

### The Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Homes

Ballarat

Annual Report . . . . 1954-55



THE QUEEN MOTHER, QUEEN ELIZABETH.

ROYAL ASSENT WAS GIVEN IN 1946 TO THE NAMING OF THIS HOME: "THE QUEEN ELIZABETH BENEVOLENT HOME."

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### THE NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is your Board's pleasurable duty to present its report on the activities of the Home and the services provided for the aged sick, the chronically ill and the infirm during the year which closed on 30th June, 1955.

STATISTICAL: The daily average of occupied beds was lower during the period under review, due to two reasons—firstly, very few active ambulant men have applied for admission, consequently there were vacant beds in a dormitory which is only suitable for active men; and, secondly, an increased number of patients were temporarily transferred to Hospital for special treatment or to the Peter MacCallum Clinic for treatment of cancer. These beds necessarily remained unoccupied pending the patients' return.

'	AMBULANT CASES.		INFIRMA		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
In residence at 1/4/54	119	76	175	229	599
Admitted during period to 30/6/55	122	35	89	103	349
Discharged during period	88	29	48	38	203
Died during period	3	2	66	76	147
Internal Transfers	55	14	86	29	184
Remaining at end of period	120	65	179	234	598
Daily average of all inmates					
Daily average of Infirmary Patients	408.71				

A survey of the records of those who died in the Home during the period under review disclosed some interesting information. The average age at death of females was 79½ years, and their stay in the Home averaged 903 days. The average age of males who died was 75 years, and their stay averaged 714 days.

FINANCE: The statements of the various accounts are published in full on pages 22 to 25 of this report, but your Board considers that some comment is necessary.

The statements cover the fifteen months from 1st April 1954 to 30th June 1955 because the end of the financial year has been re-established at 30th June.

EXPENDITURE: Many factors contributed towards higher costs. Every householder has suffered the increased costs of provisions and domestic requirements, and in a 600-bed institution these are magnified enormously. Salaries and Wages are higher, due to service increments being granted to artisans and boiler attendants; the cost of living increases; additional nursing staff required to meet the heavier nursing demands, and the labour costs of general maintenance and repairs to building and

INCOME: Income under practically every heading has shown a pleasing increase. Generous public support has been most gratifying; Government Grants have been most reasonable, and payments under the Commonwealth Hospital Benefit Act have been especially helpful. The year closed with a surplus of £10,294, which your Board considers quite satisfactory.

COSTING: Increased overall costs are reflected in the average cost of maintaining a patient per day.

Average overall cost per day, 18/11 (last year 16/5).

Average cost per day for infirmary patients, 21/1 (last year 19/1). Average cost per day for ambulant patients, 13/5 (last year 11/4).

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THE COMING YEAR: After carefully considering all foreseeable fluctuations in costs and wages, and examining all avenues for economy, your Finance Committee has reached the conclusion that £20,000 additional income will be required to meet the anticipated increase in expenditure.

ACCOMMODATION: Only those persons actively engaged in social welfare work amongst the aged can fully appreciate the tragic shortage of beds for the aged sick. The Homes and Hospitals for the Aged are already overcrowded and all have long waiting lists. In spite of the optimistic assurances given from time to time by various authorities the position is really becoming worse every year. Many sick old people are doomed to spend their last days in acute discomfort, loneliness, and despair, lacking proper foods, clean bed linen and kindly care.

Your Board declares quite definitely that the lack of beds for aged sick has not received the serious attention it deserves. Most people refuse to recognize what has become a national problem until the matter becomes a personal problem. Then they are dismayed and often vociferously critical of those responsible, not realising that their own apathy towards the situation has fostered Governmental inaction.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT: For the past ten years your Board has vigorously but unsuccessfully sought financial help and authority to add a new 250 bed wing. It is with satisfaction your Board reports that, having accumulated £72,050 in its Building Fund, it was able to obtain a promise of a grant of an equal amount under the provisions of the Aged Persons' Homes Act.

Your Board expresses its sincere gratitude to the Commonwealth Government. Your Board will now proceed with the erection of the Ground and First Floors of the proposed new wing. It was confidently expected that the State Government, through the Hospitals and Charities Commission, would contribute sufficient funds to complete the four-storeyed building in one contract. Up till the present the Hospitals and Charities Commission, while expressing general approval of the scheme, is unable to promise that funds will be available within the next three financial years.



THE HON. THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, Mr. WILLIAM McMAHON, M.H.R., HANDING THE ACTING-PRESIDENT A CHEQUE FOR £15,000, BEING THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH GRANT TOWARDS THE NEW WING.

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AGED COUPLES: Many aged couples are, through illness of one or both, unable to carry on in their own homes and are obliged to enter a Home for Aged People where they are, unhappily, separated. Your Board has planned to provide a number of twin bed-sitting rooms for aged couples. The old couples will be provided with the full service of a hospital for aged—medical attention, nursing care, food, laundry, recreation, entertainment, etc.—and still be together until one passes on; and, with kindly thought for the survivor, your Board proposes to have accommodation on the same floor of the building where he or she will pass the remainder of his or her life in familiar and comfortable surroundings.



A MALE PATIENT CONTEMPLATING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A RELATIVE.

GROUP LAUNDRY: Reference has been made in previous reports to the proposed Group Laundry which will handle the wash of the Ballarat Base Hospital, several smaller district hospitals, and the Queen Elizabeth Home. The site was purchased several years ago, but no progress has been made since then, and your Board is becoming increasingly pessimistic in regard to the realisation of this scheme. Much of our proposed minor building development hinged upon the evacuation of our existing laundry and boiler house, but in view of the diminishing prospects of a new laundry your Board's future planning will regard the Group Laundry project as something unlikely to eventuate for several years.

THE HOME BUILDINGS: The buldings are an almost priceless asset, and consequently they must be maintained in first-class condition to guard against deterioration: but in addition to the general maintenance and repair work, the Home's artisan staff has built toilet blocks for the Argyle and Margaret Hoare Wards, dressing rooms for the Lederman Hall, and the new change and locker room building for male employees is nearing completion.

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EQUIPMENT: It is, of course, essential that a large institution be equipped with the plant and machinery so necessary in these days of mechanisation. New installations include a fully-automatic, self-unloading washing machine with a dry weight capacity of 320 lbs. per load, a 54-inch hydro extractor, with automatic timing control and electric hoist, automatic stripping device for the ironer, new electric ovens, steam jacketed tilting kettles, food preparation tables, deep freeze unit, milk storage vats, workshop machinery, and many smaller labour-saving and time-saving machines.

SPECIALIST SERVICES: Many of our patients have received beneficial treatment at the Peter MacCallum Clinics at the Ballarat Base Hospital and also at the Melbourne Clinic. Many of our contributors may not know that there are twenty-five cancer cases accommodated in the Queen Elizabeth Home.

HOSPITAL SERVICES: Your Board records its grateful appreciation of the co-operation shown by the medical, nursing and administrative staffs of the Ballarat Base Hospital where very many of our patients are temporarily transferred for specialist and surgical attention, or X-ray or other examinations.

Your Board feels that the co-operation shown by the Hospital Management is of inestimable value, and enables our patients to receive all the necessary surgical and specialist attention without delay. This arrangement has existed for many years.

EXTENSION OF SERVICES: Occupational Therapy. Your Board records its appreciation of the services of the Red Cross Handcrafts Instructors and, in order to provide better facilities for this important service, it is proposed to build an occupational therepy centre and library.



ARTICLES MADE BY INMATES FOR EXHIBITION IN BALLARAT SHOW.

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Recreation Room. Although there is a delightful sun room for ambulant men and also a comfortable smoke room, there is not enough room for the men who wish to relax in quiet and comfort. Your Board is planning a new recreation room which will provide space for indoor games, such as carpet bowls, quoits, etc., and a meeting and club room for the members of the Home Bowling Club.

TRANSPORT: Treatment of patients either as in-patients or out-patients by specialists at Hospital necessitates transport, and your Board pays a tribute to the Ballarat and District Ambulance Service for the efficient, courteous and helpful

### SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE HOME:

Dental. Our Honorary Dentists, Dr. S. A. Wilson and Mr. G. B. S. McKinley

give skilful and regular dental attention to our inmates.

Optometry. Messrs. Wastell and Cutter provide an honorary service, which is

most beneficial to the patients.

Chiropody. Care of the feet of the aged is most important, and your Board has appointed Mrs. E. M. Brown who spends many hours every week in attending to

Physio-Therapy. While it is possible to provide some relief with the equipment the Home possesses, your Board feels that there is a definite need for a Physio-Therapist as a full-time member of the Staff. It is understood that under the Regional Hospital Scheme, patients in the Home will participate in the services of a Physio-Therapist, but it is doubtful whether this specialist could spare sufficient time to attend all our patients who require physio-therapy.

STAFF: As the years roll on changes in personnel become inevitable. It is with sincere regret that your Board reports the death of the former Accountant, the late Mr. C. C. FitzGerald, who died shortly after his retirement on 31st December, 1954. The late Mr. FitzGerald was appointed Accountant in 1942 and gave highly efficient and devoted service.

Sister M. Zachariah, our popular Sub-Matron, retired on 1/3/55. Staff and inmates both tendered her farewell parties and presented her with valuable gifts. Sister Zachariah had given untiring and loyal service to the Board and the kindlest attention and care to the inmates during the fourteen years she was a member of the

Mr. F. N. M. Petch of Ballarat was appointed Accountant, and Miss H. M. Harrison was appointed Sub-Matron. Several other members of the staff reached retiring age and left after giving many years of valuable service.

Mr. H. R. Tonks, who had been engineer since 12/2/48 resigned on 25/10/54. From a number of applicants your Board selected Mr. C. G. Hall, formerly of Mildura Hospital. Mr. Hall has a wide knowledge of hospital engineering, and has amply justified the Board's selection.

GEELONG CONTRIBUTORS: The donors who subscribed to the special threeyear appeal organised by the late Mr. J. P. H. Baxter gave their second yearly instalments as promised. Your Board is sincerely appreciative of this special and very generous support.

GEELONG AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST ASSOCIATION: Following discussions with Mr. R. M. Renick, Chairman of the Allocations Committee, your Board decided to apply for recognition as a Beneficiary in the Geelong Community Chest Association. It is with pleasure your Board announces the acceptance of its application. The Queen Elizabeth Home has been promised a generous annual allocation until such time as the Geelong Old Folks Home is opened and Geelong patients now in the Queen Elizabeth Home are transferred.

ENTERTAINMENTS: Films. A film show is held every Wednesday afternoon. and following the overhaul of our sound projection machine and the change over from incandescent to arc lights, the projection and sound are of high standard.

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MISS VIRGINIA PARIS, VISITING AMERICAN SINGER, CHATTING WITH PATIENTS AFTER SHE HAD ENTERTAINED THEM WITH SEVERAL NUMBERS.

Concerts. The inmates have been given many splendid entertainments during the year. Mr. Les. Benoit has compered many excellent evening concerts, and also visiting artists and concert parties have presented colourful entertainments. Your Board is grateful to the ladies, gentlemen and children who have given so freely of their talents.

The Annual High Tea and Concert arranged by the Presbyterian Fellowship Association again gave entertainment, good cheer and happiness to our large family. This organisation has entertained the inmates for thirty successive years, and the members are extremely efficient in the preparation and distribution of the really marvellous meal.

Recreation. Although the Board and the staff foster all descriptions of recreation, such as hobbies, reading, knitting, etc., this department is handicapped through lack of a suitable room. The Red Cross Handcraft Officers endeavour to interest as many as possible of the inmates in handcrafts. This service is really appreciated.

Outings. Several kindly people and organisations have taken parties of the inmates for car drives, motor bus tours and picnics. The Junior Chamber of Commerce held the usual outing and picnic again this year, and Mr. J. Feltham devotes every Sunday to taking a car load of inmates for an interesting drive. The inmates are grateful, and your Board is also most appreciative of this interest in the welfare of our old folk.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: Mr. Frank Beacham, who was appointed Public Relations Officer and Collector last year, has shown initiative, energy and aptitude for his work. His collections have shown a gratifying increase and, in addition, he has successfully organised a midget car gymkhana, a football match between Ballarat and Geelong Police, and a Clay Bird Shoot at Learmonth. Sincere thanks are tendered to the controlling bodies which made these fund-raising efforts possible.

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NURSING STAFF: Replacement of our experienced Qualified Nursing Aides who have left for various reasons became a problem. Advertisements for Qualified Nursing Aides or experienced nursing assistants proved ineffective. Your Board therefore has etsablished its own school for training nursing assistants, and the first three months is devoted to some work in the wards and intensive practical and theoretical tuition by the Sub-Matron, who has had experience as a Tutor Sister. Your Board feels confident that normal wastage of nursing staff can be met.



SUB-MATRON, SISTER H. M. HARRISON, WITH HER CLASS OF TRAINEE NURSING ASSISTANTS.

THE BALLARAT TROTTING CLUB: Your Board records its appreciation of the special contribution of £111 received from the Metropolitan and Country Trotting Association and Control Board through the Ballarat and District Trotting Club.

THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE PATIENTS: The ambulant patients of all denominations are able to enjoy and be comforted by the regular services held in the Chapel by the Chaplains and Clergy of the various denominations. Those patients permanently confined to bed are not overlooted. The clergy and lay workers visit regularly and cheer and comfort them. Life in its closing stages could be depressing and empty without faith.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY: The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Auxiliary is published on page — of this report, but your Board feels that special mention must be made of the wonderful interest and unflagging zeal of this band of ladies. The Christmas Tree is one of the highlights of the year; the Annual Picnic is another momentous and happy day for the inmates. These functions and others are arranged by the Auxiliary and not without much planning and hard work. Funds are also necessary to provide the presents for the Christmas Tree and the picnic expenses; consequently many efforts are organised by the Auxiliary to raise the necessary money.

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THE HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES COMMISSION: Your Board was glad to receive Mr. H. E. Palmer. Deputy Chairman, and Mr. A. J. McLellan, Member of the Hospitals and Charities Commission, when they visited the Queen Elizabeth Home on 4/5/55. Many problems were discussed during an inspection of the Home and grounds, and your Board is confident that these gentlemen left with a greater understanding and appreciation of the functions of the Home, and that matters under consideration for some time will be speedily adjusted.

VISIT OF LADY SLIM: Her Excellency Lady Slim, accompanied by the Mayoress of Ballarat, Mrs. A. C. Pittard, visited the Home on 9th March, 1955. Lady Slim was met by the President on her arrival and, after inspecting a Guard of Honour of Nurses, she met Board Members, Honorary Officers and their wives. Lady Slim, during a tour of inspection of the Home, conversed very happily with many of the patients, all of whom were thrilled by this charming lady's friendly interest in them as individuals.



LADY SLIM, WIFE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WILLIAM SLIM, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA, ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOME.

HONORARY OFFICERS: Your Board records its thanks to our Honorary Medical Officers, Drs. Wm. Sloss and G. T. James, our Honorary Solicitor, Mr. H. G. Morrow, and our Honorary Consulting Engineers, Messrs. W. J. & W. L. Meinhardt, for their valuable services and advice. To our Honorary Dentists, Dr. S. A. Wilson and Mr. G. B. S. McKinley, and our Hon. Optometrists, Messrs. Wastell and Cutter, your Board expresses grateful thanks, as these gentlemen give freely of their time and professional skill when attending to the needs of our patients.

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THE BOWLING CLUB: Established for over seven years the Bowling Club has progressed and members have become good bowlers. Several clubs, including lady bowlers, visited the Queen Elizabeth Home Club during the year, and our bowlers also enjoyed cordial hospitality when they in turn visited other clubs. Club tournaments were arranged as usual and keenly contested. Mrs. J. M. Pearson has kindly offered to act as Honorary Coach for the Club.



WINNERS IN BOWLING CLUB TOURNAMENTS WITH THEIR TROPHIES.

DONATIONS: Special mention must be made of the welcome support given by the Ballarat Travellers' Social Club. During the year the Travellers contributed £635/6/-, and this enabled your Board to add a Deep Freeze Unit and new electric ovens and tilting steam kettles to the kitchen. Mr. J. A. Gilbert has been nominated a Life Governor in appreciation of the Travellers' continued support.

The Ballarat Charity Sunday Fund, of which your Board Member, Mr. J. Keith,

has been Honorary Secretary for many years, donated £120. NEWSPAPER AND RADIO PUBLICITY: The Ballarat "Courier" and the Ballarat Broadcasters Pty. Ltd. (3BA Ballarat) have both given the Home splendid publicity, and much local support is due to the public interest in the Home which has been fostered by the "Courier" and 3BA.

The proprietors of many newspapers published in the District pravide free copies of their publications. As our patients come from every part of Western Victoria,

home news is always very welcome.

CONCLUSION: It would be an impossible task to convey individual thanks to all the kindly friends, organisations and societies which by cash and goods have. helped so greatly during the past year. Your Board tenders grateful thanks to every one who has helped the Queen Elizabeth Home.

On behalf of the Board of Management,

1st August, 1955.

A. C. FRASER, President.

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THE HON. EWEN CAMERON, M.L.C., MINISTER OF HEALTH FOR VICTORIA, WITH MATRON G. MANDEVILLE HALLS.



INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA STUDENTS OF GORDON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, GEELONG, SPENT A FORTNIGHT AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOME GAINING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. IN THE GROUP ARE THE PRESIDENT, MANAGER, CATERER AND DOMESTIC SUPERVISOR.

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### MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE AGED IN OUR MIDST:

A REPORT BY Miss G. MANDEVILLE HALLS, Matron.

### A PRESENT-DAY EXAMPLE

The immediate care of the aged and infirm is a matter which warrants everyone's earnest consideration. It has to be provided now. It cannot be ignored or conveniently postponed in view of rosy prophecies of a future where there will be no bedridden aged.

In our community to-day we have survivors of several generations who have not prepared for an active old age. They have had their share of stress, want, wars, hardship and the constant grind of keeping body and soul together. Now they are ready to take things easy, and have their needs provided for them.

Others are afflicted, crippled or bed-ridden (many pre-maturely), and resources for their care in private homes are either inadequate in view of the patient's condition, or with the passing of the years those available to look after them can no longer cope with the situation.

Also we are faced with the fact to-day that there is little or no room in the ordinary house for aged parents, aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Again normal expectation of life has been extended by the discovery of "wonder" drugs in recent years. These drugs may well intensify the problem in future years, when many who are still young to-day will be kept alive, possibly on the border line of health, to call for community care, but I leave that to the future



MATRON WITH THE OLDEST AND YOUNGEST INMATES.

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READING PLEASANTLY PASSES
MANY AN HOUR.

The present position is that it has become more and more necessary to provide suitable accommodation for the aged and infirm in our midst.

A number of suggestions are being offered at the present time and good will come of them, but to adequately meet the needs of the cases which have been mentioned. I do not hesitate to affirm that the Institutional Home is the only adequate solution. Such Homes must become larger, and more of them built, to catch up with present requirements, and to provide for the future.

Local conditions and Government policy may influence the design of these Homes, but I consider that the functioning of the present Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home could well be taken as an example of what should be aimed at in such an Institution.

There we have provided a whole range of geriatric care for Ambulatory, Semi-Hospital and wholly Bed-Cases both men and women, with the provision of various mechanical aids to enable incapacitated inmates to regain mobility, if possible, and remain active as long as they are able.

Whilst a constant call is made to provide for all conditions of persons, it has become increasingly pressing to extend the infirmary or hospital section of the Home, and over two-thirds of the 600 inmates are now in that category.

An important feature of an Institution such as the Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home is that patients are readily interchangeable from the Ambulatory to the Hospital Section as the need arises, and in this way many lives are saved because of the prompt action which can be taken. As they recover the patients can be transferred back to the ambulatory section, and it is found that this kind of interchange is going on all the time. Other types of institutions are seriously limited in this important regard.

It is found in practice that a large proportion of persons who are admitted as being relatively active soon require permanent nursing care, and many who are described on their application forms as ambulatory are really given to wandering through loss of memory, have faulty habits or are otherwise unreliable. Such people require a great deal of supervision and can constitute a problem.

In order to achieve the greatest degree of contentment among the patients, and also provide for specialised treatment, much care is taken in grading the kinds of persons admitted. They have come from all walks of life, having varying temperaments, they may be interested or interesting, prove difficult to handle, and some are alcoholic. Certain large wards are wholly given over to noisy and incontinent patients.

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Increasing numbers of sub-normal cases are also being brought to the Home for care. Some are quite young. Usually the mother who has looked after the person dies, and others of the family (if any) cannot cope with one so unfitted to face life alone. Where else can such persons go? This is another community problem analogous with the aged. Fortunately they are usually happy in this setting, and their span of life even extended in the sheltered conditions of the Home, but it means that each case is occupying a bed which would otherwise have been available to an aged person.

Bed Cases who used to be hospitalised as Chronic Sick now come to the Home as soon as vacancies occur, and in many cases they have to be nursed for years until the end comes. These are invariably medical or post-operative cases involving very heavy nursing as indicated by the following list of typical conditions: Paraplegias, cancers, cardiacs of various kinds, Huntington's chorea, chronic chests, rheumatoid arthritis, ulcers, incontinence, cerebral haemorrhage, diabetes, paralysis agitans.

Among post-operative cases being cared for are supra-pubics, un-united fractures, colostomies, hernias, amputees.

These are, of course, in addition to all the host of illnesses human beings are heir to, and which are no respecters of age.



RADIO IS A COMFORT AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Time is not the scarcest commodity as far as the patients are concerned, and careful consideration is given to providing suitable interests and occupations whenever possible. Many of those who are up and about are happier if a job which they like to do can be found for them. It may be helping to sweep the wards or sitting-rooms, feeding helpless bed patients, mending, washing dishes or mobile library work.

Among those confined to bed or wheel-chair, needlework, knitting, tapestry, reading, painting—all have their devotees, and are encouraged in every way.

Provision is made by the Management for a weekly talkie picture show, and other regular entertainments are enjoyed in the comfortable setting of the Lederman Hall.

Chaplains are appointed by the various church denominations, and conduct their ministrations both in the beautifully appointed Home chapel and in the wards, at suitable times.

It will be appreciated that in a large Institution such as the Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home, the matter of staffing is one which calls for careful consideration and selection. The Home is literally a self-contained community in itself, requiring Administrative, Catering, Dispensing, Maintenance, Laundering, Sewing, Stores, and Domestic Departments, as well as the direct medical and nursing care which necessarily comes into most prominence.

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The work of nursing Aged and Chronic sick persons is no easy task. Fortunately it appeals to some people, and in this regard the inmates are admirably catered for at this Home.

There is an adequate number of trained nursing-sisters, who supervise and teach the nursing-assistants, and a good number of these assistants have been recognised as certificated Qualified Nursing Aides because of their training and experience.



FEEDING ONE OF THE MANY HELPLESS PATIENTS.

All who know the circumstances agree that there is an urgent need for the proposed North Wing extension to the Queen Elizabeth Benevolent Home. Only if the full four floors are provided to accommodate a further 150 patients will the present need be met, as indicated by the ever-extensive waiting lists. It is distressing to those who have to personally handle the matter to know that some applicants have been waiting for as long as 18 months for admission to the Hospital Section.

The specially-designed married-couples' suites which are included in the proposed extension would fill a long-felt need in the community, and would be provided and maintained at a far less cost than separate cottages.

This is one important factor in considering whether present Homes such as the Queen Elizabeth Home should be extended. In view of the fact that the vital facilities in the way of administrative, servicing, catering, and laundering are already available, the overall cost of providing for a further number of patients at the Home would be far more economical than building a number of smaller institutions.

In conclusion, I would summarise the work of the Home as a present-day example of what can be done to meet the Physical, Spiritual and Practical needs of our Aged and Infirm, without distinction of class or creed.

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### STATEMENT OF COMMODITIES CONSUMED

Commodity.	Total Consumpt	on. Consumption for 100 Patient and Staff Days.
Meats	84,888 lbs.	30.5 lbs.
Bacon	2,079 lbs.	.7 lbs.
Fish	5.757 lbs.	2.1 lbs.
Milk	31,825 gals.	II.4 gals.
Butter	17,248 lbs.	6.2 lbs.
Eggs	8,906 doz.	3.2 doz.
Bread	123,824 lbs.	44.5 lbs.
Flour	8.732 lbs.	3.1 lbs.
Sugar	43,205 lbs.	15.5 lbs.
Jam	10,908 lbs.	3.9 lbs.
Tea	5,388 lbs.	1.9 lbs.
Coffee and Cocoa	252 lbs.	.1 1bs.
Cereals	18,542 lbs.	6.7 lbs.
Soap (Laundry)	11,420 lbs.	4.1 lbs.
Soap (Household)	3,903 lbs.	1.4 lbs.
Vegetables	201,505 lbs.	72.4 lbs.
Fruit	67,935 lbs.	24.4 lbs.
*Cotton Wool	336 lbs.	.1 lbs.
*Gauze	400 yds.	.1 yd.
Firewood	5,060 tons	1.8 tons
Coal and Briquettes .	130 tons	.1 tons
Coke	12 tons	.0 tons
Gas	390,200 c.ft.	140.2 c. ft.
Electric Current	214,600 units	77.1 units.
Patient o	- Inmate Days .	269.819

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<sup>\*</sup>Surgical Supplies-Consumption based on Patient Days only.

### MAINTENANCE COSTING STATEMENT

FINANCIAL PERIOD: FIFTEEN MONTHS, 1st APRIL 1954 TO 30th JUNE 1955.

DAILY AVERAGE OCCUPIED BEDS FOR THE PERIOD (ALL PATIENTS) 591.7.

TOTAL IN-PATIENTS TREATED 948.

		Proportion of C	ost allocated to:	Average Cost per Bed for	
Headings of Expenditure.	Cost	Infirmaty Patients	Ambulatory Patients	Daily Average In-Patients. (to one decimal)	
Provisions	£33,146	£22,097	£11,049	£56.0	
Surgery and Dispensary (including Pharmaceu- tical Benefits & Other)	2,973	2,601	372	5.0	Average Cost Per Day
Domestic	25,897	£19,423	6,474	43.8	18/3
Sa aries and Wages	159,953	132,616	27,337	270.3	
Miscellaneous and Admin- istration	4.172	2,920	1,252	7.1	
SERVICE COST	£226,141	£179,657	£46,484	382.2	Average Cost
Establishment	26,42	12.385	6,193	31.4	Treated for 15 months (10
Finance	1,853	1,235	618	3.1	one decimal) £260.1
TOTAL COST	£246,572	£193,277	£53,295	£416.7	

Allocation of Cost:
Infirmary Patients
78.39%
Ambulatory Patients
21.61%

Average Cost per Day:
Infirmary Patients
20/9
Ambulatory Patients
| 12/10

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### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

COMP	'ARAIIV	F 2141FL	MENT		(15 mths.
(Adjusted to nearer E)					period)
INCOME:	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Government Grants	£90286	£95088	£130525	£99178	£91368
Municipal Grants	222	249	255	269	435
Annual Subscriptions	2045	2821	2708	2138	5297
Other Charitable Contributions	4771	6736	6637	3914	4586
In-Patients	15654 173	19487 141	24702   58	92246 183	[37914   128
Miscellaneous	76	134	66	28	208
Total Ordinary Income	113227	124656	165051	198056	258966
Extraordinary	1329	866	868		
Deficiency	£114556	£125522 15380	£165919 13063	£198056	£258866
GRAND TOTAL	£114556	£140902	£178982	£198056	£258866
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EXPENDITURE :					
Provisions	£15708	£21634	£26443	£27821	£33 46
Surgery and Dispensary	1309	1789	1831	2027	2973
Domestic	10856	14756	16705	16551	25897
Salaries and Wages	70814	90067	112843	120039	159953 4173
Miscellaneous and Administration	2694 7568	2758 8190	2271 17099	3282 10074	8578
Finance	1639	1708	1790	1623	1883
Total Cost		£140902	£178982	£181417	£246572
Extraordinary	- 33			92	
Total Expenditure	£110641 3915	£140902	£178982	£181509 16547	£246572 12294
GRAND TOTAL	£114556	£140902	£178982	£198056	£258856
COSTS					
COSTS:					
Average Cost per Day per Inmate Cost per period per bed for Daily Aver-	10/5	12/10	16/4	16/5	18/3
age Inmate	£189.7	£236.2	£203.1	£300.2	£416.7
Patient				19/1	20/9
Average Cost per day per Ambulatory Patient				11/4	12/10
FINANCIAL:	Overdraft	Overdrafi	Overdraft	Overdraft	Credit
Maintenance Bank. After payment of Out- standing Accounts)	€5474	£23014	€12632	£314	€12059
Capital Bank. (After payment of Outstand-	Overdraft	Overdraft	Overdraft	Overdraft	Overdraft
ing Accounts). Other Current Liabilities (Excluding Over-	£21820	£29014	€26679	£27339	£2 082
draft)	1869	1711	2098	2488	3034
Bank and Stores)	6647	8312	14723	18907	15912
Stores on Hand	11576	16920	17450	17259	17180
Endowments	3150	3150	3150	3150	3150
Reserve	7	71	7 I	96	96
STATISTICAL :					
Daily Average : Patients	583.0	596.4	600.5	604. I	591.7
Number: Paid Staff	194	200	194	199	2 4
Total Number of Inmates Accommodated		-50	.,,	. , ,	211
during the period	9   8	928	881	860	948
Number of Beds Available	594	614	6   4	614	614

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### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ATTENDANCES

	Board	Special Board	Finance	Executive	8uilding	Gardens	Public Relations
FRASER, A. C., President	10	5	+1	11	1	2	2
THOMAS, J. A., Senior Vice-President	8	3	8	8	3	-	_
RONALDSON, R. B., Junior Vice-President	7	2	6	6	2	1	2
(Special Leave of absence)							
LAWRY, G. B. N., Hon. Treasurer	_	1	_	_	- 1		_
(Leave of absence: Illness)							
ARCHER, K. S. B., Government Nominee	8	5	8	8	3	2	2
CUTTER, G. B., Board Member	11	2	_	_	3	_	_
DAVIES, F. T., Board Member	11	6	-		3	2	_
EYRES, C. N., Board Member	1+	4	_		3	2	_
HEINZ, W. H., Board Member	7	2	_	_	2	1	1
KEITH, J., Boerd Member	9	2	_	_	1	_	_
LONSDALE, J., Board Member	11	6	11	11	3	_	2
NICHOLSON, A. W., Board Member	3	3	_	_	3	_	)
NORTH, L. F., Board Member	8	3	_	_	2	_	2
SMAIL, J. J., Board Member	8	6	_	_	3	_	_
TORNEY, G. B., Board Member	9	4	10	10	F	2	2

### MEETINGS HELD :

Board, 11; Special Board, 6: Finance, 12; Executive, 12; Building, 3; Gardens, 2; Public Relations, 2.



PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE FOR SILL BY Mr. E. B. COCHRAN
ON BEHALF OF THE BALLARAT DISTRICT TROTTING CLUB, BEING OUR SHARE OF THE
PROCEEDS OF A CHARITY MEETING CONDUCTED BY THE TROTTING CONTROL BOARD.



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# THE QUEEN ELIZABETH BENEVOLENT HOME

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

T۷	ערסרע		
renty-two	Adjusted to nearer £1.  To Transfer to Capital Grants and Gifts A/c. £1,996 Building Development A/c. 1,317 Building Development A/c. 6,600	By Balance, 1st April, 1954	13 13 896 1313
	¥83	63,409	404
	ENDOWN	ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT	
	To Transfer of Income to Maintenance A/c. 3150 Balance, 30th June, 1955	By Balance, 1st April, 1954	150
	83.278	8.23.238	,278
	CAPITA	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	. 1
	To Furniture and Equipment Sold	By Balance, 1st April, 1954 Capital Grants and Gifts A/c. 26,406 Plant and Machinery (Incressed Value on Replacements) 6,000 Furniture and Equipment (Gifts)	487 406 000 3
	1260,896	9660,896	968
	PROPERTY	PROPERTY (CAPITAL) BANK	
	To Government Grants  To ansfer from Reserve  Transfer from Special Purposes Reserve  Transfer from Special Purposes  Transfer from Building Developments A/c.  Transfer from Maintenance Fund  Transfer from Misse Reserve  Sale of Assets  Sale of Assets  20,759	By Balance, 1st April, 1954  Transfer to Special Purposes Transfer to Special Purposes Reserve Transfer to North Wing Building A/c. 1,000 Repayment of Loan Additions and Major Alterations Additions Active Machinery, Furniture and Equipment 10,298 Group Laundry Furniture and Equipment 10,298	339 200 778 000 000 416 891
			I

£47,920

247,920

# REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS RESERVE BANK

To Balance, 1st April, 1954 Transfer from Maintenance Bank: 1. Government Grant 2. Institution Contribution Transfer from Special Purposes Reserve A/c. Sale of Replaced Equipment	£1 4,350 14,228 186 32	By Proportion of Wages Paid to Staff engaged on Establishment Maintenance Other Expenditure incidental to Establishment Maintenance Transfer to Car Replacement Fund A/c.  Balance, 30th June, 1955	£9.498 8.943 322 34
	1618,797		1618,797
SPECIAL	L PURPOSES	SES ACCOUNT	
To Capital Grants and Gifts A/c. Payments for Special Purposes Balance, 30th June, 1955	£52 1,803 7,046	By Balance, 1st April, 1954	£5,737 200 2,962
<b>.</b>	668'83		668'83
SPECIAL PUI	PURPOSES	RESERVE ACCOUNT	
To Transfer to Capital Grants and Giffs A/c. North Wing Building A/c. Repairs and Replacements Reserve A/c. Balance, 30th June, 1955	1,001 186 186 2,751	By Balance, 1st April, 1954  Donations  Interest from Savings Bank  Transfer from Capital Grants and Gifts A/c.	£3,702 635 14 178
	621.53		25,129
CAR		REPLACEMENT FUND	
To New Station Waggon	£244 709	By Balance, 1st April, 1954  Transfar from Repairs and Replacements Reserve:  Government Grant Allocation 1955-56	1193
	£963		6963
NORTH W	WING BUIL	BUILDING ACCOUNT	
To Balance, 30th June, 1955	885.918	By Building Donations A/c. Building Development A/c. Special Purposas Reserve Capital Grants and Gifts A/c. Income from Investments First Instalment Commonwealth Grant under Aged Persons Homes Act	229,457 36,383 1,001 1,000 77
	282,918		282,918

# MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1st APRIL 1954 TO 30th JUNE 1955.

		435	6 8 0			137,914	£258,866
	975 17,955	5,297	2,226	36,921 63,405	5,382	192	
INCOME,	By Ordinary Income: Government Grant; Hospitals and Charities Fund Pharmaceutical Benefits On Account of Mental Patients	Municipal Grants Charitable Contributions: (a) Annual Subscriptions (b) Entertainments	(c) Hospital Sunday (d) Other Collections and Donations (Cash and Kind) (e) Legacies (Unconditional)	Patients' Fees:  (a) Public:  (i) Patient Fees  (ii) Hospital Benefits Fund  (b) Non-Public:		(ii) Widow Pensions Income from Investments Sale of Produce, Stores and Refuse	TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME
	2,973	25,897 159,953 4,172	226,141 18,578 1,853	246.572			5258,866
EXPENDITURE.	To Ordinary Expenditure: Provisions Surgery and Dispensary: Pharmaceutical Bonofits 1,998	Domestic Salaries and Wages Miscellaneous and Administration	SERVICE COST Establishment Charges: Repairs to Buildings, etc.	TOTAL COST  Surplus for Financial Year (Transferred to Maintenance Fund Account)			

£30,184 12,294 831

By Balance, 1st April 1954
Surplus—Financial Period
Transfer from : Pharmaceutical Benefits Grant
Transfer from : Public Patient Fecs (Hospital Benefits Association Payments)

MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNT

38,532

To Transfer to: Unexpended Capital Gifts A/c. . . . . . . . Balance, 30th June, 1955

£49,532

6,223

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## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1st APRIL 1954 TO 30th JUNE 1955.

	28 75 55 110 298		9,883	33 25 25	137,914	5258,866	
INCOME	By Ordinary Income: Government Grant: Hospitals and Charities Fund	tions: sscriptions ents unday lections and Donations (Cash	end Kind)		Income from Investments Sale of Produce, Stores and Refuse	TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME	
EXPENDITURE.	To Ordinary Expenditure:  Provisions  Surgery and Dispensary:  Phormaceutical Benefits  1,998	uistration	Finance 19,578  Finance 1,853  Finance 1,853  Financial Year (Transferred to Maintenance 246,572	Fund Account)		998'8523	

£30,184 12,294 831

By Balance, 1st April, 1954
Surplus—Financial Period
Transfer from : Pharmaceutical Benefits Grant
Transfer from : Public Patient Fecs (Hospital Benefits Association Paymants)

MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNT

38,532

£49,532

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1955.

ASSETS.  Cash at Bank:  Maintenance::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	12,509 7 3 759 11 0 13 2 2 2	Endowment Investments	£464,911 17 3
LIABILITIES.   Bank Overdraft: Property (Capital)	Expenses Accrued Deposits on Tenders Deposits on Tenders Employees Superannuation Assessments Coup Laundry In-Patient Fees Paid in Advance:  70 7 5 Public Non-Public	Reserve Fund  Endowment Fund  North Wing Building Fund  First Instalment Commonwealth Grant under  Aged Persons Homes Act  Repairs and Replacements Reserve Fund  Wiscellaneous Trust Funds  Institution Capital  Institution Capital	£464.91   17 3

### AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We hereby certify that we have audited the books, vouchers, and documents of the Institution and find that the positings are accurately made under their proper headings and that the Statement of Accounts, including the Balance Sheet, are correct. We have inspected the securities and insurance policies and obtained Bankers Certificates with respect to the balances represented by assets in the various statements of accounts and found them in order.

W. A. AIKINS, A.C.A. (Aust.) 1 Auditors. G. A. GILLBERT, A.C.A. (Aust.), 7 Auditors.

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### QUEEN ELIZABETH BENEVOLENT HOME LADIES' AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT, 1954-1955.

To our Members and Friends.

Ladies and Gentlemen.—I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1954-55 covering the activities of the Auxiliary for the past 12 months.

MEMBERS: During the year we regretfully accepted the resignation of our President, Mrs. J. L. Fisher. Our sincere sympathy was extended to her during her sad bereavement, which caused her retirement from Ballarat. Her sincere thoughts and duty to the Auxiliary and Inmates will ever be remembered. During her term of office her policy was opening the meeting with prayer, and it was the sincere wish of the members that this policy be continued, and a prayer compiled by Mrs. Fisher is now read.

Also Mrs. Gilchrist tendered her resignation, owing to health reasons, but the Auxiliary wish her to remain as an ex-officio member, as her long service and devotion to the Auxiliary and Inmates can never be forgotten.

We added seven new members to our ranks, and they have all proved excellent workers.

EFFORTS: During the year two Bridge Parties were held, the total raised being £53/12/1. Two Opportunity Shops held realised the sum of £26/4/6. Travellers' Day Street Stall, £47/13/1; Musicale, £22/19/-: Table Setting Competition, £15 10/-; and Begonia Festival Nursery Rhyme Contest, £12/13/-, in which we were awarded 2nd place in each; Annual Xmas Fete, £117/5/11. Mrs. Fisher generously donated £10 to our funds, and two members, Mrs. J. Stevens and Mrs. V. Gordon, conducted afternoons in Mrs. Stevens' home and presented us with a cheque for £20, being a third donation from similar efforts. A wonderful gesture on their part.

Recipe Books, compiled from members' selected recipes, are selling well; the receipts from sale to date are £136/12/-. There have been 2000 copies printed up to date.

We are indebted to all members and organisations who gave so generously and worked so hard to make these functions the success they were.

XMAS FETE: Held on 4th December in Lederman Hall and on the lawns, the Fete was well attended, resulting in £117/5/11. The Xmas Appeal donations for Xmas Cheer for the Inmates totalled £169/9/6. For this we sincerely thank all donors to this appeal.

XMAS TREE: This was held on 14th December. All Inmates enjoyed their gifts along with home-made jam for each patient. Our sincere thanks were extended to Messrs. Keith, Ronaldson and Fraser for acting as Father Xmas to patients, and Mr. John Sorrell for adding much hilarity to the evening.

Matron, Nursing Staff and Wardsmen are always so co-operative and assist us greatly in our efforts; for this we offer our sincere thanks.

PICNIC: The Annual Picnic was held at the Lake on February 22nd and bus trips and steamer rides were combined with the treats and all patients enjoyed the Picnic very much. For those not so fortunate to attend a special party tea was provided for them. Other special teas were given Xmas night, Easter and Queen's Birthday.

ENTERTAINMENT: During the year, each Monday, members have taken patients for car rides, shopping excursions, and afternoon tea to their own homes. This service is greatly looked forward to and enjoyed by the patients.

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COMMUNITY SINGING: For very many years community singing for the inmates was organised and conducted by members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Gilchrist and Mrs. Kilgour gave much time and energy, and Mrs. Morison as compere and Mrs. Page as pianiste made these gatherings very enjoyable. Mr. Tod Lewis, a crippled inmate of the Home, attended to the screening of slides and amplification. His rather sudden passing which all mourned sincerely, and coupled with Mrs. Gilchrist's ill-health, made it necessary to temporarily suspend this Community Singing Session.

FINANCE: The Balance Sheet attached shows our finances are very good, but future plans to the Home make our work more necessary to extend added cheer to more patients.

APPRECIATION: In conclusion my most grateful thanks are extended to the President, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer, and to all members who have so ably assisted me and shown sincere kindness and understanding throughout the year. On your behalf I thank most sincerely the Manager, Mr. Mackay, Matron, Office and Nursing Staff and all contributors for their valuable service during the year. To our Auditor, Mr. J. E. F. Hewitt, for his continued work and assistance, we say sincere thanks, and to the Press for their co-operation and help, many thanks.

BERNICE FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

### Q.E.B.H. LADIES' AUXILIARY, YEAR ENDED JUNE 1st, 1955.

### REVENUE ACCOUNT

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J. E. F. HEWITT, Hon. Auditor.

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