



**National Minutes
and
Information from National Council**

November 2021

MINUTES AND INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday 14 November 2021

via Zoom

PRESENT:	<p style="text-align: center;">National Executive</p> <p>National President Anne-Louise O'Connor, National Vice Presidents Joanne Gray and Beryl Pike</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Councillors</p> <p>National Councillors: Evelyn Berg Gold Coast and Darling Downs; Elizabeth Birch Upper Mid North Coast and Clarence Valley Region NSW; Brenda Caligeros NSW Northern Rivers; Sally Cronberger New England and North Central NSW; Rosemary Day Western Sydney region; Margaret Elliott The Sunshine and Fraser Coast; Anne Strangway / Janice Spraakman Metropolitan Adelaide and Surrounds including Sunraysia; Gail Tooth Riverina, MIA, Snowy Mountain Foothills and South to Victorian border; Betty Van Heeswijck Brisbane and Surrounds; June Weise Canberra and surrounding areas; Marg Woodhouse North and Western Metropolitan Melbourne & North and Western Country</p> <p>National Office Staff</p> <p>VIEW National Manager - Maryanne Maher</p> <p>Administration Coordinator - Linda Custer (Minute Secretary)</p> <p>Business Analyst - Olga Shkuropatova</p> <p>VIEW National Executive and National Office Staff were located in National Office.</p>
GUESTS via Zoom	<p>Leonie Green, Smith Family, Head of State and Territory Operations</p> <p>Observers: Joan Coleman Metropolitan Adelaide and Surrounds including Sunraysia; Robyn Garard Brisbane and Surrounds; 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>
1. WELCOME	
	<p>National President Anne-Louise O'Connor, began the meeting by acknowledging the many traditional lands on which all the National Councillors were gathered noting that she was speaking from Sydney and acknowledged the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and paid her respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.</p> <p>Anne-Louise welcomed National Council to the last meeting for 2021 and their term and commented that two years ago we would never have predicted that National Council would be holding its last meeting 2020-21 via Zoom and not all together in person. She praised the National Councillors for their ability to embrace this new way of communicating and the digital age.</p>

She also welcomed the incoming National Councillors 2022-23 who were attending as Observers for part of the morning session. Anne-Louise acknowledged that on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 November the incoming National Councillors had attended two half day Zoom Workstudy seminars and she congratulated them on taking on the rewarding role of National Councillor.

Anne-Louise noted that:

Due to COVID restrictions and border closures the Executive team did not travel during August, September and October.

Both she and Maryanne Maher National Manager VIEW had attended the Inaugural celebration of Tonsley VIEW Club (SA) via Zoom on 7 October.

In September/October, Their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs Hurley conducted a virtual Zoom tour of Australia whilst in lockdown., More information provided in report 4.3 VIEW in the Community incl Events, New Clubs.

On 6 November, National Vice President Beryl Pike attended the New England and North Central NSW (NI) Gala in Glen Innes with 48 members from Gunnedah, Tamworth and Inverell.

2. MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

Minutes - National Council **ratified** the minutes of the September 2021 meeting.

Moved Marg Woodhouse **Seconded** Anne Strangway

Accepted Unanimously

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

Rosemary Day shared Jessica’s last letter/profile with National Councillors via email prior to the meeting. She noted that Jessica’s birthday was coming up and that she would send a card/letter and a gift voucher. Anne-Louise O’Connor noted that VIEW National Council has been supporting a student for 29 years.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES

4.1 Resolutions

National Vice President Beryl Pike reported that the results of the Resolutions debated this year were as follows:

Results	Yes	No
1. Social and affordable housing for women and children in Crisis	6,758	351
2. Reduce the use of plastic to assist our environment nationally	5,171	1,161
3. Better support for students to prepare for their post school futures	4,855	1,421

On behalf of the Resolution subcommittee Beryl thanked all members who took the opportunity to vote in their club, via email or online during this challenging year.

	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>VIEW will be sending letters to Government Ministers, NGOs and relevant Statutory Authorities informing them of VIEW’s recent resolutions and calling for more action on these issues.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to actively participate by contacting their local MPs and community organisations in support of these resolutions. For consistency in messaging template letters for clubs and members to personalise will be available in December from National Office email view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p> <p>The VOICE of VIEW Resolution cycle will begin again in 2022. All VIEW Clubs/members are encouraged to submit a motion/resolution next year on a relevant National issue. The final resolutions will be determined for Club debate/voting and the final debate to take place at National Convention in September 2023.</p> <p>Note: no resolutions will be debated at 2022 National Convention.</p> <p>Beryl thanked the Resolution Sub-Committee, in particular, Co-Chair PNVP Susan Groenhout, PNVP Toni Thomas, NC Evelyn Berg, NC Rosemary Day and President Bayswater City VIEW Club Rena O’Sullivan for their dedication, diligence, encouragement, support and tireless efforts and Zoom meetings over the last two challenging years.</p>
<p>4.2 External Relations</p>	<p>Maryanne Maher spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting reminding members that VIEW is a member of Equality Rights Alliance.</p> <p>Who are they?</p> <p>Equality Rights Alliance (ERA) is Australia’s largest network advocating for women’s equality, women’s leadership and recognition of women’s diversity, bringing together 61 non-government organisations and social enterprises with a focus on the impact of policy or service delivery on women.</p> <p>ERA started life as WomenSpeak, a national non-government network of women’s organisations and women’s advocates which operated from 2001 to 2010.</p> <p>Equality Rights Alliance is one of six National Women’s Alliances funded by the Commonwealth Government’s Office for Women and are led by YWCA Australia</p> <p>ERA believes the advancement of women and the achievement of equality are matters of fundamental human rights. It advocates for gender equality, women’s leadership and government policy responses that support women’s diversity. Using a range of methods to consult and engage with women in Australia, ERA works to bring the voices of women from diverse life situations to policy makers.</p> <p>To find out more visit https://www.equalityrightsalliance.org.au/who-we-are/.</p> <p>What are they working on?</p> <p>Current areas of focus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bringing the diversity of women’s voices to develop and resource policies and processes that will achieve equality for women

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • housing that meets the needs of women • women’s equality in laws and access to justice • women’s health and wellbeing • economic policy and structures that meet the needs of women. <p>To find out more about these projects please visit equalityrightsalliance.org.au/projects/.</p>
<p>4.3</p> <p>VIEW in the Community incl Events, New Clubs</p>	<p>Anne-Louise O’Connor spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>COVID-19 and VIEW Clubs</p> <p>A number of States/Territories/Areas experienced continued lockdowns through September and October. It is expected that most of these restrictions will be lifted in November in time for clubs to celebrate the Christmas season together before commencing again in January/February 2022.</p> <p>VIEW Club members are reminded to follow COVID-19 Federal and State/Territory advice and Health Authority guidance. This includes following rules and regulations for those fully vaccinated and those that are not fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Members are also asked to take into account their own personal circumstances in making any decisions about attending VIEW Events/Activities.</p> <p>VIEW Clubs Face-to-Face Guidelines and Member’s Statement of Responsibility were updated in October and have been sent to all VIEW Clubs and are available on VIEW website view.org.au/COVID-19 & VIEW Clubs. All VIEW Clubs are encouraged to share these documents with their members. VIEW Members are encouraged to download their own copies for future reference.</p> <p><i>Their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs Linda Hurley – Virtual tour of Australia</i></p> <p>In September, during the ACT lockdown, The Governor General and Mrs Hurley completed a virtual tour of Tasmania, including a Zoom meeting with Hobart VIEW Club members and Smith Family Team member Kathy Robertson, Regional Programs Manager, Tasmania. During the discussion VIEW members shared information about their volunteering and fundraising in support of The Smith Family and the <i>Learning for Life</i> students as well as the upcoming Hobart VIEW Club 10th Birthday celebrations in November.</p> <p>In October continuing their virtual tour, the Governor General and Mrs Hurley met via Zoom with VIEW members in South Australia and Western Australia. The discussions included hearing how the SA and WA VIEW members volunteer with The Smith Family, and the different ways they fundraise in support of their <i>Learning for Life</i> students. Mrs Hurley generously donated unique Christmas Ornament/s in the design of Government House Yarralumla for VIEW to raffle and raise funds.</p> <p>Media</p> <p>VIEW Clubs/Members were congratulated on the wonderful club articles appearing in local community papers and online media. We encourage all</p>

	<p>clubs to continue to send articles to local papers. This is a great way of promoting VIEW and The Smith Family in the wider community.</p> <p>There has also been a significant increase in the number of comments and likes on the VIEW Facebook page and club pages.</p> <p>VIEW Clubs/Members are encouraged to keep sending ‘Inspiring Women of VIEW’ articles and photos – in particular the Meet a member series has attracted lots of comments, likes, shares and feedback. VIEW members like to hear why other members joined and like to support, celebrate and comment on each other’s efforts, fundraising achievements and commitment to VIEW/TSF which builds a real sense of community.</p> <p>A great example of the use of prepared VIEW Media releases</p> <p>Throughout the year, all VIEW Clubs, are provided with pre-prepared VIEW media release templates. These are emailed to clubs and made available on the website at http://view.org.au/resources/media-releases/.</p> <p>In September, prior to <u>Anti-Poverty Week</u> 17-23 October, Clubs were provided with a Media Release encouraging the Community to sponsor an Australian child during Anti-Poverty Week. By placing this media release into their local papers (66 articles in 31 days) VIEW Clubs, reached a potential audience of 419,500 - a great result.</p> <p>Other opportunities to raise awareness about VIEW</p> <p>Members/Clubs are encouraged to notify PNVP Pat McRae pat.mcrae@bigpond.com of any forthcoming events. These are recorded in the Events Register for insurance purposes. Clubs are also asked to advise any changes including postponements or cancellations.</p> <p>Clubs are asked to ensure that the date/s field is completed. For ease of recording, Clubs are asked not to use eg “3rd Monday” etc as this makes it difficult to record in the Event Register. Please use Day/Month (one form can still be used for multiple months) it just needs to be completed eg 2/4, 2/5, 4/6 etc.</p> <p>The appropriate VIEW Event Notification Form is available on our VIEW website http://view.org.au/resources/forms.</p>
<p>4.4</p> <p>Promoting our Brand/ Speaker’s Bureau</p>	<p>Jo Gray spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Speakers Bureau speech and PowerPoint (PPT) presentation were updated with some new student story videos. A number of speakers have already returned their USBs for update and we look forward to hearing reports of their new speaking engagements.</p> <p>With limited opportunities to speak to other organisations during 2021, it is hoped that 2022 will allow VIEW to spread the word on the marvellous work being done by VIEW and The Smith Family.</p> <p>To receive the updated speech and student stories, please return your USBs to ensure you have up to date information and statistics to fully engage and inform your audience. Please send to PNP Gwen Wilton (12 Antill Street, Picton, NSW 2571).</p> <p>Reports:</p> <p>Lyn Masters PNC, Qld, presented to Sunnybank National Seniors on 27 September. 28 members were present and very interested in The Smith</p>

	<p>Family and its programs, and VIEW. Brochures & VIEW Matters were distributed. Despite there being no PPT facilities to show the PPT or student stories, it was very successful.</p> <p>Robyn Garard, ZC QA01, presented to 45 members of North Lakes Women’s Community Group on 28 September. Due to technical problems, Robyn was unable to present the PPT or student stories but members were very impressed with the work of The Smith Family and VIEW. Three women were given contact details and are very interested in joining VIEW. Robyn also gave information on local VIEW Clubs and also distributed brochures with contact details. Some were interested in being involved with Christmas wrapping and other functions – a very positive outcome.</p> <p>Kate Dickinson, President Ballarat Evening VIEW Club has spoken on local radio (3BA Power FM) on two occasions, 8 July and 21 September to promote VIEW and The Smith Family, including Anti-Poverty Week and club activities.</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</p>	<p>National Councillors provided final feedback in relation to the health and wellbeing of all VIEW Clubs in their Areas. The recording of this information via an online form was another first for VIEW. Councillors advised that the online form was easy to use and the clear/specific questions made providing information a quick and efficient process. National Office will compile the responses for all areas ready for National Council meeting February 2022. This information will be passed to incoming National Councillors/Advisors in February 2022 so they can have greater insight to support their clubs in 2022-23.</p>
<p>5. NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE</p>	
<p>Clubs are reminded that they have <i>already been furnished with some of the following information</i></p>	
<p>VIEW National Office still working under COVID restrictions</p>	<p>The Smith Family National Office in Sydney continues to work under COVID restrictions with VIEW only having one person in the office per week.</p> <p>With our restricted access there may be some delay with badge orders and stock orders, including merchandise. We are working through and processing these orders as quickly as possible.</p> <p>We continue to receive mail and process it on a weekly basis.</p> <p>All Clubs are asked to contact VIEW National Office via email view@thesmithfamily.com.au only. If there are any urgent queries or orders please add “Urgent” in the subject of your email.</p> <p>Thank you for your patience and understanding.</p>
<p>VIEW 60 + Anniversary Scarf</p>	<p>Black Pepper designed a limited-edition 60+ Anniversary VIEW scarf (a water colour floral print in VIEW’s key colours) which was available through Black Pepper retail stores and online, for a month (9 September - 8 October). 446 of 500 were sold which is a strong result given many stores were in lockdown. \$10 from the sale of each scarf raised \$4,446.00 for The Smith Family.</p>

<p>VIEW Matters magazine – November 2021</p>	<p>The latest edition of VIEW Matters magazine has been printed and clubs should have started receiving them. The e-book version is available on the VIEW website at http://view.org.au/resources/publications/. Members are reminded that the VIEW Matters magazine is a great promotional item to share at Information Stalls/Expos, etc. The link to the e-book version can be shared to prospective members, your local MPs, etc.</p> <p>Submissions for the April 2022 edition of VIEW Matters magazine are now being accepted. Submissions for this edition will close by COB Friday 11 March 2022.</p>
<p>Certificate of Currency 2021-22 – now available</p>	<p>National Office has emailed the 2021-22 Certificate of Currency to all VIEW Clubs (via club email address/es). Club Secretaries are reminded to keep a copy of this on file. National and Zone Councillors are reminded to keep a copy for their records and provide Clubs with a copy of this certificate, as required.</p>
<p>2021 Annual Audit</p>	<p>Clubs and Councillors will be asked to provide their 2021 Cashbooks (and accompanying materials) for audit in January 2022.</p> <p>Clubs and Councillors should work to finalise their books for the end of 2021. Clubs must include their December bank statement.</p> <p>NOTE: National Office is moving premises in January 2022.</p> <p>Clubs and Councillors are asked NOT TO SEND their Cashbook and accompanying audit documents into National Office until early February after they receive the official request from National Office.</p> <p>More information will be provided in the January 2022 mailout including a checklist for Treasurers.</p>
<p>Committee Lists</p>	<p>National Office provides Zone Councillors with a copy of the current (2021) Committee List. Zone Councillors working with each Club Secretary, at the time of elections, will be asked to update this Committee List with the results eg names of new Club Committee members after the 2022 Club Elections.</p> <p>Zone Councillors are asked to work with their Clubs to update and return these Committee Lists to National Office by the due date of 28 February 2022. (Please advise National Office if your first club meeting is not until March 2022).</p> <p>Committee Lists are an important document providing the key contact points for all clubs. Missing, incorrect or delayed Committee Lists can result in miscommunication.</p>
<p>Updated Club Handbook 2022-23 and Forms</p>	<p>The updated Club Handbook 2022-23 will be available to all VIEW Clubs and Members from January 2022 via the website. All 2022 VIEW forms and templates will also be available on the website in early January 2022.</p> <p>Committee members are asked to download these updated forms for their use in 2022.</p> <p>The Club Handbook has been restructured to provide Club Committee members with easier access to information relating to their role/s. It is highly recommended that all Club Committee members download a copy for their use. (printing is optional). National Office no longer provides hardcopies of the Club Handbook.</p>

Schedule of Dates 2022	All Councillors are reminded to make note of Schedule of Dates when arranging meetings and to pass this information through to clubs.
Toy & Book Appeal	<p>Toy & Book Appeal Information has been provided to clubs for their use (a copy is also available at view.org.au/resources/mailouts/). Last year, VIEW raised \$42,860 towards the Toy & Book Appeal.</p> <p>In light of the ongoing uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Smith Family has made the difficult decision to not proceed with the Toy & Book Appeal in its usual format. This year, The Smith Family will provide a digital gift voucher to every child who would ordinarily receive a gift pack. That way, these families can ensure their children can still participate in the joys of Christmas.</p> <p>VIEW members can support the Toy & Book Appeal by making a donation, which will be used to purchase digital gift vouchers and continue this wonderful tradition of gift giving to our families at Christmas time.</p> <p>To find out how to contribute to the Toy & Book Appeal, please email view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p> <p>Christmas Volunteering with The Smith Family</p> <p>To enquire about volunteering opportunities with The Smith Family at Christmas please email xmasvolunteering@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p>
Inspiring Women of VIEW - we want to hear from you!	<p>We are seeking snippets, comments, and photos from VIEW members in their communities in each Area/State to share with others. We are also seeking interesting, informative stories about VIEW members (Why/when they joined VIEW, what they like about VIEW, Why others should join VIEW etc) in their communities in each Area/State – these will form a library of VIEW stories, for VIEW Matters Magazine, ready for media opportunities or for us to share on Facebook with others</p> <p>It's really simple. To submit your snippet or story (a paragraph), just follow the link and complete the questions. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdf0sKpfuRkKlhMA5103fS659wTXcKSbEojZflQpBlrHG7lQ/viewform?usp=sf_link</p>
VIEW National Convention Online Raffle	Although the 2021 VIEW National Convention was postponed, the National Convention Online Raffle went ahead and raised \$29,085 for The Smith Family. An amazing result! Thank you to all VIEW members, their friends and family who purchased tickets. Visit our website at view.org.au to see all the winners. (https://view.org.au/events/national-convention-2021/)
VIEW National Convention 2022 – Adelaide – Registrations now open	Reserve your spot now! The 2022 VIEW National Convention will take place in Adelaide from Friday 9 September through to Sunday 11 September. An updated 2022 Registration Pack has been sent to all clubs. Full details, including how to register, are available at view.org.au . We are all looking forward to getting together for this wonderful event! (https://view.org.au/events/national-convention-2022/)
VIEW Christmas Merchandise Sale	VIEW Christmas Merchandise sale flyer has been sent to Clubs. These items make great stocking fillers and you can save up to up to 50%. Sale ends 15 December so get your orders in Now!! (https://view.org.au/media/11198/xmas-sale.pdf)

Next Media Release	A media release for The Smith Family Christmas Appeal, will be sent to VIEW Clubs for Publicity Officers to send to their local media outlet.
VIEW National Learning for Life Student numbers reach 1500!	VIEW <i>LfL</i> numbers continue to increase – VIEW Executive proudly announced that VIEW had reached the significant milestone of 1,500 <i>Learning for Life</i> sponsorships. Congratulations to all VIEW club members for continuing to support and increasing their sponsorship over the past year.
National Office Christmas Closure	Councillors and Clubs are asked to note that VIEW National Office will be closed over the Christmas break from 20 December 2021 to 2 January 2022. Thank you for all your support – wishing you a safe and relaxing time over Christmas and New Year with your friends and family.
2022 is The Smith Family's Centenary year	VIEW Clubs look forward to celebrating this significant milestone together with The Smith Family throughout the year. More information on events will be provided in the New Year.

6. WORKING GROUPS

The following papers were circulated prior to the meeting.

6.1 History Working Group	<p>Beryl spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>This period of lockdown in NSW has meant that many hours have been devoted to scanning old copies of VIEW World and updating databases. This has at times been rather humorous, looking back at some of the areas of concern for members from bygone days.</p> <p>Reading through the Editorials in VIEW World from 1960-1990 gives an insight into the lives and concerns of women during these decades. The Editorials are being collated into a document as part of the History Archive and will be available on the VIEW website in the future.</p> <p>Many clubs have also taken the opportunity to record their club history and these are added to the archives as you send them to us. Our club histories also give us insight into the changing times and attitudes of members through the last six decades.</p> <p>A Literary VIEW - We have now completed five volumes of VIEW Short Stories which are available on the website for your enjoyment (view.org.au/resources/publications/). There is also one volume of VIEW Poetry with more planned in coming months.</p> <p>Other activities -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resolution database of all resolutions debated at Convention is now complete and will be maintained into the future. • The profiles of all State and National Presidents is also near completion. This was originally prepared for the 50th Anniversary of VIEW and as we move into our next decades it seems appropriate to continue profiling these women. <p>Any queries relating to VIEW History to be directed to Susan Groenhout Chair History Working Group view.historymatters@gmail.com.</p>
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<p>6.2 Website & Social Media</p>	<p>Jo spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Website</p> <p>As we near the end of the year, it is now the time for Clubs to review their webpages to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove outdated items (recommended anything over 2 years old) • Update their 'About' section • Ensure that the contact details are correct, and • Link their club Facebook page to their webpage <p>These are all good preparations to start the New Year.</p> <p>Social Media</p> <p>Club Facebook</p> <p>All VIEW Clubs are encouraged to create an individual Club Facebook page. For help in setting up a Facebook page please refer to "www.view.org/resources/how-to-help" section of the website.</p> <p>VIEW Clubs with a Facebook page are encouraged to advise the Website Working Group of their Facebook link so it can be added to their web page. (admin@view.org.au).</p> <p>Please note: The Website Working Group does not have access to individual Club's Facebook pages; this is the responsibility of the individual Club.</p> <p>VIEW Facebook – VIEW Clubs of Australia</p> <p>Our national VIEW Facebook followers continues to increase.</p> <p>For the four months (July-October) the most popular Facebook posts have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilligerry VIEW Club (NSW) 15 new members • Member stories – meeting existing and new members of VIEW • Virtual meeting with Governor-General and Mrs Hurley VIEW Patron • Tonsley VIEW Club (SA) Inaugural • Black Pepper Limited Edition Scarf <p>Facebook is a great way to get messages out to members quickly (eg National Convention, newest edition of VIEW Matters, Online Raffle, etc).</p>
<p>6.3 Future of VIEW Working Group</p>	<p>Maryanne spoke to a paper circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The FOVWG have completed updating both the Club and Councillor Handbooks provided to National and Zone Councillors 2022-23 as part of Workstudy held via Zoom on 12-13 November 2021.</p> <p>The updated Club Handbook will be available to all clubs via VIEW website in January 2022 at https://view.org.au/resources/organisational-information/.</p>
<p>7. GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	
<p>7.1</p>	<p>Anne-Louise spoke about the importance of members stepping up to VIEW leadership - Zone and National Councillor roles.</p>

<p>2022-23 Zone Councillor Nominations</p>	<p>Anne-Louise also acknowledged that with lockdowns and border restrictions during their term (2020-21) there was a limited ability to meet face to face with members and attend Club, Zone and Area events, which in turn led to Councillors being unable to network freely with and encourage prospective members to step up as they have done in the past.</p> <p>Below is the list of all nominations received for Zone Councillors for 2022-23 which have been ratified to date.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 405 1425 869"> <thead> <tr> <th>Zone</th> <th>Nominee</th> <th>Zone</th> <th>Nominee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NA01</td> <td>Angela Carroll</td> <td>NL02</td> <td>Margaret Sedgwick Jennifer Currie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NA02</td> <td>Dianne Whitten</td> <td>NM02</td> <td>Kay Backman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NA04</td> <td>Robyn Clarke</td> <td>QA01</td> <td>Lyll Aldridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NC01/02</td> <td>Pam Evans</td> <td>QB02</td> <td>Lainie Sanders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ND02</td> <td>Elizabeth Terry</td> <td>SA01</td> <td>Heather Smigiel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NI01</td> <td>Aletia Norman</td> <td>SA02</td> <td>Bernie McSwain</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NJ02</td> <td>Jill Mason</td> <td>VA02</td> <td>Hazel Austin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NK01</td> <td>Dianne Fiddes</td> <td>VB03</td> <td>Wendy Walker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NK02</td> <td>Barbara Gaylard</td> <td>VC01/02</td> <td>Judith McPherson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>VC03</td> <td>Janet Park</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: Zone NA03 Joy Menzies withdrew her nomination due to ill health.</p> <p>There are still a large number of Zones without an incumbent.</p> <p>VIEW Clubs have 46 Zones across Australia. Having a Zone Councillor for each area is important for the continued smooth running of VIEW Clubs.</p> <p>Twenty-Seven Zones are still without a candidate. Nominations will still be accepted for any of the vacant Zone Councillor positions. Please forward nominations to view@thesmithfamily.com.au.</p> <p>National and Zone Councillors are encouraged to work together to fill these gaps. Stepping into a Senior officer role is very rewarding, positions can be shared (eg Zone NL02 Riverina, MIA, Snowy Mountain Foothills and South to Victorian border have done so successfully) and these roles play an key part in the communication between Club and National Office/The Smith Family.</p> <p>Note: Zone Councillors are able to hold their position for two terms (4 years).</p>	Zone	Nominee	Zone	Nominee	NA01	Angela Carroll	NL02	Margaret Sedgwick Jennifer Currie	NA02	Dianne Whitten	NM02	Kay Backman	NA04	Robyn Clarke	QA01	Lyll Aldridge	NC01/02	Pam Evans	QB02	Lainie Sanders	ND02	Elizabeth Terry	SA01	Heather Smigiel	NI01	Aletia Norman	SA02	Bernie McSwain	NJ02	Jill Mason	VA02	Hazel Austin	NK01	Dianne Fiddes	VB03	Wendy Walker	NK02	Barbara Gaylard	VC01/02	Judith McPherson			VC03	Janet Park
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<p>7.2 Meetings with MPs</p>	<p>National Councillors reported on contact with their local MP representatives (Local/State/Federal). Most acknowledged that it had been difficult to meet in person due to Lockdowns/Travel restrictions. This information will be passed on to incoming National Councillors so that they can continue to make contact with their local representatives in the future.</p>																																												
<p>7.3 Gender Diversity</p>	<p>At the September 2021 meeting National Council agreed to seek advice in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether VIEW could remain a women’s only volunteering organization, and • VIEW’s position should a non- gender specific person want to attend a meeting/activity or join a VIEW club. 																																												

	<p>The following advice was received:</p> <p>Australia’s anti-discrimination laws do not prevent VIEW maintaining its position as a women’s only organisation.</p> <p>As outlined in section 1 of VIEW Clubs of Australia’s Charter, VIEW’s purpose is stated as, “a leading national women’s volunteer organisation and support network that empowers women to have their voices heard...” and “...provides women with the opportunity to meet regularly with other women.”</p> <p>As mentioned in September 2021 National Council Minutes “Men can continue to participate in VIEW Club across a wide range of fundraising and supporting activities. To date VIEW has not experienced men seeking to participate in more direct roles or join as members of the organisation. VIEW National Council policy states that it is inappropriate for men to attend ordinary monthly Club meetings, unless they are invited as a Guest Speaker, Entertainer or VIP. Men who are assisting speakers or entertainers are welcome. This policy also applies at VIEW National Convention, Area Gala Functions and Zone Conferences. Male partners/friends are welcome to attend specific social events that have been nominated and endorsed by a majority of Club members for this purpose.” (Refer to Club Handbook 2021-22 p39)</p> <p>Gender Diversity - In response to changing community expectations, a number of organisations are shifting towards using gender inclusive language. This inclusive approach recognises that individuals may identify and be recognised within the community as a gender other than that assigned at birth, or as a gender which is not exclusively binary and that this may change over time.</p> <p>The National Council resolved that it was not necessary to take any immediate action, including to amend the Charter (noting this was consistent with legal advice received). It agreed to adopt a wait and see approach and deal with membership requests on a case by case basis. If a request was made, it should be escalated to VIEW National Executive and considered based on the circumstances of the application.</p>
<p>7.4 LfL Sponsorship Changes</p>	<p>Maryanne Maher advised National Council that there will be an increase in the cost of <i>Learning for Life</i> sponsorship effective from 1 July 2022. All VIEW Clubs will be notified of these changes.</p> <p>Every few years, The Smith Family reviews the cost of sponsoring a child to ensure it is keeping up with the rising costs of living facing all Australian families, especially those families struggling with financial hardship. The last increase was 1 January 2019.</p> <p>In recognition of the strong support that VIEW Club members have towards their sponsored children, and to help clubs raise the extra funds and continue their support, similar to previous price increases, VIEW Clubs will be provided a moratorium on price increase allowing them to pay in advance for any VIEW Club’s sponsorships due for payment between 1 July 2022 to 30 Jun 2023.</p> <p>These can be paid in advance, at the old rate, if payment is made <u>before</u> 1 July 2022. Please note that any new sponsorships taken up on or after 1 July 2022 will be at the new pricing.</p>

In November, VIEW Clubs will receive information in relation to the sponsorship increase.

The Smith Family will be writing to all sponsors, including all VIEW Clubs sponsoring students, early in the New Year to detail the specifics of their sponsorship and proposed changes.

For any queries about these changes and how they affect sponsorship, please contact Deon Ngatai or our Supporter Care team on 1800 633 622 sponsorship@thesmithfamily.com.au.

We encourage all Clubs to use **My Smith Family portal** to access the information relating to their Club's sponsorship and due date payments.

Changes to the cost of sponsorship

The new cost of *LfL* sponsorships by student education level is outlined below:

Level	Current sponsorship per annum	New Sponsorship per annum from 1 July 2022	Increase of \$ per annum
School Shared	\$624	\$660	\$36
School Full	\$1,248	\$1,320	\$72
Senior Secondary Shared	\$888	\$936	\$48
Senior Secondary Full	\$1,776	\$1,872	\$96
Tertiary (shared)	\$1,248	\$1,320	\$72
Tertiary (full)	\$3,540	\$3,732	\$192

We hope that Clubs can continue to sponsor your student/s at the new level. Increasing the sponsorship payment will help students keep up and stay at school. Your sponsorship also ensures students' lives are not limited by their circumstances and that they can make the most of their school years.

As is always the case, **all of your sponsorship benefits your sponsored child.**

7.5 Club Closure

National Council **noted** with regret that the following club had closed since the September 2021 National Council meeting: Wellington (NH). Clubs are reminded that the decision to close is only to be made in consultation with the National Executive, National Councillor and Zone Councillor.

7.6 2022 Schedule of Dates

WHEN	WHAT
After first 2022 Club meeting	Delegates Reports due to Zone Councillor
January	
Friday 7 January	Agenda items to Executive
Mon-Wed 10-12 January	Executive Meeting (Face to Face Meeting)
Thursday 13 January	January Monthly Mailout
Friday 21 January	VIEW National Office Closed

February	
Thursday 10 February	Agenda sent to National Councillors
Saturday 19 February	Executive Meeting (Face to Face Meeting)
Sunday 20 February	National Council Meeting (Face to Face meeting)
Thursday 17 February	February Monthly Mailout
March	
Friday 4 March	National Minutes distributed via email
Week beginning 7 March	Zone Councillor Meeting (Face to Face) w/- National Councillor
Thursday 10 March	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
Week beginning 14 March	Delegates Meeting (face to face) with Zone Councillor
Thursday 17 March	March Monthly Mailout
April	
Thursday 7 April	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
Friday 8 April	Agenda items to Executive Mentor
Thursday 21 April	April Monthly Mailout
May	
Thursday 12 May	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
Friday 13 May	Agenda sent to National Councillors
Week of 16-22 May	National Volunteer Week
Thursday 19 May	May Monthly Mailout
Friday 20 May	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
Sunday 22 May	National Council Meeting (via Zoom)
June	
Friday 3 June	National Minutes distributed via email
Week beginning 6 June	Zone Councillor (Teleconference/ Zoom) w/-National Councillor
Week beginning 13 June	Delegates Meeting (Teleconference/ Zoom) w/-Zone Councillor
Thursday 16 June	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
Thursday 23 June	June Monthly Mailout
July	
Thursday 14 July	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
Thursday 21 July	July Monthly Mailout
August	
Friday 5 August	Agenda items to Executive Mentor
Thursday 11 August	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
Thursday 18 August	August Monthly Mailout
September	
Friday 2 September	Agenda sent to National Councillors
Wednesday 7 September	Executive Meeting (Face-to-Face Meeting)
Thursday 8 September	National Council Meeting
Friday – Sunday 9-11 September	VIEW National Convention
Friday 23 September	National Minutes distributed via email

	Week beginning 26 September	Zone Councillor (Teleconference/ Zoom) w/-National Councillor
	October	
	Week beginning 3 October	Delegates Meeting (Teleconference/ Zoom) w/- Zone Councillor
	Thursday 13 October	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
	Monday 17 October (to 23/10)	Anti-Poverty Week
	Thursday 20 October	October Monthly Mailout
	November	
	Thursday 10 November	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
	Thursday 17 November	November Monthly Mailout
	December	
	Thursday 8 December	Executive Meeting (Zoom Meeting)
8. Learning and Development		
Moving on from National Council	Leonie Green, Smith Family, Head of State and Territory Operations led a session for Outgoing Executive and National Councillors that allowed them to share their personal and VIEW achievements during their term 2020-21. They also provided “words of encouragement” and ‘words of wisdom’ which will be shared with the incoming National Councillors at the first 2022 National Council meeting. National Executive and Councillors celebrated their achievements and were thanked for their dedication and resilience over the past two challenging years.	
Handing over	Olga Shkuropatova led a “Hand over” session for Executive and National Councillors in relation to what needs to be handed over to the incoming National Council regarding Bank Account, financial as well as other records.	
Dates Of Next Meetings	National Council meeting – Sunday 14 February 2022	

Summary of Decisions at National Council Meeting

November 2021

Area of Work	Decision, Policy and/or Procedure	Agenda Reference
National Office Update	National Office Update	5.1
General Business	Zone Councillor Nominations 2022-23	7.1
General Business	Gender Diversity	7.3
General Business	<i>LfL</i> Sponsorship Changes	7.4
General Business	Schedule of Dates	7.6