



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 23 October 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT, FOND FAREWELLS & A WARM WELCOME

I am delighted to advise that Ms Jaala Hinchcliffe, our Public Officer, has been appointed to the senior Government position of Deputy Ombudsman. Unfortunately for us, she is required to resign from all Board positions to avoid any conflict of interest. On behalf of the staff, volunteers and Board we wish Jaala well in her new position and thank her for her significant contribution over the past three years.

We also say farewell to Sarah Charlton who leaves us in mid-December. Sarah's husband has been posted to Albury so, sadly, she leaves us. Sarah has made a wonderful contribution as Volunteer Co-ordinator and educator and we will miss her very much. Our warmest thanks go to Sarah for her contribution and we wish her well in her new home.

I am pleased to announce that Ms Glenda Stevens will be joining us as the new CEO on 13 November. Glenda brings strong leadership and governance experience gained during her three years as CEO of Homelessness Australia and two years with the Diplomatic Charity Foundation. Please make Glenda welcome.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Survey: Sixty (60) people, or 37% of volunteers, responded to the volunteer survey. Most responders were from Clare Holland House and the majority of people were older females. Of the 54 people who responded to the question "Do you want further recognition", 43 people, or almost 80%, advised that the pleasure of volunteering was sufficient reward. Based on this feedback, we are looking at less expensive options to the volunteer dinner – more on that later.

Volunteer Training: We currently have in excess of 80 volunteers on the waiting list so a 5th training session for 2017 has been scheduled for 8, 19 and 10 November.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The Annual Fundraising Dinner held at the Canberra Southern Cross Club on 14 October was a huge success. We had almost 400 people attend our "Black and White" themed dinner. The "Blind Wine Auction" and the "Butterfly Net" were again great draw cards as well as the wonderful array of live and silent auction items. Final figures are still a work in progress but we look to have raised in excess of \$70,000.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Statements for the 2016-2017 financial year are completed and will be included in the report to the Annual General Meeting which is scheduled to take place on Thursday 23 November.

The Treasurer reported a strong financial position at the end of September, largely owing to the \$100,000 bequest from Mr Alastair



STRATEGIC PLAN & BUSINESS PLAN

Swayn's estate. Mr Swayn, an architect, was a strong supporter of palliative care and we were privileged to be included in his will.

A slightly revised Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 was endorsed by the Board and will now be printed and placed on the website.

AGM & END OF YEAR PARTY

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Tom Elvin Centre commencing at 6.00 pm on Thursday 23 November and we look forward to seeing you there.

All staff, volunteers and Board Members are invited to an end of year get together from 5.00 – 7.00 pm on Thursday 7 December at the Tom Elvin Centre. We do hope as many people as possible are able to join us.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held on Monday 27 November 2017.

Louise Mayo
President

