



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 24 July 2017

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been another busy month for the staff and Board of PC ACT with training sessions, meeting the demands for home based and residential care, end of financial year activity, and fundraising efforts. I continue to be in awe of the wonderful work of our volunteers and it is always a great source of pride to receive feedback from the community about the difference that our volunteers make.

## CEO & STAFF ACTIVITIES

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Leo Sutton who, along with our Patron Shirley, was a driving force behind the establishment of palliative care in Canberra and surrounds. Leo developed the first Constitution for the organisation and his wit, charm and gentle ways will be remembered by many.

Training was delivered to our latest intake of volunteers over 6 and 7 July (weekdays) and 15 and 16 July (weekend) with excellent feedback received. Despite this, we still have 50 people on the waiting list to be trained and we are currently working out how to complete this as quickly as possible.

Advertisements have appeared in the Canberra Times inviting applications for the Margaret Cordon scholarship. We have also sent out information to the Universities in Canberra encouraging people to apply. Applications close on 31 August.

There has been a high demand for home based and residential care support and I am pleased to report that our shift arrangements at Goodwin are working well.

## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

### Life Stories Breakfast

Our next major fundraising event is the breakfast to relaunch the Life Stories program. Our keynote speaker is Jean Kittson, actor, writer and comedian with Clyde Rathbone, former Wallabies and Brumbies player taking on the role of MC. The event will be held at Hotel Realm from 7.00 – 9.00 am on Wednesday 9 August. Tickets are \$85 each or \$800 for a table of 10 and can be booked through Eventbrite - using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/life-stories-breakfast-tickets-35473380837>

### Next Movie Night

On 17 September we will hold another movie night at Palace

Cinema. This promises to be a fun evening where we will show the movie Victoria and Abdul starring Judi Dench. Tickets are \$35 and include light refreshments, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, choc top and popcorn. Please save the date and come along to enjoy what promises to be an excellent show.

### **Annual Fundraising Dinner**

The Annual Fundraising Dinner has been booked for Saturday 14 October at the Canberra Southern Cross Club and tickets are \$75 a head which includes a three course meal, wine and music as well as a wonderful selection of items to purchase through our auction processes. Please save the date and come along with family and friends to enjoy a really fantastic evening.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report to 30 June was presented by the Treasurer. I am pleased to report that we will record a surplus for the year but we are waiting until the auditors have completed their work before announcing the final figure. Not for Profit organisations like ours, which receive significant funding from Government, have to be constantly aware of the pressures faced by Government when it comes to allocation of resources. We have already experienced a loss of funding for the day hospices so as a Board we have remained vigilant in ensuring we cover all our costs and build a little extra into the kitty.

## **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 28 August 2017.

Louise Mayo  
President