



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 25 November 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As this is the last Board Meeting for 2019, and with the year drawing to a close, I would like to again express my sincerest thanks for the wonderful work of our volunteers. Supporting those people who are at the end of their life is not an easy job, but the empathy, care and concern shown by those who willingly give up their time to assist our clients and their carers is truly heart-warming. Our staff also deserve special mention as they work hard to ensure a good fit between client and volunteer and also provide the support we need to keep the organisation running. In addition, I pay tribute to my fellow members on the Board, most of whom work full-time, who give up their evenings and occasional weekends to ensure the financial viability, good governance and strategic oversight of PC ACT. Between us all, I believe we provide a wonderful service to those with a life limiting illness and their carers in the ACT and surrounds.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I am pleased to announce that at the AGM on 14 November, Michelle Kelly and Carolyn Smith were both elected as Board Members. Following the AGM, the Executive positions were determined, as follows:

- President: Louise Mayo
- Vice President: Con Sfyris
- Secretary: Jenni McMullan
- Treasurer: Anton Dowling
- Public Officer: Jonathan Beaumont

Roles for other Board Members

- Chair, Risk and Audit Committee: Michelle Kelly
- Chair, The Hub Strategic Advisory Committee: Carolyn Smith
- Strategic Adviser on Organisational Capability: Vicki Thompson

TOOLKIT

During National Palliative Care week this year, we launched the Employer component of the toolkit designed to provide organisations with strategies on how to deal with a staff member who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness or who may become the carer of someone so diagnosed. At this month's meeting we agreed to progress the development of the Employee component of the toolkit which will explain the rights and responsibilities of employees when faced with a life-limiting illness or becoming the carer of someone in this situation.

WINE TROLLEY AT CLARE HOLLAND HOUSE

Organisers of the National Wine Show have generously agreed to donate a case of wine per month to Clare Holland House. As a starting point, twenty-six cases have been delivered so we are now in the process of organising a storage facility at CHH.



RUN-A-THON/ WALK-A-THON

As part of its fundraising activity for 2020, the Board agreed to PC ACT participating in the Canberra Running Festival to be held over the weekend of 4-5 April 2020. We are hoping to attract around 50 runners/walkers, who in turn will approach their family and friends to sponsor them. On 4 April, the distances are 5 and 10 kilometres and on 5 April people can participate in a half marathon, a full marathon or an ultra-marathon. Further details on this event will be published in the new year, but if you are a walker or a runner, and have a few friends who are willing to support you financially, then please be sure to put the date to one side.

VOLUNTEER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We hope to see as many volunteers as possible at our Christmas Party which will be held between 5.00 - 7.00 pm on Thursday 5 December at the Tom Elvin Centre.

IN CLOSING

In closing, let me wish everyone a merry Christmas and may 2020 be a wonderful year for you all. If you are leaving town, please travel safely. I look forward to working with you all again next year.

Louise Mayo
President

