



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 25 March 2019

## APPOINTMENT OF CASUAL BOARD MEMBER

I am delighted to advise you that Ms Carolyn Smith has accepted appointment to the Board of Palliative Care ACT. Carolyn is a highly skilled and experienced policy advisor and, as a senior executive in government, has worked across the social policy, regulatory and corporate domains of a number of departments. She specialises in the provision of high-level strategic advice on policy, regulation and program design. She has a passionate interest in palliative care and developed the scoping study for The Hub. Please welcome Carolyn if you meet her at any of our social functions.

## NEW CHAIR OF THE RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Following the resignation of Ms Christina Richards last month, I am pleased to advise that Ms Michelle Kelly has agreed to become our external independent chair of the Risk and Audit Committee. Michelle also brings considerable experience at a strategic level and we are fortunate to have secured her services.

## PROGRESS WITH APPOINTMENT OF NEW CEO

Julie Elliott and her team are continuing to do a wonderful job in running the operational side of the organisation pending the appointment of a new CEO. We are currently at the stage of referee checking and I hope to advise you of the new appointee shortly.

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

Twelve new palliative care volunteers and seven new Life Story volunteers were trained in February. They are a very welcome addition to our wonderful volunteer network.

## NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

National Palliative Care Week will be launched on Sunday 19 May at Villaggio Aged Care Centre in Page. During the week we plan to launch the Workplace Toolkit, which is a compendium of information in two parts: one for use by employers to assist their staff when faced with people who have been diagnosed with a life limiting illness or for those who have the care of someone so diagnosed. The second component is for the employee, covering their rights and responsibilities if they are diagnosed with a life limiting illness. More information on this launch will be communicated shortly.

We also plan to hold a Volunteer Appreciation Event on Thursday 23 May to thank all our fantastic volunteers for the time they give to palliative care. Stay tuned for more information.

## PROMOTION OF PC ACT

PC ACT has been invited to speak to members of the Canberra Unity Lodge at their April meeting. Canberra Unity Lodge has been a long-term financial supporter of our work.

Over April and May, staff will give three information sessions on "What is Palliative Care" to the residents and family members of the Masonic Lodge Aged Care Facility.

A stall has been booked for Sunday 26 May at the Three Sixty Fashion market at the old bus depot in Kingston with a view to disposing of stock remaining from the Bags, Beauty and Bling event.

### **MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW**

The Treasurer presented the mid-year budget review to the meeting. I am pleased to tell you that we continue to operate on a sound financial basis due in no small measure to our vigilance in managing expenses and our considerable work in raising additional funds for the organisation.

### **FUNDRAISING MOVIE NIGHT**

Our next movie night is scheduled for Sunday 5 May at Palace Cinemas. We are showing *The Aftermath*, starring Keira Knightley. Set in post war Germany in 1946, Rachael Morgan (Keira Knightley) arrives in the ruins of Hamburg in the bitter winter, to be reunited with her husband Lewis (Jason Clarke), a British colonel charged with rebuilding the shattered city. But as they set off for their new home, Rachael is stunned to discover that Lewis has made an unexpected decision: they will be sharing the grand house with its previous owners, a German widower (Alexander Skarsgård) and his troubled daughter. In this charged atmosphere, enmity and grief give way to passion and betrayal.

Tickets are \$40.00 and include the movie, a drink, nibbles, ice cream and popcorn. Please come along, bring your friends and spend a relaxing Sunday afternoon supporting a great cause.

### **ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER**

Plans are coming together well for our annual fundraising dinner to be held on Saturday 19 October 2019 at the Canberra Southern Cross Club. Again, we will have the fabulous butterfly net, a champagne bar, a 'blind' wine sale as well as a wonderful array of silent and live auction prizes. Please put the date in your diary and come along and help us to help those who are nearing the end of their lives.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 29 April 2019 at the Tom Elvin Centre.

Louise Mayo  
President