



We are thinking of you!

We need no special reason to send you this today other than a friendly opportunity to say 'Thinking of You.' We think of you often and hope that in some way just knowing that you're on our minds will brighten up your day.

We hope you are all keeping safe and well during these challenging times, and our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. How fortunate are we to be able to exercise and walk in our gardens and smell the roses, maybe pull a weed occasionally?

We are thinking of you especially with Easter round the corner... Many of you unable to share this special time with your families...many not having the fun of Easter egg hunts. I guess the only good thing is that you will probably not be able to eat as many Easter eggs!

Now, more than ever, we need to keep in touch and support one another and we know VIEW members are so very good at this.

Phone calls, emails or Facebook posts are so important, especially for those who are living alone as VIEW is not only about friendship, for many it is also their family.

Have you visited the "Stay Connected" section on the VIEW website? <http://view.org.au/stay-connected/>.

There are so many wonderful ideas we can share with one another to help us keep connected such as knitting a complicated pattern, for the garment that was started way back when, now that we have the time. Simple or complicated recipes, who knows what you may create in the culinary department. Sharing the story of a good book you have read and can recommend, newsletters and, we are sure, you will think of many more.

We encourage you to share your fun ideas, photos, recipes etc... Send these into National Office view@thesmithfamily.com.au and they will be posted on the VIEW website under the Stay Connected.

By now your club committee will have received the "**VIEW Club contributions in 2020 survey**" for completion. To date over 50% of VIEW Clubs have already completed this, and we thank you. We do encourage you all to participate and ask you to please do so before Easter!

The responses to this survey will allow us to understand each VIEW Club's position for the next few months. For clubs who have raised concerns, once we've reviewed the information, an Executive member will be in touch with you to discuss possible options to consider.

Continue our much needed support during this time..

We know that our members are keen to continue supporting the education of children whose families are really struggling to make ends meet, both during this Corona virus crisis and into the future. Now, more than ever, Australian children living in poverty need our help, as they will be hardest hit by this unprecedented crisis. The last thing we would want to see right now is children living in disadvantage falling further behind in their learning as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the largest community sponsor of students on the *Learning for Life* program, our sponsorships are making a big difference.

Keep well, stay safe and we hope that your loved ones stay safe as well over the coming weeks and months.

Look out for one another...

Anne-Louise, Jo and Beryl

Stay connected with your club and all VIEW members – share and visit our Staying Connected webpage.