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Dear VIEW Members

National Convention 15-17 September - Tamworth

As you will see from the attached flyer, time is running out to get your tickets to our National Convention in Tamworth.

Our National Convention held every two years is truly the highlight of the VIEW Calendar.

This three-day forum is where VIEW members throughout Australia come together to learn more about our wonderful organisation and The Smith Family, be inspired by prominent speakers and hear firsthand from a *Learning for Life* student.

National Convention also presents a unique opportunity for members to debate matters of national importance – resolutions. Share ideas about VIEW and explore new ways the organisation can make a difference in their communities.

There is something for everyone. At the two conference days, you can hear from, popular bestselling authors, journalists and thought leaders, but most of all it's about fun, making new VIEW friends and catching up with old friends.

On Friday night there are two themed social dinners to choose from and not to be missed, an absolutely spectacular Gala Dinner on Saturday night with the best entertainment ever! Our Convention concludes with our Grand Celebration on Sunday morning.

There is much more to see and do while in Golden Guitar country.

Please come along and bring your friends – it is going to be magnificent!

I look forward to seeing you there.

Gwen Wilton, National President

Highlights so far

Conference Day 1:

Hear from; Dr Lisa O'Brien CEO The Smith Family, a *Learning for Life* Alumni, VIEW National President and a panel of inspirational and prominent women including **Lucy Haslam** "United in Compassion", **Shayne Higson** "Dying with Dignity (NSW)" and author **Meg Keneally**. Round out the day with a visit to the Expo hosted by craft and artisan stall holders from local markets

Conference Day 2:

Hear from Christine Bartlett, The Smith Family Chairman, **Anna Bligh AC** delivering the George Forbes Oration and enjoy Writer's Festival session featuring **Dr Anne Summers AO**, who will lead a lively discussion with author **Meredith Jaffe** and well known journalist **Tony Jones**.

Lots of other surprises.....

Social Events:

Friday – choice of two themed dinners "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and "A Little Bit Country"

Saturday – "City of Lights"

Sunday – Grand Celebration

Raffle Prizes

All attendees have the opportunity to purchase tickets in the Convention raffle which has a major prize – *a week's accommodation at the Peninsula Beach Resort – Nusa Dua, Bali* as well as many other fabulous prizes!!

For more information go to <http://view.org.au/events/national-convention/> or to book online go to <https://ep.ozacom.com.au/public/viewclub17/welcome.aspx>.