

Minutes
Relatives Meeting
Monday, 4th February, 2019
1.00 pm

1 Welcome

2 Present

Tina Van Dorresteyn, Melinda Clark, Kathryn Boswell, Bruce Boswell, Linda Bowen, Judith Ghantous, Anna Whitney and Shelley Whalan.

3 Apologies

4 Minutes from August meeting – Passed by Melinda Clark. Seconded by Tina Van Dorresteyn.

5 Business Arising

Nil

6 Management Update – Anna Whitney

6.1 Clinical Supervisor – Anna introduced Gita Wagle who commenced the position on the 7th January. Gita has been a casual Registered Nurse since February 2018 so she already knows our residents and our facility well. Her email address will be added to the minutes for reference.

6.2 Royal Commission: We have completed and lodged our submission. They required information dating back 5 years. The submission was 11 pages long. Relatives are able to go to the website and make their own submission.

6.3 Funding Changes: As a small not-for-profit facility, in the last six months we have experienced the serious and negative impact of Government changes to the Aged Care funding. Over the same period of time there has been an unexpected number of deaths of residents, many long-term and high care. The combination of these factors has left Fitzgerald with deficit monthly results for the past five months and a projected full-year deficit of approaching \$500,000 if nothing is done. Together with the Board we are working to develop strategies to manage these financial difficulties, improve our financial position and maintain resident safety and wellbeing. Susan Templeman, Federal Member for Macquarie, visited the facility to hear our concerns regarding funding. Susan was very sympathetic and gave us the names of the people to contact and she left enlightened as to how the cuts were being made. Hopefully something changes before further jobs go.

6.4 Unusual Rashes: Several residents are experiencing a rash, each rash is different and there seems to be no common denominator between the residents. Each resident is responding to different treatments. If you any concerns please see Gita.

