

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 21 March 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that we are almost three-quarters of the way through the 2021-2022 financial year. With just over three months to go, our focus is on reaching an agreed position with the ACT Department of Health on funding for the next five years 2022-2027, on launching our next toolkit at National Palliative Care Week and on fundraising via the dinner and our next movie night.

DEAD OF GRANT

Last month I mentioned that we have been working towards a fiveyear Deed of Grant arrangement which would recognise PC ACT as a peak body. Negotiations are well in hand, and we hope to finalise our arrangements by the end of April.

FUNDING FOR LEO'S PLACE

In a separate, but related, process we are putting in a bid for continued funding of Leo's Place. As previously mentioned, we engaged the University of New South Wales to complete an independent evaluation on the proof-of-concept phase for the respite centre. This report is favourable, and we have added further information in our submission to ACT Health. Should we be successful in gaining additional funding it will be included under the Deed of Grant.

NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

The major event proposed for PC ACT during NPCW is the launch of our fourth toolkit which focusses on providing palliative care to members of the LGBTQIA+ community. The Minister for Health has again agreed to launch the toolkit at an event to be held at the Canberra Museum and Gallery on Wednesday 25 May.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

It is all steam ahead for the dinner to be held on Saturday 25 June at QT (the former Lakeside Hotel). We are working hard on pulling together some exciting auction items. If you are a business or know someone who could donate suitable items for auction, please contact the office on 6255 5771. Similarly, if you would like to attend, please phone the office to book your ticket. Don't worry if you can't make up a table, we will find you some terrific people to sit with.

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT

Last month I reported that we would be showing Top Gun: Maverick in May. There has been a slight change in date, and we are now doing Opening Night – Thursday 26 May. Flyers will be out shortly and if you are interested in reserving your seat please contact the office on 6255 5771.

The next meeting of the Board of PC ACT will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 2 May 2022 at the Tom Elvin Centre. We would normally meet the last Monday in April, but this is a public holiday.

NEXT MEETING

Dr. Louise Mayo AM President