



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 23 October 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It has been a very busy period during my absence, and I would like to publicly thank Con Sfyris for stepping into my role while I was overseas.

The annual audit of the financial statements took place over three days in October. A few small issues were raised, which we will follow up on, but overall, the feedback was positive and reflected a mature process. A big thank you to the PalCare team for all their work in preparing for the audit. The final result for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM has been scheduled for 6.00 pm on Thursday 23 November at the Tom Elvin Centre. Invitations will go out to all members in the next few days. Approval to a revised Constitution is on the agenda. As previously mentioned, a considerable amount of work has taken place over many months to simplify the structure of the current constitution and to provide more clarity on some of the current provisions. Griffin Legal has reviewed the new document to ensure its compliance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and the ACNC requirements and relevant tax concession legislation. Copies of the Constitution will be circulated with the invitation to the AGM.

PALLIATIVE CARE STORAGE SHED

Staff and volunteers came together on Friday 13 October to completely clean and reorganise the PC ACT storage shed. This was a sizeable task, but the result was well worth the effort. My thanks to everyone involved.





NEW RESPITE CENTRE

As reported last month, the Sub-Committee overseeing the build of the new respite centre has been working closely with the John James Foundation to ensure that the design of the new facility reflects our requirements for a home-away-from home environment for people with a life limiting disease and their families. We are aiming to have a facility with six bedrooms, each with an ensuite, plus spaces where people can gather privately with family members. I will keep you briefed on developments.

OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

There is a considerable body of work that needs to be managed over the next twelve months so in a bid to give structure, the Board reviewed the full range of activities, aligning each activity to the strategic plan and then allocating a priority ranking. This formed the Operational Work Plan which was approved by the Board at the meeting. Progress will be monitored at each future Board meeting.

PALLILEARN

To date, nineteen people have signed up for all eight modules in the online training package, Pallilearn. Each module runs for about one hour. We are grateful to the John James Foundation for funding this training.

VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Invitations will go out shortly to the Volunteer Christmas Appreciation Party. It is scheduled for 7 December, and we hope as many people as possible are able to attend.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Palliative Care ACT, and the final meeting for the year, will be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 4 December at the Tom Elvin Centre.



Dr Louise Mayo AM
President