



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 26 August 2019

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### INTERIM TREASURER ARRANGEMENT

Our Treasurer, Mr Anton Dowling, is currently taking a leave of absence for personal reasons and I am pleased to advise that Ms Michelle Kelly, the Chair of the PC ACT Audit Committee, has offered to step in for Anton during his absence. As per the Constitution, the Board agreed to Ms Kelly's appointment as a co-opted member.

### MEETING WITH NEW ACT MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Shortly I will be meeting with Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith, the recently appointed ACT Health Minister, to discuss the previous 'in principle' agreement with Minister Fitzharris regarding the operating costs of The Hub. I also aim to focus on updating the new Minister on what PC ACT does and highlight the important role that the organisation plays in supporting those individuals and their families with life limiting illnesses.

### NEW VOLUNTEERS

Nine new volunteers have been trained and a further 75 are on the waiting list after expressing an interest. Not all of these 75 people will achieve volunteer status as many drop out through the selection process.

It is heartening to see that the majority of volunteers working in Clare Holland House and the couple of volunteers we have placed at The Canberra Hospital all wear the new polo shirts. We have received lots of positive feedback from CHH staff and from patients and carers as they are now easily able to distinguish our volunteers from the Calvary staff.

### ACCOUNTING SYSTEM CHANGEOVER

Our Finance Officer, Ms Andrea McDermott, has been trained in a new accounting system known as Xero and we are currently working with our auditor, Bellchambers Barrett, to transition from the MYOB system to Xero. This will involve a three-day shutdown of our financial system around 18 September to allow the transfer of data to take place.

### THE HUB

Plans for our proposed respite centre, known as The Hub, are progressing well. I am currently talking to key players regarding the possibility of renting an existing property for The Hub, so it can be used as a trial site, pending the building of a residence for the long term. The carer of a recently deceased client asked that in lieu of flowers at the funeral, donations be made to The Hub. This was a very gracious gesture, much appreciated by PC ACT.

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Arrangements are coming together nicely for the 5th Annual Fundraising Dinner for PC ACT. This will be held at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden on Saturday 19 October. The Board and staff have been extremely busy in securing donations for the 300 butterfly bags. These are like a lucky dip prize to the value of \$20, \$30 or \$50 and we guarantee the content is worth at least the value paid for them.

We are also talking with numerous businesses around Canberra to fill our need for 100 silent auction prizes and ten live auction prizes. If any readers are able to assist with the donation of prizes please contact Ms



Julie Elliott on 6255 5771.

We will have the “blind wine” sales again this year. This is where all wine is placed in a brown paper bag and people buy a bottle for a fixed price, but in amongst the bottles are a number of truly superb wines. There will be a champagne bar, a band and it promises to be a wonderful night.

The ticket price of \$100 includes a sumptuous three course meal and a selection of wines at each table. Email [events@pallcareact.org.au](mailto:events@pallcareact.org.au) to get your tickets.

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 23 September 2019 at the Tom Elvin Centre.

Louise Mayo  
President

**NEXT MEETING OF  
THE BOARD**

