



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 26 February 2020

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a very busy start to the New Year as we press forward with our plans to get The Hub up and running as soon as possible. To this end, Tracy and I have met with Dr Andrew Leigh, Member for Fenner; and Dr Michael Gardner, adviser to Minister Greg Hunt. Tracy has also met with Ben Tomlinson, new adviser to Minister Stephen-Smith. Given the forthcoming territory election on 17 October, it is important to ensure that the palliative care message is heard and supported by both sides of politics. To date, I feel confident that we have bipartisan support.

Tracy and I also met with Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, wife of the Governor General. She was enthusiastic about the work of PC ACT, in particular, what we are trying to achieve with The Hub and has offered her support. We are currently working on the best way to secure her involvement. In addition, she has already offered to donate Christmas decorations for auction at our fundraising dinner.

## THE TOOLKIT FOR EMPLOYEES

The first draft of the toolkit for employees has been through a review process and the second draft is ready for review. Once finalised, this component will again be promoted to Government. In addition, the Canberra Business Council will be provided with a link to our website so that Council members can access both the toolkit for employees as well as the existing one for employers.

## SURPLUS FURNITURE

For some time now, we have been storing surplus furniture from the day hospices, so a concerted effort has been made to dispose of it. I am pleased to report that between a sale to Clare Holland House and through All Bids we have raised over \$13,000. This was a good, and unexpected, boost to our finances.

## MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW 2019-2020

The Treasurer presented the Mid-Year Budget Review to the meeting and I am pleased to report that our forecast profit to June 2020 is now estimated to be \$71,539 compared to the original budget estimate of \$38,690. This is due to higher community and corporate donations and the excellent result from the annual fundraising dinner.

## RUN'DRAISER

Our walk-a-thon/run-a-thon, which we are calling our Run'draiser, is a new fundraising initiative this year. We are fielding a team in the Canberra Times Marathon on 4-5 April, where people can elect to walk or run specified distances. We are looking for more people to participate – not only is it for a good cause but you can get fit at the same time. We are asking participants to line up a couple of sponsors (or more if they can). Please contact the Palliative Care Office on 6255 5771 for more information.



## MOVIE NIGHT

I mentioned the movie night in last month's summary of outcomes. I am delighted to say that we were able to secure a preview of the next James Bond extravaganza, No Time To Die. However, we were only able to book a small cinema as the French Film Festival will be showing at Palace Cinema when the Bond film is released, and all the larger theatres were booked for the festival.

Tickets for the preview sold in a few days via word of mouth before we had chance to advertise, so my apologies to our regulars who support our film evenings. We are also very fortunate to secure William Cole Funerals as our sponsor for the evening. Sincere thanks to Bill Cole for his continuing support of PC ACT.

## NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 23 March 2020 in the Tom Elvin Centre.

Warmest regards

Louise Mayo  
President

