



Volunteering with The Smith Family

Learning and development events

A mother-daughter VIEW team

Our Vision
Women creating
and leading a more
inclusive Australian
society.

Our Mission
As a leading voice and
valued support network
for women, VIEW creates
social capital in Australian
communities.

Our Purpose

- VIEW empowers women through its Voice, Interests and Education of Women.
- VIEW provides support and friendship for women throughout communities nationally.
- VIEW actively raises awareness of and participates in the work of The Smith Family.

Our Guiding Principles

- Inclusive and welcoming
- Diverse and respecting
- Supportive and caring
- Locally focused while nationally active
- Collaborative and future looking

VIEW is a national women's organisation with over 15,000 members in more than 300 communities exclusively supporting the education charity The Smith Family. Members sponsor students, volunteer, fundraise and advocate to improve the life outcomes of disadvantaged Australian children and young people.

As The Smith Family's largest community sponsor of *Learning for Life* students, VIEW supports the educational outcomes of more than 1,300 disadvantaged children and young people. Through its connection with The Smith Family, VIEW is proud to enable better futures for young Australians.

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The Smith Family provides disadvantaged Australian children with tools and support to thrive at school. This help extends to the child's family and community with wrap-around support essential to breaking the cycle of disadvantage. Helping a child to do well in their journey through school brings a life time reward for them and their family. Investing in a child's education today will have a long-term impact that empowers them into their working life. For more information please visit thesmithfamily.com.au

Front cover: West Coast VIEW Club (WA) members Robyn Agnello and Wendy Wheildon at Wireless Hill Park, Perth, during the Western Australian State Conference.

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L-R: National Executive 2018-19:
Jan Roberts, Pat McRae and
Annette Schlafrig

From the Executive

Annette Schlafrig
National Vice President

In Australia, 57 per cent of volunteers are motivated by a desire to help others in their community. I am sure that it is this desire that drives many of you to be dedicated members of VIEW Clubs and supporters of The Smith Family.

To do its valuable work, The Smith Family relies on a large community of volunteers from corporate organisations, local communities and VIEW Clubs. For example, many clubs, such as Keilor Evening VIEW Club in Victoria, volunteer with a Smith Family partnership school. For members, this involves assisting at a breakfast program and providing support to students at a Smith Family Learning Club. VIEW members connect with their local community, but more importantly, make a significant and positive impact directly on the lives of local school children.

There are also other ways you can volunteer with The Smith Family. Many VIEW members generously give their time by making library bags, reading rugs, quilts, scarves and beanies for their local school. Others volunteer in Smith Family Retail stores in NSW and ACT, help staff in offices or mentor high school students.

There's no doubt that volunteering brings benefits to so many people in our community, but as a volunteer, the rewards can be even greater for you. Volunteering can give you a sense of purpose, help to ease stress, improve your health and happiness and keep you mentally stimulated. The more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll enjoy! I urge you all to consider how you might be able to give to The Smith Family in this way. See page 6 for more information about volunteering roles at The Smith Family.

Remember, it is not too late to have a 'voice' in next year's Resolutions! Consider a current issue about which you are passionate and submit your motion to National Office by 30 November 2018. The first issue of VIEW ISSUES, our resolutions newsletter, is on the VIEW website. Look under "Resources" on the homepage and then "Publications". This newsletter contains useful information about the resolutions' process and how to submit your suggestion.

Finally, as this is the final issue for 2018, Jan, Pat and I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break. We are grateful for all the support and commitment you show to VIEW and The Smith Family.

We look forward to a productive 2019 where VIEW can make an even greater difference to disadvantaged children and their families.

What is VIEW?

VIEW is a national women's volunteer organisation supporting the education charity, The Smith Family. Connected through a common purpose, VIEW Club's 15,000 plus members:

- make lasting friendships, share ideas and knowledge and enjoy social activities;
- learn and develop new skills, while giving back to their communities; and
- advocate for and support the educational outcomes of disadvantaged Australian students.



Find out more about VIEW by calling 1800 805 366 or emailing view@thesmithfamily.com.au



Message from The Smith Family CEO

Dr Lisa O'Brien

As I reflect on The Smith Family's activities throughout 2018, I am delighted with the progress we have made for the children and families we support. I am also thrilled for the outstanding achievements VIEW Clubs has accomplished this year.



Congratulations on recently surpassing your goal of sponsoring 1,300 *Learning for Life* students – what a fantastic milestone!

I am pleased to be able to report that in the 2017–18 financial year The Smith Family grew its reach significantly. Now 42,841 children and young people are sponsored through our *Learning for Life* program. By 30 June 2018, we had recruited an incredible 18,667 new sponsors – an 80% increase on the previous year! This is a great result and a sign of the growing support for our work and organisation.

I am extremely grateful for the role VIEW Clubs has played in helping us achieve this amazing growth. You are our largest community sponsor of *Learning for Life* students and we value every club's contribution to our work.

Your hard work connecting in your communities to spread our message about the importance of long-term educational support for disadvantaged students is making a difference. Thank you all very much!

When VIEW members talk about The Smith Family's work in more than 300 communities where you live, you are helping extend our reach far beyond the 94 communities in which we deliver our *Learning for Life* programs. Your collective voice means people all over Australia are learning about the impact of our work. I thank you all sincerely for this valuable and immeasurable contribution.

I also want to highlight the significant difference VIEW Clubs make to our learning and support programs through additional donations to The Smith Family. During the 2017–18 financial year, increased donations enabled thousands more students to participate in our learning programs. Thank you for all the donations you make towards ensuring these programs can continue.

To those VIEW members who correspond with their club's *Learning for Life* students, I thank you. I am glad so many of you enjoy connecting with students in this way. For students, this small gesture from somebody they have never met makes a big difference. Personal messages of encouragement are important for all young people, but even more so for students falling behind at school or growing up in disadvantage where support at home may be limited.

Lastly, with Christmas fast approaching, I know many of you will be donating to our Toy and Book Appeal, or be out in your local shopping centres wrapping gifts to raise money for The Smith Family. Thank you for your efforts at this busy time. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to another productive and outstanding year for VIEW in 2019.



Join Facebook

Keep up-to-date with the latest VIEW news by joining the VIEW Clubs of Australia Facebook page. Post comments about your club's activities and comment on posts on The Smith Family's Facebook page.

News briefs

VIEW's impact

Learning for Life sponsorships supported by VIEW
As at October 2018

1,307

disadvantaged students at these levels:

- 991 Primary school
- 288 Secondary school
- 28 Tertiary /TAFE

Finally featured in Australian Women's Weekly!

We're giving a shout-out to National President Jan Roberts and her mother Norma Brabant, pictured. The pair were featured in the September issue of the iconic Australian Women's Weekly and a recent issue of the Canberra Weekly sharing their involvement in VIEW Clubs. Norma joined VIEW in 1960, when Jan was just 10 years old. They both said joining VIEW changed their lives forever. Thanks for sharing your story Jan and Norma!



Toy & Book Appeal

If you're thinking about doing something a little different this Christmas, why not get involved in The Smith Family's Toy and Book Appeal? Every year, The Smith Family staff and volunteers deliver new toys and books to families in need. VIEW members can get involved by making a donation to the Toy and Book Appeal. In some areas, there are also opportunities to volunteer your time to personally deliver gifts to families. Contact your local Smith Family Office or go to The Smith Family website if you would like more information on volunteering.

Community Lottery wrap-up

Thank you to all members and clubs who were involved in this year's People's Choice Community Lottery! We love this photo (right) of Marion VIEW Club (SA) members, Linda Stein, Sylvia Varnas, Janice Paget and Claire Warby, selling tickets earlier this year in Rundle Street Mall in Adelaide. Together, VIEW Clubs raised \$16,818 to support The Smith Family's *student2student* reading program. This flagship Smith Family program helps young students who are behind in their reading skills to catch up.



Look out - new regional promo!

If you live in a regional area, look out for specific VIEW advertisements in your local Fairfax-owned newspaper. With the headline, "How friendship can make an extraordinary difference," these ads are currently appearing free of charge as fillers in newspapers across the country. They promote VIEW, our work and our connection with The Smith Family. Our aim is to start more conversations about VIEW and attract more members!

How friendship can make an extraordinary difference.

VIEW is a national women's organisation with over 15,000 members in more than 300 communities who volunteer, fundraise and advocate for children's education charity The Smith Family.

We sponsor more than 1,200 disadvantaged students through The Smith Family and donate more than \$1 million each year to support The Smith Family's learning and mentoring programs for disadvantaged children.

For over five decades, our members have been making the most of mutual friendship and support to help change the lives of thousands of children.

Our members meet regularly to share their passion and experience, build lasting friendships and make a tremendous difference in the lives of young students we support. We're always looking for new members. We welcome women from all walks of life to join our Clubs and help make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged Australian children today.



Connect with your local VIEW Club. Find out more about joining today by visiting view.org.au

Volunteering with The Smith Family

By donating their time as Smith Family volunteers, VIEW members are changing young lives. It can take as little as an hour a week of your time to help a child succeed at school – and for thousands of children across Australia, that little bit of time makes all the difference.

The Smith Family is one of Australia's largest volunteer organisations. About 9,000 volunteers, community members and VIEW Club members generously donate their time, skills and energy each year to help disadvantaged children with their education.

"The Smith Family is indebted to our dedicated volunteers. Last year, they collectively donated 465,000 hours of their time to support thousands of children and families in need," says Lauren Stocker, National Volunteering Manager at The Smith Family.

Lauren says the benefits of volunteering flow both ways. *"Volunteers often tell us how amazing it is to see the difference they are making in children's lives. Our volunteer tutors see children go from strength to strength with their learning, and our mentors talk about the joy of seeing students' confidence and career aspirations grow over time,"* she says.

Recruiting more volunteers over the coming years is vital as The Smith Family works towards its goal of reaching thousands more students and families. Lauren says, *"we would love VIEW Club members to help spread the word about volunteering, and to consider donating their own time."*

The Smith Family has a broad range of volunteering opportunities available. Whether it's interacting directly with the students, working at one of their retail stores or helping out behind the scenes in one of the administrative teams, there's a role to suit all interests and skills.

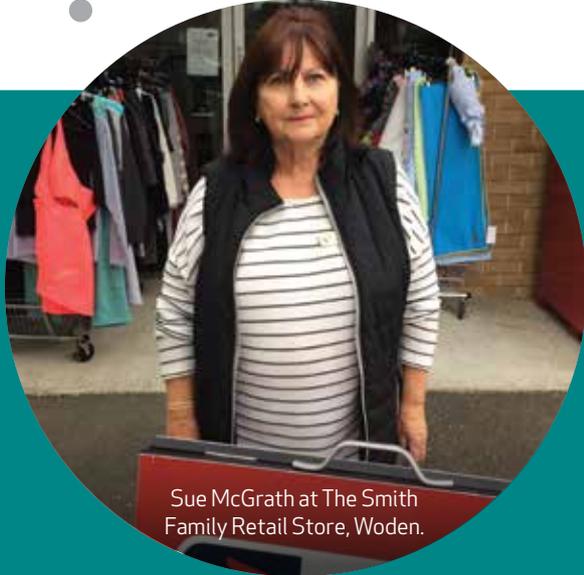
To those wonderful VIEW members who are already volunteering, The Smith Family says a huge thank you. *"We hope you feel incredibly proud of the part you play in helping to transform the lives of thousands of young Australians through education."*



Maria Sutherland with school student (photo supplied by Star Weekly).

VIEW Volunteer: Back to school with Maria

Maria Sutherland from Point Cook VIEW Club (VIC) is helping children develop their reading and writing skills at Wyndham Park Primary School in Werribee. A retired primary school teacher, Maria is a volunteer tutor at a Smith Family Learning Club, run as a partnership between Wyndham Park Primary School and The Smith Family. The club runs Wednesday afternoons for students in grades 3 to 6, and involves learning-based games and one-on-one reading. Maria helps to supervise and encourage the children as they play the games. She says, *"I like interacting with the children and using my skills. It's a really positive thing to do. I'm finding it very rewarding."*



Sue McGrath at The Smith Family Retail Store, Woden.

VIEW Volunteer: Sue enjoys some special retail therapy

When Sue McGrath retired after 30 years in the public service, she wanted to do something to stay active and continue helping her community. A member of Tuggeranong Evening VIEW Club (ACT) for more than 25 years, Sue took the opportunity to volunteer in The Smith Family's Retail Store in Woden about three years ago. Her responsibilities include unpacking deliveries, tagging, hanging up clothes and helping customers. Sue says she enjoys the social aspect: *"I love the opportunity to help towards such a good cause while also having contact with people and making new friends. Every now and then we'll have a volunteer afternoon tea, and we usually go out for lunch or dinner at Christmas time, which is nice."*

When she's not at the shop, Sue often helps out at sausage sizzles and other fundraising events for her VIEW Club, and the *Learning for Life* students who they support.



Clare Messiter with school student.

VIEW Volunteer: Clare helps children grow and learn

Members from the Ballina Evening VIEW Club (NSW), such as Clare Messiter (pictured), volunteer at Ballina Public School supporting the academic development and wellbeing of students. Clare and her fellow VIEW members help to prepare breakfasts and deliver learning programs to support students with their reading and maths.

Teacher-in-charge, Bernie Kelly, is enthusiastic about the difference Clare and the other volunteers make. She says, *"They give our students the love, kindness and attention that is so essential to their wellbeing. The impact that the volunteers have on the academic development of our kids is immeasurable and highly significant. They also model kindness, calmness, patience and manners and share their wisdom and their stories."*

Smith Family volunteering roles – Find one that suits you!

Learning Club tutor – spend time helping students catch up to their peers by providing weekly learning and homework support.

Retail store volunteer – help staff in The Smith Family Retail stores in NSW and ACT sort, fold and hang donated clothes, with proceeds from sales going towards learning programs for disadvantaged students.

Office administration volunteer – Assist with a range of tasks in Smith Family local offices from filing, talking to supporters and contacting students and families.

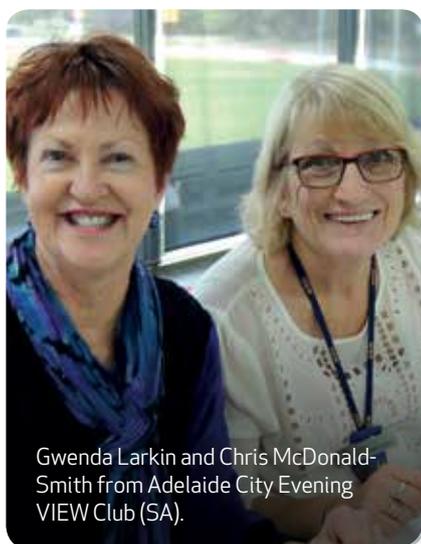
iTrack mentor – The Smith Family's *iTrack* program connects students in Years 9-11 with a volunteer mentor with whom they chat weekly online about school and career pathways.

If you are considering offering your time and skills to The Smith Family, please visit: thesmithfamily.com.au/get-involved/volunteer to see what's available in your area or to send an enquiry.

Conferences and Galas

The past six months have been a busy time for VIEW members with numerous learning and development conferences and galas held across the country.

These events bring members together from different clubs and areas to share ideas and opportunities to ensure a strong future for VIEW. In this issue, we report on the South Australian (SA) Gala and Western Australian (WA) State Conference, both held in September with equal parts of learning and fun had by all.



Gwenda Larkin and Chris McDonald-Smith from Adelaide City Evening VIEW Club (SA).



Janice Spraakman and Anne Strangway, Zone Councillors (SA).



Members from Blackwood Hills VIEW Club (SA).

SA Gala

For this special event, more than 100 members and friends from VIEW Clubs in South Australia came together at Jimmy Deane's Restaurant at the South Adelaide Football Club to talk about the future of VIEW, make new friends, learn more about The Smith Family and raise \$1,100 for Smith Family programs.

National Councillor, Marlene Powell welcomed all guests and speakers to the one-day event, which featured presentations from VIEW representatives and Smith Family Programs Manager, Richard Melville and his colleague, Nathan Rennie, a Smith Family *iTrack* Supervisor. The event's entertainment was provided by a unique Indonesian band, *Adelino Angkeluno*, playing popular songs including a delightful rendition of 'I Still Call Australia Home'.

VIEW's National Manager Maryanne Maher delivered a presentation on VIEW's road map from 2010 to where we are now and the value of promoting VIEW through traditional and social media. VIEW National President Jan Roberts spoke about the upcoming 2019 VIEW National Convention, how VIEW Clubs 'Make connections, Make a difference' and the importance of members taking on leadership roles and succession planning within the organisation.

WA VIEW State Conference

More than 60 VIEW members from Western Australia and other States attended the two-day WA VIEW State Conference at the Novotel Perth Langley. Designed as a time to share insights on VIEW, learn more about The Smith Family and hear from others outside the organisation, the WA Development Team organised an interesting line-up of VIEW and Smith Family speakers together with well-known local business women.

Attendees were pleased to hear from Jan Roberts, National President, and Smith Family representatives including Maryanne Maher, National Manager VIEW and Ian Moore, WA General Manager who gave an overview of The Smith Family's eight communities in Western Australia and described some of the programs on offer for disadvantaged students. Leonie Green, Head of State and Territory Operations shared her experiences of recently meeting staff and *Learning for Life* students in the Mirrabooka community and hearing how VIEW Clubs have made a difference in their lives by volunteering, donating reading rugs, stationery items, and milk bottle tops to be used as an aid for children learning to count.

Michelle Fyfe, CEO of St Johns Ambulance WA also spoke at the event, sharing her journey as a police officer through to Assistant Commissioner of WA Police prior to her current role. Conference attendees were interested to hear Victoria Siepen, General Manager of PRO9 Global Limited talk about the workplace of the future and the impact of robotic automation.

A highlight for all attendees was the opportunity for VIEW members to share a little about what makes their club unique during the "What makes your club shine" segments. These three-minute talks provided lots of ideas for members to take back to their own clubs. See the break out box for more.

There was ample opportunity to exchange information while enjoying warm hospitality and fun with the WA local VIEW members. Young local performers from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts entertained the guests throughout the conference. Additionally, guests toured Perth to see the stunning display of wildflowers at Wireless Hill and the beautiful Kings Park and Botanic Garden with magnificent panoramic views of Perth City. Over \$4,000 was raised for The Smith Family during this event.

What makes your club shine?

Anne-Louise O'Connor, National Councillor NSW Hunter/Central Coast region – *"I strongly believe that meeting with your Federal, State and Local Members of Parliament to promote VIEW and the support we give to The Smith Family is extremely important. This networking has resulted in VIEW being promoted on their Facebook and website pages as well as in e-newsletters and mail-outs to local constituents. A local State Member recently read a Private Members Statement in NSW Parliament which promoted VIEW and coincided with National Volunteers Week!"*

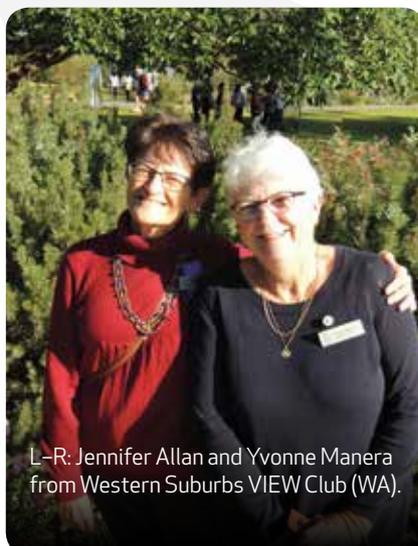
Margaret Woodhouse, Zone Councillor – *"Ocean Grove Evening VIEW Club (VIC) was formed in 2012 and now has a membership of 156. We support 10 students and donate extensively to Joyspreaders. Funds are raised through a variety of means, from supporting a local Triathlon, collecting at the Rotary markets, raffles, monthly trade tables, stalls at local and Christmas markets and gift wrapping. Members enjoy fun and friendship through participating in fundraising activities and one or more of the 18 interest groups, including book groups, movies, walking, bike riding, golf, technology and gourmet food!"*



L-R: Anne-Louise O'Connor and Margaret Woodhouse.



Marilyn Grle from Bayswater City VIEW Club (WA) with Marlene Gordon, Past Zone Councillor and Rhonda Michelson (front), both from First Wave VIEW Club (WA).



L-R: Jennifer Allan and Yvonne Manera from Western Suburbs VIEW Club (WA).



L-R: Jess Sim from West Coast VIEW Club (WA) and Anthea Metcalfe from Melville City VIEW Club (WA).

Community in profile

Spotlight on Northern Rivers NSW

VIEW in Area NJ

As at October 2018

696
members

14 VIEW
Clubs

49 *Learning for Life*
students sponsored

Casino

Casino, renowned as the beef capital of Australia, is also the home of Casino VIEW Club, with 45 members, including one inaugural member who still attends the club's monthly meetings. The club, which celebrated its 32nd anniversary this year, holds a number of fundraising activities including Bunnings BBQs, an annual soup and sweets day and monthly raffles at the club's meetings. Funds raised go towards sponsoring three *Learning for Life* students, Dylan, Caleb and Alex.

The members also make library bags for school students, each filled with donated items including reading mats, pillowcases, reading books, colouring books and pencils. As active supporters of The Smith Family, Casino VIEW members also donate to the Winter Appeal, Christmas Toy and Book Appeal and through Joyspreaders.



Paul Hodder, Manager of Gateway Lifestyle Holiday Park, Casino and Casino VIEW Club President Carmel Meredith at the club's soup and sweets fundraiser.

Twin Towns Evening

Lucky to be located right on the border of NSW and Queensland, Twin Towns Evening VIEW Club has the beautiful lush landscape of the Tweed Valley and all the glitter of the Gold Coast to provide an array of outings and activities for members. Affectionately known as the "Fun Club" amongst locals, the club currently supports six students on the *Learning for Life* program. The club holds gatherings and fundraising at members' homes and each year, members enjoy a bus shopping trip to the Brisbane outlet stores where



L-R: Patsy Howie, Carmen Hall, Joy Cuthbertson and Kaylene Mason.

a percentage of the sales is donated back to the club. Many members in the club are active volunteers at the local Centaur Primary School, helping to provide breakfast for the children and a special end-of-year sausage sizzle as a treat! Supported by honorary VIEW men, the club recently held a successful Bunnings BBQ to raise additional funds for The Smith Family.



L-R: Brenda Caligeros, Barbara Newton, Maureen Lightfoot, Judy Williams, Heather Hammond, Fay Pratten, Mia Woods, Rita Strong and Prema Roberts performing at the club's birthday celebration.

Brunswick Valley

Located in an area that local VIEW members describe as the "Festivals Capital of Australia", it is hardly surprising that one of the unique features of Brunswick Valley VIEW Club is its members' enthusiasm for producing and performing their own concerts! The club recently celebrated its 33rd birthday with a concert and luncheon for 100 people, including VIEW members from surrounding clubs, families and friends. With 57 members, the club supports seven *Learning for Life* students and holds an annual fundraising barbecue at

Mullumbimby Woolworths to raise funds for the sponsorships. Friendship mornings where members are encouraged to bring a friend to VIEW also contribute to the funds. The club's other main community activity is to provide handmade library bags to five local schools. To date the club has given 1,200 bags, ensuring all primary school students in the area have a bag. The club plans to continue to make and donate bags to all incoming kindergarten students each year. Members of the club will soon also become part of a Reading Group assisting at local schools.

VIEW Community

Meet a member



Jill Lukes from Holdfast Evening VIEW Club, South Australia

Member since: 2008

Most enjoyable aspect of VIEW:

JL: *It's a chance to help disadvantaged children in the community.*

What will you always remember about VIEW?

JL: *Our inaugural meeting, when, with 25 other women, we formed the Holdfast Evening VIEW Club.*

Supporting the education of disadvantaged children is important because...

JL: *We can help children in need obtain a better education, and therefore a better future for themselves.*

Hobbies and interests:

JL: *I like to keep fit, play Mahjong and be involved with other people. I do voluntary work, knit and read, and be with my grandchildren.*

Favourite attraction in your home town:

JL: *The Torrens River with the Festival Theatre, Adelaide Oval, Popeye Boat, Convention Centre and many more.*

VIEW from two

When Alison Rogers joined West Coast VIEW Club (WA) in 2015, she never expected her daughter Jacie Bleus to follow in her footsteps.

Three years on the dedicated mother-daughter team now share a fondness for VIEW and its work. VIEW Matters spoke to Alison and Jacie about what being part of VIEW means to them.

Alison: I joined West Coast VIEW Club (WA) in 2015 and I'm now the Secretary. When Jacie decided to join VIEW Clubs, I felt very proud to think that in her very busy life she was making helping others a priority. It seemed right for her to be a member of the club as she was already contributing in a number of ways and supporting me as Club Secretary. One of my fond memories of our time at VIEW together was watching Jacie model for our birthday meeting fashion parade. I also just enjoy travelling to meetings with my daughter. Being part of VIEW Clubs gives Jacie and me time together, but it's lovely to share the bond of VIEW together. We both love to feel that in some way we are able to help disadvantaged Australian children succeed in their education.

Jacie: I joined VIEW Clubs in 2017. I had visited so many meetings and events and felt so comfortable with the beautiful VIEW members. I also appreciated the fantastic work they were doing with children so I couldn't stop myself from joining. It's hard to pick just one VIEW event mum and I have participated in that is memorable for me. I enjoy being on the club committee, working together on the International Women's Day Committee and just spending time with our fabulous VIEW friends. Being in VIEW together means I can spend quality time with mum, catch up with my VIEW friends and help children to get the education they deserve.



VIEW National Convention

13-15 September 2019

Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast, QLD

Book your tickets today!

For more information please visit www.view.org.au/events/national-convention-2019



Around the Clubs



Noosaville VIEW Club members assisting at Noosa Triathlon.

A marathon effort

For 10 years Noosaville VIEW Club (QLD) has been volunteering at local sporting events, including the Noosa Triathlon, the largest competition of its type in the world. Members help out by packing kits for competitors, marshalling the swimming, running and cycling events, manning water stations and recovery tents, and registering entrants. Over the years many members have given their time to support these events, had a huge amount of fun and met some great personalities. Noosaville VIEW Club gets paid for the volunteers' time and last year raised more than \$4,800. Those funds were dedicated to the *Learning for Life* program and the club is now delighted to sponsor 10 students.



L-R: Linda Castle (Publicity Officer) and Heather Walton (Program Officer).

Getting the word out

In May, members of the Melville City VIEW Club (WA) attended an annual Healthy Living Senior's Expo to share information about VIEW with the local community. The Expo was well attended, and there were around 30 stall holders from a variety of organisations. VIEW members gave away more than 100 small bags containing VIEW pamphlets and information on the locations of all WA VIEW clubs.

A very special birthday

St Marys VIEW Club (NSW) celebrated its 50th birthday this June. Members, family and guests from other clubs in the area enjoyed a day filled with fun and friendship. National Vice President Annette Schlafrig congratulated the club on this milestone achievement, and reflected on all the wonderful things the members have achieved in that time. The club, while only having 19 members, supports three *Learning for Life* students. Zone Councillor, Lyn Wren presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Maureen Hyland in recognition of all her work for the club. Entertainers, *3 Degrees of Separation* were also there to provide some fun sing-a-long numbers for all to enjoy.



L-R: National Councillor Helen Zirn, Lynn Andrewartha and Sherril Daly.

A colourful celebration

'Pretty in Pink' or 'Passionate in Purple' were the themes of the 10th birthday celebrations of Geelong Day VIEW Club (VIC) this May. Eighty members and guests got into the spirit of the day and dressed for the occasion. Three trading tables were filled with home-made goodies which raised money for The Smith Family. The club proudly sponsors six students on the *Learning for Life* program. President Barb Ingwersen said, *"It's not just about financial support but also making sure each student is on target with their numeracy and literacy which often includes providing them with a reading buddy. We believe the best way to break the cycle of disadvantage is to advance the educational opportunities of children."*

L-R: Jan Cornes, Joan West, Bev Dickie and Jean Smith - 10-year members.



His Excellency Governor of NSW David Hurley with VIEW members.



Meeting the NSW Governor

This September, members from Branxton VIEW Club (NSW) were invited to prepare and present morning tea for the Branxton Greta Memorial Cycleway project. Held

at the Branxton Community Hall, the function was attended by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retired), Governor of New South Wales and his wife Mrs Linda Hurley.

Local school children presented histories of the many local service

men and women who lost their lives, and who will be remembered by the memorial cycleway and walk, which runs from Branxton War Memorial to Greta War Memorial. National Councillor, Anne-Louise O'Connor said the members did a great job and wore their VIEW polo shirts with pride.

A tightknit VIEW community

VIEW members in Victoria took knitting to new levels recently when they volunteered thousands of hours to knit woollen squares. The squares were later sewn together into rugs or cushion covers to be used in the three Smith Family *Learning for Life* centres in the area. The handiwork and beauty of the finished products were exceptional and the kindness of the members who knitted and assembled the products was heartwarming. Quite literally, these goods will bring comfort and warmth to the children supported by VIEW and The Smith Family.



VIEW member Sunnie Watts with Lia Comodo, Family Partnership Coordinator, The Smith Family.



L-R: Kerry Colless, Mike Burbury (snake catcher), Alison Dellar and Kay Williams.

A different Princess

With summer just around the corner, it won't be long before snakes start making an appearance across Australia. With that in mind, Hervey Bay VIEW Club (QLD) recently invited snake catcher, Mike Burbury, as guest speaker. Mike spoke about the importance of awareness when it comes to snakes. He also brought "Princess", a beautiful diamond python that the members had the opportunity to see and touch. The meeting was followed by an enjoyable (snake free) lunch and the club's monthly trading table was set up to raise money for The Smith Family.

Photos from the VIEW Year



WA State Conference attendees.



South Australian VIEW members.



Jan Roberts, VIEW National President and Mary Coll, Zone Councillor (WA).



Marion Allan, The Smith Family with National Councillor Lyn Masters (QLD).



Queensland VIEW members with school bag donations.



Members from Melville City VIEW Club (WA).



Authors Glenda Guest (left) and Liz Byrski (front) at the Sydney Literary Luncheon.



Bonville-Boambee VIEW Club (NSW).



Literary lunch attendees (QLD).



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Liam doesn't understand poverty.

But he knows how it feels.

When Liam's* mother got sick with cancer, their lives fell apart. One day they were OK, the next they were broke – moving houses and struggling to make ends meet. Liam's home life changed completely, and that affected his school life too.

He wasn't able to get the help he needed at home. He struggled in class and couldn't keep up with his homework. He needed extra learning support, but didn't have anywhere to turn. At school he withdrew; he didn't feel like he fit in anymore. Now he wonders if he'll always feel like this.

Just as poverty can come out of nowhere, so can the learning support that turns lives around.

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* Liam's image and name have been changed to protect his identity.