



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 20 January 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A warm welcome back to all our volunteers. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I truly hope not too many of you were affected by the fires and, more recently, by the horrendous hailstorm. I can certainly empathise with those who were affected by the fires as I spent ten hours at an evacuation point on the south coast during New Year's Eve and my land has been badly burned. While the year certainly has had a dramatic start, my hope is that things will settle down quickly and we can return to supporting our client base.

THE HUB

Given that the building of the residential centre for respite care, known as The Hub, is taking a while to finalise and also given that the need for such a centre is becoming critical, a colleague and I are in discussion with a number of residential property developers with a view to using a newly constructed home as a 'pop up' Hub. This interim solution would provide us with the opportunity to test our practices and procedures and to determine what will work well and what needs refinement. Stay tuned for further information on this.

THE TOOLKIT FOR EMPLOYEES

Work is well advanced on a toolkit for employees who find themselves diagnosed with a life limiting illness. It also provides advice for carers of someone so diagnosed. A similar kit for employers was launched in National Palliative Care Week last year, so our goal is to issue the employee toolkit during the next NPCW.

LIFE STORY PROGRAM

In March 2020, Suncorp's two-year sponsorship of the Life Story Program will come to an end. Our sincere thanks go to Suncorp for its fantastic support. We are now looking for a new sponsor and if anyone has a suggestion for who that might be, please contact the Palliative Care Office on 6255 5771.

FINANCE REPORT

The Treasurer presented the finances as at the end of December 2019 and I am pleased to report that we continue to be in a strong financial position. This bodes well for the costs we will incur in establishing both the interim and final Hub. The Annual Dinner netted over \$100,000 which is the best result yet. Our savings are spread over a mix of term deposits and shares and we continue to benefit from the pro bono advice of Morgan's Financial Services.

WALKATHON-RUNATHON

Palliative Care ACT will be fielding a team in the Canberra Times Marathon Festival 2020 which will be held over the weekend of 4-5 April. Our plan is for participants to walk or run a nominated distance and to approach family and friends to sponsor them. Distances are 5k, 10k, a half marathon, full marathon or ultra-marathon. We are anticipating that most people will participate in the shorter distances. If you are interested in being a participant and want to know more about the event, please contact the Palliative Care Office on 6255 5771.



● **STRATEGY PLANNING DAY**

The Board, CEO and General Manager are meeting on Saturday 15 February for a Strategy Planning Day. Our focus will largely be on communication and how we can get the message of palliative care out to a range of different audiences eg people who need our service, sponsors, potential members, stakeholders etc.

● **MOVIE NIGHT**

Action is in hand for the next movie night and as soon as it is locked in, we will post information on the website.

● **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 24 February 2020 in the Tom Elvin Centre.

Warmest regards

Louise Mayo
President

