



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 26 June 2017

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to stand in for Louise Mayo, our President, who is on leave this month and report on our recent Board Meeting and events over the past month - Con Sfyris, Vice President

## REQUEST FOR SERVICES

I am also pleased to report that our trial at Goodwin is progressing well. For the past eight weeks we have been running a system of shifts whereby two volunteers go to Goodwin for two hours each day and provide support across a number of clients. This is being very well received.

## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Feedback from the Power of Music concert has been excellent. The auditorium at the Canberra Southern Cross Club was filled with entertainers and patrons. Genevieve Jacobs from the ABC compared the evening which featured not only our wonderful Palliative Care Singers, but also the renowned Louise Page. The Choir of St Clare's College, Sarah Louise Owen, Dante Musica Viva, Credo and Sing Australia were among the performers who all donated their time free of charge. The finale rendition of You Raise Me Up by the joint choirs was outstanding.

Our next significant event is a breakfast to re-launch the Life Stories program. Jean Kitson has agreed to be our keynote speaker and Clyde Rathbone will MC the event. It will be held at the Hotel Realm on 9 August. More information on this will be sent out shortly.

Planning for the Annual Fundraising Dinner is progressing well. The band has been booked, the menu selected and approaches are being made to sponsors to build up a wonderful range of prizes. It will be held on Saturday 14 October 2017 at the Canberra Southern Cross Club. The ticket price of \$75 per person includes a three-course meal, wine, music, the chance to mingle with friends and kick up your heels. Please save the date and bring along family, neighbours, work colleagues - everyone you can think of!!

## CEO & STAFF ACTIVITIES

Interviews have been conducted for the next intake of volunteers. Training for these volunteers has been scheduled for 6 and 7 July (weekdays) and 15 and 16 July (weekend) to cater for people's availability. Diversity awareness has been incorporated into the training program.

More than 20 information sessions have been conducted in the past two months at organisations including Southern Cross Care

Campbell, U3A, Men's Shed, View Club Tuggeranong, the Indian Cultural Group, and BUPA at Calwell.

I am pleased to announce that applications for the Margaret Cordon scholarship will be invited shortly, closing 31 August 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity to support a range of initiatives. Details will be posted on the website shortly.

A recent meeting with ACT Health went extremely well. Not only did we receive a good report card for last year's financial statements, but Health is planning to use the palliative care model of service delivery in a trial as part of its Clinical Services Plan for ACT.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Financial Report for end May was presented by the Treasurer. With the significant fund raising efforts this financial year we are on track to deliver a surplus. However, as mentioned last month, our overall funding from ACT Health will reduce next financial year as the hospice day care money will cease. As a consequence we need to actively pursue our fundraising program to ensure the ongoing financial viability of the organisation.

## **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday 24 July 2017.

Con Sfyris  
Vice President

