



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 22 May 2023

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

STAFFING

I am delighted to advise that we have finalised the selection of a new CEO and I welcome Linda Hansen to the role. Linda has been CEO of Palliative Care NSW for a number of years and brings a vast wealth of knowledge and experience in the palliative care sector. Linda will commence on Monday 10 July 2023. Please join me in welcoming Linda to PCACT.

Tracy Gillard will continue act as the interim CEO until Linda is onboard. Tracy has done an outstanding job in finalising matters relating to the dinner, preparing for National Volunteers' Week and National Palliative Care Week. Tracy has been very ably supported by all the staff, Ann Monahan, Ann Anderson, Sav Golloppally and Andrea McDermott. I extend my personal thanks and the thanks of the whole Board for their efforts in the past month.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

Sadly, Vicki Thompson has advised that she will be retiring from the Board at the end of the financial year for personal reasons. Vicki has made an outstanding contribution over the past six years, providing sound advice, steady stewardship and fantastic support. Vicki will continue to be a strong supporter of palliative care and will continue to help out where she can. Vicki will be sorely missed by the Board and staff.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Around 500 submissions were received by the ACT Government in response to invitations for comment on Voluntary Assisted Dying. A 'listening report' will be prepared and issued in the next month or so. It is pleasing to see that Michael Chapman is one of several palliative care stakeholders on the VAD clinical committee, so we can be assured that people will be fully informed about palliative care.

CYBER SECURITY TRAINING FOR STAFF

As we hear so much these days about online security breaches, the Board has taken the positive step of commissioning our IT provider, Blue Arc, to run cyber security safety training for our staff. This will be implemented from next month.

REVISED FINANCIAL REPORTING STRUCTURE

We are in the process of revising our budget format to gain a clearer idea of the income vs expenditure of each line of service. This is currently a work in progress, but we expect to finalise the structure for implementation in the new financial year.

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT

Please be sure to buy your tickets for our next movie night when we are showing Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny. It promises to be a fantastic movie. [Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny | Teaser Trailer - Bing video](#).

We have tickets for the Opening Night at Palace Cinema, kicking off at 6.00 pm on Thursday 29 June 2023 with a glass of bubbles, followed by popcorn and a choc top on entry to the show. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and can be purchased directly through the website [here](#).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of PC ACT will be held at the Tom Elvin Centre at 6.00 pm on Monday 26 June 2023.

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Vice President

