



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 4 November 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Owing to the immense amount of work to wrap up our very successful fundraising dinner, the October Board Meeting, scheduled for 28 October 2019, was moved to 4 November.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

I am delighted to report that our fifth annual fundraising dinner was an overwhelming success, raising \$120,000. This is a fantastic result, excelling all previous years. None of it would be possible without the work and dedication of a relatively small group of people who persuaded, cajoled, charmed and begged businesses to contribute prizes. Then there were those who spent countless hours making our brilliant table decorations. Family, friends and corporate organisations also made an immense contribution whether it was in buying tables, bidding for items, purchasing wine, butterfly bags or champagne. So successful was our promotion that all tables were sold out about ten days prior to the event. Plans are already afoot for next year's event which has been booked for Saturday 5 September, so put the date in your diaries and come and help us raise funds and celebrate the wonderful work of Palliative Care ACT.

RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Risk and Audit Committee met on 30 October to review the audited financial statements which will be presented to the Annual General Meeting. Auditors, Bellchambers Barrett, were of the view that PC ACT's finances gave a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2019. Our thanks go to the Treasurer, the Acting Treasurer, the Risk and Audit Committee and the staff of PC ACT for their comprehensive and thorough preparation of the organisation's accounts.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please come along to the AGM, which will be held at the Tom Elvin Centre at 6.00 pm on Thursday 14 November 2019. This is your opportunity to ask questions of the Board and to socialise with other PC ACT Members.

LIFE STORIES

A training session for the Life Story program was held on Saturday 26 October with 12 new Life Story volunteers being trained. Feedback on this service from clients and carers has been very positive as not only does it offer clients an opportunity to capture highlights from their life, but it also often results in carers and family learning new things about their loved one.

MEETING WITH THE CANBERRA LIBERALS

On 30 October, Tracy Gillard and I met with Ms Vicki Dunne MLA to brief her on the work of Palliative Care ACT, and, in particular, the work we are doing on the Hub. At the present time we are developing a paper on the operational costs of the Hub, which will be used as the basis for seeking a bipartisan election commitment going into the 2020 ACT election.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our staff have a broad remit in working with the community as it is often surprising where sources of support come from. In the past month, staff have met with the Canberra Business Chamber, Volunteering and Contact ACT, Hands Across Canberra, the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society, the Canberra Health Network as well as attending the ACT End of Life Forum.

VOLUNTEER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

I am delighted to advise that Swirl catering at Kamberra winery will be hosting the Volunteers' Christmas Party this year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Thursday 5 December. Invitations will go out to the volunteers shortly.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the PC ACT Board will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 25 November 2019 at the Tom Elvin Centre. There will be no Board Meeting in December. The first meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday 20 January.

Louise Mayo
President

