



**National Minutes
and
Information from National Council**

September 2019

MINUTES AND INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 12 September 2019

Novotel Twin Waters Resort

PRESENT:	<p style="text-align: center;">National Executive</p> <p>National President Jan Roberts and National Vice Presidents Pat McRae and Annette Schlafrig</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Councillors</p> <p>Lesley Carroll Upper Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland (NM), Jeanette Cassidy Sydney North Shore & Northern Beaches (NC), Maria Culka North and Western Metropolitan Melbourne & North and Western Country (VC), Joanne Gray Macarthur, Southern Highlands & Illawarra region including Wollongong (NB), Christine Manger Lower Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland (NK), Lyn Masters Brisbane and Surrounds (QA), Rosie McDermott NSW Northern Rivers (NJ), Sandi Muntisov Central & Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne (VA), Anne-Louise O'Connor Hunter/Central Coast Region (NA), Beryl Pike New England and North Central NSW (NI), Marlene Powell Metropolitan Adelaide and Surrounds including Sunraysia (SA), Marilynne Weston Canberra and surrounding areas (AA), Helen Zirn Western Sydney region (NE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Office Staff</p> <p>VIEW National Manager Maryanne Maher Administration Coordinator Linda Custer (Minute Secretary) Business Analyst Olga Shkuropatova</p>
APOLOGIES	Kay Underwood Central and Southern Sydney (ND), Fay Valerius Riverina, MIA, Snowy Mountain Foothills and South to Victorian border (NL)
GUESTS PRESENT	Lorraine Montgomery PNP 2012-13 VIEW National Convention Convenor 2019.
1. WELCOME	
	<p>National President Jan Roberts welcomed all present to the Sunshine Coast and began the meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners and custodians of the land.</p> <p>Jan reminded the National Council of the importance of confidentiality and respect and that as leaders of the organisation they should set the example, live the values of VIEW as well as adhere to its Code of Conduct.</p>
2. MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING	
	<p>Minutes - National Council ratified the minutes of the June 2019 meeting.</p> <p>Moved Anne-Louise O'Connor Seconded Lesley Carroll</p> <p>Accepted Unanimously</p>

3. NATIONAL COUNCIL LEARNING FOR LIFE STUDENT – UPDATE	
	Marlene shared with National Council <i>Learning for Life</i> student Jessica’s annual profile. Noting that Jessica is now 11 years old enjoys playing netball and is improving in all subjects at school and enjoys learning about Maths.
4. SUB-COMMITTEES	
4.1 Resolutions	<p>Annette Thanked all VIEW Club members who actively participated in resolutions debates at club level. The three resolutions in summary are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase and accelerate efforts aimed at reducing child poverty across Australia, in line with Australia’s commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of reducing child poverty • Social and affordable housing for women - acknowledge the growing number of older homeless women and to meet their need for dignity in retirement by investing more resources into social and affordable housing. • Legislative and policy measures for wage parity; support benefit payments, minimum wage and penalty rate increases to keep pace with inflation and CPI; and support changes to paid parental leave to include provision for superannuation payments. <p>Annette noted that we were all looking forward to hearing the Maroochydore State High School students debate Resolution 1 – Reducing Child Poverty at VIEW National Convention on Saturday 14 September..</p> <p>Annette advised that final voting results from Clubs and Convention will be published in the November 2019 National Minutes.</p>
4.2 External Relations	<p>Economic Security for Women (eS4W)</p> <p>eS4W has had a very busy start to the 3rd year work plan activities, with roundtables organised and the drafting of the White Paper on the Care Economy in motion.</p> <p>Sydney Roundtable</p> <p>Held on Monday 19 August eS4W Round Table “What impacts economic and financial security for all women in Australia.</p> <p>Further eS4W roundtables in Brisbane and the Gold Coast in November “What impacts economic security for all women including the care economy”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane QLD Parliament House Tuesday 12 November (2-5pm) • Gold Coast Southport Golf Club Wednesday 13 November (10am-1pm) <p>eS4W roundtables are also planned in Adelaide & Perth in February and Parramatta in May 2020.</p> <p>Information for these events will be published on the eS4W website and Facebook.</p> <p>White Paper on Care Economy</p> <p>eS4W has engaged eS4W’s economist in residence to write the White Paper – on the Care Economy - the unpaid caring roles undertaken by women including caring for children, disabled person/s or elderly parents that impacts on women’s economic security, their lack of payment and superannuation etc.</p>

Gender Equity – Equal Pay Day

eS4W held an event in Melbourne on the 2nd September to mark the 50th anniversary of Equal Pay Legislation in Australia and to continue the conversation to achieve gender pay equity.

Australian Shareholders Association (ASA) Improving Financial Literacy for Women 55+ Workshops

The Australian Shareholders Association (ASA) is running a series of **free workshops aimed at improving financial literacy for women 55+**. The contents of the workshop are:

- Financial goals
- What is risk? Finding your risk tolerance and analysing your risk profile
- Asset allocation - cash, fixed interest, property, shares
- Superannuation - what you'll need in retirement
- Check that your estate is in order
- Consulting a financial planner

These workshops aim to give women, who have left their finances to their spouse/partner/brother or children, more confidence to have conversations with their financial advisers and family to make sure they can ask the right questions.

VIEW members and their friends, colleagues, etc. are invited to attend any of these free informative workshops on the following dates:

October 2019

Date	City	Time	Venue
Mon 14 Oct	<u>Mt Gambier</u> , SA	9.00am - 12.30pm	Best Western Southgate Motel
Tue 15 Oct	<u>Adelaide</u> , SA	9.00am - 12.30pm	Arkaba Hotel
Wed 16 Oct	<u>Adelaide</u> , SA	9.00am - 12.30pm	Arkaba Hotel
Mon 28 Oct	<u>Sydney</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	Castlereagh Boutique Hotel
Tue 29 Oct	<u>Bathurst</u> , NSW	Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. 9.00am - 12.30pm	Rydges Mount Panorama Bathurst
Wed 30 Oct	<u>Dubbo</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	Dubbo RSL Club Events Centre
Thu 31 Oct	<u>Katoomba</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	The Carrington Hotel

November 2019

Date	City	Time	Venue
Fri 1 Nov	<u>Sydney</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	Castlereagh Boutique Hotel
Mon 11 Nov	<u>Tweed Heads</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	Bayswater Tweed
Tue 12 Nov	<u>Ballina</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	venue TBA
Wed 13 Nov	<u>Coffs Harbour</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	venue TBA
Thu 14 Nov	<u>Armidale</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	venue TBA
Fri 15 Nov	<u>Tamworth</u> , NSW	9.00am - 12.30pm	venue TBA

	<p>For more scheduled events available visit the ASA website https://www.australianshareholders.com.au/fin-lit-project. Participants can register directly via the website or by calling 1300 368 448.</p>
<p>4.3 VIEW in the Community including Events</p>	<p><i>Pat McRae reported on Jan Roberts and her visit in August to Riverina, MIA, Snowy Mountain Foothills & South to Victorian border (Area NL) meeting with VIEW members in Wagga Wagga, Tumut, Wodonga, Leeton and Cootamundra. They presented recent Area and National information to the VIEW members including the importance of recent media coverage, upcoming events, VIEW National Convention 2019 (Sept), Anti- Poverty Week (Oct) and VIEW's 60th Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2020. Members were congratulated and thanked for their continued support</i></p> <p>While in Wagga Wagga they took the opportunity to visit the Girls@thecentre room at Mt Austin High School where they met some of the students and heard of their plans once they graduated from High School.</p> <p>Zone Councillor Gail Tooth, National Councillor Marilynne Weston, joined in the meeting with the girls and Smith Family Team members and Mt Austin High School staff.</p> <p>Media and Events</p> <p>Clubs are encouraged to utilise the Media Releases provided by National Office as a way of promoting their clubs. Anti-Poverty Week and Post VIEW National Convention Media Releases will be sent to all clubs for placing in local media.</p> <p>Clubs are reminded to promote their upcoming events not only on their Club website page but also on their Facebook page. To update Club webpages details should be sent to admin@view.org.au.</p> <p>VIEW Matters, VIEW posters and brochures can be left at libraries, Council offices, and other meeting venues - please ensure they contain your local club and member contact details.</p> <p>Bunnings Events</p> <p>Bunnings cake stalls are a 'new innovation: and certainly provide a different avenue for both fundraising and profiling of VIEW. Clubs may like to investigate this option as a less labour intensive choice of raising funds while at the same time raising awareness of VIEW in their local community</p> <p>Walk with VIEW</p> <p><i>Walks with VIEW</i> continue to 'grab the attention' of communities, motorists and passers-by and are a valuable form of publicity and promotion.</p>
<p>4.4 Promoting our Brand/ Speakers Bureau</p>	<p>National Council noted a report from PNP Gwen Wilton Chair Speakers Bureau. National Council's promotion of the Speakers Bureau, has resulted in more VIEW members joining the group promoting VIEW and our connection with The Smith Family to other community organisations.</p> <p>This information sharing has also encouraged others to become involved in our work with The Smith Family.</p> <p>Reports:</p> <p>Jean Jennings, ZC Area QB02: Thursday 16 July – Fraser Shores 2 Retirement Village Residents Associations, Hervey Bay. Approx: 103 attended including Hervey Bay VIEW. Very interested to hear about VIEW and The Smith Family. Hervey Bay President, Heather Ramm spoke about the local</p>

	<p>club, resulting in some attendees showing interest in joining. The event was a morning High Tea and raised \$465 plus \$420 from raffles – all donated to Hervey Bay VIEW Club.</p> <p>Janice Spraakman, ZC Area SA01: Wednesday 24 July – Superannuation Group, Flinders Street, Adelaide. Approximately 22 present including 3 women. All very interested to learn about VIEW and The Smith Family with a generous donation of \$50.</p> <p>Toni Thomas, PNVP, Area NE02: Tuesday, 30 July - Penrith Senior Citizens Tuesday Group. Mixed group of 50+, allocated 1 hr to speak. No PPT facilities but very interested in VIEW and The Smith Family. Enjoyed hearing about programs & students. VIEW brochures, magazines, etc. were distributed. Five women asked about local clubs and were given contact details,</p> <p>Anne-Louise O'Connor NC Area NA: Tuesday, 30 July – Newcastle Enterprise Rotary, Approximately 20 men & women attended – organised by President of Raymond Terrace VIEW, also a Rotary member. Very interested in VIEW, The Smith Family and the <i>LfL</i> program with lots of questions. Distributed brochures, magazines, <i>Real People Real Stories</i> and a list of local VIEW clubs.</p> <p>Gwen Wilton, PNP, Area NB02: Thursday, 1 August - Turning Point, support homeless people Macarthur; Approximately 15 women present. No PPT facilities but very interested in VIEW and Smith Family programs, particularly <i>LfL</i> students; asked lots of questions. Distributed VIEW brochures, magazines & <i>Real People, Real Stories</i>.</p> <p>Speakers Bureau kits have been sent to:</p> <p>Jean Jennings, ZC QB02 Rosa Griffin, Delegate, Mornington, Area VB01 Linda Migro, Delegate & PP, Bayswater City, Area WA01 Kathy Challinor, Publicity, Tamworth Evening, Area NI01</p> <p><i>Members are encouraged to consider joining VIEW Speakers Bureau. All speakers are provided with a USB containing a speech, presentation tips, student testimonials and a report form to be completed and returned following their speaking engagement.</i></p> <p>Please forward contacts and/or details for speaking engagements to National Office and/or PNP Gwen Wilton, gwenwilton@bigpond.com.</p>
<p>4.5 Development Working Group – Report</p>	<p>The National Council held a short 'Round Table' with a brief update of each VIEW area's development plans.</p> <p>National Council was reminded that final Area Development reports including health and status (active & new membership numbers, activities, issues and concerns, etc) of all Clubs will be collated for the November National Council meeting and will form part of the hand over documentation to the incoming National/Zone Councillors 2020-21.</p> <p>Upcoming Interest meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dora Creek NSW • Point Lonsdale and Ocean Grove Day VIC • Maryborough Qld

	<p>Mosman NSW inaugural will take place at Boronia House on 18 October 2019 10.30 for 11am for more details contact Jeannette Cassidy picass@tpg.com.au before 4 October 2019</p>
<h2>5. WORKING GROUPS</h2>	
<p>5.1 History</p>	<p><i>PNVP Susan Groenhout Chair History Subcommittee</i> submitted a report to National Council</p> <p>Club History</p> <p>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. Some of these club histories have provided details of closed clubs which have not previously been known.</p> <p>When compiling a club history please be aware that the founder of VIEW Clubs, George Forbes, was the General Secretary of The Smith Family. If you are unsure of historic details relating to the early years of VIEW then please contact the History Working Group for information.</p> <p>Clubs continue to send copies of Inaugural Minutes and our data base is growing. This has been of great assistance when responding to requests regarding the history of the organisation and in creating an accurate data base which it is hoped will be complete in time for the 60th celebrations.</p> <p>Clubs and club historians should at all times, when preparing a club history, ensure that members are happy to have their photograph included in the document.</p> <p>Note: reminder re taking photos – members must sign a media consent each year (available at http://view.org.au/resources/forms/)</p> <p>Wonderful women of VIEW</p> <p>We are currently collating stories about VIEW women, everyone has a story to tell, and if your club has a member who has a story to tell or you consider them to be a remarkable VIEW personality then we ask that you share these stories. They should be sent to View@thesmithfamily.com.au</p> <p>Historic Resolutions</p> <p>The data base of historic resolutions is almost complete and will be available on request in the near future. Please be aware this is a large database.</p>
<p>5.2 Website & Social Media</p>	<p><i>PNVP Carleen Maley Chair Website and Social Media Working group</i> submitted a report to National Council.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>Update details</p> <p>The Working Group reminds VIEW Clubs that this is the appropriate time of year to update their Club webpage with changes to Contact Details (phone and email) as well as changes to their meeting location, date and time.</p> <p>Club News</p>

	<p>Clubs may benefit by putting the name of future guest speakers in Upcoming Events. This may encourage visitors to join the club. Feedback from some clubs has shown that this indeed has brought new members.</p> <p>The Club Secretary (or Web Contact) should review their page and advise any changes to admin@view.org.au.</p> <p>State/Regional News</p> <p>Councillors are reminded that State News items can be sent to admin@view.org.au which will then appear on each club’s website within that state.</p> <p>Please Note</p> <p>When sending items to be added to the Website (Club and State/Regional), the Website Working Group would appreciate adding in the Subject line the State before the club's name.</p> <p>Clearly identify individual photos. If unsure of renaming photos identify the individual photo with the camera/phone coding that shows on the photo</p> <p>Please indicate where on the site the items are to be added or changed:</p> <p>About, Where, When, Contact, Club News or upcoming events</p> <p>Reminder – It is important for Clubs to add “Club News” regularly to their webpage. Updates to Facebook should also be reflected on their Club webpage. In this way Clubs keep their members and others informed and up to date with current events and activities. Clubs should send information about current events and activities including articles and photos to: admin@view.org.au.</p> <p>Social Media - Facebook</p> <p>VIEW Clubs with a Facebook page are encouraged to advise the Working Group of the Facebook link to be added to their web page. (admin@view.org.au).</p> <p>Members are reminded that they should ‘Like’ VIEW Clubs of Australia Facebook page as well as other VIEW Club Facebook pages such as those of Sister Clubs or other clubs in their Zone/Area.</p> <p>National Councillors were reminded of the importance of not only keeping contact details up to date but of the importance of adding/removing articles on what the club is doing.</p>
<p>5.3 Future of VIEW Working Group</p>	<p>Website Audit</p> <p>The Future of VIEW Working Group has commenced Stage 4 of the Website Audit, and the Audit includes contact with each club (President/Secretary/Delegate) to discuss their Club’s webpage, ensuring that the correct details are listed. Changes to webpages will be reported to the Website Support Group to complete the changes.</p> <p>Club Handbook 2020-21</p> <p>The Club Handbook is currently being reviewed and updated for 2020-21. This updated handbook will be available on the website for all VIEW members (Resources/Organisational Information) from 1 January. Clubs/members will be reminded that they should download the updated version in 2020.</p>

6. VIEW 5 YEAR STRATEGY - UPDATE

	<p>National Manager Maryanne Maher spoke to the final report provided by Partners for Purpose (P4P) who provided pro bono support for VIEW's 5 year strategy.</p> <p>National Council were taken through the results from the Membership Survey which formed part of the recommendations provided by P4P.</p> <p>P4P's proposed recommendations were presented to National Council, for discussion and consideration by Executive, National Council, National Office and The Smith Family for relevance, timing and implementation.</p> <p>The first recommendation is the refresh of VIEW's mission – National Council considered its previous work on this, and chose their top three priority statements.</p> <p>This recommendation will form part of the 60th Anniversary celebrations in 2020.</p>
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7. NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE

<p>PCCU Community Lottery</p>	<p>Thank you to VIEW Clubs who participated in the 2019 People's Choice Community Lottery. VIEW raised \$6,720 this year.</p> <p>During this time, members were also able to promote VIEW and the work of The Smith Family.</p> <p>All funds raised through this initiative go towards The Smith Family's <i>student2student</i> reading program, to help young students who are behind in their reading skills.</p>
<p>The Smith Family Winter Appeal</p>	<p>The 2019 Winter Appeal wound up on 31 July raising over of \$5.031million, the largest ever appeal result which will enable The Smith Family to provide out-of-school learning and mentoring support to almost 12,000 disadvantaged Australian children.</p> <p>The appeal attracted over 3,500 new supporters who donated more than \$1million. This is an amazing result and reassurance that our message is resonating with a broader audience.</p>
<p>Making a Difference Award Nominations</p>	<p>Nominations for Making a Difference Awards are now closed. During the 2018-19 eighty-(80) members were nominated and received "Making a Difference" awards. All members have been acknowledged on the VIEW Website and will be part of the Honour Roll at 2019 VIEW National Convention.</p>
<p>VIEW Matters magazine</p>	<p>The next issue of VIEW Matters Magazine will be distributed to clubs in November 2019. Submissions for the next issue will open in January 2020.</p>
<p>Blue Illusion – National Shopping Day in support of The Smith Family</p>	<p>Blue Illusion will be holding a National Shopping Day in support of The Smith Family on Thursday 31 October 2019. Members are encouraged to invite their female friends, family and colleagues to attend the Blue Illusion store in their area to see the latest fashions at the styling workshops, watch the fashion parade, have a glass of bubbles, and redeem their Gift Voucher on this day. Members are also encouraged to go along and promote VIEW Clubs to other shoppers on the day.</p>
<p>Anti-Poverty Week 13-19 October</p>	<p>Thank you to those Clubs who are dedicating their October meetings in support of Anti- Poverty week and have/will place the VIEW Media Release 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>
Certificate of Currency 2019-20	<p>The current Insurance Certificate of Currency will be reissued in the first week of October. VIEW National Office will email this to all Clubs, National and Zone Councillors. A copy should be kept on record.</p>
2018 Annual Audit	<p>Thank you to all Club Treasurers for providing as requested by The Smith Family external auditors, a copy of June 2019 bank statements, by the July deadline.</p> <p>The provision of Club June Bank Statements will be an ongoing annual process and the request will form part of the Club Handbook 2020-21 and Treasurer's Guide.</p> <p>The 2018 Annual Audit has now been completed. Club Cashbooks are now being processed and will be returned to Clubs</p>
2019 Toy & Book Appeal	<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 \$58,000 towards the Appeal. These funds helped to purchase toys and books for children most in need. To find out how to contribute to the Toy & Book Appeal, visit http://view.org.au/resources/mailouts/ or email view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p>
Christmas gift Wrapping	<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. If your club hasn't been involved in Christmas wrapping activities, why not approach your local shopping centre and become involved.</p> <p>Remember that 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 and Friday Facts to view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p> <p>Clubs are reminded to send details of their events to pat.pat.mcrae@bigpond.com.</p>
Workstudy Weekend – 9-11 November 2019	<p>Workstudy Weekend training for incoming Zone and National Councillors 2020-21 will be held in Sydney in November. Incoming Zone Councillors will attend an all day training session on Saturday 9 November. The incoming National Councillors attend a training session on Sunday 10 November, then join the Current National Council Changeover dinner on Sunday night and attend the National Council meeting on Monday 11 November.</p> <p>Specific information as to the upcoming Workstudy weekend will shortly be sent to incoming Zone and National Councillors.</p>
Election of VIEW National Executive for 2020-21	<p>Presentations by the candidates for National Executive 2020-21 were conducted according to the agreed process.</p> <p>A public announcement of the National Executive 2020-21 including National President Elect will be made at National Convention on Conference Day 2, Saturday 14 September 2019.</p>

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 National Councillor Nominations 2020-21

National Council unanimously **ratified** the appointment of National Councillors for 2020-21 as follows.

National Council however noted there are nine vacancies at the National Councillor level. All eligible Zone Councillors are encouraged to consider taking on this important role.

Area	Nominee
Canberra and surrounding areas (AA)	June Weise
Hunter/Central Coast (NA)	
Macarthur, Southern Highlands & Illawarra region including Wollongong (NB)	
Sydney North Shore & Northern Beaches (NC)	
Central and Southern Sydney (ND)	
Western Sydney Region (NE)	Rosemary Day
NSW South Coast Berry to Eden (NG)	
NSW Central Tablelands, Central and Western Slopes and Western Plains (NH)	
New England and North Central NSW (NI)	Sally Cronberger
NSW Northern Rivers (NJ)	
Lower Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland (NK)	Judith Hemmingway
Riverina, MIA, Snowy Mountain Foothills (NL)	Gail Tooth
Upper Mid North Coast of NSW and Inland (NM)	Elizabeth Birch
Brisbane and Surrounds (QA)	Betty Van Heeswijck
The Sunshine and Fraser Coast (QB)	Margaret Elliot
Gold Coast and Darling Downs (QC)	Evelyn Berg
Metropolitan Adelaide and Surrounds including Sunraysia (SA) (shared role)	Janice Spraakman Anne Strangway
Central & Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne (VA)	
South Eastern Metropolitan Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula & Gippsland (VB)	
North and Western Metropolitan Melbourne & North and Western Country (VC)	Marg Woodhouse

8.2 Zone Councillor Nominations 2020-21

National Council unanimously **ratified** the appointment of Zone Councillors for 2020-21 as follows. It was also noted that further nominations may be received before the scheduled Workstudy Weekend in November.

Zone	Nominee	Zone	Nominee
AA01	Wendy Studman	QA01	Robyn Garrard
AA02	Frances Turner	QA02	
NA01	Angela Carroll	QB01	Clodagh Barwise-Smith
NA02	Dianne Whitten	QB02	Jean Jennings
NA03		QC01	
NA04	Robyn Clarke	SA01	Pauline Glover
NB01		SA02	Joan Coleman
NB02	Sandra Jankovskis	VA01	Lorraine Beasley
NC01/02		VA02	Hazel Austin

ND01		VA03	Helen Burrows
ND02		VB01	
NE01		VB02	
NE02		VB03	Ann Warren
NG01		VC01/02	Beverley Orgill
NG02		VC03	Judith Worland
NG03	Anne Comery	WA01	Kris Behets
NH01			
NH02			
NH03			
NI01			
NI02			
NJ02			
NJ01			
NK01	Marilyn Botwood		
NK02			
NL01			
NL02	Lyn Finch		
NM01			
NM02			
NM03			

National Council **noted** with concern that there are a number of vacancies at the Zone Councillor level. All eligible members are **encouraged** to consider this important position.

**8.3
Continuation of
three member
trial for
National
Executive 2020-
21**

Jan Roberts reminded National Council that in June 2015, due to the reduced pool of eligible candidates, National Council unanimously agreed to a two-year trial of a reduced National Executive and that this trial be reviewed in 2017 which resulted in the trial being continued for the next two-year term.

After a brief discussion, Chris Manger **moved** that the National Council ratify that VIEW Executive will remain a three person team (National President and 2 Vice Presidents).

Seconded by Lyn Masters

Carried

**8.4
Modernising
VIEW
Messaging**

Jan referred to the decision at the June National Council meeting.re Modernising VIEW messaging.

A broad spectrum of feedback was received from VIEW Clubs and members, and the Executive have responded personally by phone call, or via email to the majority of these.

Based on the feedback and comments received, VIEW National Council reconsidered its decision made at June National Council meeting - Item 5.3b and amended this decision (by a flying minute) so that reciting of the VIEW Pledge along with the VIEW Grace and singing of the Australian National Anthem at VIEW Club monthly meetings be **optional**. This decision was effective from 12 August 2019 and notification of this decision was sent out to all clubs.

Jan noted that: **Making organisational changes for the future of an organisation is never easy.**

	<p>As a large National Women’s organisation, (15,000) we have a broad range of members of varying ages, with varying opinions and beliefs. Not all members agree on the same things!</p> <p>While VIEW receives new members every year, overall membership continues to decline year upon year.</p> <p>If VIEW is to continue to thrive in the future, most would agree that it needs to be continuing to look at ways to attract new members and remain relevant.</p> <p>The dilemma we were faced with is: how do we reinvigorate VIEW while maintaining its valued past and its heritage.</p> <p>National Councillors are the elected representatives who provide a voice for members at National Council – they are the governing body.</p> <p>It is not practical or financially viable to ask every single member about every decision that is to be made.</p> <p>It is the National Councillors’ obligation to bring information to their clubs and members and seek feedback.</p> <p>National Council’s role, as the governing body, is to be conversant with the context and details of significant national decisions.</p> <p>Members’ feedback and comments from around Australia were taken on board.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there was considerable miscommunication and confusion in the messaging of this proposed change, especially in relation to the pledge, stating that the pledge had been banned, which was not correct and caused considerable disquiet amongst some members.</p> <p>The words of the VIEW pledge continue to form part of VIEW’s policy, have meaning and value.</p> <p>Recent VIEW Club Handbooks state that “the pledge should be recited at Club meetings”. However, this has not always been the position, as previously the saying of the VIEW Pledge and VIEW Grace were at the discretion of individual clubs.</p> <p>The decision made at the June National Council meeting to discontinue reciting the pledge at club meetings, meant that clubs were “no longer required to” say the pledge at club meetings.</p> <p>As singing of the Australian National Anthem and saying the VIEW Grace have always been optional at VIEW Club monthly meetings, so too is the reciting of the VIEW Pledge.</p> <p>At the conclusion of Jan’s report, National Councillors were given the opportunity to discuss and reflect on this decision and the communication process in their areas.</p>
<p>8.5 60th Birthday Gala dates for 2020</p>	<p>National Council was reminded that as part of the lead up to VIEW 60th Anniversary Celebrations that they (the outgoing National Councillors) in conjunction with their Zone Councillors, arrange a date and venue in advance for an Area Gala for 2020 which will be published as part of the calendar events.</p>

9. OTHER BUSINESS

VIEW National Convention Sunshine Coast – 13-15 September

PNP Lorraine Montgomery, Convention Convenor, briefed National Council on National Convention - an exciting three days ahead beginning with the National President's dinner this evening.

She spoke of a stellar line up of notable speakers on both Conference Days, including Dr Lisa O'Brien Chief Executive Officer, and Christine Bartlett Chairman of The Smith Family, local *Learning for Life* student Mason Hope and Dr Craig Challen joint winner of the 2019 Australian of the year and The Smith Family's national Ambassador. The event will culminate with the Grand Celebration with local school children's choirs followed by morning tea provided by local VIEW club members.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long do Clubs need to keep records of Inaugural Minutes, AGM's etc?	Inaugural Minutes, AGM's and Membership records	Continuous
	Financial records - Bank account and financial statements including cheque butts, income and expenditure statements and bank statements	7 years
	Minutes from Club Committee and Monthly meetings	5 years
	Correspondence including from National office	1 year

Dates Of Next Meetings

National Executive Monday 14 October (Teleconference), Friday 8 November (Face to Face)

Workstudy Workshops – Saturday/Sunday 9-10 November 2019

National Council – Monday 11 November 2019

Summary of Decisions at National Council Meeting

September 2019

Area of Work	Decision, Policy and/or Procedure	Agenda Reference
External Relations	Australian Shareholders Association (ASA) Improving Financial Literacy for Women 55+ Workshops	4.2
National Office Update		7
Other Business	National Councillor Nominations 2020-21	8.1
Other Business	Zone Councillor Nominations 2020-21	8.2