



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 19 April 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEW BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Board was particularly pleased to welcome Matt Reid to his first meeting as a co-opted member. Matt has taken on the role of Treasurer, a position that has been vacant since the resignation of Anton Dowling late last year. Matt is the Branch Manager of Morgans Financial Services and leads the Financial Planning Team.

We also warmly welcomed Vlad Aleksandric as a new co-opted member. Vlad is the former deputy of Palliative Care Australia. He has an extensive policy background and was involved in the research when developing the case for the respite centre. Vlad is also reviewing our Constitution and is looking at the legal structure of Palliative Care ACT to ensure that we can deliver services to clients in those NSW areas that are close to Canberra eg Queanbeyan. Currently we can only provide those services if the Queanbeyan resident is being treated by a medical practitioner based in the ACT.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

A draft Strategic Plan for 2021-2024 has now been developed. It continues the focus of the 2017-2020 Plan which was to build PC ACT's capacity to deliver professional non-clinical end of life support services. The four objectives of Access; Service; Sustainability; and Partnerships remain relevant and continue to be the foundation of the new plan.

LEO'S PLACE

Regular day respite clients are attending Leo's Place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week, with two other clients having had a one-off day respite stay. Five clients have had overnight stays and one has had a repeat stay. Stays have ranged in duration from one to seven nights. We have received 31 referrals to date and as the word is spreading through the health sector, enquires are increasing.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

A review of all programs has commenced, with training and residential aged care services underway. All staff have had a workplace assessment, with only minor adjustments required.

NEW TOOLKIT

Next Toolkit: The diversity toolkit is well advanced. Focus groups have been held and a preliminary draft is being circulated to some of the focus group participants. It is our intention to launch the toolkit during National Palliative Care Week which commences on 23 May. We also intend to have a public information display at the Hyperdome during National Palliative Care week.



FINANCE REPORT

PC ACT continues to operate in a strong financial position. We are anticipating a healthy surplus at the end of the year and this will position us well to move forward on the permanent Hub.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 25 May 2021.

Louise Mayo AM
President

