



Celebrating International Women's Day

VIEW members win awards

Learning for Life students share their stories

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

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everyone's family

VIEW is a national women's organisation formed in 1960 by The Smith Family as a service to women and the community. Through strong VIEW networks, women are empowered to achieve new skills and confidence and give voice to issues of national concern. Communities benefit through the commitment of the 16,972 women of VIEW to the provision of educational outcomes for Australia's disadvantaged children and families.

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The Smith Family steps into a disadvantaged child's life while they are still at school, to help them get the most from their time there. By supporting a child to participate in education, The Smith Family prevents them experiencing a lifetime of poverty. By investing in a child's education, we can break a cycle of disadvantage. For more information please visit thesmithfamily.com.au

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Front cover: Twins Sheena and Sharna, students supported by The Smith Family, with Deborah McArdle, Learning for Life Coordinator.

From the Executive

Gwen Wilton
National President

I am delighted to be National President for 2016–17 and to present to you the National President's theme: "*Many voices, one VIEW, making a difference*". For me, this encapsulates the very essence of VIEW.

When I attended my first National Convention in 2004, I remember sitting in the auditorium surrounded by women I had never met and realising we all shared one very important goal — to make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged Australian children through VIEW and The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program. This is something that has remained with me over many years. I still feel very passionate about VIEW's role in supporting the education of disadvantaged Australian students which brings about, in time, positive change in our local communities.

That is why it is very important to me that VIEW continues to be a meaningful organisation for our 16,972 members. With my fellow Executive, our focus for the next two years will be to ensure you, our current members, remain happy and engaged. Through activities, initiatives and opportunities, we will also ensure that VIEW remains the vibrant and active volunteer organisation it has been for 56 years, continuing to give women of all ages and from all

walks of life a greater sense of purpose in their communities.

Like many volunteer organisations, however, we know we need to look at ways to increase our membership. We therefore aim to look to the future and identify areas where new clubs may be established. This is vital to enable our organisation to grow and prosper, and it is a task where we must not sit idle.

So as valued members, I ask for your help and enthusiasm to achieve this. Let's all use our voices to inform people about VIEW, who we are and what we do. To that end, the role of publicity in every club is vital. In more than 300 communities across Australia, our fundraising and volunteering support is making a real difference to the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children and their families, enabling them to look forward to a brighter future. These are achievements of which we can all be proud to share.

I look forward to working with you all during my term as National President, alongside the National Vice Presidents, Gloria Walter and Toni Thomas.

Above: L–R: National Executive 2016–17: Gloria Walter, Gwen Wilton and Toni Thomas.



VIEW for all

More than 16,000 women of VIEW know their organisation is unique, offering the opportunity to:

- meet regularly with other women of all ages and from all walks of life;
- discuss and exchange ideas;
- form lasting friendships while learning new skills and developing new interests; and
- actively support and participate in the work of The Smith Family.



Join VIEW today by visiting www.view.org.au, calling the VIEW National Office on 1800 805 366 or emailing: view@thesmithfamily.com.au
We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Message from The Smith Family CEO

Dr Lisa O'Brien

I would like to welcome Gwen Wilton, Toni Thomas and Gloria Walter to their positions with the VIEW Executive. I wish you the very best in your roles and I thank you for your service.



Learning for Life
sponsorships
supported by VIEW

As at 1 March 2016

1,160

disadvantaged students
studying at these levels:

984 Primary
school

150 Secondary
school

26 Tertiary
/TAFE

I was delighted to learn the National President's theme for 2016–17 is "*Many voices, one VIEW, making a difference*". I do believe VIEW's collective voice is one of the most powerful ways the organisation makes a difference. During the past 56 years, VIEW has demonstrated time and time again, how successfully it engages and connects with the community for the benefit of disadvantaged students. VIEW's effectiveness in raising awareness of issues of importance, remains one of the most valuable facets of our relationship with VIEW.

That is why this year, I want to again call upon VIEW members to work with The Smith Family on a number of key issues where we hope to make a difference. The first issue where I ask for your support involves raising awareness about the digital divide.

You will all undoubtedly understand the significant impact that not having access to computers and the internet at home has on disadvantaged students. For many of the students we support, their parents are struggling daily to provide the basics at home, let alone uniforms, books and other resources students need at school. Providing a computer and internet access at home simply isn't always possible. Students who do

not have the tools they need, nor access to technology can quickly fall behind their peers at school.

We believe all students need to be equipped for their future, not just those growing up in families who can afford these items. With strong skills in the STEM disciplines — Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths — becoming increasingly important in the workplace, this is an ongoing issue. I encourage VIEW to help us raise awareness about this issue.

Finally, I'd like to reiterate how much The Smith Family values the substantial contribution made by every VIEW Club member, through the sponsorship of students, awareness-raising of key issues, fundraising and volunteering with our programs. Your tremendous support for 1,160 *Learning for Life* students, plus dedicated fundraising, is making a lasting and positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged young Australians and their families and communities.



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



It's here - the new VIEW website!

VIEW National Office is delighted to announce the launch of the new VIEW website — a modern, fresh and smarter-looking site. To visit the new site, go to www.view.org.au and refresh your browser. The new website is a wonderful reflection of our organisation today. It is an excellent tool to promote VIEW to new members and showcase our work in communities around Australia. We encourage you to spend some time exploring the site. Read news from across the country, browse dedicated club pages and catch up on the latest happenings at the VIEW Blog! Designing and building the new website has taken months of hard work by many people. Thank you to everyone involved, particularly The Smith Family's digital partner, Isobar, who provided pro bono support for this project.

Toy & Book Appeal 2015

Thank you to everyone who contributed to The Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal in December last year. VIEW Clubs collectively contributed \$65,000 towards the purchase of more than 72,000 new toys and books that were hand-delivered to children in need throughout Australia at Christmas time. For many children growing up in disadvantage, Christmas may not be always be a time for celebration. Through The Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal, children from *Learning for Life* families receive gifts at Christmas so they too can experience the joy of Christmas. Thank you to all members who contributed to this appeal.



2016 WA Development Conference

VIEW members from across the country are invited to attend the VIEW Western Australia Development Conference on 26–28 August 2016 at Margaret River in the beautiful South West Coast region. This is a great opportunity to learn about VIEW Clubs and The Smith Family, discuss strategies to keep clubs vibrant and meet new friends, while enjoying fine food and having fun. To register your interest, or phone Charmaine on 08 9304 6466 or email WAVIEWDev@gmail.com.

Watch the VIEW video

Ever wondered why so many women join VIEW? We wanted to hear their reasons in their own words. Last year we shared these interviews in a short video screened at the VIEW National Convention in September. To find out what VIEW means to your fellow members, watch the video at:

<http://www.view.org.au/resources/videos-podcasts/>



Community Lottery

VIEW Clubs will again have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets in this year's People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery. With 100% of the sale of each \$2 ticket going back to VIEW, this community initiative is a great way for clubs to raise funds for The Smith Family. All funds raised in this way are donated to *student2student*, The Smith Family's reading program for students who are behind in their reading. Clubs wishing to participate must contact their Zone Councillor with their requested number of books and a mailing address (cannot be a PO Box). Requests are handled on a first come first served basis.

International Women's Day celebrations

In what is always a highlight of the year, VIEW members came together during March to celebrate the achievements of women past and present in a number of special events and luncheons to mark International Women's Day (IWD).

In addition to local club and regional events, VIEW functions were held in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth with attendees including the VIEW Executive, representatives from The Smith Family, *Learning for Life* students, and guest speakers participating in various events.

The celebrations each provided the opportunity for members to hear firsthand from a student benefitting from The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* sponsorship program. Additionally, each function embraced the 2016 IWD theme, "Pledge for Parity", calling for equality for women, an issue highlighted over many years in VIEW's National Resolutions as far back as 1971.

In this edition, we bring you a snapshot of some of the heart-warming personal stories shared by the *Learning for Life* students who spoke at events this year. Those of you who attended functions will know how special and moving it is to hear directly from students receiving the sponsorship support. Their unique stories told in their own words bring to life just how important our fundraising activities for The Smith Family are for thousands of disadvantaged students across Australia.

See page 14 for photos from VIEW Club IWD events around the country.

Victorian Luncheon

Where: Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Melbourne
Attendees: 190

Guest speaker: Hannie Rayson, author and playwright

Learning for Life student: Felicity, 17, has been sponsored by The Smith Family for seven years, participating in a range of programs including the online mentoring program, *iTrack*, *student2student* (as a reading buddy) and the music/arts program, *SmArts*. In addition to using her sponsorship assistance to pay for uniforms and school books, Felicity has used the funds to hire a flute since Year 7 and develop her passion for music. Now in her final year of high school, Felicity hopes to pursue tertiary studies in music or clinical psychology. She is grateful for all the support The Smith Family has given her over so many years.

"Becoming a Learning for Life student has shaped me into the confident person I am today. It has helped me to excel higher than I thought I could achieve, and motivate others to excel with me. Without the opportunity of financial support to hire a flute, I may never have begun to see my potential as a musician. Thank you for the support you provide me and other students. It gives us the best chance to make the most of every opportunity."



Felicity performing at the luncheon.

Queensland Luncheon

Where: Easts Leagues Club, Brisbane

Attendees: 232

Guest Speakers: Jane Prentice, MP Member for Ryan and Dr Catherine Ball, National Telstra Business Woman of the Year 2015 Corporate Award winner.

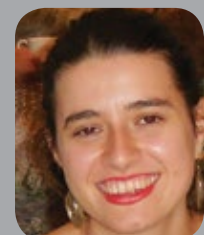
Learning for Life student:

Maja has recently graduated from university with first class honours in a

Bachelor of Music. She was sponsored through The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program for eight years. Through school and university, the financial assistance helped to pay for her music expenses, including her instruments and lessons. Support from her sponsor and *Learning for Life* Coordinator was important in keeping her motivated to achieve her goal to become a musician. Maja is currently working as a music teacher, whilst

pursuing her ambition to be a singer-songwriter, performing soul, folk and blues music.

"The Learning for Life support was really important in my teenage years. It helped to pay for my piano lessons and gave me the motivation to pursue a career as a musician."



Maja at the IWD luncheon.

Western Australian Luncheon

Where: Hillary's Yacht Club, Perth
Attendees: 210

Guest speakers: Her Excellency, The Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO, Governor of Western Australia and Professor Colleen Hayward AM, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research at Edith Cowan University.

Learning for Life students: Twin sisters, Sheena and Sharna (22) have been supported by The Smith Family since they were six years old. The girls were raised by their mother, who was seriously injured in a car accident when they were young, having little to no income throughout their schooling. Financial assistance from The Smith Family meant the girls had uniforms and the other school supplies they needed. It also allowed them to take part in extra

activities, and concentrate fully on their studies. Now the girls are the first in their family to study at university. In 2014, Sharna completed an undergraduate degree, with a double major in archaeology and classical history. She is currently completing Honours and hoping to graduate in November. Sheena is in her final semester of a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Forensics with majors in forensic biology, toxicology, molecular biology and chemistry. Both young women have the support of a Smith Family volunteer mentor who has provided advice on university life and future career options.

"Thanks to The Smith Family, in our younger years we noticed we were suddenly never short of stationery items or a clean uniform for the next day or lunch to take. In our senior years, our sponsors became a more integral part of our lives, helping us strive for goals we

would have never attempted without them such as; music, sport and an interstate trip that provided an educational and social experience that made us more aware of the possibilities out there and more confident to strive for those unique experiences...When we started school, our life was not looking bright, The Smith Family came along, helped us out, altered our way of thinking and gave us a chance at life through education and the positive experiences it can give to those who seek it."



Sharna (left) and Sheena (far right) with Lorna Woodley, General Manager of The Smith Family, WA.

Sophie with her mother, Sherrie.



New South Wales Luncheon

Where: The Grace Hotel, Sydney
Attendees: 132

Guest speaker: Jane Hutcheon, ABC journalist, presenter and author

Learning for Life student: Sophie has been supported by The Smith Family for four years, through high school and now in her first year at university where she is studying social science, with a major in psychology. *Learning*

for Life sponsorship has provided crucial financial and emotional support to help Sophie and her younger siblings succeed at school and plan a better future. During high school, Sophie used the financial assistance to purchase her school uniform, attend school excursions and engage in further learning opportunities to help her pass her subjects. The Smith Family's *iTrack* mentoring program was instrumental in helping Sophie achieve her goal of going to university.

"Before I had a Smith Family sponsor, I remember wearing school shoes with holes in them. When it rained my socks would get wet and I left puddles wherever I went, so I walked around the school with paper towels to mop up after myself. I felt embarrassed

and the other students bullied me. The first thing we did when we received The Smith Family sponsorship was to buy a new pair of school shoes so I didn't get bullied...The Smith Family has supported my whole family. My younger sister took part in the student2student program and her reading improved so much. My brother did the iTrack mentoring program. Now he is interested in doing a trade and going to TAFE. I have always wanted to go to university. When I did the iTrack mentoring program, my mentor supported me in my decision to pursue my passion, forensic psychology, as a career. All this support has helped us to receive the education that we desire."

Rewards and Recognition

Over the past six months, many VIEW members have been acknowledged for their volunteering efforts and dedication to their communities. In this issue we recognise some of these generous and committed women. If you know a VIEW member who has received an award or who was recently recognised in their community, please let us know by emailing view@thesmithfamily.com.au.

National Convention Recognition Awards

Three outstanding VIEW members were recognised for their dedication and commitment to our organisation at the VIEW National Convention in September 2015. Each member has given so much to VIEW and contributed far more than would be expected of them in their roles. Robin Perros, National President 2014–15, presented the awards.

National President's Award for Excellence

Congratulations to Past National Vice President Jillian Smith from Tuggeranong Day VIEW Club (ACT). This award recognises a VIEW member who, in the opinion of the National President, has made a significant impact in advancing VIEW and its members during the past two years. Jillian is a passionate advocate for VIEW and The Smith Family. She encourages members to become involved at Club, Zone and National levels for the benefit of their clubs and the organisation. She is a valued member of the Future of VIEW Working Group and is also the Coordinator for the Past Senior Officers, keeping these valuable women informed, up-to-date and in touch.



Jillian Smith and Robin Perros.



George Forbes Award

Congratulations to Past National Vice President Lyn Geer from Greensborough Evening VIEW Club (VIC). This award honours a member who has, during the past two years, contributed to the advancement of VIEW nationally. Lyn has been a member of VIEW since 1996 and is committed to ensuring that VIEW moves with the times and remains viable and relevant in the future. Lyn was elected as National Vice President for the 2010–11 term and has been a valued member of the Future of VIEW Working Group since its inception in 2012. Recently, Lyn was part of the Development Team for the new Plenty Valley VIEW Club in Melbourne, and her guidance, mentorship and knowledge of VIEW were crucial in establishing this club.

Special Commendation Award for Development

Congratulations to Anne Strangway from Adelaide West VIEW Club (SA). This award recognises a VIEW member who has worked hard to ensure that VIEW development is promoted in her state. As the Development Team Leader in South Australia (SA), Anne has been instrumental in the recent opening of three VIEW Clubs in SA: Onkaparinga VIEW Club, The Vines Evening VIEW Club and Prospect VIEW Club. She has also held workshops about publicity and public speaking, and is well known for her 'pop up' promotional stall. Anne was also heavily involved in helping pull back her own club from the brink of closure with just 15 members to become a thriving club with over 70 members. She is currently working to establish another new VIEW Club in SA.



Suzanne Schultz (second from right) with Councillors Koliana Winchester and Bob Millar and Mayor Allan Sutherland (far right).

Community Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to Zone Councillor Suzanne Schultz (pictured above) from Redcliffe Peninsula VIEW Club (QLD) who was awarded the inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award for Moreton Bay Shire in January this year.

Well done also to Madge Doust from Lugarno Evening VIEW Club (NSW) who received the Senior Volunteer Achievement Award in the St George Community Awards, and Helen Cashel, President of Grafton VIEW Club (NSW), who was named 2015 Senior Volunteer for the Northern Rivers region.

Congratulations again to Lyn Geer (pictured top left) who was shortlisted in the top six for the Victorian Premier's Volunteer of the Year Award, known as the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award. Research into Lyn's volunteering history by fellow volunteer and VIEW member Kathy Macros revealed that Lyn has donated nearly 20,000 hours to volunteering — the equivalent of 11 years of her life!



Anne Strangway with Robin Perros.

NSW Hidden Treasures Honour Roll

This award celebrates women volunteers who give so much to NSW rural, regional and remote communities. This year, two VIEW members from Cessnock VIEW Club were named on the Honour Roll: Joan McNaughton and Jean Watson. Congratulations!

Community in profile

Spotlight on Area VC: North and Western Metropolitan Melbourne & North and Western Country

VIEW in Area VC

As at March 2016

923

members

18 VIEW Clubs

63 Learning for Life students sponsored

Fun, friendship and fundraising

Ocean Grove Evening VIEW Club

Just four years ago Ocean Grove Evening VIEW Club (VIC) had only a handful of members. Today, the club boasts 130 members and is well known within the local community for its active volunteers and many and varied club activities. In the last 12 months, more than \$17,600 was raised by the club for The Smith Family — what an amazing feat!

Known to attract new members through referrals and word of mouth,

the club's membership success is partly due to the warm welcome given to new members. Each new member is welcomed to a meeting by the 'member support group' and presented with a Club Welcome Booklet and VIEW Brochure.

Within the Ocean Grove community, VIEW members are well known for their generosity towards the wider community, with many members actively involved in community group activities, events and other volunteering opportunities beyond their involvement with VIEW.

In addition to the regular monthly evening meeting, the club also offers 18 interest groups across a wide range of activities so members with common interests can meet regularly, share good times and fundraise. Activities or interest groups on offer include walking, cycling, travel, singing, movies, craft, gardening, technology, a book club and a 'happy hour' club. Each group offers a positive way to build friendships and deepen the VIEW experience for members.

Ocean Grove Evening VIEW Club is also directly associated with The Smith Family's *Learning for*

Life team based at Northern Bay College in Corio. This connection has enabled members to volunteer with and assist The Smith Family in very practical ways, including making reading rugs and smocks and being involved with the *student2student* reading program.

Despite being busy with fun activities and friendships, members never lose sight of the important task of raising funds for The Smith Family. Members work hard on a range of fundraising activities throughout the year. One unique initiative sees the club receive a \$500 donation from a local real estate company for every property sale referred or owned by a VIEW member. This initiative was offered in the club's first year and has continued to make a significant contribution to donations. Members never tire of the excitement of receiving these cheques during a meeting.

In 2016, the club is looking forward to welcoming new members and introducing new activities and fundraising opportunities to help support The Smith Family and *Learning for Life* students.



Ocean Grove Evening VIEW Club's gourmet group enjoy eating out together.

Connecting in Community

Australia Day aboard HMAS Adelaide

VIEW National President, Gwen Wilton and VIEW National Manager, Maryanne Maher celebrated Australia Day at a BBQ Community Luncheon on board the Navy's largest ever flagship, HMAS Adelaide. The pair joined His Excellency, The Governor of NSW, David Hurley AC DSC, as part of a larger group from The Smith Family which included General Manager, NSW & ACT, Steve Macready and *Learning for Life* students Tenile and Tegan and their family.



L-R: Tegan, Maryanne Maher and Tenile on board HMAS Adelaide.

From aboard HMAS Adelaide, guests had a bird's eye view of the Australia Day celebrations on Sydney Harbour including the 21-gun salute to commission the ship, an aerial flyover of RAAF fast jets and the Annual Ferrython Race.

Entertainment on board included performances by a youth choir and a group of indigenous crew members, as well as a game of cricket played on the ship's flight deck with balls securely connected to long strings.

The special invitation recognised the important work of not-for-profit and community organisations such as The Smith Family and VIEW Clubs within NSW communities.



L-R: Barb Colson, Anthea Metcalfe, Charmaine Sherman, Zone Councillor Marlene Gordon and Kris Behets.

Membership drive in Perth's CBD

The Western Australian Development Team is working hard to grow its membership base across the state, and in March began exploring the potential for a Perth CBD VIEW Club by hosting an introduction breakfast. Aimed at attracting professional women who work in the CBD, the breakfast was held in the city before work hours. Many of the benefits of VIEW were promoted including the networking opportunities, social collegiate activities and access to professional learning opportunities. Thirty two women attended the event, with many invited by current VIEW members and The Smith Family team from WA.

There are currently six VIEW Clubs with 299 members in Western Australia.

Officeworks Fundraising Day

In February, VIEW Clubs showed their support for The Smith Family's Back to School Appeal by working with The Smith Family's corporate partner, Officeworks, to host a National Fundraising Day. Held on Saturday 13 February, VIEW members volunteered their time to run sausage sizzles and promote The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program at local participating Officeworks stores. Donations raised on the day went towards The Smith Family's Back to School Appeal to ensure disadvantaged Australian students have the basic supplies they need for the 2016 school year.

This is the third year Officeworks has partnered with The Smith Family to support the Back to School Appeal. Help from VIEW members on the day ensured the message about disadvantage and the importance of supporting a child's education was shared with shoppers visiting the stores. VIEW members were also able to promote their own club's good work and hand out brochures to women interested in joining VIEW. This approach was particularly successful for Frances Turner, President of the Canberra City Evening VIEW Club (ACT) who recruited two new members while



L-R: Kathy McDonald, Nan Beanland, Anne Bamford and Judy Werner from Kenmore Evening VIEW Club (QLD).

volunteering at the Belconnen Officeworks store. Well done Frances!

Thank you to all VIEW members who assisted with this important fundraising initiative.

Around the Clubs



Ferntree Gully VIEW Club founding members, Margaret Merryless (left) and Hilary Broadwell.

Happy 20th Ferntree Gully

Last June, Ferntree Gully VIEW Club (VIC) celebrated its 20th anniversary with an aptly themed 'Roaring 20s' party. Ninety-four members attended including guests from surrounding VIEW Clubs including Past National President Robin Perros, National Councillor Annette Schlafrig and Zone Councillor Jeanette Elker, who all celebrated the club's success. Ferntree Gully is a thriving club that supports five *Learning for Life* students.

Well-received books

The tiny Brooweena State School in Queensland appreciated receiving a book pack from members of Fraser Coast VIEW Club (QLD). The school is located 47 kilometres west of Maryborough in a small farming community and has only 17 students enrolled. The books are very much sought after by the students!



L-R: Vice President Sandra Saunders, President Gillian Ryan and David Teefey, Principal of Brooweena State School.



VIEW member, Sue Perfrement, modelling at the fashion parade.

Fundraising fashion parade

A fashion parade hosted by Denman Evening VIEW Club (NSW) looks set to be a regular event on the local community's calendar with \$1,500 raised for The Smith Family's learning and support programs for

disadvantaged students. Thanks to support from local businesses including retailer Sheryn Wolfgang from The Beauty Spot, who provided the beautiful garments and accessories worn by the models, the event was a huge success. With 114 guests in attendance, Club Vice President, Dianne Whitten said the evening was a great opportunity to talk to the community about VIEW's role and connection with The Smith Family, with the aim of recruiting new members. "We were overwhelmed by the response from our local community. Thank you to everyone involved, especially the local businesses who donated the raffle prizes. There is already talk of what we can do differently next year when apparently we will be hosting another fashion parade!"

207 years of service!

What an achievement! Together these five members of Goulburn Evening VIEW Club (NSW) (pictured left to right) have accrued 207 years of service to VIEW. Congratulations to Jan Wright (40 years); Lynette Brown (40 years); Bev Edgar (44 years); Charlotte McCarthy (43 years); and Helen McAleer (40 years).





L-R: Katherine Daday and Robin Jarvis from The Smith Family; National Councillor Jan Roberts, Rosalie Wells, Smith Family volunteer, Gail and Jan Westcott.

Woden members join Fun Run

Members from Woden VIEW Club (ACT) joined staff from The Smith Family to volunteer and take part in a charity fun run sponsored by consulting and IT company, WIPRO. With the aim of raising funds to support children's education, WIPRO approached The Smith Family to be the event's charity partner and recipient of all donations raised.

Smith Family staff from the Woden office invited VIEW members to join in the fun by assisting on the day or taking part in the charity run. Several VIEW volunteers manned a table, while others participated in the walk around Lake Tuggeranong. "It was a fantastic day. Approximately 200 people participated in the fun run, with all money donated to The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* students. It was a wonderful opportunity to promote VIEW and The Smith Family working together in our local community," said Rosalie Wells from Woden VIEW Club.



L-R: Judith Worland, Vera Spurling, Yvonne Edward and June Breguet from Geelong Day VIEW Club.

Chair bag giving

When Northern Bay College in Corio, Victoria made an urgent call for 130 colourful chair bags for the preps and first graders, members from Geelong Day VIEW Club (VIC) were quick to respond. "We accepted the challenge and it was a delight to see the beaming faces of the little children as they fitted their chair bags and filled the pockets with books and pencils," said Club President Judith Worland. The colourful fabrics were donated by a generous member who also cut out the patterns so other members could quickly sew the bags. The appreciation felt by all the children was shown by one little boy who embraced the legs of VIEW member, Vera Spurling, and looked up and simply said: "Thank you". All members agreed this sincere gesture made all the hard work worthwhile.

Double century!

Two longstanding VIEW members recently celebrated their 100th birthdays with friends from VIEW. Happy birthday to Mona Moore from Picton VIEW Club (NSW), pictured right with National President, Gwen Wilton, and Dorice Noy from Galston VIEW Club (NSW). Mona joined club in February 1967, just 18 months after the club was formed. She was an active member in all activities and over the ensuing years held almost every position on the club's committee. Until 2003, at age 87, she remained a keen participant in the annual Christmas concert. Not letting age weary her, Mona continues to regularly attend luncheon meetings and outings with a smile and kind word for everyone.



Mona Moore celebrating her birthday.

Dorice has been a member of Galston VIEW Club for 20 years. To celebrate her birthday milestone, Galston VIEW Club President, Marjorie Jackson presented Dorice with Honorary Life Membership to the club. Zone Councillor Ros Dinnell also presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication and commitment to the club over many years.

Lugarno Evening Walk with VIEW

Members from Lugarno Evening VIEW Club (NSW) recently held a *Walk with VIEW* through the streets of Mortdale and Oatley to let locals know about VIEW's role in the community. Resplendent

in purple and proudly carrying their VIEW banner, the walkers were joined by other (non-walking) members for coffee and lunch before and after the casual walk.



Lugarno Evening VIEW Club members.



International Women's Day Events

VIEW Clubs across the country celebrated International Women's Day with an array of luncheons and functions for members and guests.



Peakhurst, NSW



Brisbane, QLD



Melbourne, VIC



Bellingen Valley, NSW



Wollongong, NSW



Melbourne, VIC



Perth, WA



Yamba, NSW
(Photo Adam Hourigan/APN)



Brisbane, QLD



VIEW Travel Pack

3 luggage tags and
a document wallet

Material: PVC

Size: DL document wallet and
9 cm diameter luggage tags

VIEW Bag
Material: Non-woven
Size: 30 cm x 30 cm x 20 cm



VIEW Apron

Material: Cotton
Size: 86 cm x 70 cm



VIEW Pen

Material: Metal
Size: 13 cm



VIEW Nailfile

Material: Glass
Size: 9 cm x 1 mm



VIEW Umbrellas

2 options available
Compact and folding
Material: Polyester
Size: 94 cm diameter



VIEW Lapel Pin

Material: Metal
Size: 11 mm



Spectacle Cleaning Cloths

2 options available
Material: Microfibre
Size: 16 cm x 16 cm

All money raised from the sale of VIEW gifts helps children in need to succeed at school.

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*I live with my mum in a tent.
I go to school in second hand shoes.
We can't afford my school camps.
I don't bring friends around.*

When I'm big, I don't want to be poor.

Jenny* is one of 638,000 children living in jobless families in Australia¹. The effects of her family's severe financial disadvantage impact her every day. It's now affecting her school life.

**She's struggling in class.
She feels isolated and alone.
She doesn't know how to ask for help.**

Without extra tools and support, Jenny will fall further and further behind. She'll never reach her potential.

But your donation today will help give children like Jenny access to vital support and out of school learning programs. You'll help these children to fit in, take part at school and get started on a path out of poverty and into a better future.



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¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics (2013). *Labour force status and other characteristics of families*, June 2012.

* Jenny's name and associated images have been changed to protect her identity.