

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 20 February 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A very warm welcome back to all. I hope you had a pleasant break over the holiday season and have come back feeling refreshed. The Board met this week for the first time since late November. The two month break has allowed everyone to recharge their batteries for what is shaping up to be a busy year ahead.

STAFFING

We were saddened to lose the services of our IT guru, Mr Savneeth Gallopally, who, during his three month tenure, has undertaken an analysis of Better Impact and how it was being utilised and has introduced a number of process improvements to speed up volunteer recruitment, improve the storage of client information and build better communication. Sav has done a fantastic job and we are sorry to see him go.

We welcome Mr Rob Smith who is joining us for three months on a two-day per week contract. Rob is CPA qualified and he will assist us in restructuring our financial reporting to gain a clearer picture on what each individual program costs.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

Planning for our next fundraising dinner is steaming ahead. Our Community Engagement Officer, Masia Ermacore, together with the CEO and Board Members have been working hard on acquiring items for the live and silent auctions and on making sure our families, friends and sponsors book a table for the dinner. It again promises to be a fantastic night, so if you would like to join in the fun please give Masia a call on 6255 5771. Table bookings are wonderful, but if you would just like to come by yourself or with a partner, we will make sure you sit with a great group of people.

OPERATIONAL PLANNING

After the formal Board Meeting, the CEO worked with the Board for a couple of hours to determine the priorities for 2023. Research and Advocacy are the additional big ticket items this year and we are pleased that Tracy Gillard will be working with PC ACT for two days a week to ensure we meet our obligations in this new area. We will, of course, continue to deliver in our other service lines ie volunteer coordination, respite services, finance, administration and fundraising. The CEO will synthesise the feedback provided by the Board and develop a draft plan for consideration.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT will take place at 6.00 pm on Monday 27 March 2023.

Dr. Louise Mayo AM President