November E-mailout 2026

This email has been sent to all Club primary and secondary contacts, Club Presidents, Club Treasurers and Club Secretaries. Please share with your club members by email and/or at your Club meeting.

If your club wishes to receive a hard copy of this mailout and future mailouts, please advise National Office (view@thesmithfamily.com.au) and we will add you to the physical postage list.

Dear VIEW Clubs,

As we approach the end of 2026, we have taken the opportunity to look back on the year gone by and celebrate the fantastic achievements and contributions we have collectively made. Please note that there will not be a mailout in December. We wish you all a safe and festive holiday season and a very happy new year! We can't wait to see what 2027 brings.

This e-mailout contains information on the following topics:

1. 1,900 *Learning for Life* Students Milestone
2. VIEW Matters Magazine November Editon
3. The Smith Family Christmas Appeal
4. National Schedule of Dates
5. 2027 January Mailout
6. 2027 Committee List and Handover Guide
7. VIEW Club Health Survey Results
8. VIEW National Convention 2027 in Geelong

1,900+ *Learning for Life* Students Milestone

VIEW reached a new sponsorship milestone in November, with the organisation's 1,900th *Learning for Life* student supported by members. Nationally VIEW student sponsorship numbers continue to grow, we are currently at 1,910+

Thank you to every VIEW member for the hard work you put in to raising funds to support The Smith Family. Your efforts and contributions are making a huge difference in the lives of children and families experiencing disadvantage.

VIEW Matters November Edition

VIEW Matters Magazine November Edition is out now!

From Blue Illusion shopping day to ANZ scam awareness workshops to WA celebrating 25 years. Access the online version here.

VIEW Matters is published twice yearly - in April and November. If you wish to submit an article for the next issue, please send to The Editor at view@thesmithfamily.com.au



Christmas Appeal

The Smith Family's Christmas Appeal is currently underway, to ensure thousands of students experiencing disadvantage can be supported in their education in 2027.

The appeal aims to raise $5 million to help 11,904 children and young people access the educational support they need to make the most of their learning. Now is a great time to review your club financials and donate any excess funds to the Christmas Appeal

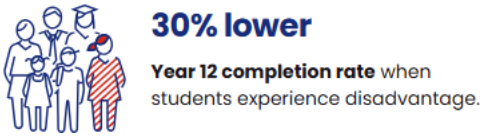
More than half of families supported through The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program reported they were struggling to afford the basics their children need for school as cost-of-living pressures continue to stretch household budgets.

Rising everyday costs are adding to that pressure, with almost half of families surveyed (48.8%) saying increased expenses such as groceries, rent and petrol had made the school year harder.

A Media release for the Christmas appeal is attached. We encourage clubs to send it through to your local paper.

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National Schedule of Dates

The 2027 National Schedule of Dates was confirmed in the October National Leadership Team meeting. This is an important document that includes key dates that all VIEW Clubs should be aware of for the coming year. A copy of the full schedule is attached – a summary of some key highlights is in the table below:

Date	Event
First 2 weeks of the month	January Mailout (email and post)
11 January	Nominations open for National /Zone Councillors 2028-29
18 February	National Leadership Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
28 February	2026 Audit Submission due
	2027 Club Committee Lists due
31 March	Annual Membership Subscriptions due
	Updated membership list due
March/April	VIEW Learning and Development Month (online training)
3 June	National Leadership Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams)
7 July	30 June bank statement due
16 August	Nominations close for National/Zone Councillors 2028-29
2 September	National Leadership Team Meeting (Face to Face)
3-5 September	VIEW National Convention Geelong
10 November	National Leadership Team Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

2027 January Mailout

Each January, VIEW National Office sends the "January Mailout" to all VIEW Clubs to set up the incoming committee for success in the new year. This special mailout will be sent to all VIEW Clubs by both email and physical post in mid-January 2027 and contains a lot of important information and documentation for the incoming committee.

The January Mailout will include:

- Welcome letter recognising your club's contributions over 2026
- Joyspreaders Gift Guide for 2027
- Handover Guide to assist with committee changeover
- Media Release for the New Year
- Letter to the Secretary:
    - A copy of your current membership list as per the National database. Secretaries should review this list against their own records and advise any corrections by 31 March 2027. Instructions will be included.
    - A list of VIEW members eligible for decade service pins. Secretaries should confirm with members if they would like to order a pin and submit the order to National Office. Instructions will be included.
- Letter to the Treasurer:
    - EFT Form for 2027 (email only)
    - Electronic Cashbook 2027 (email only)
    - Audit request and checklist. Submission of your 2026 financials is due by 28 February 2027.

Based on feedback collected from VIEW training sessions, VIEW leadership and the VIEW Club Health Survey, National Office is making the following changes to simplify forms and

summarise information to reduce the load and improve the experience for committee members.

In November 2026:

- VIEW Committee lists will be sent to all VIEW Clubs with detailed instructions. They will still be due 28 February 2027.
- Statement of outstanding invoices will be sent to all VIEW Clubs and Treasurers for the 2026 treasurer to review before she leaves office. We hope this alleviates the stress on incoming treasurers trying to reconcile the previous years accounts.
- Instructions on submitting the audit will be sent to all VIEW Clubs, Treasurers and Councillors. You will not be able to submit your 2026 audit until the new year, but we hope this will support preparations and give advance notice.

2027 Committee List and Handover Guide

In November 2026, all VIEW Clubs will receive an email with a copy of their current committee as per the National database as well as a copy of the VIEW Handover Guide.

When you elect your club committee for 2027, your club secretary and the meeting Chairperson should update this list to reflect the changes to your club committee.

You should send a copy of the updated list to your Zone/National Councillor and to VIEW National Office (view@thesmithfamily.com.au) by 28 February 2027.

VIEW Club Health Survey

The VIEW Club Health Survey for 2026 has been conducted over the past few months with VIEW Councillors, the VIEW National Executive and Past Senior Officers collecting detailed information and feedback from every single VIEW Club. VIEW National Office would like to thank everyone involved for the significant time, effort and care that has been put into collecting the Club Health Survey by the surveyors and by the VIEW Club Committees.

The information collected will be used for:

- National Analysis and presentation to the National Leadership Team at the October meeting
- Patterns and insights will inform future strategy and decision making
- Each Councillor will be provided with a dedicated dashboard summarising the results for their area as well as a comparison of responses from 2026 and 2024
- Feedback and data will inform future action items

A summary of key findings and planned action items is included in the October National leadership Team minutes, available on the VIEW website.



VIEW National Convention 2027

We have officially launched registrations for VIEW National Convention 2027 held from Friday 3 to Sunday 5 September in Geelong Victoria.

For more information, or to register, head to the VIEW Website.

Coming here and seeing all the ladies from all over Australia and what they can do is mind-blowing, it's all about kindness, its all about giving, all about wanting to help somebody else.

Beth, Carindale VIEW Club QLD

All the documents in this mailout, and previous mailouts are also available on the VIEW Website: https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/view-clubs/resources/mailouts