



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 20 April 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Despite the coronavirus continuing to impact the traditional way in which we deliver our services, I am pleased to report that the four new initiatives outlined in last month's summary are progressing well. These are:

- Isolation relief – We have a number of volunteers trained in technology and connectivity, helping clients stay in touch with loved ones who are interstate or overseas. In addition, several of our volunteers are maintaining contact with their clients via telephone calls.
- Palliative support call service – We have had 12 wonderful people volunteer to be on call 24/7 to ensure that no one dies alone.
- Life Stories – A Moment in Time – Four volunteers have been trained in using the equipment to record a special 'moment' in the lives of our clients. Currently one recording has been completed.
- Palliative Care Tele-help – The phones are answered between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm to provide information and support on palliative care support options including advance care planning, grief and bereavement.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Despite the pandemic limitations we had a very pleasant Volunteer Appreciation event with Her Excellency Mrs Hurley via zoom, with Mrs Hurley in the office. Our Patron, Shirley Sutton, announced a long list of service awards covering contributions of five to twenty-five years. As restrictions are eased, these awards will be personally presented at a social event.

NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

During National Palliative Care Week there will be a soft launch of the toolkit for employees who are ill or who have caring responsibilities for someone with a life-limiting illness. This document provides information on people's rights, their entitlements and touches on personal finances, superannuation and end-of-life planning. There is also a comprehensive list of resources for carers. A soft copy is available on the website or a printed copy may be obtained by phoning Palliative Care on 6255 5771.

FINANCE REPORT

The draft budget for 2020-2021, prepared by the Treasurer, was discussed in detail at the meeting. Expenses for the new year are in line with the 2019-2020 financial year, and while our revenue from Government is expected to be similar, our income from fundraising events will be reduced, largely because we will not be able to hold the normal fundraising dinner. However, we have other ideas.



FUNDRAISING

We will be launching a wine-a-thon in mid-June. The wines have been selected by an independent wine connoisseur, and they are excellent. They will be available for collection from nominated locations or home delivered for a small fee. Stay tuned for our promotion which will begin shortly.

We are also looking at the possibility of holding a cocktail party at the end of the year, restrictions permitting. Similarly, if picture houses open, we will run movies, providing it is safe to do so.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Board will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 22 June 2020 at the Tom Elvin Centre.

Warmest regards

Louise Mayo
President

