Advocating for service provision and its future development.

Supporting the continuous development of best practice standards.

Supporting workers involved in the care of people who are dying.

Advocating for and supporting Tasmanians with a life-limiting illness and their families.

Educating service providers, carers, volunteers and the community about advance care planning, palliative care, grief and loss, specific populations and best practice standards.

How useful was today's workshop

Weighted average score (1-5)

Not useful | Somewhat useful | Quite useful | Very useful
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80% | 70% | 60% | 50% | 40% | 30% | 20% | 10% | 0%

80%

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Tasmania’s peak body for palliative care.
CEO Report

The 2017-18 year was certainly a significant one for our organisation. After a long and exhaustive period of lobbying and extensive consultation with both the Federal and State Governments, Palliative Care Tasmania (PCT) was ultimately successful in securing funding for the organisation until 2020. Following this, we went out and strengthened our team, confirming Sharon King in the role of Manager – Community Engagement and appointing Stefany Wunsch to the position of Community Engagement Officer, Rob Hill as Manager – Communications and Membership, and Christine Materia as Manager – Community Charter Project. Sharon and Christine commenced their roles in August and Rob and Stef commenced in November 2017.

During the period from October – December 2017, our efforts were concentrated on engaging and inducting staff, moving the Hobart office to larger premises and re-establishing connections with stakeholders. PCT also played a key role in securing the Government’s commitment for increased palliative care services across the State, particularly in North West Tasmania.

This included after hours support, clinical nurse educators and dedicated palliative care beds. For the first time, both the Government and Opposition had palliative care listed separately in their election commitments leading up to the March 2018 Tasmanian Election. This was a clear demonstration of the increased awareness of palliative care that PCT had helped champion.

Our education attendance across 2017-18 comprehensively met and exceeded our KPIs and feedback from attendees and stakeholders was overwhelmingly positive. We also noticed a significant boost in our public profile, evidenced by our Facebook audience, which grew from just over 400 followers in November 2017 to nearly 800 by 30 June.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for their extraordinary efforts, our wonderful Board for its ongoing guidance and support, and of course our members for their ongoing passion and commitment towards palliative care in Tasmania.

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