



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 18 February 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

All the festivities of the holiday season are now behind us and already we are more than half way through February. How quickly the year is flying by! Julie Elliott and the wonderful staff at PC ACT have been very busy managing the business of the organisation pending the appointment of a permanent CEO. On behalf of the Board I extend a special thanks to Julie and the team for stepping up and doing a great job.

RESIGNATIONS FROM THE BOARD

I am sad to announce the resignation of two Board Members: Ms Christina Richards and Ms Kat Burggraaff. Christina made an excellent contribution in establishing the Risk and Audit Committee and we wish her well with her major house extensions and Nanna duties. Kat took leave of absence from the Board in August 2018 owing to personal circumstances. Unfortunately, she still has family matters to manage and as a result has resigned. The Board wishes Kat well and pays tribute to the significant contribution she made, particularly to the second and third fundraising dinners.

PALLIATIVE VOLUNTEER SURVEY

We received 81 responses to the Palliative Volunteer Survey from the 125 contacts approached. Highlights from the survey are:

- 76% have been volunteering for 10 years or less
- 74% volunteer weekly and of those 94% say that is the right amount of time for them
- 55% attended at least one PC ACT fundraising or social event with positive feedback received
- 85% engage with the volunteer updates via email and 74% find the monthly newsletter useful
- 64% advised they do not attend the monthly in-service sessions and support their professional development by reading and internet searches. Reasons for low attendance included work commitments, other commitments or not being aware they were on. This is an area we will look to improve upon.

Thank you to all those people who responded. It is only through feedback that we can better assist you in the important work you do.

SUNCORP SPONSORSHIP

Suncorp has advised that it will continue to support the PCACT this year with a further donation of \$20k.



THE HUB

Work is proceeding apace on The Hub. We are now in the throws of finalising the Model of Care and Planning Brief. Once finalised there will be further discussions with the ACT Government regarding a site and with a number of organisations regarding construction and operational funding.

SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT

An initial meeting has been held with ACT Health to negotiate our current funding contract as well as the three-year extension beyond June 2019. A further meeting is scheduled for later in February. PC ACT has been approached by the Canberra Hospital to reinstate a Palliative Care Volunteer Program. As this is outside the current service contract, it is an issue to be discussed and funded.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held on Monday 25 March 2019 at the Tom Elvin Centre.

Louise Mayo
President

