



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 24 June 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

I greatly appreciate the work of the PC ACT staff and volunteers for their input into our events during National Palliative Care Week.

There were two major events – the launch of NPCW in partnership with PCA at Villagio Sant’ Antonio Residential Aged Care Facility in Page and the launch of Life-limiting illness in the workplace: A toolkit for managers and HR professionals at the National Gallery of Australia.

PALLIATIVE CARE ACT’S LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESSES IN THE WORKPLACE: A TOOLKIT FOR MANAGERS AND HR PROFESSIONALS

Palliative Care ACT’s *Life-Limiting Illnesses in the Workplace: A Toolkit for Managers and HR Professionals* was launched by Bec Cody MLA at the National Gallery of Australia as part of National Palliative Care Week in front of a range of senior managers from the public and private sectors. The toolkit provides best practice resources and information to assist managers, team leaders and human resource professionals support employees dealing with end of life issues.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING

Almost 40 people attended the event to share stories and something to eat and drink at the Tom Elvin Centre during National Volunteer Week. Guest Speaker Nikki Johnston spoke about the work she and her team have been doing to improve the end-of-life outcomes for people in residential aged care facilities.

Our patron Shirley Sutton then handed out recognition certificates and badges to volunteers who have been with us for five, fifteen and twenty years!

VOLUNTEER POLO SHIRTS

The introduction of volunteer polo shirts has been well received by most volunteers. This initiative is happening for a number of important reasons, including being a requirement of the Canberra Hospital (where a regular shift has started) and improving visibility and awareness of our work. All volunteers will commence wearing the shirts from Monday 1st July.

2019-20 BUDGET

The Treasurer and CEO presented a draft budget for the upcoming financial year, which was endorsed by the Board. PC ACT is in a good financial position going in to the new financial year, but relies on generous supporters to supplement government funding. Each year we receive support from a range of organisations, groups and individuals to help us provide services to those living with a life-limiting illness and their carers.



**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
DINNER**

Please be sure to set aside Saturday 19 October to attend our annual fundraising dinner at the Canberra Southern Cross Club. We have secured a great band – Smooth Ops – and will also have a local emcee to steer us through the fun of the evening.

We plan to update attendees on the progress of the Hub project at the dinner, have a special ‘surprise’ live auction item and hopefully raise even more money than last year to support people and their families with a life-limiting illness in the ACT and surrounding area.

**NEXT MEETING OF
THE BOARD**

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

Louise Mayo
President

