



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 27 August 2018

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been another busy month for the Board and staff. I attended a meeting of Presidents from across all the States on 3 August where we discussed the Palliative Care Australia strategy for the future, international issues, the roadmap towards 2030 and governance structures.

On 14 August I participated in a thought-provoking session at Parliament House on End of Life issues where guest speakers include Dr Stephen King, the Productivity Commissioner; Dr Stephen Duckett from the Gattton Institute, Professor Mike Woods from the University of Technology in Sydney and Dr Anna Barker from Medibank.

On 18 August I also met with Jenny Hazelton who is the President of Orange Push, an organisation that has secured funding for four clinical palliative care beds and is currently out to tender to secure the service provider. I was able to put Jenny in touch with Julie Elliott, our Operations Manager, as she was keen to learn about our education program for volunteers.

## MARGARET CORDON SCHOLARSHIP 2018-2019

Money from the Margaret Cordon scholarship fund will be used to host a workshop canvassing the implications of legalised assisted dying on mental health, the law and palliative care in the ACT. The workshop will take place on 15 September 2018.

## ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

In a bid to streamline and simplify training for volunteers, the staff of Palliative Care have developed a list of topics that could be covered via online training. This includes subjects such as What is Palliative Care, Role of the Volunteer, Illness and Care, Diversity, Spirituality and Self-Care of Volunteers. Of course, it is recognised that some modules must be delivered face to face but by placing other, less sensitive, modules on line, it will provide flexibility for the volunteers and reduce the face to face training time commitment which is attractive to those people still in the workforce. The CEO has been asked to provide costings.

## 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

A significant amount of work has taken place during August in preparation for the 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner which will take place at the Canberra Southern Cross Club on Saturday 13 October. We have secured some wonderful donations as prizes and these include vouchers for travel and restaurants, plus beautiful art work, elegant jewellery, hampers, some pampering items and many, many more wonderful things. We will have around 100 live and silent auction prizes plus 175 butterfly bags, which are like a lucky dip. There will be a "blind" wine sale, a champagne bar and raffle prizes – all this in addition to a scrumptious 3 course meal and wine for the modest price of \$90 per



**NEXT MEETING OF  
THE BOARD**

head. Please come along to support this very worthwhile cause. Tickets may be purchased through Eventbrite at <https://goo.gl/aWDd79>

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held on Thursday 27 September 2018.

Louise President  
President

