



**National Minutes
and
Information from National Council**

September 2022

MINUTES AND INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 8 September 2022

Hawke Building, University of South Australia
Level 5 Room 26
55 North Terrace, Adelaide

PRESENT:	<p>National Executive</p> <p>National President Marg Woodhouse, National Vice Presidents Evelyn Berg and Elizabeth Birch</p> <p>National Councillors</p> <p>Joan Coleman Metropolitan Adelaide and Surrounds including Sunraysia; Robyn Garard Brisbane and Surrounds; Pauline Glover Metropolitan Adelaide and Surrounds including Sunraysia; Sandra Jankovskis Macarthur, Southern Highlands & Illawarra region including Wollongong; Jean Jennings The Sunshine and Fraser Coast; Bev Orgill North and Western Metropolitan Melbourne & North and Western Country; Lorraine Thomson Gold Coast and Darling Downs</p> <p>Advisors</p> <p>Sally Cronberger New England and North Central NSW; Anne-Louise O'Connor Hunter/Central Coast Region, NSW Central Tablelands, Central and Western Slopes and Western Plains and Riverina, MIA, Snowy Mountain Foothills and South to Victorian border; Gloria Walter Western Sydney Region; June Weise Canberra and surrounding areas;</p> <p>National Office:</p> <p>VIEW National Manager - Maryanne Maher</p> <p>Administration Coordinator - Linda Custer (Minute Secretary)</p> <p>Business Analyst - Olga Shkuropatova</p>
APOLOGY	<p>NC: Brenda Caligeros NSW Northern Rivers</p> <p>Advisors: Lyn Geer South Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula & Gippsland; Lyn Gerstenberg NSW South Coast Berry to Eden; Cynthia Guyenette Upper Mid North Coast and Clarence Valley Region; Judith Hemmingway Lower Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland; Franci Morsink Sydney North Shore & Northern Beaches; Toni Thomas Western Sydney Region; Kay Underwood Central and Southern Sydney; Jennie Wynd Central & Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne</p>
GUESTS PRESENT	<p>Rhys Kelly Head of Communications The Smith Family</p> <p>Leanne Smith National Manager Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Policy and Indigenous Youth Leadership Program at The Smith Family.</p> <p>Lorraine Montgomery Past National President, Convention Convenor</p>
1. WELCOME	
	<p>Marg began the meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting took place, the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and welcomed the National Councillors and Advisors to the second face to face National Council meeting for 2022.</p>

	<p>Marg mentioned that the National Executive had continued their busy year of connecting with VIEW members with Vice President Elizabeth Birch and National Manager Maryanne Maher travelling in July to Western Australia, to attend the 21st Birthday celebrations of First Wave, the first VIEW Club established in Western Australia. While in WA they conducted training sessions for WA VIEW members (Further details reported in 4.3 VIEW in the Community incl Events, New Clubs)</p> <p>Marg welcomed The Smith Family guest speakers attending the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhys Kelly, Head of Communications and • Leanne Smith, National Manager for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Indigenous Youth Leadership Program at The Smith Family. <p>Marg commented that the National Executive and National Councilors were all looking forward to the 2022 Adelaide Convention - three days of inspiring speakers, fun and celebrations. National Convention is a time to meet old friends and to make new ones as we learn more about the work of The Smith Family and how we can support this work to assist the education of disadvantaged Australian children.</p>
2. MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING	
	<p>Minutes - National Council ratified the minutes of the May 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Moved Sandra Jankovskis Seconded Robyn Garard</p> <p>Accepted Unanimously</p>
3. NATIONAL COUNCIL <i>LEARNING FOR LIFE</i> STUDENT – UPDATE	
	<p>Sandra gave an update to the National Council about Jessica the <i>Learning for Life</i> student they are collectively supporting.</p>
4. SUB-COMMITTEES	
<p>4.1 Resolutions</p>	<p>National Vice President Evelyn Berg spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Resolutions 2022-23</i></p> <p>Councillors and Clubs are reminded that the deadline for Resolution submissions is Friday 25 November 2022.</p> <p>The Resolutions Sub-Committee have received some motions and are seeking other submissions from members and clubs.</p> <p>Guidelines for preparing motions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the number of issues canvassed in the motion to reduce the risk of the motion being lost on one of its parts. • Restrict the Rationale to matters explaining and supporting the motion. • Ensure that the content of your motions explains and supports your arguments. <p><i>Resolutions 2020-21</i></p> <p>VIEW Club's current resolutions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe affordable housing for women and children 2. Reduce the use of Plastic to assist our environment nationally

	<p>3. Better support for students to prepare for their post-school futures</p> <p>For template letters and wording of the resolutions see http://view.org.au/who-we-are/resolutions/.</p> <p>The full list of Resolutions debated at Convention since 1965 are also located on this same webpage page.</p> <p>Note: Resolutions will be debated next year at the 2023 National Convention</p>
<p>4.2</p> <p>External Relations</p>	<p>National Manager VIEW Maryanne Maher spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>National Women’s Alliance - Equal Rights Alliance (ERA)</i></p> <p>ERA attended the Jobs and Skills Summit on 1 and 2 September. The Jobs and Skills Summit is the first step in a lengthy process of workforce review. The Jobs and Skills Summit will cover five broad themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining full employment and growing productivity. • Boosting job security and wages. • Lifting participation and reducing barriers to employment. • Delivering a high-quality labour force through skills, training and migration. • Maximising opportunities in the industries of the future. <p>Throughout the Summit there will be a strong overarching focus on women’s experiences of the labour market and the challenges of ensuring women have equal opportunities and equal pay.</p> <p>This Issues Paper (shared with the National Councillors) outlines the labour market challenges associated with these five themes. It is intended to provide Summit participants and the broader community with a common understanding of these issues so that we can begin working towards solutions to our shared economic challenges and ensure the labour market delivers good outcomes for all. The Summit is the first stage in the process.</p> <p>Ideas raised at the Summit may also be explored further through the White Paper on Employment (the White Paper), which will map a comprehensive blueprint for Australia’s future labour market.</p>
<p>4.3</p> <p>VIEW in the Community incl Events, New Clubs</p>	<p>National Vice President Elizabeth Birch spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>VIEW Clubs across Australia continue to celebrate The Smith Family Centenary.</i></p> <p>Events held: Galas, Zone Conferences, High teas, Birthday celebrations and a Walk With VIEW.</p> <p>Qld: June - QA02 Zone Conference was held at Upper Mt Gravatt, attended by, Qld General Manager Alan Le May, The Smith Family <i>LfL</i> tertiary student Jeanne, guest speaker and National Vice President Elizabeth Birch. 64 members from 9 VIEW Clubs in Zone attended, and the Club Presidents each presented a report on their Club.</p> <p>National Manager VIEW Maryanne Maher and VIEW National President Marg Woodhouse, travelled to Queensland to celebrate the opening of our newest Clubs in North Queensland, Mackay and Bundaberg!</p>

Meet and Greets were held in Brisbane with 15 VIEW Clubs: Brisbane and Surrounds Area QA.

A presentation was made at The Smith Family Qld State Conference Leadership Team Meeting.

In the Sunshine Coast Marg presented Vonda Cannock with her Zone Councillor badge (QB01) and met with members from the 12 VIEW Clubs in Sunshine and Fraser Coasts Area QB.

Congratulations to Mackay VIEW Club President PNP Jan Roberts and Bundaberg Club President Coleen Neboraczek, the committees and development teams. Qld now proudly has 40 VIEW Clubs.

Vic: July – In North and Western Metropolitan Melbourne & North and Western Country (Area VC) 120 members from the 16 VIEW Clubs celebrated The Smith Family Centenary at an event in Geelong. The event was organised by Zone Councillors Janet Park and Judith McPherson, assisted by National Councillor Bev Orgill and VIEW friends. National President Marg Woodhouse spoke, Vic General Manager The Smith Family Anton Leschen was the guest speaker, Mara Clarke Family Partnership Coordinator LfL Centre spoke about her role and Liam Jones a Smith Family Alumni student spoke of his journey and studies through his Science degree and his plans to become a Chemistry and Biology teacher. Members of the soon to be inaugurated Leopold VIEW Club attended too.

NSW: July - Zone Councillors Barbara Gaylard and Dianne Fiddes held a Gala to celebrate 100 years of The Smith Family at Laurieton with 190 VIEW Club members attending from 11 Clubs in Area NK. Guests included Coleen Martin The Smith Family Partnership Coordinator as well as Federal, State and Local Council representatives and NVP Elizabeth Birch. '100 year' Spectacles were displayed by the local VIEW Club members to celebrate The Smith Family Centenary.

WA: July - NVP Elizabeth Birch celebrated The Smith Family Centenary and First Wave VIEW Clubs 21st Birthday - (the first club established in WA in 2001) with 80 VIEW members attending The Smith Family Team Leader Julie McKay and Lou Patchitt from Child and Parent Centre, Westminster WA attended and thanked the members for donating knitted beanies and reading rugs for their students.

NSW: August - Area NC Gala was held at Galston. Advisor Franci Morsink and Zone Councillor Pam Evans welcomed, Kimberley Meredith The Smith Family Partnership Coordinator and Shivani Naidu Scholarship and Partner Schools Coordinator, Sarah Morse guest speaker (Young Australian of the year 2004, Registered Nurse, Humanitarian and a founder/director of Unchained Solutions), and NVP Elizabeth Birch. '100 year' spectacles decorated the tables, and place mats

VIEW Lunch and Learn Sessions for Smith Family team members

Two **Lunch and Learn sessions** were presented by NP Marg Woodhouse and NVP Elizabeth Birch to Smith Family team members via Microsoft Teams. This was only the second time an information session was provided to Smith Family team members (previously held in 2018). These Lunch and Learn Sessions gave Smith Family team members a chance to learn more about VIEW and how VIEW and The Smith Family work and support each other. Utilising Microsoft Teams

	<p>meant that 200 Smith Family team members from across Australia were able to attend.</p> <p>Event Notification</p> <p>Clubs are asked to send through details of any events in the pipeline including The Smith Family Centenary to: PNVP Pat McRae (pat.mcrae@bigpond.com.au) and view@thesmithfamily.com.au by completing the Event – Notification for Insurance Form available at https://view.org.au/resources/forms/. These details are recorded in the Events Register for insurance purposes. Any event in the name of VIEW requires an Event – Notification for Insurance Form for insurance.</p> <p>Invitations to The Executive for Events and Decade Birthdays.</p> <p>Clubs and Councillors are reminded that any invitations for the Executive to attend Events or Decade birthdays should be forwarded to National Office at view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p> <p>VIEW Media</p> <p>Congratulations to VIEW Clubs on their Articles in local media that continue to portray the coverage VIEW is receiving in many community publications. High quality photographs together with succinct reports promoting our members' activities, events and our local support of the work for The Smith Family are powerful tools to promote VIEW in the community to others and increase our profile.</p> <p>VIEW Media Releases The latest media release for Anti-Poverty Week (Monday 16-22 October) will be available in October 2022. VIEW members are reminded to use Media Releases which are provided to clubs and on the VIEW web site http://view.org.au/resources/media-releases/.</p> <p>Christmas Wrapping</p> <p>Clubs are reminded that Christmas is approaching, and it is time to organise Christmas wrapping at local shopping centres, providing a valuable service, promoting VIEW Clubs to prospective members, and fundraising. If possible, arrange to have your VIEW Club banner and also The Smith Family one to show the connection to the public that VIEW is part of The Smith Family. Please send in relevant details through to (pat.mcrae@bigpond.com) so we are able to record the great contribution you have all made.</p>
<p>4.4</p> <p>Promoting our Brand/ Speaker's Bureau</p>	<p>Marg spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Clubs are reminded that the Speakers Bureau speech is for an external audience, such as Lions, Rotary, CWA, Probus, etc to inform them about who we are and what we do and perhaps offer an alternative to their members who might want to become involved in our work with The Smith Family supporting the education of children in need.</p> <p>Requests continue to be received from very keen members to present the Speakers Bureau speech to their Clubs and they have been advised to contact their National Councillor or Advisor instead.</p> <p>If members have an opportunity to promote VIEW and The Smith Family in their community, please contact PNP Gwen Wilton for an updated Speakers Kit with current facts and figures to fully engage and inform the audience.</p> <p>Reports:</p>

	<p>Joan Coleman, NC SA, was invited by TSF General Manager, SA to speak at 'The Biggest Morning Tea' on 18 May at Carsfield Retirement Village in Seaton, SA. Joan spoke about "100 Years of The Smith Family" to approximately 50 people attending. This was very well received resulting in donations of \$325 which she forwarded to National Office.</p> <p>Joan has also spoken at Adelaide Pioneer VIEW, Tea Tree Gully VIEW and Gawler VIEW Clubs and was invited to present to SA Pensioners Association in Gawler.</p> <p>Speakers Kits have been forwarded to:</p> <p>Rachael Redhead, Delegate from Boronia VIEW for one of their members, who is keen to promote VIEW in the community, and</p> <p>Yvonne Bottomley OAM, Tasmania VIEW to speak at two Probus Clubs in the near future.</p> <p>Please forward contacts and/or details for speaking engagements to National Office and/or PNP Gwen Wilton, gwenwilton@bigpond.com. (12 Antill Street Picton NSW 2571)</p>
<p>4.5 Club Development</p>	<p>Maryanne spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The development/creation of new VIEW Clubs is vital to the continued life and health of VIEW.</p> <p>Potential Clubs</p> <p>VIC: Leopold</p> <p>The Victorian Development Team are working towards forming Leopold VIEW Club this year with inauguration early 2023.</p> <p>To date 20-30 women have attended the interest meetings. At each meeting a couple of attendees introduce themselves and talk about their hobbies, careers, why they joined VIEW etc. As well as attending the monthly meeting the women have been getting together enjoying lunches, morning teas, a movie day, book club and walks.</p> <p>The Victorian Development Team appreciate the local publicity and the support from the Leopold Sportsman's Club where meetings are held. Contact Lyn Geer for information (0409 145 073 / lyngeer@bigpond.com)</p> <p>ACT: Yerrabi</p> <p>Yerrabi VIEW Club is continuing its regular meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month. New interested people are being invited by the Area Advisor June Weise for coffee and "one on one" time to provide more information and answer questions. This has been very successful. Contact June Weise for information (0412 617 085 / june3@iinet.net.au)</p> <p>There are currently 23 paid members with others interested. Local VIEW Club members have expressed an interest in joining as second clubbers.</p> <p>Members have picked up some of the duties and an additional meeting will be held in October to discuss forming a committee. Whilst the Club is progressing slowly the members are recognizing that they are members of VIEW and inauguration is not far away.</p> <p>If you know of an area that would benefit from a VIEW Club please contact your Zone/National Councillor or Advisor.</p>

5. WORKING GROUPS

<p>5.1</p> <p>History Working Group</p>	<p>Marg spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you to Zone and National Councillors who have completed forms relevant to Club Inaugurals or Closures.• There have been a number of requests regarding the document <i>Resolutions debated at Convention since 1965</i>. This is available on the VIEW website view.org.au in the Resolutions section. Just click on the link to open.• Clubs are reminded that if they have requests for historical details of VIEW Clubs of Australia, the working group can be contacted via email. We also encourage members to go to the website and explore the history section. Any queries relating to VIEW History to be directed to Susan Groenhout, Chair, History Working Group: view.historymatters@gmail.com.• If you have a story about your club or your time as a VIEW member, please contact the History Working Group as we would like to begin publishing the History. It had been anticipated that the newsletter, with a new title "<i>From the Archives</i>" would have been commenced but it has been delayed, and it is hoped it will be available shortly• Calling interested archivists or historians. Scope: Compile VIEW archival information to provide an enduring record for future reference. Respond to search requests for information about members, past events, and milestones in the history of the organisation. Creating a digital archive. Looking for: Councillors/members with a passion for historical record keeping. All Members with knowledge of digital record keeping are welcome. <p>If you would like to join the History Working Group. Please contact view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p>
<p>5.2</p> <p>Website & Social Media</p>	<p>Marg spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>The notifications for the changes or corrections to About/ When/ Where/ Contacts have kept the Website Support Group busy. We thank the Secretaries and Publicity Officers for updating these details to the Website Sub-Committee admin@view.org.au.</p> <p>Club Secretaries are reminded that any changes to their Club Contacts and Venues on the Website must be forwarded to admin@view.org.au.</p> <p>Club News - Clubs should review this section on their page and have older items removed and continue to update with current news items. This should include any recent Facebook updates. Club Newsletters can also be added here (however, Clubs should remember that anything placed on the website can be viewed by non-VIEW members). A number of clubs have added their website address to their Newsletter.</p> <p>Clubs are asked to remember to send their photos as landscape or square as these are automatically adjusted to 600 x 400 pixels size. Portrait photos can become distorted on small media.</p> <p>Thank you to clubs who have sent multiple photos in as a collage as there is only space for two or three actual photos to be added to their club's site.</p>

	<p>Social Media - Facebook</p> <p>Many VIEW Clubs have a Facebook page. Clubs are encouraged to “Like” other VIEW Club Facebook pages.</p> <p>NOTE: When setting up a Club Facebook page it is recommended that there are three Administrators for editing purposes in case the main administrator is not available to make changes.</p> <p>Zone and National Councillors</p> <p>Zone and National Councillors are encouraged to add details of the Zone Conferences and Area Galas to the State News and Events by e-mailing to admin@view.org.au.</p> <p>Thank you to the Website Support Group for updating the websites and adding changes.</p>
<p>5.3 Future of VIEW Working Group</p>	<p>Maryanne spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>As mentioned in our report to February National Council meeting, the FOVWG has been looking at VIEW governance.</p> <p>National Office have been researching proposals in the marketplace and accepted the project proposal presented by Heather Barton AM.</p> <p>Heather is a former Victorian General Manager of The Smith Family and former National Manager of VIEW, and along with her other roles in the community, we are confident that Heather is extremely well qualified to guide and manage the governance project.</p> <p>At the start of 2022 there were-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 National Councillor positions, with only 6 positions filled • 48 Zone Councillor positions, with only 23 positions filled • 9 Advisors are assisting in some Areas without National Councillors, which is a short-term solution. <p>The situation is untenable if VIEW is to grow and continue to be a support network for women.</p> <p>The key outputs of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A revised Governance framework • Recommendations for renewing and revitalising the VIEW Club leadership • Process for implementing the recommendations <p>The project will include seeking comment from interested members across the organisation.</p> <p>This will occur via focus groups and interviews with –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National President and National Vice Presidents • Future of VIEW Working Group • National and Zone Councillors and Advisors • A representation of Club presidents/members. <p>We will also draw on information obtained from club/member surveys undertaken in the past 3 years.</p> <p>National Council supported the appointment of Heather Barton and the project proposal.</p>

5.4 Community Grants

Maryanne spoke to a discussion paper circulated by the Community Grants Subcommittee prior to the meeting.

All VIEW Clubs are encouraged, where possible, to seek/apply for community or local council grants to support events or to purchase equipment e.g. microphones, computers, etc. or for events. Room hire fee could be relevant for Grant funding.

Information in the VIEW Club Handbook is brief and does not provide any hints for applying for a grant, preparing for submission to National Office and the end process of notification of acquittal of funds to the grant body.

National Council considered and discussed the following recommended inclusion to the VIEW Club handbook.

How to apply for a grant

- Check with National Office (view@thesmithfamily.com.au) if there is anything in the Rules that prohibit you from receiving funds from that outside body (eg Gaming or Tobacco Companies)
- Read the Guidelines provided by the Grantor
- Check the Grant Provider's requirements, including the amount and conditions. Some Grants are only available to organisations that have deductible gift recipient (DGR) tax status and/or are registered charities. (The Smith Family generally comes into this category).
- Apply the "Kiss" Principle to your narrative - Keep It Simple
- Allow sufficient time (at least 10 working days) for the application to be reviewed by the Grants Committee

Helpful information to assist your application

- Where to find The Smith Family's ABN
 - This is found on The Smith Family's Website and is also available from National Office
- Is the Organisation registered with ACNC -
 - The Smith Family is a company limited by guarantee and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). VIEW is not a registered Charity.
- Bank A/c details
 - Use Club's bank account details not The Smith Family's or National Office's
- Club Level Annual Report
 - This is the "Income and Expenditure Statement" which is found on the Electronic Cashbook
- How to prepare a Budget for your Grant Proposal
 - Step 1: Ascertain the amount you will be applying for. (This is then considered your Revenue).
 - Step 2: Understand the Grantor's requirements including the format required.
 - Step 3: Work with your committee to establish what the Grant will be used for and determine costs (This is the Expenditure). Seek advice from the Grants Committee if necessary.
 - Step 4: Make sure your grant budget aligns with your narrative.

How to prepare a draft for National Office approval

- Generally, there will be facilities to save a draft, or print a copy of the application before the final is submitted, whether it be on-line or hard copy. This should be sent to the Grants Committee for checking by emailing the draft to view@thesmithfamily.com.au. Allow at least 10 working days before the application closes.

	<p>Writing a Grant Acquittal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An acquittal is a non-audited financial report consisting of an income and expenditure statement for the grant. Plus, confirmation that the funding has been spent on the activity in accordance with the Grant Agreement, Schedule and Terms and Conditions. This should also be accompanied by receipts etc. <p>National Council agreed to this additional information being included in a Guide to Grant Applications as an appendix to the VIEW Club Handbook 2024-25.</p>
<p>6. Development – VIEW Area Development</p>	
	<p>Olga Shkuropatova took National Councillors through final results of the Club Health/State survey completed prior to the May National Council meeting. As a result of the final analysis of information provided, a number of VIEW Clubs were identified with “having issues and possible closure in the next 12 months”. In August 2022 VIEW Executive have contacted Presidents and/or Secretaries of 27 Clubs to understand their current health status and discussed their issues. Based on the information received VIEW Executive raised their concerns that 15 Clubs are at the risk of closure. As a next step National Councilors/ Advisors have been asked to contact these Clubs to address each Club’s issues before Club’s AGM.</p> <p>All National Councillors and Advisors have received a summary of their Club’s submissions.</p>
<p>7. NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE</p>	
<p>Clubs are reminded that they have <i>already been furnished with some of the following information</i></p>	
<p>The Smith Family Winter Appeal</p>	<p>During May and June The Smith Family were able to meet and exceed their aim to raise \$5.4million to deliver life-changing learning and mentoring programs to students experiencing disadvantage.</p> <p>Thank you to VIEW Clubs who supported this appeal and those that were able to post the VIEW media release about Winter Appeal in their local papers.</p>
<p>VIEW Matters magazine – November 2022</p>	<p>The next issue of VIEW Matters magazine is currently in production and will be sent to all Clubs in November 2022. The magazine will also be available for all to access online in the e-book format available at http://view.org.au/resources/publications/.</p>
<p>Making a Difference Award Nominations</p>	<p>Making a Difference Award nominations are still open. Nominations will be accepted for the 2022-23 term until July 2023. Councillors and Clubs are encouraged to nominate members.</p> <p>Members nominated for 2020-21 will be recognised on the Honour Roll at National Convention 2022.</p> <p>All members have been acknowledged on the VIEW Website (http://view.org.au/get-involved/awards/).</p> <p>Congratulations to all the winners.</p>
<p>VIEW Clubs Online Raffle celebrating</p>	<p>The VIEW Clubs Online Raffle celebrating The Smith Family’s Centenary 2022 commenced on Tuesday, 6 September and will be open for three months until Tuesday, 6 December 2022.</p>

<p>The Smith Family's Centenary 2022!</p>	<p>This raffle is open to all members and friends. Clubs and members are asked to promote through their networks.</p> <p>All funds raised will go towards The Smith Family's <i>Learning for Life</i> program, creating opportunities for young Australians in need by providing long-term support for their participation in education.</p> <p>This online (only) raffle offers a chance to a win a broad range of stunning prizes with a combined value of \$15,087.76.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Prize consists of 2 economy Singapore Airlines flights Sydney to London UK return. • Second Prize is a Janome sewing machine and there are many other fabulous prizes. Plus many other significant prizes. <p>All details for the raffle is available at http://view.org.au/events/view-online-raffle-celebrating-tsf-centenary-2022/</p> <p>The link to purchase tickets is https://events.thesmithfamily.com.au/raffle/VIEWcelebratingTSFcentenary2022</p> <p><u>The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 7 December 2022.</u> Winners announced on the VIEW website.</p>
<p>Anti-Poverty Week 16-22 October 2022</p>	<p>Thank you to all the Clubs who are dedicating their October meetings in support of Anti-Poverty week.</p> <p>VIEW Anti- Poverty week Media Release is now available for Clubs and members to place in their local newspapers.</p> <p>Anti-Poverty week aims to strengthen public understanding of poverty and hardship in Australia and the rest of the world and encourage local discussion and action aimed at addressing these problems.</p>
<p>Certificate of Currency 2022-23</p>	<p>The Smith Family Certificate of Currency will be renewed in the first week of October. Once received by VIEW National Office, it will be emailed to all Clubs, National and Zone Councillors. A copy should be kept on record.</p>
<p>2022 Toy & Book Appeal</p>	<p>Christmas is just around the corner, and once again we are calling on all clubs to support The Smith Family's annual Toy & Book Appeal, which ensures disadvantaged children, supported by The Smith Family, receive a gift on Christmas Day. Last year, VIEW raised \$80,000 towards the Appeal. These funds helped to purchase toys and books for children most in need. Information will be supplied to Clubs shortly on how to contribute to the Toy & Book Appeal.</p>
<p>Christmas Wrapping</p>	<p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions we realise there may be limited opportunities available. Clubs are encouraged where possible to contact their local shopping centre early to enquire about Christmas wrapping this year.</p> <p>Each year, VIEW members raise funds by participating in Christmas wrapping at local shopping centres. This is not only a good way to raise significant funds but is also an opportunity for members to be seen in the community, raising the profile of VIEW and The Smith Family.</p> <p>We like to promote this fun activity and ask clubs to post information on the VIEW.org.au website, post your event on your Clubs Facebook page and most importantly send photos and an article for VIEW Matters to view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p>

<p>Delays- Name Badge Orders</p>	<p>There have been a number of queries regarding the length of time it takes to process badge orders. Councillors and Clubs are reminded that there is one order for name badges per month and when badges are received from the supplier, they are posted as close to the mailout date as possible.</p> <p>The full process of ordering name badges can take between 6-8 weeks due to a number of factors including receipt of the request from clubs. Badges are ordered at the beginning of the month with badges received by the end of the month. Orders received after the order has been processed are held over until the next month.</p> <p>Clubs are reminded that when National Office receive a New Membership form, they send an email welcoming the new member to VIEW. This email also provides the new member with an opportunity to check the spelling on their name badge and the estimated timeframe for receipt. If there is a spelling mistake in this email, new members are strongly encouraged to reply as soon as possible, advising the correct spelling to ensure their name badge reflects the same.</p>
<p>Final Expense Claims</p>	<p>National and Zone Councillors are reminded that they need to send their expense claim forms together with receipts into National Office for July-September by 30 September and final Expense claims for 2022 by 12 December.</p>
<p>Make a Spectacle Competition</p>	<p>Thank you to all VIEW Clubs and members who participated in this competition which is now closed. This has been our biggest competition to date with 383 entries. Winners for each category will be announced at National Convention and then posted onto the VIEW website.</p>
<p>Generic Club Email Address</p>	<p>With more and more people utilising online services, accessing websites etc. National Office recommends that all VIEW Clubs have a generic email address for their Committee members' use.</p> <p>Many VIEW Clubs use personal email addresses as contact points for their club and this changes from year to year causing confusion. All clubs are encouraged to have a generic Club Gmail address</p> <p>Benefits of having a generic Club Gmail address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a Gmail account saves space on computer's hard drive. • There is no need to delete an email and emails can be archived for future use. • Reduces potential scams and increases Club online security • It spreads the workload of reading and actioning emails to all Committee Members. • Communications are not missed when one Committee member takes a break. All Club Committee Members can access and see all correspondence received. • By all Committee Members having access to the inbox, information from National Office is easily shared which makes the job of being on the Committee a lot easier. • A generic Gmail address also means that the Club email address does not have to be changed after every election and personal email addresses can be kept private and free of VIEW Club emails. <p>Suggested format for your Gmail address:</p> <p>Yourclubname.viewclub@gmail.com (do not forget the full stop after your Club name).</p>

	Gmail is a suggested free email service but there are other free email services that can be utilised (eg Hotmail, Yahoo)
Blue Illusion TSF National Shopping Day	<p>Blue Illusion will be holding a National Shopping Day in support of The Smith Family on Thursday 29 September 2022. 7% of gross sale of proceeds for products sold in stores and online on the campaign date will be donated to The Smith Family.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to invite their female friends, family and colleagues to attend their local Blue Illusion store on 29 Sept for an instore styling event in support of The Smith Family, see the latest fashions and enjoy light refreshments.</p>
Club Bank Account Balances	<p>As VIEW is part of The Smith Family, all VIEW Clubs funds belong to The Smith Family.</p> <p>Clubs are reminded that: Any funds surplus to Club running costs must be forwarded to The Smith Family National Office at least twice yearly, at the time of the Mid-Year Appeal in June/July and in November/December for the Christmas Appeal. Clubs are not restricted to only sending in donations at these times and should send excess funds as often as possible to purchase Joyspreader Gifts or support any of The Smith Family Appeals, including Toy & Book Appeal or give a General Donation to the Smith Family. Clubs are requested to retain minimum funds in Club accounts to cover current expenses.</p> <p>Refer to VIEW Club handbook 2022-23 page 42.</p>
8. General Business	
8.1 Results - VIEW online Questionnaire	<p>Linda Custer spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>As part of National Reconciliation Week (27-3 June), VIEW members were asked to complete an online questionnaire:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Is there more that VIEW Clubs can do to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and identities across Australia?</i></p> <p>Responses and results were collated from members via an online survey and shared with National Council.</p> <p>Based on the survey results National Council agreed that VIEW Clubs be encouraged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To include Acknowledgement of Country at the start of special meetings - eg, Galas, Zone Conferences, and IWD. This is <u>not mandatory</u> and Clubs are encouraged to discuss this suggestion with all members and come to a majority decision. • Where possible to increase cultural awareness around Women's business by inviting strong Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women speakers to Club meetings • Show their support of the First Nations Voice to Parliament and/or The Uluru Statement from the Heart (http://natsiwa.org.au/; https://humanrights.gov.au/; www.abs.gov.au; www.indigenous.gov.au; www.aiatsis.gov.au) • To educate members around The Smith Family Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students supported. <p>It is anticipated that a further survey of members on this topic will take place in 12 months' time (May 2023).</p>

8.2 Club Name Changes	<p>National Vice President Evelyn Berg advised that requests had been made (accompanied by a copy of Club Minutes evidencing agreement of majority of members) for the following club name changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bega Evening - Bega, • Kiama Evening - Kiama, • North Rocks Evening – North Rocks, • Southern Highlands Evening – Southern Highlands, • Warringah Evening - Warringah <p>Carried unanimously</p>																																																																											
8.3 VIEW Club Closures:	<p>National Council noted with regret that the St Marys VIEW Club (NSW) had closed since the May 2022 National Council meeting.</p>																																																																											
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8.5 VALE PNP Pamela Forsyth-Grant	<p>Marg acknowledged the passing of Past National President Pamela Forsyth-Grant earlier this year.</p> <p>Pamela was National President 2002-03 being the first National President from Victoria and only the second National President from outside New South Wales.</p> <p>PNVP Jillian Smith provided a tribute to Pamela Forsyth-Grant recognizing the significant contribution Pamela made to VIEW, which Marg shared with the National Council.</p>	
10. Learning and Development		
The Smith Family 5 year strategy and Brand Refresh	<p>The Smith Family has launched an ambitious new five-year strategy with a goal to make an even bigger difference to the lives of the children and families it supports. It also aims to expand its evidence-based programs to reach more children experiencing poverty, helping them to make the most of their learning today, so they can change their futures.</p> <p>With a proven link between poverty and its effect on educational outcomes, the national children's education charity is sharpening its focus on education as the most powerful agent for change and encouraging Australians to back its work.</p> <p>Economic and social pressures, and COVID have all exacerbated the challenges facing Australians in need. For many students, these challenges have caused added pressures at school. When you don't have what you need for learning, it</p>	

can affect your ability to fully participate. Students can fall behind and they need extra support to catch up and keep up with their education.

To meet these challenges, The Smith Family has set an ambitious goal to strengthen its program impact to ensure stronger outcomes for students, and almost double the reach of its *Learning for Life* sponsorship program over the next five years – from 58,000 students to 100,000 students nationally.

With 1.2 million Australian children still living in poverty, growing our reach and impact has never been more important.

To help communicate this urgent need and meet the increased demand, The Smith Family has consulted broadly with thousands of stakeholders, including families, supporters, VIEW Club members, team members and the general public. Their input has helped the charity to develop a refreshed brand expression and identity that better reflects who it is and what it does.

Head of Communications, Rhys Kelly, said, “With the inclusion of the book icon, our evolved logo speaks to our focus on learning through engagement – both with the families we support and those who support us. The book represents education, the two heads depict a child and adult – who could be a parent, mentor, teacher or volunteer supporter. Together they represent community. And the hands represent our “wrap around” support and are a nod to our brand history. Our new motto, “*Learn today, change tomorrow*”, is the story linking what we do with the outcome we are striving for. This is a story that embeds this idea into our ways of working with children and families, supporting them to overcome the educational inequality that is caused by poverty and have the opportunity to change their futures.”



Learn today, change tomorrow.

With 2022 marking The Smith Family’s centenary, it is embarking on the next one hundred years drawing on its history of supporting children and families. It will continue to use evidence to improve outcomes and refine its education support programs for even greater effectiveness and to better address the needs of the students it works with.

“The support of VIEW Clubs and all its members, through fundraising, volunteering and advocacy in your communities is absolutely vital. It helps The Smith Family to continue its work with young Australians helping them to realise their full potential. Your voice also draws attention to how The Smith Family helps, and ensures the work we do together on behalf of children in need is better understood by our key stakeholders. Thank you for all your support,” added Rhys.

**TSF
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Island Policy**

Leanne Smith briefly described The Smith Family’s Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Vision – improved educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities. The Smith Family has 74 deliverables under 4 key areas Relationships, Respect, Opportunities and Governance. For more information see

	<p>https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/programs/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander/reconciliation-action-plan.</p> <p>More than 21,000 children and young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds participate in learning and mentoring programs run by The Smith Family, such as <i>Learning for Life</i> sponsorship program, the <i>Indigenous Youth Leadership Program</i> and <i>Girls in the Centre</i>.</p> <p>The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (ILYP) is a secondary school-based program supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from predominantly rural and remote areas to attend high achieving academic schools.</p> <p>This program is funded by the Australian Government through the National Indigenous Australians Agency. The Smith Family is a Partnership Broker and now has a partnership with 29 Education Partners across 6 States /Territories.</p> <p>Girls at the Centre</p> <p>Girls at the Centre motivates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls in years 7 to 9 to stay at school and boost their educational achievement through a range of cultural and social activities.</p> <p>A dedicated team of girl coaches provide the girls with a range of sport, arts, lifestyle and personal development activities. The program also involves families and the community to strengthen engagement with the school and help improve educational outcomes.</p>
<p>VIEW National Convention 2022</p>	<p>Past National President, Lorraine Montgomery Convention Convenor briefed National Council on the upcoming VIEW National Convention in Adelaide.</p> <p>“After such a challenging 18 months, with many border closures, lockdowns and the postponement of VIEW Convention last year, over 400 VIEW members from all over Australia will finally meet up again at VIEW National Convention in Adelaide to Celebrate VIEW Clubs’ success, learn about their national contributions, hear latest updates from The Smith Family and enjoy a stellar line up of inspirational Australians”.</p>
<p>Date Of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Sunday 12 February 2023</p>

Summary of Decisions at National Council Meeting

September 2022

Area of Work	Decision, Policy and/or Procedure	Agenda Reference
Working Groups	Community Grants	5.4
National Office Update	Various items	7.0
General Business	Club Name Changes	8.2
General Business	National Schedule of Dates 2023	8.4
Learning and Development	The Smith Family 5 year strategy and Brand Refresh	10.0