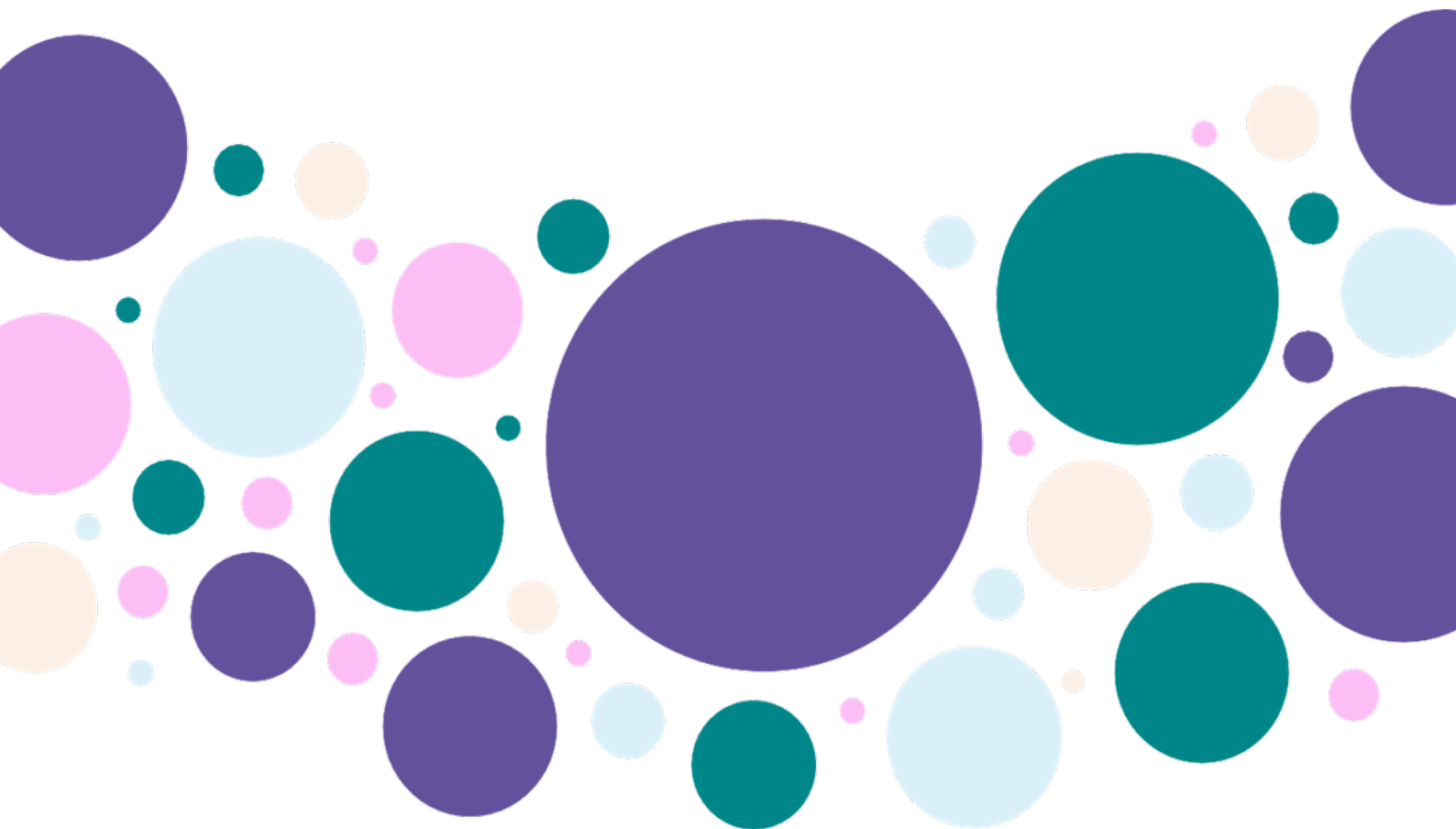




VIEW is a national women's organization with 13,000 members across Australia. Members are connected by a common purpose to improve the life outcomes of Australian children and young people in need. VIEW exclusively supports The Smith Family by sponsoring the education of young Australians experiencing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



WOW! Where has 2026 gone? Just two more meetings and the year is over. It has been another remarkable year for Busselton VIEW. Between our fabulous guest speakers, our social get togethers, and our special events, we have achieved so much together. Our membership and finances have continued to grow, and with that growth has come the ability to support even more children.

We now proudly sponsor six Learning for Life students, something none of us could have imagined possible after only two years. Alongside this, we have been able to purchase additional items to assist students, including digital packs, Aboriginal mentor packs, and book packs. More details will be included in this newsletter.

Of course, our Sustainable Fashion Show deserves a very big mention. It was bigger, brighter, and even more fun than last year. We are honoured to have Busselton Vinnies as our sponsor, and the work they put in to ensure everything runs smoothly is truly above and beyond. When the idea of a fashion show was first floated at a committee meeting, it was Ann Stanton who suggested a sustainable theme and then walked into Vinnies to start the conversation. The rest, as they say, is history.

Sadly, we have lost two members this year: Lorrelyn Kinnaird, with her big, beautiful smile, and Barbara Noble, who brought such humour, love, and zest for life. Their absence has been deeply felt.

To all of you who have attended meetings whenever you could, who have shown your commitment to disadvantaged children, and who have supported me personally, thank you. Your openness, your kindness, and your encouragement are humbling. I hope you will continue with us in 2027 and beyond.

I would also like to give special mention to those who opened their homes for our social events.

Committee Update

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	Marie Taylor
Publicity Officer	Kath Green

Our committee has had another busy and productive quarter and now we're turning our attention to planning the January AGM and forming the 2027 Committee. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, this is the perfect time. Speak to any committee member and we'll help you find a role that feels right for you.



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

- **Robyn**, for organising a fun filled day of mulberry picking on her family farm, red hands, laughter, and a wonderful sense of togetherness.
- **Carolinn**, for the soup and bun lunch day, and the seven ladies who made the delicious soups.
- **Paula** and her husband **Keith**, for the mulled wine sundowner.
- **Kath**, for inviting us into her home to share the fashion parade photos.
- **Fiona**, for hosting the upcoming Melbourne Cup get together.

And to **Robin Furlong**, who stands at every meeting selling raffle tickets and organising the bring and buy table, thank you. When speaking of raffles, sincere thanks must go to **Carol Greaves**, who has provided all the prizes for our raffles, including our birthday celebration. This generosity comes entirely out of Carol's own pocket, and despite telling her to slow down, she sees it as her way of giving just that little bit more.

While all of the above-mentioned might not seem to be a huge fundraising effort, small, slow and steady is what has provided us with the ability to sponsor six students.

To the student liaison members, Liz Macleay, Fiona Kealley, Brina Anderson and Sally Delroy, thank you for putting your hands up. I realise this can be a frustrating role, as very little is given back in return for your efforts.

Finally, to the committee, although each member has a specific role, they are always willing to do that bit extra for any other committee member when needed.

- **Robyn**, with the help of **Karen**, has organised and streamlined all our documents on the Google Drive; commitment, efficiency, and perhaps a touch of OCD have made life easier for all of us.
- Our finances are in safe hands with **Ann** and **Sally**, particularly Ann, who doesn't let anything slip past her.
- **Paula**, now supported by **Jill**, continues to be an outstanding Program Officer. Don't stand still too long, or Paula will have you booked as a guest speaker.
- **Kath**, as Publicity Officer, has quietly grown our Facebook following, and her articles after the fashion show were outstanding. A true quiet achiever.
- **Marie**, our new delegate, has already contributed positively at committee meetings, and we know she will represent our club with enthusiasm and pride.
- And last but not least, my Vice President, **Bev**, who often feels she doesn't have much to do, but who steps in whenever asked, and chaired meetings beautifully when I was unable to attend.

An extension to the committee is your member liaison representative, **Ann Mitchell**. Ann's role is to, whenever possible, attend committee meetings and to take back to members anything she feels they need to know if it's not included in the next agenda. Also, to bring to the committee anything members would like addressed. So please speak to Ann if you ever need to.

January’s meeting will be our AGM, and you will receive information about this soon. If you have ever thought about joining the committee, please come and talk to me. Even if you’re thinking, “Maybe, but not right now,” learning about each role is the first step.

Thank you all for a wonderful year.

To finish off with a couple of quotes developed by Pauline and Al.

“Only in Australia could a bunch of determined women turn raffles, recycled frocks and a cuppa into real change for kids. That’s VIEW magic.”

“Christmas at VIEW reminds us that the best gifts aren’t wrapped; they’re shared in kindness, friendship, and dam good humour”

Pauline Rockley

President

Our Children

What an achievement, our club is 2 years old and we are already sponsoring 4 children and have 2 more on order!

Name	Sponsorship Start	Current Grade	Gender	From	Correspondent
Joaquim	01/2025	Yr 2	Boy	Tasmania	Liz Macleay
Kawhi	09/2025	Yr 7	Boy	NSW	Fiona Kealley
Amaris	02/2026	Yr 3	Boy	ACT	Sally Delroy
Indy	05/2026	Yr 5	Girl	WA	Brina Anderson

Whilst Liz, Sally and Brina have had no communications since the last Newsletter from Joaquim, Amaris and Indy, Fiona recently received this letter from Kawhi.

Hi. I cant remember if i sent a message to say thank you for my voucher. So thank you again jsut incase i forgot. footy is good. my little brother played in a football gala day and loved it. i think we might play that next year on sundays.I got new footy boots with the voucher. my feet keep growing haha.

Thanks to Fiona and Sally who have agreed to be the correspondents for our next two children.

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!

The sun was shining and the waters of Geographe Bay sparkling on **Thursday 23rd July** when we met at Geographe Bay Yacht Club to celebrate our second birthday. We were pleased to welcome guests from WA VIEW Clubs in Bayswater, Capes, First Wave, Melville, Mandurah, Western Suburbs and one from as far flung as Prospect, South Australia. After a shortened meeting we settled in to enjoy music from the Busselton Ukulele Group (the BUGs) and dine on a delicious and plentiful buffet supplied by [South West Professional Function Consultants](#). The proceedings were finalised with a hunt for the door prize winners and the drawing of the raffles but I think everyone went home feeling like a winner after sharing in the warm camaraderie of the day! Our club may still be young but we sure know how to have a good time whilst we raise money for The Smith Family! Special thanks to Paula Taylor and the committee for all your efforts in making this day happen.





On **Thursday 20th August** Tonic was buzzing as almost 90 ladies packed the room to enjoy the annual Sustainable Fashion Show hosted by Busselton View and “Vinnies” Busselton and what a show it was!



After a quick meeting, May Bowden, Vinnies Manager of Volunteer Services, talked about Ray Oldenburg's concept of “three places” — home, work, and a place to belong — and how volunteering can help create that vital “third place” in our lives



Then came the runway magic as Paris came to Busselton. Five of our brave VIEW members (Ann Stanton, Libby Lechte, Cher Allen, Pam Kimmel and Jill Lumbus)

stepped out onto the makeshift catwalk in beautifully curated pre-loved outfits, styled by the wonderful Vinnies Busselton team, with Sandy's engaging commentary bringing each look to life. Sustainable fashion never looked so good!



After the show two lucky guests were the winners of door prizes, donated by Vinnies, the catwalk transformed into a pop-up shop and the shopping frenzy began as our guests excitedly hunted for their next clothing treasure! Busselton VIEW gives their heartfelt thanks to Vinnies for this fabulous, fun-filled collaboration and we can't wait to run this event again next year but we may need to find a bigger venue!



On **Thursday 17 September**, we gathered at Tonic for our September General Meeting. President Pauline welcomed everyone before introducing guest speaker David Speak, who gave a fascinating and practical look at the “new monster” in our lives — AI. From planning holidays to creating meals from whatever’s in your fridge, David showed how AI can be a helpful tool, with one key message: use AI to extend your thinking, not to do your thinking for you. (And yes — the ideas behind this article are mine, but with a little AI polish!)

We then voted to sponsor two additional Learning for Life children and to purchase another digital learning package. The Raffles and Bring 'n' Buy table were buzzing as always, sending everyone home smiling, and ready to tackle the AI “monster”.



Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Details
15 th Oct 2026	Tonic by the Bay	Featuring guest speaker Elizabeth Jones, Chairperson Coastal DHAC
19 th Nov 2026	Tonic by the Bay	No guest speaker instead we will hear stories from some of our members.
21 st Jan 2027	Tonic by the Bay	AGM

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 me, 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.

Another great turnout on a wintery Thursday 2nd July when 26 members met at Paula Taylor's home for a Winter Soiree "funraiser". A great selection of beanies and coats were on display as we sipped on mulled wine, grazed upon an excellent array of homemade nibbles and enjoyed the warmth of the fire. As usual the conversation was lively and at times drowned out the nostalgic sounds of the 70s emanating from the record player. With the entry fee raised to \$10 it was an easy \$250 going to our Smith Family sponsorships.



For something different on Thursday 6th August, some of us met at Tonic for a morning tea second hand book swap. Nothing like a comfortable beverage and something sweet to promote some lively conversation and apparently the book titled "how not to turn into a grumpy old man" warranted special interest. It doesn't seem to matter where we meet or what we do, whether it be mulberry picking, an "open studio" or just a local venue, we always seem to enjoy the camaraderie of our club friends.

On Thursday 27th August nineteen of us gathered for an impromptu fund raiser at a member's house where we viewed the photos of our recent fashion show on the TV whilst we sipped on bubbles and revealed our inner fashionistas. Much fun was had by all and yet more money raised for The Smith Family!



On Wednesday 23rd September a small cohort of ladies descended upon Orana Cinemas to enjoy morning tea followed by a movie of their choice. Following the movie several of the ladies went over to The Tav to enjoy each other's company over a relaxing lunch whilst discussing the different movies seen.



Members will be notified by email and / or WhatsApp about any upcoming social events but don't forget to put Melbourne Cup on 3rd November and our Christmas Lunch at Hippo Lakes on 3rd December into your diaries.

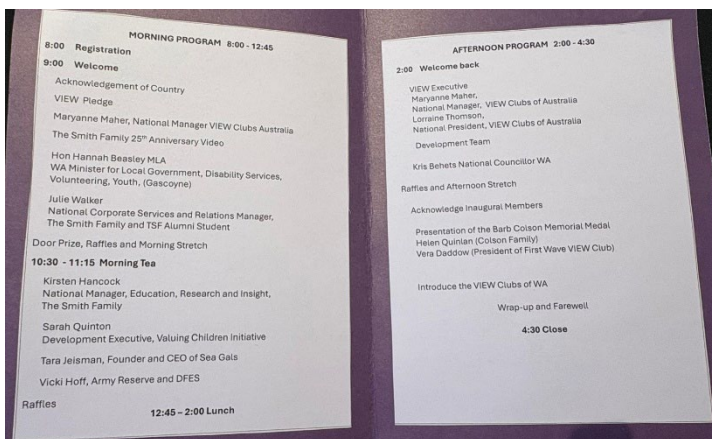
Celebrating 25 years of VIEW in Western Australia

From Fiona Kealley

On Thursday 3 September, Paula Taylor, Bev Clark, Carol Greaves and myself attended the state conference in Perth, celebrating our Silver Anniversary during the Year of the United Nations International Volunteer. 148 women epitomised the motto of Fun, Friendship and Fundraising and listened to a range of notable speakers including VIEW National Office Bearers, The Smith family executives as well as



Hannah Beasley MLA. Paula was lucky and won the door prize and there were raffles during each break.



We were updated regarding the Learning for Life Model, the unique partnership with the Smith family and future directions of VIEW. However, the most engaging stories for me were the stories about what other WA clubs were doing, the Smith Family 25th Anniversary Video depicting the history of VIEW in WA as well as the personal story of Noe, now a 3rd year University student in Perth. She spoke of the scholarship she received after arriving in Australia as a refugee. The financial support

gave her many opportunities for her future as well as providing funds for transport, stationery and a high performing laptop for her studies in web design and app development. She has been given the chance to be an intern at a couple of businesses while completing her studies.

We came away knowing how much we are a part of the future of the students we sponsor and how we are building on connection, community friendship and supporting young people.



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 380 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.

In September our stories about our annual Sustainable Fashion Show were featured in Busselton Dunsborough Times and the Busselton Dunsborough Mail.

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



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



Busselton View members and models for the day, Ann, Pam, Chr, 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



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

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

Fashion with a lower price

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Models took to the catwalk in Busselton last month as part of an annual fashion show highlighting stylish sustainable looks.

More than 90 women attended the annual Sustainable Fashion Show at Tonic by the Bay on August 20, hosted by the Busselton Voice, Interests, and Education for Women Club and Vinnies Busselton.

The VIEW Club is part of the Smith Family charity and is a women's-only group supporting disadvantaged students in Australia while providing a safe environment for women to connect and form new friendships. Wearing curated pre-

loved outfits styled by the Vinnies Busselton team, five members from the Busselton VIEW club took to the catwalk as part of the show in a bid to show people do not need to spend a fortune to look great.

As part of the day, Vinnies volunteer services manager May Bowden spoke about how volunteering could help fulfil a person's place of belonging, as part of Ray Oldenburg's three places concept, and further enrich people's journeys.

The fun did not stop after the show, as the catwalk was transformed into a pop-up shop, giving those at the show a chance to buy some of their favourite pieces displayed.



The catwalk transformed into a pop-up store after the show.

"Fun" Raising

Whilst most of our fundraising 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 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.

Up to the end of August this year we have raised **\$ 8,441.07** from our meeting donations, Raffles, Bring "n" Buy and other fundraising efforts. Not bad going ladies, let's keep it up!

In Remembrance



It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Barbara Noble. Barb was with our club from the very beginning and we all cherished the time we spent with her. She had a marvellous sense of humour and continued to laugh and joke about life right to the very end. Many of us will remember her talk at one of our meetings about her many years as a solicitor, a story that revealed so much of her strength, determination, and compassion. Despite her illness, she continued to come along month after month, never complaining, always smiling, and always bringing her gentle warmth to our gatherings. You may recall our 2025 Xmas luncheon, and Barb's wonderful dress of red, blue and silver sequins, and her doing a jig with her oxygen in tow. That was Barb in all her glory. Barb's humour, her strength and her steadfast presence, even through illness, showed us what grace truly looks like.



New Members / New Badges

Whilst new badges are still taking a long time for delivery and we thank you for your patience we do have new badges awaiting pickup for



August Deb Oliver



August Kath Comley and Karen Johns

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



July birthday girls Carol Greaves, Marie Taylor and Libby Lechte



August birthday girl Fiona Kealley



September birthday girls Margaret Beacham and Leanne Craggs

Busselton VIEW Club thanks....

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

Busselton Ukulele Group for performing at our 2nd Birthday Party

Vasse Car Wash for donating the door prizes at our 2nd Birthday Party

Vinnies Busselton for their endless support of our August Fashion Show and the donation of door prizes

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