



International Women's Day events

Our award-winning members

New VIEW Club in Victoria

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

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From the Executive

Pat McRae
National Vice President



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

Congratulations to the hundreds of VIEW members across Australia who are taking on leadership roles this year.

Jan, Annette and I would like to acknowledge those members who have stepped up to new roles in their club committees. Our move towards greater flexibility is resulting in clubs finding other pathways to move forward with increased energy and vitality. Smaller committees with less than 10 people, job sharing, as well as implementing rosters for monthly programs and sourcing guest speakers, are working splendidly to share the load, resulting in running a healthy and vibrant club.

It is well understood that members who serve on club committees for many years do get weary and need to hand over to a new team. No one should feel that they must keep doing the job because there is no one else to do it. It's important for VIEW's future that longer-term committee members mentor new members to take on or share positions. New and younger members introduce new ideas, bring fresh perspectives, and extend a club's reach in the community – important factors in the long-term sustainability of VIEW.

Every club has its own unique identity. Unfortunately, however, when not all members feel the need to rally

together to support their club, closures happen, often all too abruptly. Club closure is not always the answer; it should only be considered as a last resort. Current committee members should consider succession planning to ensure the future of their club.

Next year, VIEW will celebrate its 60th anniversary. With over 15,000 members throughout Australia, our organisation is an important meeting place connecting women with each other in local communities. We must therefore work hard to keep our clubs open so that other women can experience the fun, friendship and support VIEW offers, as well as the joy and pride in collectively making a difference to the education of disadvantaged students.

National Convention is the grand event for 2019. Preparations are well underway for what again promises to be a fabulous three days. The line-up of guest speakers foretells inspiration, interest, enjoyment and challenge, and I have no doubt the Resolution topics will be fiercely debated. Tickets for the social dinners are selling quickly, as are those for the Gala Dinner, the Mystical Masquerade Ball. If this is not enough to entice you, Convention also brings the joy of rekindling friendships, shopping therapy, tantalising Twin Waters Resort cuisine and the finale of the Grand Celebration – register now to not miss out! Jan, Annette and I excitedly look forward to sharing this incredible experience with you in September.

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

On behalf of The Smith Family, thank you! We are extremely grateful for all the fundraising, sponsoring and volunteering activities that you do to support disadvantaged Australian children and young people.



I am always delighted to hear about the special bond VIEW members develop with their sponsored students. One member recently expressed to me the deep satisfaction she feels when writing letters to her club's *Learning for Life* students and receiving their replies. She said hearing about a student's plans for their future is all the thanks her club needs to keep up their hard work supporting students.

Just to give you another sense of the individual impact sponsorship support can have, I want to share with you a letter I received a few weeks back. It was from a woman whom we had first supported 20 years ago after her husband died leaving her with two young boys. Her financial circumstances were further compounded when she developed breast cancer. She talked of the vital support we provided for her sons and in her words...

"I wish to heartily express my gratitude to those sponsors. I wondered at the time about the generosity of people who would take money out of their pockets and give it to unknown recipients in the hope that it may help to improve a child's chances in life."

In her letter, she thanked us for every excursion we had funded, every time we had mentored her boys, and every time we'd wrapped an arm of support around her. She went on to say that her sons are now grown men both working in nursing and "making their way in the world as confident, independent, kind and balanced human beings".

Stories and families like this inspire me every day. I take joy in knowing that we made such a difference in their lives... and as a valued partner in our work, I know you do too.

On another note, you might have seen a new awareness campaign launched by the Community Council for Australia called *It Takes A Village*. The campaign encourages community members to be more actively involved in the educational journey of young people and to see education as everyone's business, not just the responsibility of parents and school staff. Please join us and get behind the campaign by talking about the importance of education with your friends, family and community, or by sharing your experiences of sponsoring a *Learning for Life* student or volunteering with one of our programs. For more information, visit www.ittakesavillage.org.au.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. Working together, we are making a very big difference to the lives of disadvantaged Australian students and their families!



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 March 2019

1,343

disadvantaged students
at these levels:

1,053	Primary school
270	Secondary school
20	Tertiary /TAFE

All wrapped up

A big thank you to all our members who attended shopping centres across the country and CBD buildings in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne in December to wrap Christmas presents for busy shoppers, in exchange for gold coin donations. Over \$28,000 was raised for The Smith Family's learning and support programs for disadvantaged students. These VIEW members in Sydney were delighted with the funds they raised!



VIEW National Convention

13-15 September 2019
Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast, QLD

Book
Now!



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

Community Lottery 2019

VIEW will again be participating in the People's Choice Community Lottery (PCCU) in 2019. This is a great way for clubs to raise funds for The Smith Family's *student2student* reading program, and to promote VIEW's work in their local community. Contact the VIEW National Office to request raffle ticket booklets. Requests are managed on a first-come-first-served basis. You can also get involved by purchasing tickets online from <https://communitylottery.peopleschoicecu.com.au/public/tickets/> and nominating 'The Smith Family' as your charity of choice.

Host a Bunnings cake stall!

During the month of May, Bunnings is offering VIEW Clubs throughout Australia the opportunity to promote their great work with The Smith Family and raise funds by hosting cake and/or craft stalls at local stores. To get involved with this partnership, contact the 'Activities Organiser' at your local Bunnings store, inform them that you are from VIEW Clubs, and choose a date in May to host your cake/craft/information stall. Start baking and making!



Christmas giving

We are grateful to all the clubs and members who supported The Smith Family's Toy and Book Appeal last Christmas. An amazing \$66,000 was raised. We love Adelaide City Evening VIEW Club's initiative to partner with their local Bunnings store during November to collect children's books for the appeal. An astounding 300 books were donated by VIEW members, Bunnings staff and customers. VIEW members gift wrapped the books to create this one-of-a-kind 'Christmas tree' which was displayed on posters throughout the Bunnings store in December. What a great example of community collaboration!



VIEW celebrates International Women's Day

VIEW has long had an association with International Women's Day. Our colours reflect those of the suffragettes and International Women's Day events have been important throughout our history. This year, hundreds of VIEW members and their friends attended events in their local communities to hear from *Learning for Life* students, guest speakers and The Smith Family, and to call for a better gender-balanced world.

In New South Wales (NSW)

Many events were held across NSW, including luncheons in Wollongong, Yamba and Werris Creek. At the Wollongong event, the keynote speaker was Rhondda Varzella OAM, President of War Widows' Guild of Australia NSW Ltd. *Learning for Life* student, Aishe, who is also the 2018 recipient of the joint University of Wollongong College (UOWC) and VIEW scholarship, spoke about studying at UOWC and the support she has received. At the Werris Creek Golf Club, VIEW members were joined by Victoria Spanswick, Family Partnership Coordinator from The Smith Family; Yvonne Kent, who gave the Welcome to Country; guest speaker, Drew Schofield; and *Learning for Life* mother, Sharon, who spoke about the support her children received from The Smith Family.

Below: L-R: Pam Graham, Zone Councillor; Mirela Fazli (Aishe's mother), Aishe, *Learning for Life* student and Tracy Davis.



In Victoria

Members and their guests gathered at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. In the opening address, Annette Schlafrig, VIEW's National Vice President, highlighted the important role VIEW plays in seeking to improve economic wellbeing for women. Anton Leschen, The Smith Family, General Manager for Victoria, spoke about the wonderful contribution Victorian clubs make to The Smith Family and disadvantaged students. *Learning for Life* graduate, Cree, shared her journey with The Smith Family, including the special bond she has with VIEW. Cree was sponsored by a VIEW club. The regular correspondence and gifts she received were crucial in helping her succeed at school. "It was like having a second family that cared about you and was interested in your life and career," she said. The event's keynote speaker was the enthralling Anna Burke AO, Past Speaker of House, who spoke about her time as a young politician and mother.

Above: L-R: Annette Schlafrig, National Vice President; Anton Leschen from The Smith Family; Cree, *Learning for Life* student; and Clare Lamborn, Past National President.

Marion VIEW members
at the trading table.



L-R: Ian Moore and Deb McArdle from The Smith Family,
Salome, *Learning for Life* student; and Charmaine Sherman,
Zone Councillor.

In Western Australia (WA)

Close to 200 guests attended West Coast VIEW Club's luncheon at Hillary's Yacht Club, while more than 100 members and their guests celebrated at the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club with First WAVE Club.

At the West Coast VIEW event, *Learning for Life* student, Salome, who is studying a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Western Australia (UWA), spoke of how The Smith Family has supported her and her brother since primary school. "The *Learning for Life* program not only changes the student's life but the family's as well," Salome said. The Smith Family, General Manager for WA, Ian Moore, shared stories about the influential women in his life - his grandmother, his mother, and his wife - who have each inspired, influenced and pushed him to become a better person. The event's guest speaker was Caitlyn Fogarty, Executive Officer of the Fogarty Foundation, a sponsorship partner of The Smith Family providing extra financial support to gifted and talented students involved in the *Learning for Life* program.

At the First WAVE Club event, *Learning for Life* student, Jay, shared his story of growing up as an Aboriginal man supported by The Smith Family. Jay is in his second year at UWA. He is heavily involved in Aboriginal culture and mentoring younger people in his community. After giving a Welcome to Country in the Noongar language, Jay spoke about his life journey, his respect for his mother who raised him as a single parent, and the opportunities provided through the *Learning for Life* program. Other guest speakers were Maryanne Maher, VIEW's National Manager; Ian Moore from The Smith Family; Anne Banks-McAllister from the WA Local Government Association; and journalist and public speaker, Meri Fatin.

In South Australia

Three events were held for around 450 VIEW members and their guests. Victor Harbor VIEW Club partnered with the office of the Member for Finniss, David Basham, to host the Fleurieu Community Women's Awards. This breakfast event included special guests: John Teague, Member for Heysen; Georgina Downer, Liberal candidate for Mayo; Moira Jenkins, Mayor, City of Victor Harbor; Victoria McKirdy, CEO, City of Victor Harbor and guest speaker, Hon. Michelle Lensink, Minister for Human Resources. Five awards were presented to inspiring women involved in outstanding service in their community.

At The Port Club rooms, more than 150 VIEW members and their friends joined Dr Richard Harvey MP, Member for Newland. Guests were entertained by speakers Megan Hender, former Deputy Lord Major of Adelaide, and Victoria Purman, author, as well as talented 13-year-old Emilee, who sang and played guitar.

Marion VIEW Club hosted a fabulous celebration at the Marion Sports Club, for members from Marion, Holdfast Evening, Oaklands, Blackwood, Southern Vale and Adelaide Evening VIEW Clubs. Journalist and newsreader, Jessica Adamson was the guest speaker, and attendees enjoyed a fashion parade. More than \$3,000 was raised for The Smith Family through raffle proceeds and a jewellery trading table.

In Queensland

Members from 13 clubs in and around Brisbane and the Gold Coast joined friends at the Rydges Hotel in Brisbane. National Councillor Lyn Masters gave the opening address followed by Alan Le May, The Smith Family's General Manager, Queensland. Josh Acason, a Tertiary Program Co-ordinator from The Smith Family spoke about his role. Jessica, a *Learning for Life* student, shared her inspirational story about studying electrical and aerospace engineering, breaking through stereotypes and receiving support from The Smith Family.

Connecting in Community



Meet a member

Val Hallifax from Sunbury-Macedon Ranges VIEW Club, Victoria

Member since: 2000

Most enjoyable aspect of VIEW:

VH: *Raising money for our students, and the friendship!*

What will you always remember about VIEW?

VH: *The birthday celebrations we have. We pick a theme and they are a lot of fun.*

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

VH: *Education is very important, and it is wonderful to be able to make a difference.*

Hobbies and interests:

VH: *Craft, gardening, travel, theatre and volunteer work.*

Favourite attraction in your home town:

VH: *Sunbury has the oldest homestead in Victoria and it is the home of the Ashes!*

Above: Peter Smith OAM, former TV personality, with Val Hallifax.

VIEW from two

When Joanne Kriziotis (left) surprised her mother Marlene Gordon by becoming a VIEW member during the middle of a meeting, Marlene couldn't have been more thrilled. The pair now have 10 years of shared VIEW memories and adventures!

Marlene: I belong to First WAVE Club in Kingsley, WA. I joined in 2001 as an inaugural member. A long time ago Joanne attended a VIEW meeting with me as she was interested in the guest speaker. At some point during the meeting she left her place. On returning she said, "I have just joined VIEW!" A memorable VIEW mother/daughter activity for me was presenting Joanne with her 10-year pin. Both being members of VIEW gives us common ground.

Joanne: I joined VIEW in 2008. I was interested in being an active participant in a volunteer group of like-minded women with a common focus, that being the education of children. I enjoy many VIEW activities with my mother – our Greek afternoon tea, the fabulous fountain photo competition and many more social events. Being in VIEW together means we have regular catch-ups. I think inviting daughters to join VIEW is a great step towards succession planning for the future sustainability of clubs.



Our wonderful members

We would like to congratulate all clubs and members who were recognised in their local communities this Australia Day for their community and volunteer work. Here are a few clubs and members who received awards.



Aspley VIEW Club (QLD)

Aspley VIEW was awarded the Ted Tremayne Memorial Award at the Lilley Awards. Club President Miffy Goodall (right) and Founding President Bev Doolan (left) accepted the award. The club has more than 200 members and sponsors 30 students through the *Learning for Life* program.



Margaret Sirl OAM

Bega Evening VIEW Club (NSW)

Margaret Sirl received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to domestic horticulture, and her community. Margaret is known for many notable roles and achievements, including as an ABC Radio gardening presenter. Photo credit: Bega District News.



Janeen Clifton

Harrington VIEW Club (NSW)

Janeen received the Citizen of the Year Award in Harrington for her involvement in many community groups and associations, including VIEW Clubs. An inaugural member of Harrington VIEW, Janeen is an active committee member and fundraiser.



Julie Johnson

Moree Day VIEW Club (NSW)

Julie received the Moree Citizen of the Year award for her volunteering work. Julie assists on her club's committee, and volunteers daily with the United Hospital Auxilliary (UHA) at Moree Hospital.



Marj Manuel

Inverell VIEW Club (NSW)

Marj Manuel and her late husband Terry were named the 2019 Inverell Citizens of the Year in recognition of their long-standing volunteer work for VIEW and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Sadly, Terry passed away a month prior to the presentation.



Kerrie Sturtridge

Glen Innes VIEW Club (NSW)

"Super volunteer" Kerrie Sturtridge received an Order of Australia for her service to the community. In addition to VIEW Clubs, Kerrie is involved in several other volunteer organisations including Quota Glen Innes and the Karinya homes committee. Photo credit: Glen Innes Examiner.

Community in profile

Spotlight on Mid-North Coast of NSW

VIEW in Area NK

As at April 2019

732
members

14 VIEW
Clubs

41 *Learning for Life*
students sponsored

Harrington Evening

Members from Harrington Evening VIEW Club (NSW) were proud to participate in their community's celebrations marking the bicentenary of John Oxley's arrival at the town. Held in October last year, the celebrations included a street parade where VIEW members marched proudly with their umbrellas, and a history display set up by VIEW members featuring the history of clubs, groups and families in the area. Harrington Evening VIEW also hosted the official launch of the celebrations at the Harrington Waters Golf Club. Past and current residents of Harrington and their descendants were invited, along with guest speaker Reverend David Freeman and David West, MidCoast Mayor.



VIEW members marching in Harrington.

South West Rocks Evening

With a healthy membership, South West Rocks Evening VIEW Club (NSW) prides itself on being an active and engaged community supporter. The club, which formed in 1996, enjoys a strong relationship with local school, Gladstone Primary School, with members collecting school supplies throughout the year to donate to students. Described as "much more than a social club", South West Rocks Evening holds monthly dinners to nurture friendships between members. Their meetings



June Greentree and June Souter getting ready to deliver school supplies to Gladstone Primary School.

often feature board games and interesting speakers from the local community. Members are also very committed to raising funds for The Smith Family and their three *Learning for Life* students. Cake stalls and raffles are regularly held, with strong support given by the community. The club also contributes to The Smith Family's Joyspreaders gift program, reaching even more disadvantaged students receiving support from The Smith Family.



Great Lakes Evening

Located in beautiful Tuncurry, Great Lakes Evening VIEW Club (NSW) is a busy and active club with members enjoying friendship and laughter whilst raising much needed funds for The Smith Family. In 2018, the club had a particularly busy end to the year with a joint 23rd birthday and Christmas celebration in November with over 100 guests.

The November celebration was a dinner held at Sporties Club with the theme of "Cruising for Christmas". Members and their friends enjoyed a

night of socialising, eating and dancing, as well as entertainment from local performer Gerry Anderson and the club's very own dance troupe who performed 'In the Navy'.

In October, activities included a morning tea at Country Palings Petals and Pots Café, a combined church service and hearing from guest speaker, Deb Tuckerman, Economics and Tourism Development Officer from the MidCoast Council.

Other exciting VIEW news

Up, Up & Away in SA

VIEW Club members in South Australia (SA) gathered for the state's annual Up, Up & Away conference in late January. This learning and sharing event is a great way for clubs to hear from VIEW and The Smith Family, and share ideas and activities for the coming year. At this year's event, SA members were congratulated on increasing their support for *Learning for Life* students.

Below: SA VIEW Leadership Team and Jan Roberts, National President, with *Learning for Life* student Whitney (third from left), her mother Naomi and family friend.



New Southern Peninsula VIEW Club opens!

Rosebud Country Club on the Mornington Peninsula of Victoria was buzzing with excitement on Thursday 14 March when our newest club, Southern Peninsula VIEW Club (VIC) was inaugurated. The VIEW National Executive joined more than 100 VIEW members from other Victorian clubs, and team members from The Smith Family, to welcome, support and inspire the new club's 44 inaugural members.

Anton Leschen, The Smith Family's General Manager for Victoria, attended the special event and gave a speech about The Smith Family and VIEW's unique partnership. With a new *Learning for Life* site opened by The Smith Family at Frankston North last year, not far from where Southern Peninsula VIEW Club will be based, there will be many



Southern Peninsula VIEW Club's inaugural committee with Jan Roberts, National President and Anton Leschen from The Smith Family.

opportunities for VIEW members to get involved with The Smith Family.

Southern Peninsula VIEW Club's inaugural Club President, Natalie Derri, accepted the Club Charter and spoke on behalf of her new members about their excitement to join VIEW and support The Smith Family. Well done to the Victorian VIEW Development Team for their work establishing the club and supporting the new committee.

A special art viewing

Tamworth Evening VIEW Club (NSW) hosted a special evening at the Tamworth Regional Gallery as part of the regional tour of the 2018 Archibald Prize exhibition. Nearly 90 people including VIEW members, guests, friends and family enjoyed a 'walk and talk' session about the prized artworks, with finger food and drinks supplied by Tamworth Evening VIEW Club. Harpist, Arlene Stapleton Delahenty, entertained guests throughout the evening. A beautiful patchwork quilt, made and donated by member Pam McKinnon, was raffled on the night for The Smith Family. Club Vice President Mary Gurd was the lucky winner of the quilt.



L-R: Pam McKinnon, Mary Gurd and Marilyn Binney



VIEW Radio Advertisement

VIEW has its own 30 second radio advertisement!

We encourage VIEW Clubs to send it to their local community radio stations asking them to promote VIEW for free.

To get a copy of this sound bite today, send your request to view@thesmithfamily.com.au

Around the Clubs



Expo-time!

Members from Toowoomba Evening VIEW Club (QLD) had a great day at their local Seniors Expo promoting VIEW, The Smith Family, and the club's annual fashion parade. The club reported the fashion parade was a huge success, attracting 40 additional people and keeping members busy serving food and drinks. The parade's success meant the club raised funds to support five students in The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program – well done!

Above: L-R: Members Moira Kropp, Vera Brady, Rhonda Beresford and Lynne Quattramani at the Seniors Expo.

Australia Day activities

Members from Macarthur Evening, Picton and Wollondilly Evening VIEW Clubs (NSW) braved extreme heat on Australia Day (43°C!) to raise awareness of VIEW and our work with The Smith Family. Macarthur Evening VIEW Club joined the Camden street parade in a sea of purple shirts, carrying their VIEW umbrellas for much needed shade, while members from Picton and Wollondilly Evening VIEW Clubs hosted a stand at Picton Botanic Gardens to hand out brochures and information about local club meetings and activities.

Below: Members promoting VIEW's work in Picton.



A meeting on the seas

With over 3,000 travellers, what are the chances of finding fellow VIEW members aboard the Majestic Princess cruise ship sailing from Shanghai to Sydney? Fairly high it seems! Recently seven members held an impromptu 'meet and greet' aboard the cruise after South Australian member Linda Stein put a call-out to meet fellow VIEW members on the ship's daily bulletin. Linda organised an afternoon tea get together and was delighted when six other VIEW members turned up! The members were: Anna Ratcliff (Mulgrave VIEW Club, VIC), Alison Ryder (Mountain Evening VIEW Club, NSW), Carol Ellis (Berwick Springs VIEW Club, VIC), Nerida Taggart and Kath Lawrence (South West Rocks Evening VIEW Club, NSW) and Roslyn Ferris (Adelaide Hills VIEW Club, SA). With so many VIEW members cruising these days, Linda



Above: VIEW members who recently met up on board a cruise.

encourages others to do the same to meet and learn about other VIEW clubs. Linda's tip for fellow cruisers – "Remember to pack your passport, clothes and your VIEW badge!"



Covering school books for students.

Extra school help

West Coast VIEW Club (WA) has had a long association with Roseworth Primary School, volunteering their time and effort to help students get the most from their education. Members donate their spare change at meetings, help at the school's library and breakfast club and also provide emergency lunches for disadvantaged students. Several

volunteers also spent several days prior to the start of school covering books for students, and the club's February meeting collected stationery donations to give to students. The stationery was delivered to the school recently by Margaret Arbuckle, the club's Volunteering Officer, and Cherylle McQueen, Treasurer.

Joining forces

Members from clubs in the Nambucca River area of NSW came together to hold a VIEW information stall at the Macksville Garden Gala and Markets. This was a successful and fun day engaging with the community about The Smith Family and VIEW's work. Both clubs were pleased to report increased membership as a result of the activity!



L-R: Cynthia Guyenette, Lesley Carroll, Joan Hosking, Tina Birtles (standing), Robyn Mattick and Wendy Hunter.



NSW Graduation

Pictured from left, Helen Zirn, National Councillor; Rosemary Day, Zone Councillor; and Bettina Samphier, Past Zone Councillor (Western Sydney Region) attended The Smith Family NSW Graduation Ceremony held at Western Sydney University (Parramatta) earlier this year. All three were thrilled to meet Deng Adut, 2017 NSW Australian of the Year and refugee advocate.

Woollahra VIEW turns two

Woollahra VIEW Club members celebrated their club's 2nd anniversary in March with a special "Colours of Autumn" luncheon. Organisers warmly welcomed two new members to the club, as well as guests from surrounding clubs who joined the celebrations. Dressed in Autumn colours, members and guests were entertained with tales from Russia and Siberia as they enjoyed the delicious lunch at Gaden Community Centre. National Manager Maryanne Maher was on hand to present an update on VIEW, including the new initiative with Bunnings and the fabulous line-up of celebrities and activities planned for National Convention on the Sunshine Coast later this year. Congratulations to President Jan Frape and her hardworking team on a wonderful day.

Right: Carol Cook (left) and Jan Frape, Club President (right).



International Women's Day Events

Photos from events hosted by VIEW Clubs around Australia, with members 'striking the pose' for gender balance.



VIEW Merchandise

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\$5



\$7



\$22

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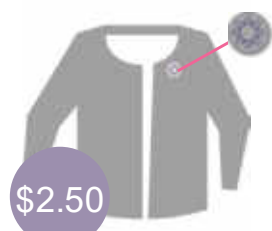
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\$10



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
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 The Smith Family

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2019**

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