



**PalliativeCare**  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

# ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 17 July 2023

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

### STAFFING

I was pleased to welcome Linda Hansen to her first Board Meeting. As foreshadowed last month, Linda joined PC ACT as the new CEO on 10 July and has spent a very busy week meeting stakeholders, learning new systems and getting across current issues.

Linda is the former CEO of Palliative Care NSW, has a background in governance, finance and project management and brings a wealth of experience in palliative care matters. We warmly welcome Linda to the palliative care family.

I particularly wish to acknowledge the fantastic work of Tracy Gillard who stepped back into the CEO role, pending the arrival of Linda. Tracy and the staff finalised the dinner arrangements, as well as pulling together our involvement in National Volunteers' Week and National Palliative Care week. We are pleased that Tracy will now stay on in her part time role at PC ACT working on peak body matters.

### RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

I also want to place on record my appreciation for the wonderful contribution made by Vicki Thompson during her six years on the Board of PC ACT. Vicki has been an outstanding Board Member bringing a great deal of knowledge on human resource matters. Vicki briefly joined this meeting to say her farewells and express thanks for the friendship and support she has received since joining the Board and to say she will continue to help out where she can. We wish Vicki well for the future.

### NEW RESPITE CENTRE

We are moving into an exciting phase with the new respite centre. The contract between PC ACT and the John James Foundation (JJF) is about to be signed, JJF has approved the design money, the architectural firm has been commissioned and we will soon establish a sub-Committee of the Board to ensure that what we build is fit for purpose and meets our needs.

### IMPROVED REPORTING

Sav Gallopally is doing some excellent work on data analysis, presenting it in such a way that it can be readily interrogated. The data includes such things as the source of referrals to Leo's Place, days in respite, overnight stays, cancellations, waiting lists, volunteer applications/acceptances etc. This is still a work in progress, but it will be a very useful tool for the Board, and it will enable us to more readily report activity and statistics to Government.



## **REVIEW OF THE PRACTICE CONSTITUTION**

I am pleased to say that we are very close to a final version of a new Constitution. The draft copy was referred to Griffin Legal to ensure compliance with the Associations Incorporation ACT 1991, ACNC requirements and relevant tax concession legislation and their suggested amendments were further considered at this Board Meeting. A few isolated queries have been raised, and once resolved, the document will be finalised, circulated for final approval by the Board and a formal resolution will be prepared for presentation to the next Annual General Meeting.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTING**

An interim end of financial year report was presented to the Board, with a final expected next month. We continue to operate on a sound financial footing. A draft budget for 2023-2024 was presented and while we are currently estimating a small loss due to significant salary increases, we will work during the year to zero out the

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of PC ACT will be held via Zoom at 6:00 PM on Monday 28 August.

Dr Louise Mayo AM  
President

