Welcome to a chilly July!



We hope that you are all keeping well as many of you return to your regular VIEW Club meetings/events in accordance with State/Territory Government and Health Authority Guidance.

On Friday 19 June, VIEW's first Leadership Team meeting was held via Zoom! Both National Councillors and Advisors were invited to "Zoom in" for a morning of VIEW updates, followed by presentations from The Smith Family Marketing/Communications team and ending with Dr Lisa O'Brien and The Smith Family Executive congratulating us all on our 60th Anniversary - Diamond Jubilee with everyone joining in to sing Happy Birthday to VIEW!

We would like to share Dr Lisa O'Brien's kind words with you...

"...What a momentous milestone! Thank you to VIEW for sixty amazing years of strength and support!

And thank you to each and everyone one of you, for all your contributions.

You have enabled us to do our important work, and together we have helped so many children to change their lives.

Thank you for being the largest community sponsor of students on our Learning for Life program. Through your sponsorships we can provide a hand up to children who might otherwise have fallen through the cracks.

Thanks to you, thousands of these students have been helped to create a better future for themselves.

I want to acknowledge your remarkable fundraising efforts, the volunteering hours you have given us, and the power of your collective voice. In these ways you have made our work with disadvantaged Australian children possible.

So congratulations once again for 60 truly amazing years! I look forward to joining your Sydney 60th Anniversary celebrations in October and hearing about the other ways you have celebrated this special Diamond Jubilee.

Once again, thank you for supporting The Smith Family. Working together we are making a very big difference to the lives of disadvantaged students and their families and for that I truly thank you all!...."

At our Zoom meeting, we also heard of the many ways members have worked hard to keep their social network alive, encouraging one another with regular phone calls and emails. Many Clubs have continued their Newsletters and utilised their web pages to share information like birthdays, recipes, photos, updates on other members, etc.

VIEW National Councillors and some members have been invited to join Smith Family State Leadership Conferences via Zoom in Vic, Tas, Qld and SA to celebrate VIEW's 60th Anniversary. NSW and WA State conferences will follow this month. These have been fun affairs with attendees wearing party hats, popping poppers, singing Happy Birthday and watching the video of 60 students thanking VIEW



members for their ongoing support! This video will be made available to all Clubs by later in July.

Amazingly, while in isolation VIEW Clubs have continued their *Learning for Life* support with national numbers increasing by 5 over the last month to now 1,442! A fantastic result.

To keep your minds active, we include a puzzle.... we hope you enjoy!

Thank you and keep up the great work.

Regards Anne-Louise, Beryl and Jo National Executive 2020-21

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