



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 26 October 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE HUB

I am absolutely delighted to tell you that work on our respite centre is proceeding at a fast pace. Our goal is to create a relaxing home-away-from-home environment so that carers will feel confident in leaving their loved ones for short term respite.

The interior painting will take place during the first week of November and carpet will be laid in mid-November. Morgan's Financial Services has agreed not only to pay the rent on the premises for twelve months. Cusacks Furniture Canberra have also been very supportive and we have received phenomenal discounts. We have already purchased bed linen for the four bedrooms and we have professional expertise from Artbank to assist in selecting artwork for the centre. Blue Arc, our IT service providers, will ensure IT connectivity and electronic security for the Hub is already in hand.

An enormous amount has been achieved in a very short time and I extend my personal thanks to everyone involved – sponsors, donors, staff, volunteers and Board members. It is exciting to see what can be achieved when there is determination and a willingness to deliver a much-needed service.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

Tickets for our fundraising dinner on 4 December are selling fast. We have been able to increase numbers to 150 (as against the initial 100 people) and some wonderful raffle prizes are lined up. How does a staycation sponsored by Mercedes, Realm Hotel and Chairman and Yip sound or perhaps a gourmet hamper, an antique table or, most exciting, a diamond!!! Anyone wishing to purchase tickets should contact the Palliative Care office on 6255 5771.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer, Anton Dowling, presented the financial report for the July-September 2020 quarter. We have a healthy year-to-date surplus so far, but this will reduce over the year, given the inability to run our normal fundraising gala dinner (hosting 500 people), plus the outgoing expenses related to the Hub.

The Treasurer also provided an update on PC ACT's investments covering bank accounts and term deposits, equity investments and income in advance relating to the Hub. This was a detailed report reflecting excellent fiscal governance. Anton has completed three years as Treasurer but, unfortunately, will not be standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. The Board acknowledged Anton's professional management of funds, his prudent governance of our accounts and his high level of professionalism in ensuring the right



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balance between risk and return. He will be missed. The Board is now in the process of identifying a CPA qualified person to take over the Treasurer role.

The audited financial statements were presented to the Board meeting. Feedback from the auditors, Bellchambers Barrett, was very positive with only a couple of minor journal entry adjustments. The Board resolved to appoint Bellchambers Barrett for next financial year. A full copy of the financial statements will be provided at the AGM. Given the space limitations at the Tom Elvin Centre and the need for COVID distancing, the AGM will be held at Kamberra Winery, starting at 6.15 pm on Thursday 19 November. Notices of the AGM were sent out last week. I look forward to seeing as many PC ACT Members there as possible.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 23 November 2020.