



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 24 October and 2 November 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Our most recent Board Meeting was held in a staged way (hence the two dates above) as the important issue of Future Directions for PC ACT was key on the agenda. As many of you will be aware, PC ACT is now recognised as a peak body for palliative care issues in the ACT and, as of this year, is funded under a 5-year Deed of Grant which focusses on outcomes rather than outputs. This means that we have a wider remit in terms of responsibility, but we have to deliver within the same financial package. While we did receive additional funding for Leo's Place, we did not receive additional funding for the peak body, policy, advocacy and research roles we now have. This has required us to look at how we can deliver all our services in the same professional way we have in the past while also taking on the additional responsibilities.

To that end, all programs under the previous Deed of Grant were reviewed and the outcomes and recommendations from those reviews indicate that if we are to do more with a very similar level of resourcing, then we need to eliminate duplication of effort and harness technology in a cleverer way.

The recommendations from the efficiency reviews are slowly being implemented and change is taking place in a structured way.

ANNUAL AUDIT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual audit has been completed by BellchambersBarrett with a few very minor issues raised and addressed. The report has been approved by the Risk and Audit Committee and has now been signed off by the Board. The Board extended its thanks to the Finance Officer, the CEO and the Treasurer for their work in preparing for the audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial performance of PC ACT will be part of the Annual Report to be presented to the Annual General Meeting at 6.00 pm on Thursday 1 December 2022 at the Tom Elvin Centre. All Members are invited to attend.

The Treasurer presented the financial statements for the period July – September 2022. The report shows PC ACT has spent less than budgeted for the quarter and received more than expected in that period, resulting in a net surplus. As I have mentioned previously, there will be expenses associated with the development of the long-term respite centre including fit out and furnishing so it is encouraging to know we continue to be in a strong financial position.

UPDATE OF CONSTITUTION

Updating our existing Constitution has been on the agenda for some time. It has become necessary given the changing role PC ACT plays in the community. The current revisions have been considered by the Board and will now go for legal review. It will be presented to a General Meeting at the appropriate time.

The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 28 November 2022 at the Tom Elvin Centre.

Dr. Louise Mayo AM, President