studio" morning tea to a "soup n bun" lunch, where the last two events, which were particularly well attended, were hosted by members in their homes.

On **Wednesday 1st April 18** of our ladies met for a sundowner at The Pavilion in downtown Busselton where we all relaxed over a beverage and some nibbles. Conversation ranged from fuel prices, hypotheticals and musings on the myriad number of decisions and actions that had to happen to culminate with us all sitting together on this particular day in this particular place. If life really is a box of chocolates maybe we still have some sweet surprises!



On **Wednesday 6th May** there was a great turnout for our very own private "Open Studio" with local artist and VIEW member, Faye Mildenhall. Over 20 ladies attended and \$250 was raised for The Smith Family, so as well as being a fun social catchup it was a very successful "fun raiser". Thanks to all the ladies who helped with the food and special thanks to Faye who welcomed us into her beautiful home studio and donated a percentage of all painting sales to the club. Who knew we had so many art lovers amongst us!

It was beautiful windless winter's day with the sun shining on **Thursday 4th June** when we had 24 ladies get together for our June Soup n Bun social "fun raiser". Many thanks to Carolinn Parmenter for welcoming us into her beautiful home and to all the ladies who made the soups and provided such a wonderful feast. Lots of smiles, chatter and laughter amongst the satisfied slurps and over \$130 raised for the Smith Family, so a fabulous outcome all round!



Members will be notified by email and / or WhatsApp about any upcoming social events but don't forget to put Melbourne Cup on 4th November into your diaries.

Capes VIEW 9th Birthday Bash

On **Friday 22nd May** eight of our intrepid ladies travelled down to Palmers Restaurant to help the ladies of Capes VIEW celebrate the 9th Birthday of their club. We were warmly welcomed by our hosts and then thoroughly entertained by Paul Bresland, from Marine Rescue Naturaliste, who talked of life on the on bay and keeping our boaters safe. What a great job these volunteers do! After a wonderful meal it was raffle time and 4 of our ladies came home happy winners. Well done to the Busselton Raiders and many thanks to Capes VIEW Club for making us feel so welcome.



Inaugural Meeting of the Mandurah VIEW Club

On **Tuesday 23rd June**, Pauline Rockley, Bev Clarke, Robyn Robertson and Paula Taylor travelled up to Mandurah to represent our Club at the inaugural meeting of the brand-new Mandurah VIEW Club along with ninety-six other guests. The venue was fabulous, the food good and our ladies were well entertained by some fabulous guest speakers who included a mayor, a councillor and a school principal, who all spoke with commitment and passion. Makes one wonder if we should be lobbying for similar support from our local councillors. Once the meeting was done the mingling and networking with other guests began. Mandurah VIEW is off to a strong start with a full committee and 56 members signed already, including Bev's sister Patricia. We were proud our ladies were there to share the day with them and wish them all the best!



Paula Taylor, Pauline Rockley, Robyn Robertson and Bev Clarke



Mandurah VIEW Foundation Committee



100 guests attended the Mandurah Inaugural Meeting at the Sebel in Mandurah



Bev with her sister Patricia

Our Second Birthday Bash

Don't forget to book your tickets for our Second Birthday Bash which will be a blast!



Communications

Information pertaining to club business like meeting details, minutes, agendas and Smith Family information will always be sent to members by email from the Secretary.

To promote the group and attract new membership we regularly post to Facebook, where we now have 342 followers. Ideally, we would like all of our members to "follow" us on Facebook so that they can observe and comment on how this channel is being managed. We are all a part of this team; every voice deserves to be heard and any suggestions will be considered.

Social communications between members are via our WhatsApp group and if you have not already joined this group, please approach a committee member who will help you get started. This group is a self-managed private chatline that allows members to send messages to the group. Use it if you want to find a coffee pal, require a dog walker or share something that is on your mind. Like most groups it will only be as good as its members, so we encourage respectful behaviour when using it.

“Fun” Raising

Whilst most of our fundraising for our children is based on the meeting donation, we are constantly looking for new ideas as to how we can raise money without asking too much from our members in terms of time and money. We now have a Fundraising Subcommittee comprised of Paula Taylor, Jill Lumbus, Robin Furlong, Anne Mitchell, Cher Allen, Robin McDonald and Sally Delroy who are all eager to hear your ideas.

Our Children

What an achievement, our club is less than 2 years old and we are already sponsoring 4 children. Here is the latest news as shared by our child correspondents.

Liz MacLeay reports that *Joaquim continues to enthusiastically enjoy his school and schoolwork.*

Fiona Kealley reports that *we sent Kawhi a card and voucher in April to celebrate his birthday and are still awaiting a response to a message we sent in early May.*

Sally Delroy reports that, *Amaris is in year 3 at school. He says he likes using the playground equipment at school and also likes Maths as they do fun things. On weekends he likes to go to his Nana and Papas house and spend time with family. He uses reading eggs and is doing very well with his reading. His favourite sport is soccer and favourite subject is Art.*

Brina Anderson reports that our newest child and first girl, *Indy is in year 4, likes Art and Media, riding her bike and playing with her toys. She would love to go to NZ and visit her grandparents who she has never met.*

New Members / New Badges



April new badges to Margaret Beacham, Robyn McDonald and Faye Piggott



May new badges to Ros Grainger, Jill Lumbus (Program Officer), Karen Gaillard (Asst Secretary), Sharon Tunbridge, Lyn Flugge, Elizabeth Argyle, Rose Pether

Birthday Celebrations....every month some of us get a little older....



April Birthdays Pam Clarke and Liz McLeay



May Birthdays Faye Piggott, Bev Clarke and Janine Jennings



June Birthdays Brina Anderson and Faye Mildenhall

Busselton VIEW Club thanks....

Tonic by the Bay for providing the venue for our monthly meetings

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Well that's a wrap for this edition, so ladies stay safe and be kind to yourselves and others!