



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 14 May 2018

FEDERAL BUDGET

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was heartening to see the announcement of \$32.8m in the Federal Budget for specialised palliative care services in residential aged care although it is noted that the allocation is contingent on the States and Territories matching the funding. It was also pleasing to see 20,000 more high-level-needs home care packages being provided as these will allow more palliative care patients to receive care at home for a longer period.

PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

Fifteen of our volunteers will be attending Government House for the launch of Palliative Care Week and that day I will be attending the Palliative Care Australia Presidents' Meeting. On 22 May Glenda and I will attend a breakfast with Politicians at Parliament House, while in the afternoon there is a Death Café at the IRT Aged Care Facility. On Wednesday 23 May, I am pleased to advise that we will be holding an event for our wonderful volunteers to show our appreciation for their excellent input. There will be two guest speakers: Penny Gregory from the Nous Group and Asha Jolly, the ACT's new Paediatric Palliative Care Nurse. On Thursday 24 May there will be a further Death Café at Goodwin Residential Aged Care Facility and finally on Sunday 27 May we have our wonderful movie fundraiser -The Bookshop - at Palace Cinema. More information on that event is in this bulletin.

WORKPLACE TOOLKIT

I'm pleased to report that we have now engaged a writer to develop the Workplace Toolkit which will assist people returning to work after a bereavement, people coping with a terminally ill loved one, and managers supporting staff who have a workplace colleague going through a difficult time etc.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2018-2019

In a bid to boost membership of Palliative Care ACT, the Board has reviewed Membership Fees for next financial year and has widened the types of individual, organisational and corporate memberships. In particular, it has reduced fees for concession holders and for people who actively volunteer for PC ACT. The revised fees are as follows:

Concession/Student	\$20.00
Palliative Care Volunteer	\$10.00
Individual	\$40.00
Life Membership	\$500.00
Small organisation	\$75.00
Medium organisation	\$150.00
Large organisation	\$220.00
Small corporate	\$150.00

Medium corporate	\$275.00
Large corporate	\$400.00

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

As outlined in the April report, we have two exciting fundraising events coming up and we seek your help in supporting them. The first in our movie event. We are showing *The Bookshop* on Sunday 27 May at Palace Cinema. It stars Emily Mortimer, Patricia Clarkson and Bill Nighy, and tells the story of a woman in 1959 England who decides, against polite but ruthless opposition, to open a bookshop, a decision which becomes a political minefield. The event kicks off at 4.00 pm with a drink, light refreshments, an ice cream and popcorn, which at \$35.00 represents great value for money. Our sponsor for this event is Ray White Real Estate. Bookings can be made through [Eventbrite](#)

Please tell your friends and family and come along to support us.

Our second exciting fundraising adventure is the Bags, Beauty and Bling event to be held at the Holy Trinity School Curtin on Friday evening 15 June and all-day Saturday 16 June. We have lots of pre-loved bags for sale, including “celebrity” bags from high profile people. We have been fortunate to secure the auctioneering services of Jenna Dunley who will auction the high value bags on the Friday evening at a “bubbles and nibbles” event which starts at 5.30 pm while Saturday will be an open day to purchase the bags. There will also be stalls offering beauty products and jewellery. So please tell your friends and come along and support us. Bookings for the Friday night are available at [Eventbrite](#).

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Palliative Care Board will take place at 6.00 pm on Monday 25 June 2018.