



PalliativeCare
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT BOARD OUTCOMES

from meeting of 1 May 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the third month that we have posted outcomes from the Board Meeting. I hope that the feedback gives you a better understanding of many of the issues discussed at the Board.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week saw us celebrating the work of our wonderful volunteers with a dinner at the Canberra Southern Cross Club on 10 May. It was a fun night with some great raffle prizes and even some "tripping the light fantastic" to the music of our terrific band.

FUNDRAISING

May has been a very busy month with fundraising events. 100 people supported the movie night at Palace Cinemas on 4 May and we raised almost \$4,800.

Many of you also attended the fundraising High Tea at The Lodge on 20 May. It was a great success with 124 people enjoying the delights of The Lodge and grounds as well as the wonderful spread prepared by the Prime Minister's chef. We are currently waiting on final invoices before we can announce how much the event raised.

Our next significant event is the Power of Music concert scheduled for 3 June at the Canberra Southern Cross Club. Tickets are \$40 and are available through Eventbrite. Please be sure to come along and bring your family and friends.

Our Annual Fundraising Dinner is planned for Saturday 14 October at the Canberra Southern Cross Club. Please "Save the Date" and send the flyer to your family and friends. It promises to be an excellent night, not only to socialise, wine and dine, but also to support the wonderful work we do. You can download the flyer [here](#).

NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

Gayle, Julie and I accepted Palliative Care Australia's invitation to attend the Governor General's morning tea at Government House on 21 May. This was a pleasant event and we are very fortunate to have the Governor General supporting our work.

TRIAL OF SHIFTS AT GOODWIN

We have been inundated with requests from Residential Aged Care Facilities to support clients in aged care. Over the past four weeks some 30 requests have been received for volunteer support to clients. We are trialling a system of shifts i.e. two volunteers for two hours at Goodwin each day and will review progress in three months.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Board approved membership of the Risk and Audit Committee as follows:

- Ms Pauline Sullivan - Chair
- Mr Barry Innes - Elvin Group and former PC ACT Board Member
- Ms Michelle Kelly - Department of Human Services
- Mr Matt Tripovich - Volunteer and former PC ACT Board Member

The Committee will meet quarterly to examine potential risks, both physical and reputational, to the organisation and see how these can best be addressed or mitigated. It will also look at areas for potential internal audit.

DIVERSITY THINK TANK

I facilitated a group of 16 people at a Diversity Think Tank on 17 May. This included people from the Chinese, Greek and Muslim communities. The aim was to better understand the practices around death and dying of other cultures and community groups so that we can deliver services at end of life that reflect the different cultural and community needs. Unfortunately representatives from Indigenous and LGBTI groups were unable to attend but we will follow up with them shortly.

PC ACT STAFF ACTIVITIES

The staff have been very busy this month raising brand awareness in the community, promoting our services and our fund raising events. Gayle did a radio interview with the ABC's Genevieve Jacob and Radio 99.8's Kim Vella and staff addressed the Canberra Woman's View Club. Information sessions on our services are planned for staff and families at Goodwin, The Pines, Moreshead Home and at Carers ACT.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for April was presented by the Treasurer. We are continuing to track well against budget and there are no significant accounts for payment or any areas of financial concern. However, next year PC ACT's funding will be reduced owing to the cessation of funding for the day hospices. It is clear that if we are to run the organisation at the current service levels we will need to maintain an active fund raising program to ensure we do not return a deficit next financial year.

Louise Mayo
President

NEXT MEETING

Monday 26 June, 2017