



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 28 September 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE HUB

Last month I reported that we were searching for a suitable property to establish a 'proof of concept' respite centre, which we have been calling the 'pop-up Hub'. Despite our best efforts over several months, nothing suitable came up. But in mid-September things changed, and I am delighted to tell you that we have identified a wonderful house in Braddon. It has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a powder room, several spacious living areas, a deck which faces north and a lovely leafy garden. We have signed a lease for twelve months and the rental is very generously being funded by Morgan's Financial Services.

There is some work to be done to create the 'home away from home' environment and to that end we are currently organising for the whole property to be painted inside and for new carpet to be laid. We are in the process of sourcing furniture, linen and the multiplicity of items that go into making a home.

This is an enormous undertaking and our plan is to open the doors in December, delivering on our promise to have The Hub up and running in 2020. To that end, we have taken on a new staff member, Dave Burnet, to help realise our goal. We are in the process of deciding a new name for the centre, so stay tuned for further information.

We have not lost sight of our aim to construct a purpose-built respite centre, but the development pipeline is long while our need is immediate, hence the decision to use a house as a temporary facility. The Board and the staff of PC ACT are excited about this development and I am confident that people with a life limiting illness and their carers will find the centre a delightful place to rest a while.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

I mentioned a new staff member above so let me give you a little background on Dave and the good work he has done since joining us on 7 September. Dave has spent over a decade working with Oz Harvest during which he established some wonderful contacts. He has been busy speaking with organisations sympathetic to PC ACT such as Bunnings, Hands Across Canberra, and the Green Shed and is working with them to secure either donated services or acquisitions at trade price. He has been working on the Client Management System and has already secured \$3,500 worth of complimentary training on the system and he is preparing a submission for the Minister's Charitable Fund seeking a grant of \$10,000. We are very pleased to welcome Dave to the team. If you see him around and about, please be sure to stop and say hello.

FUNDRAISING

Given COVID and our inability to hold a Gala Fundraising Dinner this year we have decided instead to live within the COVID rules and hold a smaller event for around 100 people. The plan is to host a dinner in



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the Manning Clarke Theatre at the ANU serving a two-course meal plus petite fours and holding a limited number of live auctions. We will run a champagne bar and also promote the range of summer wines from our Raise Your Glass Wine Club. The dinner, scheduled for 4 December, will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the opening of The Hub.

Our newest recruit to the Board, Mr Luke Sheehy, has put forward a proposal that PC ACT source a media and communications intern from a local tertiary education provider. He has researched internships for students at the ANU, the University of Canberra and the Canberra Institute of Technology. Following discussion, the Board agreed to engage with the University of Canberra given its strong commitment to social justice in its undergraduate programs. More information will be provided in due course.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 26 October 2020.

