In the new edition of this classic resource, the great Aussie verandah comes alive! This enlarged, streamlined deck of cards has been specially created for opening up conversations about long and short term goals, aspirations, purpose and meaning.

Use these cards to name hopes and dreams, and plans for the future. From your verandah you can survey the landscape before you. What have you achieved? What are you most proud of? But what work also has to be done? What lies before you? Is something blocking your view? What changes do you think you will have to make?

We reckon this delightful new edition of the cards will be embraced both by lovers of the originals and those encountering Views for the very first time. So push back the flyscreen and pull up a chair, and gaze with us out on a landscape of surprises and possibilities!

**Using the cards for career planning**

*Views from the Verandah* is the must-have card set for careers counsellors! The cards can be used to identify areas of importance in one’s life and future plans. They’re ideal for opening conversations about identifying different pathways to achieving one’s aspirations and finding ways to achieve work/life balance.

Choose a card that represents an aspect of the work you like to do.

- What do you enjoy about this activity?
- Is this something you have always enjoyed?
- What jobs include this quality or activity?
- How might you find out more about this as a potential area of work?
- Can you choose other cards that seem connected with the card you have chosen?

**Using the cards for storytelling**

- Choose a card and see if you can write or tell four brief stories about that card—a romance, a comedy, a tragedy and a drama. Which of these stories has particular resonance for you?
- Choose a ‘card of the day’ or ‘card of the week’ and use it as a prompt for writing or journaling about that subject for a period of time. Feel free to be creative with drawings, collages and scrapbooking.
- Choose a card and find a quote or a poem that uses this word. Write a poem or story of your own using this word.
- Select one or more cards and write about or describe a time in your life when this word was a feature.
- Write about or describe a person who ‘embodies’ the card you have selected.
- Choose a card and write a list of related words.
- Arrange several cards in a sequence and use them for writing or telling a story.

**Using the cards with couples**

These cards offer a fun and non-threatening way to get couples talking about what’s important to them and how they might have similar or different goals, plans and strengths.

Invite both partners to choose 3 cards that represent aspects of life that are important to them.

- Why did you choose these particular cards?
- Do the cards you have chosen portray new goals or are they things you have done in the past?
- How often do you want to engage in the activities shown in the cards you have chosen?
- How do your cards differ from those chosen by your partner?
- How are they the same?
- How might you navigate any differing priorities that your selections may reveal?

**Using the cards in counselling**

Sometimes it is appropriate to open up conversations about the pain or trauma that can enter our lives—or if you like, the ‘shadows’. This must be done with care and skill.

- Which of the *Views from the Verandah* cards are sources of satisfaction and fulfillment, and which are sources of frustration and disaffection?
- Are they the same cards or different?
- Which cards represent ‘distractions’ rather than ‘the important things’ in your life?
- Which of the *Views from the Verandah* cards compete with each other for your time and attention? Which ones win?
- Which of the cards represent a high priority for you but a lesser priority for others in your life? What effect does this have?
- Given the challenges you are facing in certain areas of your life, how have you managed as well as you have?
- What strengths do you use to stay afloat?
- What has impressed you or inspired you about what you have seen others do as ways forward?
- How might you ‘borrow’ strengths from others such as your family, friends, colleagues or communities?

**VIEWS FROM THE VERANDAH**

54 laminated, full-colour cards, 148mm x 105mm
Includes 48 Concept cards, accompanied by 6 Time Frame cards representing 1 week, 1 month, 6 months, 1 year, 5 years and 10 years.
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