



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 25 June 2018

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, I am pleased to provide a Summary of Outcomes from the June Board Meeting.

## ACT BUDGET

Health continued to be the largest area of expenditure in the ACT Budget with \$1.7 billion allocated to the Health system. It was pleasing to see that more than \$30 million over four years has been allocated to expand the capacity of the Hospital in the Home service to 3,000 more patients each year. This initiative combines the clinical resources of Canberra and Calvary public hospitals to deliver a territory-wide Hospital in the Home service for Canberrans.

\$500,000 over three years has been allocated to the Health Care Consumers' Association to provide improved health literacy for people with poor chronic health, helping patients to better navigate our health system. This funding will support the Association in engaging with communities that experience poor chronic health outcomes, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans, people living with a disability and the elderly and help connect them with appropriate preventive health services.

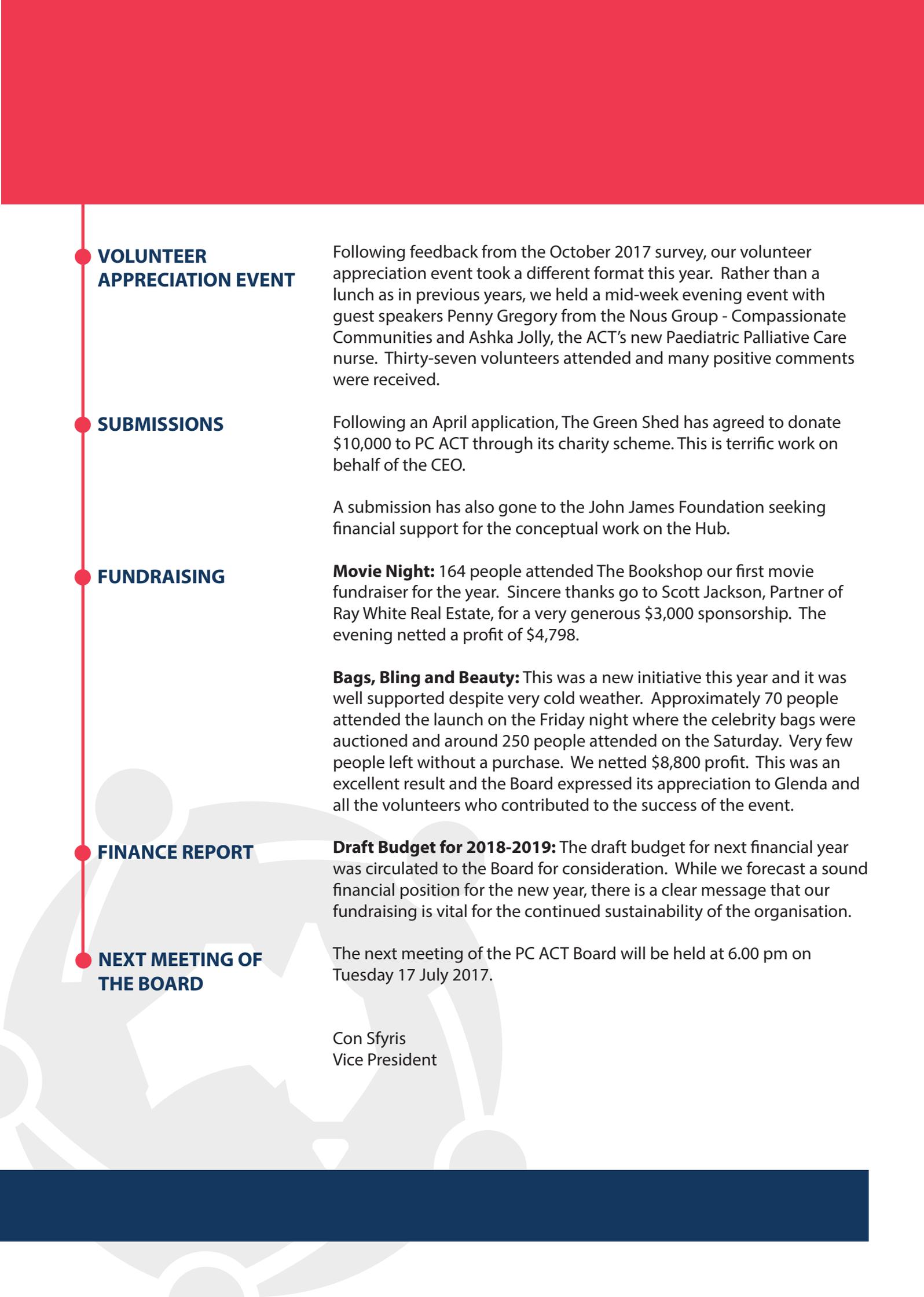
\$889,000 has been set aside for the ACT Mental Health Recovery College Trial while a further \$3m over four years has been earmarked for more mental health services for older Canberrans.

## NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK 20-26 MAY

This was a very successful week with our CEO, Glenda Stevens, and our President, Louise Mayo, joining a number of our volunteers at the National Palliative Care Week launch at Government House.

Louise and Glenda were also breakfast guests at The Parliamentary Friends of End of Life Care Group, hosted by the Minister for Health, the Hon Greg Hunt. Mr Hunt noted that palliative care is an area of deep fundamental bi-partisanship. PC ACT along with our State and Territory colleagues provided input to the PCA and Dementia Australia joint Policy Statement on Palliative Care and Dementia supporting the premise that dementia is a terminal condition and that it is essential palliative care is discussed and made available from diagnosis.

In conjunction with Goodwin Village, Ainslie, PC ACT hosted a Death Café. Over coffee and cake we talked with residents about the importance of discussing Advance Care Planning with their families.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Following feedback from the October 2017 survey, our volunteer appreciation event took a different format this year. Rather than a lunch as in previous years, we held a mid-week evening event with guest speakers Penny Gregory from the Nous Group - Compassionate Communities and Ashka Jolly, the ACT's new Paediatric Palliative Care nurse. Thirty-seven volunteers attended and many positive comments were received.

## SUBMISSIONS

Following an April application, The Green Shed has agreed to donate \$10,000 to PC ACT through its charity scheme. This is terrific work on behalf of the CEO.

A submission has also gone to the John James Foundation seeking financial support for the conceptual work on the Hub.

## FUNDRAISING

**Movie Night:** 164 people attended The Bookshop our first movie fundraiser for the year. Sincere thanks go to Scott Jackson, Partner of Ray White Real Estate, for a very generous \$3,000 sponsorship. The evening netted a profit of \$4,798.

**Bags, Bling and Beauty:** This was a new initiative this year and it was well supported despite very cold weather. Approximately 70 people attended the launch on the Friday night where the celebrity bags were auctioned and around 250 people attended on the Saturday. Very few people left without a purchase. We netted \$8,800 profit. This was an excellent result and the Board expressed its appreciation to Glenda and all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.

## FINANCE REPORT

**Draft Budget for 2018-2019:** The draft budget for next financial year was circulated to the Board for consideration. While we forecast a sound financial position for the new year, there is a clear message that our fundraising is vital for the continued sustainability of the organisation.

## NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 17 July 2017.

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