

# VIEW Matters

November 2023



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**VIEW National Convention Hobart**  
**Closing the digital divide**  
**Around the Clubs**





## Our Vision

Women creating and leading a more inclusive society.

## Our Mission

As a leading voice and valued support network for women, VIEW actively supports, raises awareness of, and participates in, the work of The Smith Family.

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## From the Executive

Congratulations and thank you to each and every VIEW member for making 2023 such a spectacular year for VIEW. A year where your commitment to making connections has well and truly made a difference to the educational outcomes of thousands of children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

It is with some sadness, but immense pride that Evelyn, Elizabeth and I present this message, our final as your VIEW National Executive 2022-23. What a thrilling time we have had over the past two years – two wonderful National Conventions, five new VIEW Clubs, a record number of students sponsored through the *Learning*

*for Life* program – plus many more highlights and special occasions.

Undoubtedly, one of the most enjoyable activities for 2023 was the wonderful VIEW National Convention in Hobart in September. Some 400 VIEW members from across Australia ventured to beautiful Hobart for three inspiring days of listening, sharing, learning and having fun. When the sun went down, Hobart lit up in purple neon (quite literally) and VIEW members danced and sang the night away at the social events and fantastic Gala Dinner. Attendees were lucky to hear from some wonderful speakers, including Her Excellency Mrs Hurley (VIEW's Patron) who sang a song about VIEW members! Read all the details on pages 6-10. Congratulations to the Hobart Convention Sub-Committee who did a fabulous job hosting us all. We can't wait for the next Convention in Brisbane in 2025!

As part of its growth strategy, The Smith Family is aiming to increase the number of students on the *Learning for Life* program from 60,000 currently, to 100,000 by 2027. If The Smith Family is to achieve this ambitious target, VIEW Clubs need to step up and indeed we have. Thanks to generous and committed VIEW members, our organisation continues to be the largest community sponsor of children on the *Learning for Life* program. At Convention, we were delighted to announce the wonderful

achievement of now sponsoring more than 1,700 students!

Every VIEW member should be very proud of reaching this milestone. Your hard work raising more funds, organising more fun social activities and events and inviting more women to join us is paying off! Your commitment is helping create more opportunities to raise awareness about VIEW and the work we do in community to support the education of Australian children in need, and The Smith Family.

Congratulations to the incoming National Executive 2024-25 who were announced at Convention: Elizabeth Birch (National President), Sandra Jankovskis and Lorraine Thomson (National Vice Presidents).

After the excitement of Convention, we were delighted to celebrate another new VIEW Club, this time in Whittlesea, north-east from Melbourne's central business. With several more VIEW Clubs in the pipeline, the future of VIEW is shining bright!

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to you all. We wish you and your families a safe and relaxing festive season. Thank you for supporting VIEW and The Smith Family. Your contributions are helping children and young people experiencing disadvantage unlock a better future for themselves.

**Marg Woodhouse (NP), Evelyn Berg, Elizabeth Birch.**  
VIEW National Executive 2022-23

VIEW is a national women's organisation with over 14,000 members in nearly 300 communities exclusively supporting the education charity The Smith Family. Members sponsor students, volunteer, raise funds and advocate to improve the life outcomes of Australian children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

As The Smith Family's largest community sponsor of Learning for Life students, VIEW supports the educational outcomes of more than 1,700 disadvantaged children and young people.

Through its connection with The Smith Family, VIEW is proud to enable better futures for young Australians.

National President: Marg Woodhouse  
National Vice Presidents: Evelyn Berg and Elizabeth Birch  
National Councillors: NSW: Brenda Caligeros, Dianne Fiddes, Sandra Jankovskis. QLD: Robyn Garard; Jean Jennings, Lorraine Thomson.

SA: Joan Coleman, Pauline Glover.  
VIC: Rosemary Coleman, Bev Orgill.  
Advisors (Past Senior Officers): ACT: June Weise. NSW: Sally Cronberger, Cynthia Guyenette, Pat McRae, Franci Morsink, Anne-Louise O'Connor, Toni Thomas, Gloria Walter. VIC: Jennie Wynd.  
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The Smith Family provides education support to empower Australian children experiencing disadvantage to change their lives. By providing access to out-of-school educational and mentoring support, financial assistance for costs of schooling, and personal support for students and their families, The Smith Family enables the children we work with to thrive at school and help them break the cycle of disadvantage. Investing in a

child's education today will have a long-term impact that allows them to thrive in their education and their life beyond school.

For more information, please visit [thesmithfamily.com.au](http://thesmithfamily.com.au)  
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# 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 14,000 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 students experiencing disadvantage.

Find out more by emailing [view@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:view@thesmithfamily.com.au), visiting our website or phoning our team!

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## Message from The Smith Family

It's hard to believe another year is drawing to a close – and what a year VIEW has had! Five new VIEW Clubs, a wonderful National Convention, 1,700 plus students sponsored, countless fundraising and social events and hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations for The Smith Family.

On behalf of all Smith Family team members, I sincerely thank every VIEW member for your contributions and ongoing commitment to supporting children experiencing disadvantage to get the most from their education.

The past 12 months have been tough with cost-of-living pressures placing even more stress on families who we know are already struggling. We have been grateful to have the support of VIEW members across the country – not only for your fundraising and volunteering efforts, but, equally importantly, for being a voice for us in communities.

I am a big believer in harnessing the power of communities to help drive transformational change and your work as VIEW Club members within your local communities and, more broadly, The Smith Family community, is an integral part of that process. We cannot

put a price on the value of this advocacy work. Please keep it up – children on the *Learning for Life* program need your support more than ever.

In September, I was delighted to attend the VIEW National Convention in Hobart where I experienced first-hand the wonderful enthusiasm and spirit of VIEW.

In my speech I talked about the plans we have for The Smith Family for the next five years.

One of our goals is to ensure all students on our *Learning for Life* program are digitally included by 2027. COVID and remote learning clearly demonstrated just how vital a computer and internet access is for the educational success of every child. To help us achieve this, we have launched our Digital Learning Essentials (DLE) program which provides an extra level of support to ensure young Australians in need can overcome the digital inequality caused by poverty.

We provide *Learning for Life* students with the device, data and digital skills they need to participate in the education system and build crucial skills for the future. I learned that VIEW Clubs have already contributed close to \$100,000 towards the DLE program. Amazing!

Our goals are ambitious – which is why your ongoing commitment to ensure that all children have the opportunity to 'change their future through the power of education' is so important.

So, thank you VIEW for your wonderful contributions to The Smith Family's work and your support of families and children living with disadvantage.

With more than 60 years of helping us achieve our goals, I have no doubt that yet again VIEW members will step up and deliver.

I have enjoyed getting to know VIEW better throughout 2023 and look forward to the year ahead. Thank you for all that you do.

Doug Taylor  
Chief Executive Officer



**We're on Facebook and Instagram!**

Connect with more than 2,300 VIEW members across Australia on the VIEW Clubs of Australia Facebook page or follow @viewclubs on Instagram. We've ramped up our social media activity to bring members and others interested in VIEW more news and updates. Share our posts to reach new members!

## News briefs

**VIEW's impact**  
*Learning for Life* sponsorships supported by VIEW as of October 2023

# 1,712

disadvantaged students at these levels:

School	1,361
Secondary School	312
Tertiary	39



### Christmas wrapping is coming!

Christmas is just around the corner and many VIEW Clubs are preparing to hit local shopping centres to host gift wrapping

stalls and raise funds for their *Learning for Life* students. Good luck to all involved in this fabulous fundraising initiative! Please send your photos to [view@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:view@thesmithfamily.com.au) so we can publish them on Facebook!



### Fun fact!

Almost 900 articles about VIEW Clubs and activities were published in local media across the country during 2023! This means your news has potentially reached an audience of millions of people! What a great effort by VIEW Publicity Officers.



### VIEW Clubs Online Raffle 2023

Our major nationwide fundraising initiative is back again! The VIEW Clubs Online Raffle 2023 is now open. Tickets are on sale online until 11.59pm AEDT Wednesday 6 December 2023.

All funds raised will go towards The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program, creating opportunities for young Australians in need by providing long-term support for their participation in education.

This online (only) raffle offers you – and your family and friends – a chance to win a broad range of stunning prizes with a combined

value over \$14,000. The raffle will be drawn on 7 December, just in time for Christmas!

Purchase tickets via this QR code!



## New VIEW website!

**Have you seen VIEW's wonderful new website?**

We recently launched an updated design that is more user-friendly and easier to navigate. The site also has improved security and easier access to resources. While it may look a little different, the site is still the place to promote your activities, events, meetings and news to attract new members and showcase the work you do in your local community. Visit [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) today!



# VIEW National Convention Hobart

**From September 8-10, Hobart shined brightly in neon purple to celebrate VIEW coming to town.**

For the first time in 56 years of the VIEW National Convention, 400 enthusiastic VIEW members touched down in Tasmania's beautiful city of Hobart for three wonderful days of celebrating the Voice, Interests and Education of Women and VIEW's support of The Smith Family.



## A beautiful beginning

Convention kicked off on Friday morning with a memorable Welcome to Country and song performed by Palawa Youth Leaders, *Learning for Life* recipients and sisters Laine and Pyper. It was such a delightful way to begin with them welcoming us, sharing their cultural knowledge and promoting the cultural connection. Attendees were also welcomed by Hobart's Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Helen Burnet before VIEW Patron, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, addressed the room.

## Inspirational speech from VIEW Patron

Her Excellency Mrs Hurley was clearly delighted to finally make it to Convention after two last-minute cancellations, in 2021 due to COVID and in 2022 due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Wearing her deep purple coatdress and VIEW scarf, which had been gifted to her by Western Australian VIEW members, the audience immediately warmed to her, enjoying her inspirational

address. Mrs Hurley commented that "The Queen's devotion to duty, tireless and selfless service, and compassion for others, will forever remain an example to all. The many achievements of VIEW reflect those same qualities". Mrs Hurley then sang a VIEW song she had written and invited the audience to sing a chorus of 'You are my Sunshine' with her. Mrs Hurley received a standing ovation; attendees were both thrilled and charmed by the performance and speech! It was wonderful to finally have the opportunity to hear from our VIEW Patron.



## Panel of Inspirational Australians

Friday's afternoon session featured the Panel of Inspirational Australians, facilitated by Wendy Kennedy, Executive Officer of the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association. The diverse panel guests were Lara Giddings, former Premier and now CEO of AMA Tasmania; Dr Michelle Heupel, Director of Australia's Integrated Marine Observing system (IMOS) and marine science researcher; Deborah Wace, Tasmanian botanical artist, fabric designer and professional printmaker; Associate Professor

Clair Andersen, Aboriginal Higher Education Advisor at the University of Tasmania (and Hobart VIEW Club member); and Dr Alison Alexander, historian and author. With wide-ranging experiences and life stories, the panellists presented a stimulating and thought-provoking discussion leaving attendees with much to reflect on.



## Social dinners

In true VIEW style, the two themed social dinners on Friday night featured superb live entertainment that saw attendees out of their chairs and dancing well into the night. At the *Ahoy Matey's* dinner, a crew of pirates, sailors, cutthroats and buccaneers (plus a stunning mermaid and an octopus) were joined by *The Stranded Wailers* who sang traditional sea shanties to get everyone in a seafaring mood. At *The Great Gatsby* dinner, guests came in elegant gowns with glitz, glamour and feather boas in true 1920s style. A local dance group gave an exhibition of the Charleston and other dance movements of the era.



## Update from The Smith Family CEO

The Smith Family's CEO Doug Taylor then spoke, highlighting the valuable contribution VIEW members make in their communities. Doug shared updates on activities at The Smith Family, including how the organisation is progressing with its 2027 targets of reaching more students through the *Learning for Life* program and educational opportunities that deliver long-term positive benefits. Doug thanked all VIEW members for their vital support before

introducing *Learning for Life* alumni, Alex, to share her story - see right for an extract of Alex's speech.

We thank Rachel Digby, General Manager of Black Pepper (above) for her support at Convention, including the vibrant fashion parade during lunch.



## VIEW achievements

After hearing from Alex, Marg Woodhouse, VIEW National President, gave her update on VIEW's achievements for 2023. These included opening new clubs and sponsoring more *Learning for Life* students. Marg's address was also an opportunity to introduce the new VIEW website and unveil VIEW's brand refresh. Marg, with assistance from National Vice Presidents, Elizabeth Birch and Evelyn Berg, also announced recipients of the National Awards - see page 10. Congratulations to these wonderful VIEW women.

## Alex, former *Learning for Life* student

"Recently mum told me that when I started high school she was, 'just going through the motions trying to stay afloat and keep the house' while trying to raise four children. In those years she didn't work. A family friend helped her sign up for the *Learning for Life* sponsorship. The money we received helped to keep us in our after-school activities, to buy our school supplies, our clothes and shoes

for school. Because of this, with her own money, mum could make sure we had books, art supplies and other activities at home. That support meant that we could have enrichment at home as well as school. I'm a full-time teacher now. I have a deep yearning to give someone else the support I had growing up. I don't think there's anything else that can fill me with such fierce passion and pride than seeing a young person learn, realise their worth, and come into their own. Knowing that I am a part of making that happen now feels like I have reached my dreams."





# VIEW *National Convention* Hobart

**Hearing from the Governor of Tasmania, and the wonderful Writer's Festival, were highlights of Day Two, followed by a fabulous Gala Dinner with attendees having the opportunity to arrive by ferry.**

Many members took time early on Saturday morning to wander through Hobart's famous Salamanca Market, before gathering back at the Grand Chancellor Hotel for Day Two of Convention – another wonderful day of listening, learning and laughing.



## George Forbes Oration

The morning began with an inspiring Georges Forbes Oration delivered by Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC. The Governor, who is a great supporter of VIEW and The Smith Family, spoke about her stellar career and contributions to the law, judiciary and administration of justice. She also shared some of her experiences as a mentor and role model for young women.

## Chairman's address

The Smith Family's Chairman, Nicholas Moore, who was unable to attend Convention, recorded a special video message, congratulating the VIEW Leadership Team on the important governance project currently underway to strengthen VIEW Clubs and build closer connections with The Smith Family. Nicholas thanked all VIEW members for their unwavering support and commitment to The Smith Family.



## Resolutions

The Voice of VIEW Resolutions Debate was once again presented with great passion. During this session, attendees heard and voted on important issues that will form part of VIEW's advocacy work. See page 10 to learn the final outcome of the voting and see what issues VIEW will champion next year.



## Writer's Festival

The Writer's Festival session is always a highlight and this year's panel of Tasmanian authors was an absolute delight! The session was facilitated by the entertaining Jane Longhurst, an award-winning actor and popular ABC Local Radio presenter. Joining her were authors Robbie Arnott (accompanied by his baby daughter), Kate Kruijnk, Katherine Johnson and Meg Bignell. It was a spirited and fun session which had attendees chuckling throughout.



## Gala Dinner

Saturday night's impressive Gala Dinner was a chance for all attendees to come together to socialise, dance and have fun.

This year, by special arrangement, guests arrived by the Mona Roma Ferry to a purple-lit Wrest Point Tower which added some special flair to the night. MC John X entertained the audience before the wonderful and energetic *Sugartrain* and *The Baking Sodas* bands had guests up and dancing to hits from across the decades. It was a packed dance floor for the rest of the evening! See page 14 for photos of the fun.



## Sunday recovery walk

Hobart's weather certainly put on a show. Organisers were absolutely delighted to wake up to blue skies on Sunday morning for the final Convention activity – a Community Celebration Walk With VIEW. Some 200 VIEW members dressed in purple walked from the Grand Chancellor Hotel to the Queens Domain and Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and back again

via Hobart Cenotaph to reflect on what they had heard at Convention and connect one final time with VIEW friends. The sea of purple that walked through the streets certainly drew some attention! It was a fabulous way to end a truly special Convention!



## VIEW's next *National Convention*

will be held in **September 2025** in:

**BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND.**

More details coming soon!





## More VIEW news

### National Awards 2022-23

Congratulations to the following VIEW members who were recognised at Convention for their outstanding contributions over the past two years.

Jean Jennings, VIEW National Councillor from Queensland, received the George Forbes Award.

Toni Thomas, Advisor for Western Sydney, NSW (pictured), received the National President's Award.

June Weise, Advisor for Canberra and surrounds ACT, received the Special Commendation Award.

### Meet the VIEW National Executive for 2024-25.

VIEW National President elect Elizabeth Birch from NSW (middle). National Vice Presidents elect Lorraine Thomson from QLD (left) and Sandra Jankovskis from NSW (right).



## Resolutions

### Get to know the VIEW Resolutions for 2024-25 (in order of preference):



**Social housing and local and regional support networks to address homelessness.**

Members of the VIEW Resolution Sub-Committee will send letters to Government organisations and relevant Statutory Authorities calling for more



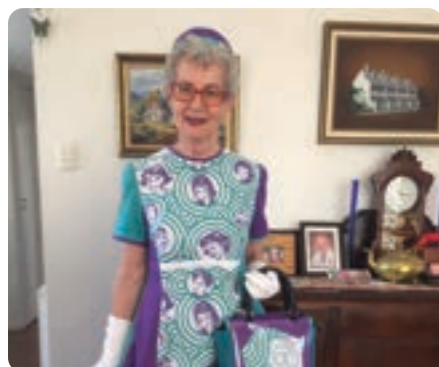
**Providing adequate internet access including digital resources and skills to children in rural and remote areas of Australia.**

action on these important issues. VIEW Clubs are encouraged to actively participate in contacting their local MPs and community organisations in support of these



**Restrictions on sports betting company advertising.**

resolutions. For consistency in messaging, template letters for clubs and members to personalise will be available on [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) in 2024.



### Photography competition winners!

Our 'Re-purpose. Re-invent. Re-use' photo competition was a huge success! Congratulations to all winners! Check them out at [thesmithfamily.com.au/view-clubs/resources/competitions](http://thesmithfamily.com.au/view-clubs/resources/competitions)



## Digital Learning Essentials program

VIEW donations are helping to ensure all students have the digital devices and technology they need to keep up and thrive at school.

A laptop, reliable internet access and digital skills are now a vital part of all student's education. Sadly however, cost-of-living pressures mean families experiencing disadvantage can't afford the digital devices their children need to make the most of their education.

To help families struggling with the cost of technology, The Smith Family has launched a new program to provide students in need with a laptop, internet access, digital skills and technical support. Known as *Digital Learning Essentials*, the program aims to ensure all students have technology skills and feel confident navigating the online world.

Many VIEW clubs are now choosing to send donations to the *Digital Learning Essentials* program, with almost \$100,000 received from VIEW towards this program already!

Springwood VIEW Club (NSW) is one club whose members decided donating to this program was a great way to make a difference.

"Our club decided to give to the *Digital Learning Essentials* program after realising and hearing how far behind students experiencing disadvantage became during COVID-19 and home schooling without Wi-Fi, laptops or anything in the household allowing them to keep up with their learning," says Toni, President of Springwood VIEW Club.

"Some students were just using a mobile phone or one device when there were multiple children trying to access schoolwork. Our club wants all children to have access to technology."

Toni says members realised the importance of digital literacy during the pandemic when communicating online became so important for keeping in touch with each other.

"During the lockdowns and over two years of not being able to see relatives, members realised that we needed to participate in the digital world. It is the way of learning and the world we live in."

Darci (19) has been sponsored by The Smith Family since she was 11 years old. She says being part of the *Learning for Life* program helped her get through high school, changing the course of her life and giving her the opportunity to follow her dream to pursue university

studies. Through the *Learning for Life* program and *Digital Learning Essentials* program, Darci and her seven siblings have all the tools and support they need to succeed.

Darci is now in her first year at the University of Newcastle, studying a Bachelor of Social Sciences.

"The *Learning for Life* program helped me get laptops and textbooks – things I wouldn't have been able to afford. It's taken the pressure off not having to use the money I need to live on," she says.

"Sponsorship has been absolutely critical for my education; without it I don't think I'd be where I am."

Contact [view@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:view@thesmithfamily.com.au) if your club would like to donate to *Digital Learning Essentials*.

### New club!

As we were putting this edition together, the newest VIEW Club was being inaugurated in Whittlesea, Victoria. Congratulations to the Victorian Development team, led by Lyn Geer, Jennie Wynd, Carolyn Taylor, Pam Shaw and Edna Burwash, and President of Whittlesea VIEW Club Ann Balharrie on a wonderful inaugural. Whittlesea is located northwest of Melbourne's CBD and has 29 founding members.



# Around the Clubs

## Blue Illusion National Shopping Day

An amazing \$21,641 was raised for The Smith Family at the Blue Illusion National Shopping Day in September. Our wonderful fashion partner Blue Illusion hosted exclusive instore events

for VIEW members and their friends and 7% of all sales from the day were donated to The Smith Family. It was great to see VIEW members getting behind this generous initiative. Thank

you to Blue Illusion across the country for supporting VIEW and the education of children experiencing disadvantage.

## Moree Day 50th birthday exhibition

Moree Day VIEW Club (NSW) marked its 50th anniversary in August with a wonderful historical exhibition at their local community library. As one of the oldest, continuously active clubs in the area, Moree Day VIEW Club (NSW) was invited to exhibit their club's history by Tian Harris, the library's Local History & Digitisation Officer. Holding the exhibition to coincide with the club's 50th birthday made perfect sense!

Over many decades, Moree Day VIEW members have collected a treasure trove of historical materials related to their club and VIEW. Members supplied Tian with items including the club's Charter, minute books from the first Committee of 1973, scrapbooks of photos and



press clippings, old committee badges, an old VIEW Club manual and introduction to VIEW booklet, as well as archive copies of the VIEW Constitution. Tian pulled everything together into an interesting and

informative exhibition which was on display for two weeks. Members were absolutely delighted with the result. What a great way to celebrate the rich history of VIEW and a significant milestone!

## Geelong's hamper elves

A Christmas in July meal hamper fundraiser organised by Geelong Day VIEW Club (VIC) members was a huge success, raising vital funds for the club's *Learning for Life* students. Members Sue K and Sue B organised Da! Café & Catering to prepare the delicious hampers which were hand delivered to recipients by enthusiastic VIEW elves! What a great fundraising idea for winter!



## Connecting with sponsored students

Rockingham Sound Day VIEW (WA) sponsors 15 *Learning for Life* students!

To keep members connected with their students, Kathy, the club's

Liaison Officer, has created this wonderful information board using details provided in each student's profile. The board shows the name, age and interests of each sponsored student and is displayed at meetings.

What a great idea!

## Logan VIEW tree planting

We love this story of connection! Queensland VIEW Zone Councillor Lernele donated a tree to Logan VIEW Club (QLD) to represent the growth between The Smith Family, VIEW and the *Learning for Life* students they sponsor. Local Councillor Teresa Lane arranged for the tree to be planted at Logan Gardens with recognition of Logan VIEW Club to be included on a seat under the tree. What a lovely initiative!



## South East Queensland walkers

Every year, VIEW members from neighbouring clubs in South East Queensland dust off their walking shoes to come together for a fundraising Walk With VIEW. A different club hosts each year, choosing the route and organising refreshments at the

end of the walk. This year Surfers Paradise VIEW Club members played host, taking walkers to the beautiful Gold Coast Botanical Gardens. It was a beautiful day with birds and VIEW members chirping and chattering away!



## Victorian members entertained and inspired at Gala

A classical guitarist and a line-up of excellent speakers guaranteed that the Gala for Victorian VIEW Clubs from the South Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula and Gippsland was a great success. Held at Ballarat Golf Club, National President Marg Woodhouse was joined by Anton Leschen, General Manager, Victoria, The Smith Family; *Learning for Life* Alumni Jaidyn, special guest Joy Sparks, Black Pepper's 2023 'Kindest

Person in Australia' Award Winner and guitarist Phillip Orgil, who each informed, entertained, inspired and challenged the 158 enthusiastic attendees.

Highlights from the day included the honour roll of members who had passed since 2020, recognition for Making a Difference Award recipients for 2022-23, and an amazing raffle and trading table which helped to raise funds to support the purchase of seven (7) *Digital Learning Essentials* packages for *Learning for Life* students. Great work Bev (pictured above, middle) and fellow VIEW members!



## Tonsley turns 2!

It's wonderful to see a young club thriving! In October members from Tonsley VIEW Club (SA) and guests celebrated the club's second birthday! Tonsley VIEW was inaugurated during the disrupted COVID-19 pandemic years and now sponsors eight *Learning for Life* students. The birthday celebrations this year included fun performers and entertainment as well as recognition for the club's first Making a Difference Award recipient. Congratulations to all involved!





# VIEW Merchandise

New



## VIEW Convention photos!

**VIEW Bum Bag!** \$15.00  
Strictly limited quantity



All money raised from the sale of VIEW gifts helps children in need to succeed at school.  
To order any of these VIEW gifts, please email [view@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:view@thesmithfamily.com.au)



# No child should miss out on what they need because of poverty.

With the right support, children like Ruby\* can achieve their best.

But poverty stands in her way. Without the crucial learning support all children need, she risks falling further behind.

This Christmas, VIEW Club members can give Ruby access to the extra out-of-school learning support all children need to achieve their best.



## Change the life of a child this Christmas.

\*Names, location and associated images have been changed to protect the identity of Ruby and her family.

**Please donate today.**

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**CHRISTMAS  
APPEAL  
2023**



**The Smith  
Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.