



**National Minutes
and
Information from National Council**

February 2023

MINUTES AND INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 February

The Smith Family National Office
Level 17, 2 Market Street, Sydney

PRESENT: (In Office)	<p>National Executive</p> <p>National President Marg Woodhouse, National Vice Presidents Evelyn Berg and Elizabeth Birch</p> <p>National Councillors</p> <p>Rosemary Coleman South Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula & Gippsland; Dianne Fiddes Lower Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland; 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>National Office:</p> <p>VIEW National Manager - Maryanne Maher</p> <p>Administration Coordinator - Linda Custer (Minute Secretary)</p> <p>Business Analyst - Olga Shkuropatova</p>
PRESENT: (online Via Microsoft Teams)	<p>National Councillors</p> <p>Brenda Caligeros NSW Northern Rivers; Joan Coleman Metropolitan Adelaide and Surrounds including Sunraysia;</p> <p>Advisors</p> <p>Sally Cronberger New England and North Central NSW; Pat McRae NSW South Coast Berry to Eden; Cynthia Guyenette Upper Mid North Coast and Clarence Valley Region; June Weise Canberra and surrounding areas; Jennie Wynd Central & Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne; 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</p>
APOLOGY	<p>Franci Morsink Sydney North Shore & Northern Beaches; Toni Thomas Western Sydney Region; Gloria Walter Western Sydney Region</p>
GUESTS PRESENT	<p>Heather Barton AM Consultant VIEW Governance and Leadership Project</p> <p>Anne Hampshire Head of Research and Advocacy, The Smith Family</p> <p>Andrew Dickson Strategic Communications Specialist, The Smith Family</p> <p>Melissa Harold National Manager Communications, The Smith Family</p> <p>Louise Woods Marketing Group Manager, The Smith Family</p> <p>Marion Allan Team Leader, Program & Scholarship Administration (virtual team), The Smith Family</p> <p>Luisa Bustos Social Media Administrator Manyana Creative</p> <p>PNVP Susan Groenhout, Resolutions Sub-Committee VIEW Clubs</p>
1. WELCOME	

	<p>National President Marg Woodhouse warmly welcomed all to our First National Council meeting for 2023.</p> <p>She said the past few years have taught us to expect the unexpected but as the year begins, we can hope for a more stable environment. We begin the year refreshed and ready to tackle new challenges.</p> <p>Australia Day Awards</p> <p>Marg congratulated all VIEW members who received local, State or Federal awards on Australia Day and congratulated Dr Lisa O'Brien, who led the Smith Family as CEO for a decade noting that she received an Order of Australia (AM) in this year's Australia Day Honours for significant service to the community, particularly through social welfare organisations.</p> <p>Welcomes</p> <p>Marg welcomed Heather Barton AM. Last year Heather was engaged as a consultant to lead and progress our Leadership and Governance in VIEW project.</p> <p>Marg then welcomed the two new National Councillors, Dianne Fiddes (Area NK) – Lower Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland and Rosemary Coleman (Area VB) - SE Metro Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula and Gippsland) both of whom were ratified by National Council late last year (via a flying minute).</p> <p>Marg took the opportunity to thank all the 2022 Advisors - Lyn Geer (Area VB), Judith Hemmingway (Area NK), Kay Underwood (Area ND) and Lyn Gerstenberg (Area NG) for their valuable assistance during the year.</p> <p>Marg also welcomed those National Councillors and Advisors joining online via Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Marg made reference to the Executive "Welcome to 2023" customised to each Club which was sent to all clubs in January, giving the members a summary of their Clubs' overall support in 2022 -their current membership, <i>Learning for Life</i> students sponsored, and their contribution to The Smith Family. Marg thanked all members for their ongoing support and generosity</p> <p>Special Announcement</p> <p>Marg announced that in February, VIEW Clubs of Australia not only reached 1600 Learning for Life students sponsored but exceeded the target. A fabulous feat.</p> <p><i>Marg commented that if every club in Australia sponsored only one more student our target would be closer to 2000.</i></p> <p>She also said she was looking forward to working together again this year.</p>
<p>2. MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING</p>	
	<p>Minutes - National Council ratified the minutes of the September 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Moved Lorraine Thomson Seconded Robyn Garard</p> <p>Accepted Unanimously</p>

3. NATIONAL COUNCIL *LEARNING FOR LIFE* STUDENT – UPDATE

Sandra Jankovskis gave an update to the National Council about Jessica the *Learning for Life* student that the National Council are collectively supporting.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES

4.1 Resolutions

National Vice President Evelyn Berg spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.

The Resolution Sub-committee received thirty-eight (38) submissions from Clubs and members for consideration as VIEW Resolutions for 2023-24.

These were formatted by the Resolutions Sub-committee, and any necessary amendments made in consultation with the relevant club.

These submissions were then discussed and voted on with three (3) motions/resolutions selected by National Councillors.

The three selected resolutions include issues of national importance involving women, children and education. Briefly the topics are:

1. VIEW Clubs of Australia call on the State and Federal Governments to work together to ensure all young Australians have the digital resources and skills they need to fully participate in education particularly in rural and remote areas.
2. VIEW Clubs of Australia urge the Federal Governments to impose tighter restrictions on Sports Betting companies as to where and when they can advertise their products and that all advertisements contain information about the problems of gambling addiction, as done with cigarette smoking
3. VIEW Clubs of Australia call on the Federal Government to increase funding for social housing. Local and regional support networks to address homelessness, the housing crisis as it affects the needs of women and families

These three resolutions will be forwarded to clubs in March together with voting papers including the full title and wording of each, with its rationale, together with arguments for and against, for members to debate in their club (or at National Convention) and vote in the usual manner.

The resolutions will also be available on the VIEW website (<http://view.org.au/resources/forms/>) or through your Zone or National Councillor.

Clubs are asked to return their Tally Sheets to National Office by Friday 25th August 2023. Individual voting papers do not need to be forwarded.

Members are reminded that the Resolution Debate is a significant part of the Voice of VIEW.

Clubs are encouraged to set aside one or two meetings to enable informed discussion and/or debate. Members are encouraged to vote responsibly with a “yes” or “no” vote.

	<p>Some Clubs invite a local school debating team to attend their meeting to debate one of the resolutions which is a good way to involve members in the resolution process while encouraging children to learn the art of debating.</p> <p>The resolution’s debate also takes place on Conference Day 2 of National Convention, Saturday 9 September in Hobart, Tasmania, giving attending members (who have not already voted) the opportunity to vote after hearing the informed debate on each resolution.</p>
<p>4.2 External Relations</p>	<p>Office Coordinator Linda Custer spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Equality Rights Alliance (ERA)</i></p> <p>Extract from the ERA Newsletter December 2022 outlining key development of the current Government in 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Jobs and Skills Summit, which achieved gender parity among delegates and made gender a key theme; • The abolition of the cashless debit card program, which was predominantly imposed on women and people of colour; • The release of the reinstated Time Use Survey data – our first since 2006 • The passing of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022, which made changes to enterprise bargaining, added ‘achieving gender equality’ to the aims of the Fair Work Act, created a new prohibition on sexual harassment, established two new expert panels to address pay equity, expanded the circumstances in which an employee can request flexible work and required the Commission to consider gender pay gaps when considering remuneration; • The passing of the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022, which implemented the recommendation in Respect@Work that a positive duty to prevent sexual harassment be imposed on employers; and • The release of the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032 <p>The Senate is currently conducting inquiries into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work and Care • The extent and nature of poverty in Australia • Current and proposed sexual consent laws in Australia • Missing and murdered First Nations women and children <p>Work is well underway on Australia’s first National Strategy for Gender Equality, and the work to implement gender responsive budgeting is ongoing. The Fair Work Commission’s work on wage gaps will get underway and the all-important revenue conversation will need to have a strong gender lens. Similarly, our evolving response to climate-related weather events will need to consider the lives and needs of women and people of marginalised genders in more detail.</p> <p>Pre-Budget Submission 2023</p> <p>ERA have drafted a pre-budget submission (see attached) which contains eight recommendations.</p>

	<p>The Equality Rights Alliance welcomes the government’s efforts in the October budget to strengthen paid parental leave, make childcare more accessible and to recognise the main causes of the gender pay gap as low pay and poor conditions in care sectors like aged care where the vast majority of workers are women. It can build on those measures with structural change that further builds the economic security and wellbeing of women while exercising fiscal and ethical responsibility.</p> <p><i>Economic Security for Women (eS4W)</i></p> <p>During 2022 eS4W (while no longer funded by the Federal Government *) continued to advocate for women’s economic wellbeing.</p> <p>A few achievements have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The delivery of the Economic Security4Women Connection Program in Queensland and Western Australia by its partner organisation Femeconomy on behalf of eS4W. • The publication of eS4W’s election ask to close the gender pay gap. • The reinstatement of the Women & Work Parliamentary Friendship Group with Senator Larissa Waters, Louise Miller-Frost MP, and Kylea Tink MP serving as Co-Convenors of the Group <p><i>*eS4W is an Incorporated Association and as such now operates in its own right and continues to look for future funding opportunities</i></p>
<p>4.3</p> <p>VIEW in the Community Events</p>	<p>National Vice President Elizabeth Birch spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Event Notification</i></p> <p>DECEMBER 2022</p> <p>Christmas Wrapping: Well, done to all those who supported and were involved in their local areas. Qld: QC01 Gold Coast and Darling Downs, VIEW Club members at Helensvale Westfield – over 20 days 110 VIEW Members wrapped 5,916 gifts over 664.5 volunteer hours and raised \$12,250.</p> <p>VC 01/02,03: North Western Metropolitan Melbourne & North and Western Country, VIC VIEW Members conducted Christmas wrapping with Arup Australia Services raising \$120 and Arup donated a further \$500. Thirty-one members from 14 Victorian VIEW Clubs promoted VIEW, The Smith Family and <i>Learning for Life</i> at the <i>Good Food and Wine Christmas Market</i>, Melbourne, raising close to a thousand dollars for The Smith Family.</p> <p>NSW: NM02 Woolgoolga Day & Evening, Bonville-Boambee, NM01 Bellinger Valley</p> <p>NG03, Bega shopping Village, 48 volunteers, 320 hrs, raised over \$3,000.</p> <p><i>2023 - VIEW Club Event/Activities Contact</i></p> <p>Please note that Elizabeth Birch is now the contact for notification of VIEW Club Events.</p>

Clubs are reminded to send through details of any events in the pipeline to Elizabeth Birch NVP Email: elizabeth.birch20@outlook.com.

The appropriate VIEW Event/Insurance in Residence form is available on the VIEW website <http://view.org.au/resources/forms>. VIEW Clubs are requested for practical record keeping to furnish the actual date/s of the event/s, eg 14th Feb not the 2nd Tuesday. Any Event in the name of VIEW requires an event notification form for Insurance purposes submitted one month in advance of the event. Please see **VIEW Club Handbook 2022-23** Reports and Claims page 15 <https://view.org.au/resources/organisational-information/>.

Thank you PNVP Pat McRae - The National Council and all VIEW members would like to thank PNVP Pat McRae for her long-term commitment as the VIEW Event/Activities Coordinator over the past 5 years and thank Pat for accepting the new role as Advisor Area NG NSW South Coast Berry to Eden.

JANUARY 2023

Australia Day January 26th celebrations: **NSW: NM02** Bonville-Boambee VIEW Lunch celebration at "Riverview" Bellinger Valley. **NB02:** Macarthur Evening Day Parade with Lions Club 10-15 members walking parade wearing VIEW Club Shirts and carrying VIEW umbrellas. **NG01** St Georges Basin, Morning Tea.

FEBRUARY

QLD - VIEW and The Smith Family Leadership Team Meeting was held at The Smith Family Office in Brisbane on 3 February 2023. This was attended by, TSF General Manager Alan Le May, VIEW National Manager Maryanne Maher, TSF Team Leaders, NVP Evelyn Berg, and Qld National/Zone Councillors and - involved information sharing and goal setting between VIEW and TSF for the year.

Upcoming events

MARCH

International Women's Day (IWD) 8 March - 2023 theme 'Embrace Equity'.

Invitations and event notifications for IWD events received throughout Australia.

- **Qld: QB02** Maryborough, **NJ** Coolangatta/Tweed, **QA01** Aspley VIEW, **QA02** Kenmore, Luncheon 40 members.
- **NSW: NA01,02,04** Hunter/Central Coast VIEW Clubs
- **VIC: VA01** Heidelberg, **VC01,02** Sunbury-Macedon Ranges, **VC03** Ocean Grove Day, Drysdale.
- **SA01** Victor Harbor.

If you are holding an IWD event please complete an International Women's Day History form (<https://view.org.au/media/14563/history-international-womens-day-pdf.docx>) and send to view.historymatters@gmail.com.

VIC VIEW and The Smith Family Leadership Team Meeting – at The Smith Family Office in Melbourne on 16 March 2023. TSF General Manager Anton Leschen, VIEW National Manager Maryanne Maher,

	<p>VIEW National President Marg Woodhouse, VIC Councillors/Advisors and representatives from VIEW Clubs and TSF Team Leaders will be sharing information and goal setting for the year.</p> <p>Invitations to National Executive for Events and Decade Birthdays. Clubs are reminded that Invitations requesting an Executive member to attend a Club/Area or Zone event or Decade Birthday should be forwarded to National Office view@thesmithfamily.com.au. <u>It may not be possible to have a member of National Executive attend all events due to prior commitments.</u></p> <p>VIEW Media</p> <p>Congratulations to VIEW Clubs on their Articles in local media as they continue to portray the coverage that VIEW is receiving in many community publications. High quality photographs together with succinct reports promoting our members' activities, events and our local community 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 Release. Membership Drive, Join VIEW and Back to School.</p> <p>VIEW members are reminded to use Media Releases for 2023. The January media release has been sent to Clubs and available on the VIEW website https://view.org.au/resources/media-releases/. A more generic Join VIEW media release is also available.</p>
<p>4.4</p> <p>Promoting our Brand/ Speaker's Bureau</p>	<p>National President Marg Woodhouse spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Members are reminded that the Speaker's Bureau speech is for an external audience of community members eg 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 Australian children experiencing disadvantage. This is also a good way to promote VIEW and encourage others in the community to join us.</p> <p>A 2023 updated National Councillor's presentation will be provided to National Councillors and Advisors shortly. This presentation has been specifically developed for all VIEW Club areas and internal audiences. Clubs can contact their National Councillor/Advisor to arrange for the presentation to their Club.</p> <p>If there is an opportunity to promote VIEW and The Smith Family in the community, please contact PNP Gwen Wilton for advice on either a speaker in the area or an updated USB with current facts and figures so that audiences are fully engaged and informed.</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</p> <p>Club Development</p>	<p>Business Analyst Olga Shkuropatova spoke to a paper circulated prior the meeting.</p>

	<p>The development and creation of new VIEW Clubs is vital to the continued health and the future of VIEW Clubs.</p> <p>Welcoming new VIEW Clubs in 2023</p> <p>ACT Yerrabi VIEW Club</p> <p>Yerrabi is located in Gungahlin in North Canberra. Yerrabi VIEW Club's Inauguration to be held on <u>16 February 2023</u>. Congratulations to the new members and thank you to Advisor June Weise for driving the development of this new Club.</p> <p>VIC Leopold VIEW Club</p> <p>Leopold is a residential eastern suburb of Geelong and is a gateway to the Bellarine Peninsula. Leopold VIEW Club's inauguration will be held on <u>14 March 2023</u>. Congratulations to the new members and thank you to VIC Development Team: Lyn Geer, Edna Burwash, Jennie Wynd and Angela Pegram for driving the development of this new Club.</p> <p>Potential VIEW Clubs</p> <p>SA: Campbelltown</p> <p>A suburb of Adelaide, Campbelltown is located north east of the city. Promotion of this VIEW club has just begun by the SA Development team with an interest meeting being held on 13 April 2023 at the San Giorgio La Molara Community Club.</p> <p>VIC: Whittlesea and Kyneton</p> <p>The Victorian Development Team have been investigating clubs in Whittlesea and Kyneton. Once Leopold inauguration has been held, they will proceed with these two new VIEW Clubs. Whittlesea is located north-east of Melbourne's CBD. Kyneton is located in the Macedon Ranges region.</p> <p>QLD: Canungra</p> <p>Canungra is located in the Scenic Rim Region just 40 minutes from the Gold Coast. Work has commenced on developing a VIEW Club in this region.</p> <p>If any members have female friends in any of these areas who may be interested in joining these new or potential VIEW Clubs, please encourage them to go to the VIEW Website.</p> <p>We are always interested in hearing your ideas and suggestions for new VIEW clubs. Please contact National Office (view@thesmithfamily.com.au).</p>
<p>5. WORKING GROUPS</p>	
<p>5.1 History Working Group</p>	<p>National President, Marg Woodhouse spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone and National Councillors are reminded that in order to maintain our history records it is important that they send the completed forms relevant to Club Inaugurals or Closures to the History Working Group. The relevant forms have the email address view.historymatters@gmail.com for your convenience.

	<p>By sending it directly, when possible, it reduces the workload for staff at National Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs are reminded that if they have requests for historical details of VIEW Clubs of Australia the working group can be contacted via email, as above. Any queries relating to VIEW History to be directed to Susan Groenhout, Chair, History Working Group: view.historymatters@gmail.com. • The number of clubs now actively saving club data continues to increase with many creating the role of 'Club Historian' in order to preserve their individual club history. We would encourage all clubs to endeavour to preserve their history and if possible forward copies to the Working Group either electronically via the email address view.historymatters@gmail.com or send copies to National Office for collection and digitising thus providing an ongoing record of the organisation. • Zone and National Councillors are reminded that photo albums should not be sent to National Office when a club closes. It is not possible to scan and store these albums and many have no names or details attached. Only photos of historical importance or special occasions will be scanned and archived. In addition, please send only the AGM Minutes including the Inaugural, the last seven years Financial reports and the Charter, frame removed.
<p>5.2 Website & Social Media</p>	<p>National President, Marg Woodhouse spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Website As Club Annual General Meetings are currently being held, any changes or corrections to About/When/Where/Contacts need to be notified to the Website Working Group as soon as possible via admin@view.org.au. Clubs are reminded that it is up to the individual Club to send updates for their webpage.</p> <p>Councillors/Advisors are encouraged to check their club's websites and remind their committee to send updates, if needed, to admin@view.org.au.</p> <p>Club News – is a valuable promotional tool for clubs. Clubs are encouraged to post current items of events to keep people informed. This also keeps members who are unable to attend regularly, informed. We do ask that Club Newsletters not be posted on the website as often there is Member personal information included and the website is open to the world.</p> <p>Photos should be taken in landscape or square as the website program adjusts them to 600 x 400 pixels size. Portrait photos become distorted on small media.</p> <p>Social Media - Facebook Most VIEW Clubs have a Facebook page and are encouraged to add a link to their Facebook page on their webpage. If you have not already done so, please advise the Website Working Group (admin@view.org.au).</p>

	<p>VIEW Clubs of Australia can 'Like' your Facebook page and keep updated on your Club's events and activities.</p> <p>NOTE When setting up the Club Facebook add 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 should add details of the Area Galas, Zone Conferences, Workshops etc and after the event add a short report on what occurred at these events. Please send through to the Website Working Group (admin@view.org.au). These will then be shared across all Clubs in the relevant State.</p>
<p>5.3 Future of VIEW Working Group</p>	<p>Linda Custer spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Future of VIEW Working Group (FoVWG) have reviewed and updated the <i>Develop and Maintain - a guide to creating new VIEW Clubs</i>.</p> <p>The updated version will be available on the website in March.</p>
<p>5.4 Community Grants</p>	<p>National President, Marg Woodhouse spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Federal Government Volunteer Grants became available in September 2022. Several Clubs expressed interest in applying and are asked to inform National Office prior to submitting.</p> <p>Canberra and Surrounds - Area AA applied for \$1,000 for IT equipment through two members of Parliament in the Canberra Region. Hands Across Canberra assisted by passing on seven laptops donated by Synergy. These will assist the clubs in the Canberra to have a laptop computer.</p>
<p>6. NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE</p> <p>Clubs are reminded that they have <i>already been furnished with some of the following information</i></p>	
<p>Toy & Book Appeal</p>	<p>In December 2022 VIEW Clubs' donations to The Smith Family's Toy & Book Appeal totalled \$90,000. A new record! Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal.</p>
<p>VIEW Clubs Online Raffle Celebrating The Smith Family's Centenary</p>	<p>(drawn in Dec) raised \$25,300 for The Smith Family. Thanks to all VIEW Members, their friends and families who purchased tickets and congratulations to all the prize winners (see view.org.au).</p>
<p>All clubs are invited to consider participating in the following National Events and activities in 2023</p>	
<p>International Women's Day (IWD) events throughout Australia</p>	<p>Many regional areas and individual clubs are busy arranging International Women's Day events for IWD on 8 March 2023 or around that date.</p> <p>This year's theme is #Embrace Equity.</p> <p>Equity isn't just a nice-to-have, it's a must-have. A focus on gender equity needs to be part of every society's DNA. And it's critical to understand the difference between equity and equality.</p>

	<p>Members are encouraged to support their club and Zone/Area IWD functions and invite other women in the community to join them.</p> <p>Event organisers are asked to submit articles and photos of their events to The Editor VIEW Matters (view@thesmithfamily.com.au) by 10 March.</p>
VIEW Matters magazine - April	<p>Clubs are encouraged to submit articles for VIEW Matters April 2023 edition. Articles will be accepted up <u>until 1 March 2023</u>.</p> <p>Please email your article with accompanying high- resolution photos to view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p>
National Volunteer Week 15-21 May	<p>All VIEW Clubs will be able to promote VIEW in National Volunteer Week with a media release.</p>
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 27 May – 3 June	<p>The theme for NRW this year is 'Be a Voice for Generations'. Further information about this theme and some supporting resources is available on the Reconciliation Australia Website here https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/</p> <p>NRW is such a great opportunity to learn more about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.</p>
Making a Difference Awards 2023	<p>Nominations for Making a Difference Awards <u>will close 31 July 2023</u>. Please send nominations for the Jan-Mar, Apr-July quarters. Relevant information and details are available on the website (http://view.org.au/resources/forms/).</p>
Re-purpose, Re-use and Re-invent VIEW 60th Tea Towel competition	<p>All VIEW Clubs and members are invited to enter our new competition to up-cycle the VIEW 60th Tea Towel!</p> <p>Tea Towels are only \$9 and available from National Office.</p> <p>There are 4 Categories - Best Fashion, Most Useful Accessory, Most Innovative Accessory, Best Group</p> <p><u>All entries must be sent into National Office by 31 July 2023.</u></p> <p>For more information visit https://view.org.au/resources/competitions/.</p>
VIEW National Convention 2023 – Hobart 8-10 September 2023	<p>The VIEW National Convention will be held in Hobart Tas from 8-10 September 2023.</p> <p>National Convention is conducted over 3 days, Friday to Sunday, and provides VIEW members, their friends and others interested with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to hear from prominent speakers on a broad range of topics; • An ability to learn about and celebrate VIEW achievements and our work within communities supporting the education of Australian children experiencing disadvantage; • Other surprises, loads of fun and much, much more... <p>All clubs will be sent VIEW National Convention 2023 Registration pack which is also available on the website.</p>
Cashbook	<p>VIEW Electronic Cashbook</p> <p>Club Treasurers are encouraged to use the Electronic Cashbook for easier record keeping.</p>

	<p>VIEW Electronic Cashbook 2023 is available for downloading at www.view.org.au/resources/committee-information together with step-by-step Electronic Cashbook Guide.</p> <p>VIEW Cashbook (hardcopy)</p> <p>National Office understands that not all Treasurers wish to use the electronic cashbook and prefer to use the hardcopy version. If the hardcopy version of the VIEW cashbook is required, the Request form enclosed with the Treasurer's January mailout should be completed and sent/emailed to National Office view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p> <p>Please note: The hardcopy VIEW Cashbook will be sent to the Club's address only upon receipt of the club's completed request.</p>
<p>My Smith Family Portal</p>	<p>Clubs are reminded that the <i>My Smith Family</i> portal (https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/login) allows easy access to information about your Club's sponsorship/s, student/s, payments and correspondence history. By accessing the <i>My Smith Family</i> portal, clubs can alleviate some of the delays experienced with phone/email correspondence with the Supporter Care team.</p> <p>The portal, <i>My Smith Family</i> allows VIEW Clubs, existing sponsors and donors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View and download receipts for all tax-deductible donations. You can email copies of receipts to Club email address. • View student information including downloading current and past student profiles as well as find out when you next sponsorship payment is due. • Keep your Club contact details up to date. • Review your student correspondence timeline to ensure that all items have been received by TSF/posted to student. <p>VIEW Clubs are encouraged to register for this portal and avail themselves of quicker answers to queries. February 2023 mailout includes memo and flyer with more information on how to register and/or access the <i>My Smith Family</i> portal.</p>
<p>Generic Club Email Address</p>	<p>With more and more people utilising online services, accessing websites VIEW Clubs are encouraged to have a generic email address for their Committee member's use. Many VIEW Clubs use personal email addresses as contact points for their club which changes from year to year.</p> <p>Suggested format for your email address:</p> <p>Yourclubname.viewclub@gmail.com</p> <p>Gmail is a suggested free email service but there are other free email services that can be utilised (eg Hotmail, Yahoo)</p>
<p>Recognising VIEW Members</p>	<p>We are interested in celebrating members who have received an Australia Day Award/Honour or Council Award/Honour in their local community . Please send details and a photo to view@thesmithfamily.com.au</p>
<p>7. General Business</p>	

<p>7.1</p> <p>Connecting with Local/State/Federal Representatives VIEW your</p>	<p>In 2023 National/Zone Councillors will be sending letters of introduction (templates provided by National Office) via email to their Local, State and Federal representatives, informing them about VIEW, our connection with The Smith Family and our presence in the local community. Councillors are encouraged to request a face-to-face meeting, where possible.</p> <p>Topics to cover are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions from representatives as to ways of promoting VIEW in their community • Posting to Representative Facebook/Website/Newsletter/Flyer • Placing VIEW Club contact details onto Community Website/Noticeboard • Local Community Fair Day – to potentially hold a stall and promote VIEW • Grants which could help VIEW Clubs and/or support The Smith Family • Support which could be provided to local VIEW Clubs eg printing/photocopying, stamps, guest speakers, promoting events on their website/newsletters <p>NSW State Parliament will be holding elections in March and NSW National Councillors/Advisors will be making contact after these elections.</p> <p>Results from all discussions will be reported in the November 2023 Minutes.</p>
<p>7.2</p> <p>2023 National/Zone Councillors</p>	<p>National President, Marg Woodhouse spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Area Advisors Judith Hemmingway (NK) and Lyn Geer (VB) endorsed the following nominations, for National Councillors in 2023 respectively, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone Councillor NK01 Dianne Fiddes to the position of National Councillor Lower Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland (Area NK) • Past Zone Councillor VB01 Rosemary Coleman to the position of SE Metro Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula and Gippsland (Area VB). <p style="text-align: center;">Zone Councillor WA01</p> <p>Zone Councillor Kris Behets Western Australia WA01 was thanked for her support over the last three years.</p> <p>National Council are delighted to ratify Mary Deakin as Zone Councillor for WA01 for 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nominations 2024-25</p> <p>Nominations for National and Zone Councillors 2024-25 are now open. National/Zone Councillors and Advisors 2022-23 are encouraged to work together to find their replacements and ensure that all positions are filled.</p> <p>Stepping into a Senior officer role is very rewarding, positions can be shared (eg Area SA Adelaide) and these roles play a key part in the communication between Club and National Office/The Smith Family.</p> <p>Executive Nomination Pack will be available in May 2023.</p>

<p>7.3 Club Name Changes</p>	<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"> • Shoalhaven Heads Evening – Shoalhaven Heads • Sunnybank Evening – Sunnybank <p>Carried unanimously</p>
<p>7.4 VIEW Club Closures</p>	<p>National Vice President Elizabeth Birch informed the National Council with regret that the following NSW Clubs: Brisbane Water Evening, Griffith Day, Kincumber, Yamba Day had closed since the September 2022 National Council meeting.</p>
<p>8. Learning and Development</p>	
<p>VIEW Governance and Leadership Project</p>	<p>Heather Barton AM, Consultant, reported to National Council and Advisors on the VIEW Governance and Leadership Project.</p> <p>The overall objective of this project is for VIEW to improve its internal governance capacity, to be most effective and enable the organisation to be more sustainable. Heather reported on the project activities to date, as well as the results from the focus groups, online member survey and provided recommendations. All recommendations were voted on and agreed by National Council.</p> <p>For more information on the recommendations and the report see Appendix 1.</p>
<p>Virtual Volunteering Opportunities</p>	<p>Marion Allan, Team Leader, Program & Scholarship Administration (virtual team), The Smith Family gave a presentation to the National Councillors/Advisors about Virtual Volunteering Opportunities available.</p> <p>Members who are looking for volunteering opportunities with The Smith Family are encouraged to visit The Smith Family website (https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/get-involved/volunteer) or download a copy of the Virtual Volunteering flyer (attached).</p>
<p>The Catch-up Learning program – The Smith Family Research Report</p>	<p>Anne Hampshire, Head of Research and Advocacy, The Smith Family presented to National Council/Advisors the latest Research Report – The Catch-up Learning Program.</p> <p>This report is available on The Smith Family website at https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/-/media/files/research/catch-up-learning/CUL-Report-Lit-Num-Final.pdf.</p>
<p>The Smith Family Annual Report</p>	<p>Melissa Harold, National Manager Communications, The Smith Family, briefed National Council/Advisors on The Smith Family Annual Report and snapshot 2021-22.</p> <p>The Smith Family Annual Report 2021-22 and the snapshot available on The Smith Family website. VIEW Clubs can request a hardcopy of either of these by emailing view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p>
<p>Using social media effectively for VIEW</p>	<p>Luisa Bustos, Social Media Administrator presented to the National Council/Advisors about VIEW Social Media on Facebook and Instagram, highlighting VIEW Clubs of Australia has connected with more people in the last two years.</p>

<i>The Smith Family Marketing – common questions answered</i>	Louise Woods, Marketing Group Manager, The Smith Family presented to the National Council/Advisors about recent changes to the Smith Family marketing which reflects the reframing and rebranding of The Smith Family.
<i>The Smith Family Reframing and Brand change</i>	Andrew Dickson, Strategic Communications Specialist, The Smith Family presented to the National Council/Advisors regarding the change in language used in communications and media with the reframing and rebranding for The Smith Family.
Date Of Next Meeting	Sunday 18 June 2023 (Microsoft Teams)

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