

# Dimboola District Hospital



## 43rd Annual Report

### 1986

*Dimboola's first community hospital was a Bush Nursing Hospital and was founded on 5th November, 1943. Prior to this, the community was served by a number of Private Hospitals.*

*The existing DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL was officially opened on 13th July, 1960, and was incorporated by authority of the Hospitals and Charities Act on 28th March, 1961.*



● RIGHT: *The Guest Speaker at the hospital's 1985/86 Annual General Meeting, FLORENCE HOUGHTON, completes a tandem parachute jump. At 80 years of age, Florence was the oldest first parachute jumper in the British Commonwealth, when she made the jump on 12th April, 1986.*



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# PHILOSOPHY

*THE DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL SERVICE PHILOSOPHY IS BASED ON AN AVID CONCERN FOR ALL PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT PRIMARILY THE PATIENT, AND THAT CONCERN REVOLVES AROUND —*

- 1. Promptness of attention.*
- 2. Communicate explanations of treatment, delays, changes re locations and environment.*
- 3. Comfort — mental, physical and spiritual.*
- 4. Identify each patient as an individual with individual needs, and help to reduce apprehension.*
- 5. Finally, for staff to appreciate and possess a capacity to see the Hospital and its services from the patient's point of view and convey the need for review through the proper channels (Staff Advisory Committees).*

## OBJECTIVES

*To provide facilities and services necessary for the delivery of a high standard of health care for the people of Dimboola Shire in general, and Dimboola community in particular.*

### **1. HEALTH CARE**

*To act in the capacity as a District Hospital for reception, diagnosis, treatment and continuing care for both in-patients and out-patients for —*

- *all types of accident and emergency patients;*
- *patients with general medical, surgical and obstetric conditions.*

### **2. HEALTH EDUCATION**

*To provide education in all aspects of health care, its maintenance and administration, including —*

- *Community family medicine;*
- *Cadet nursing;*
- *Skilled trades;*
- *Preventive medicine, health promotions through health information and co-ordination of health and welfare.*

### **3. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

*To act as the community centre for the continuing development, support and co-ordination of health and welfare.*

### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

*To maintain, evaluate and develop sound economic management and effective use of inter-departmental communications in support of the Hospital's objectives, for better patient care and treatment.*

### **5. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

*To enlist general and financial support of the community, through Auxiliaries, Clubs and Organisations who recognise the importance and continuing role of a Hospital and Health Service in the community.*



# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

## **OFFICEBEARERS:**

### **President:**

Mr. R. W. Westendorf

### **Vice-Presidents:**

Cr. W. J. McKenzie

Mr. R. T. Feery

### **Treasurer:**

Mrs. L. D. McKenzie

## **COMMITTEE:**

Mr. J. L. Barber

Mrs. B. Edwards

Mr. M. H. Goodier (A.A.S.A.)

Dr. J. A. Pickering (M.B.Ch.B.F.R.A.C.G.P.)

Mr. J. A. Pietsch

Mr. A. E. Walsgott

## **Chief Executive Officer**

Mr. A. B. Wells (L.H.A., A.F.A.I.M.)



# LIFE GOVERNORS

(\*Deceased)

\*Mr. H. E. Taylor, 1957

\*Mrs. I. M. Anderson, 1958

\*Mr. J. B. Henstridge, 1959

\*Mr. G. W. Westendorf

\*Mr. W. N. Muntz

\*Mr. F. G. Klinge, 1962

\*Mr. B. H. Zanker, 1964

Mrs. N. Muir-Smith, 1965

\*Mr. N. E. Barber, 1968

\*Mr. W. H. McKenzie, 1968

\*Mr. A. H. Walsgott, 1972

Mr. T. Michie, 1973

\*Mr. C. E. Westendorf, 1973

Mr. J. E. McCabe, 1975

Dr. A. A. Hinchley (M.B.E.), 1976

Mrs. L. D. McKenzie, 1980

\*Mrs. J. McKenzie, 1981

\*Mrs. E. M. Muntz, 1981

Mrs. J. Wells, 1981

Mr. A. E. Walsgott, 1983

Mr. R. W. Westendorf, 1984

Mr. A. G. Stephan, 1984

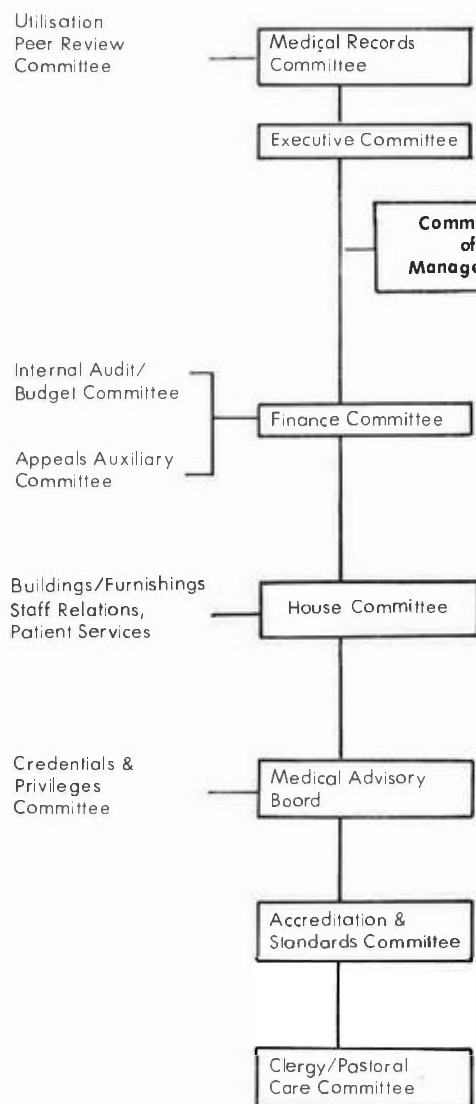
Mrs. E. Philmore, 1984

Mrs. R. McKenzie, 1984

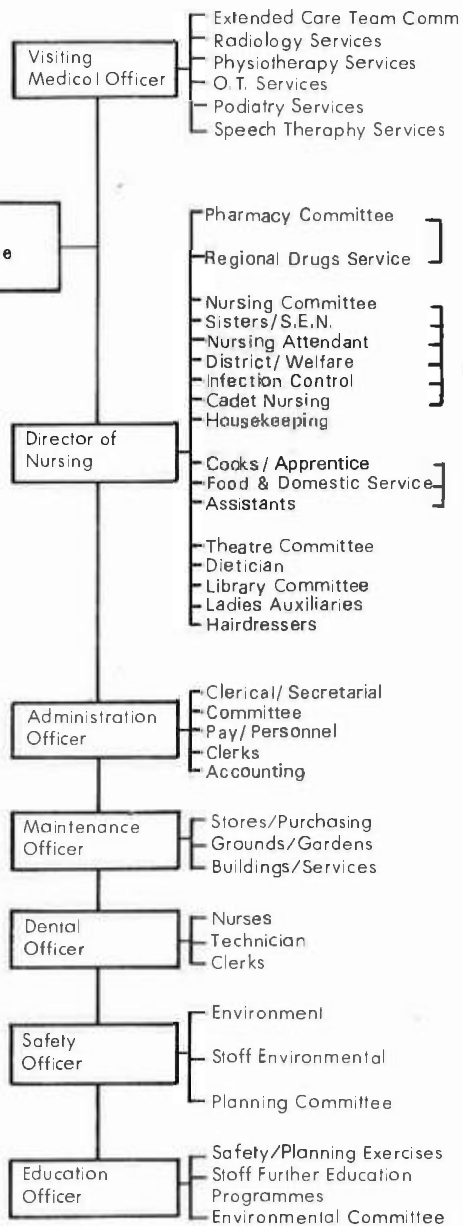
Mrs. R. Lindner, 1984

# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

## COMMITTEE



## STAFF



# PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

## **Chief Executive Officer:**

Mr. A. B. Wells, L.H.A., A.F.A.I.M.

## **Director of Nursing:**

Mrs. P. McQuilton, S.R.N.

## **Dental Officer:**

Dr. G. R. Muggleton, B.D.Sc.

## **Administrative Officer:**

Miss M. Menzel, A.A.I.M.

## **Maintenance Supervisor:**

Mr. I. Barry

## **Charge Sister (Alister Hinchley Wing)**

Sr. B. Eldridge, S.R.N.

## **Staff Education Co-ordinator:**

Mrs. N. Elsom, S.R.N.

## **Safety Officer:**

Mr. D. Walsh (resigned May 1986)

Mr. I. Barry (appointed June 1986)

## **Auditors:**

Mr. W. E. Stewart, F.C.A., B.E.C., A.C.I.S.

A.A.S.A., L.C.A., Chartered Accountant

Dimboola

## **Solicitors:**

Messrs. Muntz & Maroney, LL.B.

Dimboola

## **Architects:**

Demaine Partnership, Melbourne

## **Bankers:**

The National Australia Bank, Dimboola

## **Visiting Chaplains:**

The Rev. Father N. Fryer

The Rev. Father P. Colley (res. Dec. 1985)

Pastor R. Schmidt (resigned Dec. 1985)

Pastor A. Visser (resigned August 1985)

The Rev. James Appelt (appointed Feb. 1986)

The Rev. Father G. Baldock (app. Feb. 1986)

## **Regional Service:**

**(supplied by Wimmera Base Hospital Staff)**

- Pharmacy
- Pathology
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Radiography
- Medical Records Administrator
- Laundry
- Dietetic
- Speech Therapy (Nhill Hospital)

## **Regional Service:**

**(supplied by Dimboola District Hospital)**

- Dental Prosthetics

## **Visiting Medical Officers:**

Dr. E. Bailey, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.

Dr. P. J. Clements, M.B., B.S.(Adel), D.Obst.R.  
CD.G.

Dr. J. Buonopane, M.B., B.S., D.(Obst.)  
R.C.O.G.

Dr. D. Harris, M.B., B.S.

Dr. J. A. Pickering, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.A.C.G.P.

## **Visiting Anaesthetist:**

Dr. R. Bennett, M.B., B.S., D.A.(Lond),  
M.F.A.R.C.S., M.A.S.A.

## **Associate Anaesthetists:**

Dr. M. Anderson, M.B., B.S., D.A.,  
F.R.A.C.G.P.

Dr. R. A. M. Taylor, M.B., B.S.(Lond.),  
L.M.S.S.A.

Dr. J. Horwood, M.B., B.S.(Dip.), R.A.C.O.G.,  
F.R.A.C.G.P.

Dr. J. R. Williams, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., D.A.,  
D.R.C.O.G., F.R.A.C.G.P.

## **Visiting Medical Consultant:**

Dr. A. A. Hinchley, M.B.E., M.B., B.S.  
(appointed Emeritus Feb. 1986)

## **Visiting Surgeon:**

Mr. E. Brownstein, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.,  
F.R.A.C.S.

## **Visiting Obstetrician — Gynaecologist:**

Dr. E. Miller, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.O.G.,  
F.R.A.C.O.G.

## **Visiting Physician:**

Dr. R. Abud, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.  
(resigned 17/1/1986)

## **Visiting Paediatrician:**

Dr. M. Brown, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.

## **Regional Geriatrician (Acting):**

Dr. A. Wolff, M.B., B.S.(Dip.), R.A.C.O.G.

## **Visiting Podiatrist:**

Mrs. J. Lehmann, Dip.Ch.

## **Medical Advisory Board:**

Mr. R. W. Westendorf (Chairman)

Mrs. L. D. McKenzie

Mr. R. T. Feery

Dr. R. Bennett

Dr. J. A. Pickering

Mr. A. B. Wells



# COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

To Life Governors,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Committee of Management, to present the 43rd Annual Report of the hospital for the year ended 30th June, 1986.

The health scene has been in a state of change for several years, and this last year has been no exception. Industrial unrest, budget constraints, nursing shortages, waiting lists, changes in policies and information outputs, Regional Administration, to name but a few. Fortunately, we in the Wimmera, and particularly in Dimboola, have been relatively free of these problems.

However, your Committee of Management is aware of the hint of further developments, including financing hospital operations through diagnosed related groups, Health Maintenance Organisations, hospital agreements (or approved role and function) and transfer of Nurse Education.

Time and space prevents me from detailing the above, but will serve to highlight the complexities of health administration and management.

## FINANCE AND STATISTICS

This year expenditure rose by 10.24% to \$1,860,815. Income was \$1,785,921, resulting in a deficit of \$74,894. Our principal costs were salaries and wages, domestic services, fuel and power, medical services, food services, administration costs.

There were 471 inpatients treated at an average cost of \$1924.47 per patient, 5771 outpatient attendances, 3793 dental attendances, 105 operations performed, 20 births, 3140 District Nurse visits, 51221 meals served, 46532 kg. of linen, 530 hairdressing attendances and 23 Nursing Home patients treated.

All of this means that the year of 1985/86 was again a year of constant pressure for your committee and for our staff.

An average of 14.77% inpatients were in hospital, representing 67.14% occupancy rate. The Nursing Home average was 15.92%, representing a 99.5% occupancy.

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

I would like to express my personal thanks to all my committee colleagues for their support during the year, in particular Cr. W. McKenzie and Mr. R. Feery (Vice-Presidents), Mrs. L. McKenzie (Treasurer) and Mr. J. Pietsch (Chairman of the House/Works and Patient Care Sub-Committee).

My special thanks to Mr. Wells for his continued advice and support, his leadership and enormous drive and participation in the affairs in health services, not only for Dimboola, but on a state and regional level. He successfully gained appointment on the Interim Wimmera District Health Council, and will serve a term of two years.

Sadly, we record the passing of two Life Governors, Mr. Norm Barber and Mrs. Jessie McKenzie, who passed away on 22nd March and 19th May, 1986. Mr. Norman Edward Barber was appointed a Life Governor in 1968 and Mrs. Janet Marion McKenzie received her appointment in 1981.

## BEQUESTS

Bequests were received on 16th August, 1985, of \$10,000 from the Estate of August Wilhelm Nuske (for future capital works) and \$1300 (to purchase a special adjustable variable height bed) from the Estate of the late Elsie Rauert.

## EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS AND REPLACEMENTS

Dental Equipment	\$2850
Engineering Equipment	7500
Canon AP410 Computer and Word Processor	7000
Curtains, Chairs, Calculators, Upgrading of Telephone, Communications, Cupboards, Ambulance Radio Link and Ward Equipment, etc.	8500
Microwave Oven	400
Stage 2 Air-Conditioning commenced and due for completion in July 1986	75000
Midogas Unit	2360
Works Motor Vehicle	8050
Mobile Compressor	7 5 0

Our hospital staff are building a new workshop complex, and parapet repairs were carried out by J. G. Shaw of Warracknabeal at a cost of \$11000.

## ACCREDITATION SURVEY 1986

Survey day was Tuesday, 20th May, 1986, but we have not yet been advised of the result. Our staff worked very hard to prepare the hospital for this event, much of which was over and beyond their respective duties.

## Dr. A. HINCHLEY— CONSULTANT EMERITUS

Dr. Alister Hinchley was granted the distinction of "Medical Consultant Emeritus" which was presented to him during a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon on Sunday, 11th May, 1986. The Elderly Citizens Club Choir and the Dimboola Ladies Choir performed, and hospital staff depicted sketches depicting medical staff "memories".

## STAFF

The committee continues to praise and commend all staff members for their ongoing commitment to the objectives of the hospital.

We annually acknowledge and record the service given to the hospital by staff, and last year presented service awards to Mr. A. B. Wells (Chief Executive) for 25 years of service, and Mrs. P. McQuilton (Director of Nursing) for 10 years service.

## NURSING CADET AWARDS

Sharon Schwarz, Tamara Budde, Lucinda Barry, Fiano Strauss and Craig Elsom all satisfactorily completed the 1985 course. The committee congratulates the students and wishes them every success should they pursue a career in nursing.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

To assist students in prospective careers, we have been involved with work experience programmes, providing training in various departments throughout the hospital.

## WORK BY OTHERS

We record our appreciation to the Dimboola Shire in assisting to complete the Lloyd Street visitors car park area.

## AUXILIARIES

We are again grateful to our auxiliaries for their continued efforts and significant donations, and thank them for providing much-needed equipment. The Committee of Management records its gratitude and appreciation. Their respective reports may be found elsewhere in this report.

## OTHER

We have been indebted to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Werner for their co-operation in allowing the hospital to rent their house property in Anderson Street. The contract terminated in 1986 after many years.

## QUALITY PATIENT CARE

During the year your committee was pleased to approve the establishment of a "Quality Assurance Committee" comprising Dr. John Pickering as Chairman, plus Mr. R. Westendorf (Chairman of the Committee of Management), Mr. B. Wells (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs. P. McQuilton (Director of Nursing) and representatives from the following divisions: Engineering, Nursing, Administration, Medical and Dental Services.

This is an added requirement of the Australian Council on Hospital Standards for Accreditation Status, and is the process by which quality of direct health care is maintained as part of our objectives to guarantee optimum standards.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In appreciation, we record our grateful thanks to the following for their continued advice and support:

The Health Department Victoria (particularly Ms. Elizabeth Kelly, Regional Director)

The Honorary Clergy  
Shire of Dimboola Councillors and Staff  
Dimboola Fire Brigade

All Service Clubs

The Dimboola Banner

Radio Stations 3WV and 3WM

The Victorian Hospitals' Association Limited

Australian Hospital Association

Mr. W. Drake (Regional Engineer)

Department of Social Security.

## IN CONCLUSION

The Board of Management expresses its sincere appreciation to all members of staff, visiting medical staff, volunteers and auxiliary members.

Many organisations and individuals support our hospital throughout the year and the board records its grateful thanks to all who helped and assisted the work of the hospital in any way.

Mr. R. W. Westendorf,  
PRESIDENT.



*Mrs. Win Westendorf, Mrs. Maude Hinchley, Mr. Ralph Westendorf and Dr. Alister Hinchley after the presentation of a plaque following Dr. Hinchley's appointment as Consultant Emeritus, February 1986.*

# DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

## OPERATING ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30th, 1986

### INCOME:

#### STATE PAYMENTS

Specific Purpose Grant	\$13,918	
Ordinary Grants — Hospital and Nursing Home	1,078,199	
Workcare Grant	28,200	
Insurance — Cost met by Health Commission of Victoria	31,370	
H.C.S. — Cost met by Health Commission of Victoria	4,235	
Visiting Nursing Service	2,788	
		1,158,710

#### COMMONWEALTH SPECIFIC PAYMENTS

Nursing Home Subsidy	2,927	
Apprentice Craft Subsidy and Wage Pause	13,365	
		16,292

#### IN-PATIENT FEES

Nursing Home	386,773	
Private — Hospital	105,469	
		492,242

#### OTHER INCOME

Meals, Accommodation and Sundry	23,306	
District Nursing	4,142	
		27,448
		91,229

#### OUT-PATIENT FEES

#### TOTAL INCOME

\$1,785,921

### LESS EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages	\$1,278,320
Superannuation	24,585
Payments — Visiting Medical Officers	30,328
Administration	94,234
Food Supplies	45,723
Domestic Charges	64,385
Fuel, Light and Power	59,160
Repairs and Maintenance and Replacement Additional Equipment	36,688
Medical and Surgical Expenses	59,552
Ambulance	21,884
Long Service Leave	45,064
Accrued Days Off	(567)
Annual Leave	10,561
Insurance and Computer Costs met by Hospital Commission of Victoria	35,605
Depreciation	25,948
Sundry Expenditure	11,299
Sundry Expenditure — Matched by Specific Grants	18,046

#### TOTAL EXPENDITURE

1,860,815

### DEFICIT FOR YEAR

\$74,894



# DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

## ANALYSIS OF MAJOR BANK ACCOUNTS

### CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986

<b>BALANCE 1st JULY, 1985</b>		\$2,285,176
ADD: Donations and Bequests	\$22,287	
Interest Received	8,284	
Rent Received	4,700	
Sundry Income	571	
Capital Works Grant	17,389	
	<u>53,231</u>	
		2,338,407
Gain from Sale of Assets	2,154	
Other Assets funded from Operating Fund	2 8 0 5 5	
	<u>30,209</u>	
		2,368,616
LESS: Provision for Depreciation transferred from Operating Fund		25,948
<b>BALANCE AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986</b>		<u>\$2,342,668</u>

### OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986

<b>BALANCE 1st JULY, 1985</b>		(\$223,297)
LESS: Reimbursement 1985 Deficit	\$14,801	
Assets funded under Minor Works Programme	2,602	
Transfer of Provision for Depreciation to Capital Fund	25,948	
	<u>43,351</u>	
		(179,946)
ADD: Assets funded from Operating	28,055	
Deficit for Year	74,894	
	<u>102,949</u>	
<b>BALANCE AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986</b>		<u>(\$282,895)</u>

### SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986

<b>BALANCE 1st JULY, 1985</b>		\$5,248
INCOME — Rent	\$3,233	
Interest	653	
	<u>3,886</u>	
<b>BALANCE AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986</b>		<u>\$9,134</u>

## DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE PERIODS 1981/82 TO 1985/86

<b>REVENUE</b>	1982 (Accrual)	1983 (Accrual)	1984 (Accrual)	1985 (Accrual)	1986 (Accrual)
Government grants	\$878740	\$779897	\$915433	\$1014417	\$1148522
Patient fees	361814	703537	663235	602693	583471
Other	22423	20529	19827	29938	53928
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1262977</b>	<b>1503963</b>	<b>1598495</b>	<b>1647048</b>	<b>1785921</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Salaries and wages	\$875731	\$1041525	\$1103139	\$1174354	\$1231521
Other	393064	505954	559728	513633	629294
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1268795</b>	<b>1547479</b>	<b>1662867</b>	<b>1687987</b>	<b>1860815</b>
<b>OPERATING DEFICIT</b>	<b>(5818)</b>	<b>(43516)</b>	<b>(64372)</b>	<b>(40939)</b>	<b>(74894)</b>



# DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986

Operating Fund Account		(\$282,895)
Capital Fund Account		2,342,668
Special Purpose Account		9,134
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 30th JUNE, 1986</b>		<b>2,068,907</b>
<b>Represented by —</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand	\$200	
Cash at Bank — Special Purpose	9,134	
Investments	90,896	
Patients' Fees Outstanding — Operating Fund	55,334	
Prepayments and Other Debtors	1,278	
Stores on Hand	33,544	
		<b>190,386</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Land (at Officer's Valuation)	82,500	
Assets Under Construction	37,024	
Buildings (at Officer's Valuation)	1,958,680	
Plant	20,460	
Equipment — Medical	74,876	
Non-Medical	86,245	
Vehicles	30,743	
Furniture and Fittings	91,584	
	<b>303,908</b>	
	<b>118,103</b>	
LESS: Provision for Depreciation		<b>185,805</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2,454,395</b>
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accrued Expenses — Wages	49,989	
Annual Leave	80,216	
Accrued Days Off	2,819	
Bank Overdraft — Capital Account	12,237	
Operating Fund	88,469	
Trade Creditors	28,137	
Provision for Long Service Leave	123,621	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>385,488</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$2,068,907</b>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have examined the accounts of Dimboola District Hospital for the year ended June 30th, 1986.

The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting in accordance with regulations of The Health Commission of Victoria.

These accounts comprise Statements of Income and Expenditure for the Operating, Capital and Special Purpose Accounts for the year ended June 30th, 1986; Statement of Balance at June 30th, 1986, and Supplementary Information.

In my opinion, the Statement of Balance and Statements of Income and Expenditure are properly drawn up in accordance with accounting instructions issued by The Health Commission of Victoria so as to give a true and fair view of the situation of the Institution at June 30th, 1986, and of the Income and Expenditure for the period ended on that date.

I have examined the Supplementary Information at June 30th, 1986, and in my opinion it is in accordance with the records of the Institution and has been properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of those items. The accounting and other records examined by me have been properly maintained.

W. E. Stewart, F.C.A.  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT  
79 Lloyd Street, Dimboola 3414



# DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

## APPEALS AUXILIARY

The auxiliary has been involved in three fund-raising efforts in the past twelve months — the postponed Fun Run, 3WM Radio Appeals Committee Car Raffle, and the Melbourne Cup Sweep.

A commitment to provide a Midogas machine has been undertaken, when it is available, from the proceeds of the above.

Towards the end of the financial year, the auxiliary lost the services of Mr. Mel Salmon, who very capably carried out the duties of treasurer.

My sincere thank to the members of the auxiliary, and the community for its support of the fund-raising activities.

Bob Menzel,  
PRESIDENT.

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1986

#### RECEIPTS

Donations	\$786.00
Functions—	
Fun Run	\$482.41
Less Expenses	3 0 4 . 9 1
	177.50
3WM Raffle	914.00
Cook Books	52.50
Melbourne Cup	265.80
Share 3WM Appeal	806.75
Bank Interest—	
Investment A/c	223.55
Cheque A/cs	12.93
	236.48
Bank Transfers	1,064.00
	\$4,303.03
Bank Balances brought forward 1-7-85	1,880.99
Add unrepresented chq. cancelled	16.80
	1,897.79
	\$6,200.82

K. R. Hollis, Hon. Auditor. 22-7-86.

#### PAYMENTS

Advertising	\$80.50
3WM Hospital Appeal Committee	1,014.00
3WM Hospital Appeal Costs	17.60
Petty Cash	30.00
Muntz & Maroney	17.50
Melbourne Cup	81.00
Federal and State Tax	.29
Bank Transfers	1,064.00
	\$2,304.89
Bank Balances c/fwd. 30-6-86—	
Investment A/c	\$3,550.86
Nat. Bank Ch. A/c	286.87
Westpac Ch. A/c	58.20
	3,895.93
	\$6,200.82



# DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL LADIES AUXILIARY

It is my privilege to submit this Annual Report for 1985/86.

Our members have continued to work well to raise money for items deemed necessary or desirable for the welfare of hospital patients. During the year we held two fetes and a cake stall. With the money thus raised, combined with an amount on short term investment, we have helped with the purchase of a diathermy, a stainless steel table, and we are in the process of supplying new curtains for the Day Room at the hospital.

We assisted with the floral arrangements and supper at the hospital Annual Meeting in September and also helped with the provision of afternoon tea at a social afternoon tendered to Dr. Hinchley in May.

I wish to thank all members for their interest and assistance at all times, and the public who have supported us so loyally.

Gladys Taylor,  
PRESIDENT.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1986

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Membership	\$3.60	To Term Deposit	\$850.00
Raffle—August	61.20	Hire Fire Brigade Hall	10.00
Fete—September	369.64	Diathermy Hospital	1,500.00
Raffle—May	101.50	Dimboola Hospital—Instruments	300.00
Street Stall	147.11		
Donation	80.00		
Fete—May	300.05		
Afternoon Tea	8.00		
Bank Interest—			
Current Account	\$17.73		
Term Deposit	130.76		
	148.49		
Term Deposit Principal—October	1,200.00		
Term Deposit Principal—April	850.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,269.59</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,660.00</b>
Bank balance carried fwd. 1-7-85	717.65	Bank balance as at 30-6-86	1,327.24
	<b>\$3,987.24</b>		<b>\$3,987.24</b>

Audited and found correct  
K. R. Hollis, Hon. Auditor  
National Australia Bank, 3-7-1986.



Ron Rauert, Mrs. Wilma Hannaford (Adelaide), Matron McQuilton and Dr. John Pickering pictured during presentation of a cheque to purchase a variable height bed. Mrs. Gwenda Christie (Adelaide) was asent during the presentation.

## DIMBOOLA EAST LADIES AUXILIARY

Again I have pleasure in reporting that we had 28 members and another successful year for 1985/86.

We thank those people who attended our functions and also those who helped in any other way. The garden party in the hospital grounds in October and the barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. McRae were enjoyed by all and were most successful financially.

We helped with the supper at the hospital Annual Meeting and conducted a very profitable hamper raffle in place of our usual cake stall. Thanks again go to Joan and her helper Francie for their continuing efforts in our weekly competitions which add greatly to our finances.

During the year we bought special lounge chairs, instruments for both the hospital and the dental department, and a diathermy machine, and have more projects in hand.

Sadness for us was the passing of Mrs. Jess McKenzie, one of the original members of our auxiliary. We were grateful for her help and interest over many years until ill health prevented her from continuing.

I would like to sincerely thank our secretary Jean, treasurer Joan, and all members of the auxiliary who have helped so often. Thank-you also to Matron McQuilton for attending our meetings, and to the public who supported us in many ways.

Lesley McKenzie,  
PRESIDENT.

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1986

#### INCOME

Balance July 1985	\$808.73
Members (28)	6.80
Donations	931.00
Meeting Competitions	41.10
Raffles	743.71
Garden Party	428.48
Barbecue	560.60
Transfer from Term Deposit	7,000.00
Bank Interest	24.15
Term Deposit Interest	282.17
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	\$10,826.74

#### EXPENDITURE

Advertising	\$51.75
Barbecue Expenses	131.55
Hospital Donations —	
Diathermy Machine	2,500
Chairs (6)	1,110
Theatre Instruments	300
Orthodontic Inst'ments	1,000
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	4,910.00
Investment in Term Deposit	5,000.00
Bank Balance June 1986	733.44
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	\$10,826.74
Trading Account	\$733.44
Term Deposit	2,000.00
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	\$2,733.44

Audited by K. Fitzgerald, Hon. Auditor



*R.A.O.B. Lodge handing a cheque to Matron McQuilton for a medical trolley in Alister Hinchley Wing.*



## DAY CENTRE

The Day Centre continues to be well attended. In the past year several new projects have been commenced, including chocolate making, community singing, paper making, playing cards, word competitions from the Activities Digest Magazine and regular cooking sessions. New songbooks and equipment for paper making have been purchased.

Other activities were: Widows concert by Horsham Review, trip to Wail Nursery, visit to Jeparit Flower Show, fishing trip, C.W.A. Christmas party, Chinese night at Koro Court with Nhill Day Centre, flower shows in Day Centre with flowers brought in from home by everyone.

In November the Day Centre's 10th anniversary was celebrated. Plans are well under way for the greatest venture to date — a camping trip to Halls Gap in early August.

Finally, thank-you to local groups for the continued involvement with Day Centre activities.

Mary Argall,  
DAY CENTRE ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR,  
Alister Hinchley Wing.



## ALISTER HINCHEY WING

The nursing home unit has been near full occupancy throughout the past year, providing long-term care for the frail aged. Several residents now have their own quilts and personal possessions decorating the rooms, creating a more homelike atmosphere.

The formation of a small sitting room in the area for wandering patients, giving them a place to sit and chat away from the wards, has been a success.

The day centre staff has combined with nursing staff to hold a special activity for our patients each Thursday morning. Chocolate making, cooking bread, german cake and small cakes, community singing and old-time dancing are some of the activities enjoyed by all. Other highlights included preparation of savories and pre-dinner nibbles for the ward Christmas party, bus trips and a "Royal Wedding Party". These events have enabled the patients to use skills from years gone by and the level of participation has been excellent.

May 20 was survey day for re-accreditation and all staff are to be commended for the preparation and presentation of the nursing home. A high standard of nursing care has been maintained, with updating of work manuals and safety procedures.

Some staff changes have occurred during the year. Mrs. Carey resigned as hairdresser in December, and Miss Fiona Schneider was appointed to the position and continues to provide hair care for our ladies. Mr. Jack Lloyd visits regularly to cut hair for the men.

The monthly optometry visits have been discontinued due to Mr. Owen's transfer. We wish well to all staff who have left, and welcome new staff members.

Physiotherapy, speech therapy, dietition and podiatry services are kept busy.

Several community activities use the building during the evenings. Aerobics, yoga, first aid classes and arthritis self-help group sessions are held each week. Commencing July 30 to October 15, weekly seminars on "exploring health care" will be held each week by the health department.

Dental staff are using the wing temporarily due to renovations to the dental department.

In closing, thank-you to all staff for their continued effort towards keeping the Alister Hinchley Wing a happy and comfortable home for those who live there.

Barbara J. Eldridge,  
SISTER-IN-CHARGE,  
Alister Hinchley Wing.



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Never before has there been so much change and uncertainty as to the future of Victoria's hospital and health services.

We acknowledged, some time back, that change was "in the wind", and accepted challenges it would ultimately bring.

Regretfully, hospital administration in Victoria is at the crossroads, as it experiences, more than ever, increasing demands and diminishing resources. Not a unique position, but it has an added dimension when it comes down to "life and limb", health and thus happiness and well-being.

During 1985/86 we experienced change to decentralised management by government, erosion of the autonomy of committees of management, indeed a "hint" that Victoria is heading in the direction (as with other states and countries) of area committees and amalgamation of individual hospitals and reallocation of bed resources.

Unprecedented industrial relations problems, closure of many metropolitan beds, nursing shortages, waiting times, unacceptable once, but now a fact of life, especially for uninsured patients.

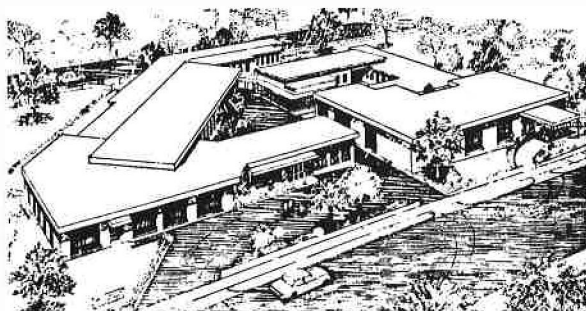
I have the greatest praise for ALL my staff. They are a close and dedicated group of various professionals whom, I know, will strive to achieve objectives and co-operate with the decision-makers. I thank them all for their heavy workload during the year, especially Dr. Pickering, Dr. Muggleton, Mrs. McQuilton and Miss Menzel.

Mr. Brendon Hoffmann was promoted to administrative officer of the Echuca District Hospital. I was sorry to lose him, but thank him for developing the personnel division and wish him every success in his new role.

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr. Joseph Feery as personnel officer and assistant administrative officer, who commenced duties in June 1986.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr. Westendorf and the Committee of Management for their support and understanding, and look forward to further development of planned future objectives.

A. B. Wells,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.



## DIRECTOR OF NURSING

I present by annual report with pleasure. The hospital staff has been busy with patient care. The many study days that staff from all departments has attended throughout the year have helped to update this care with modern techniques.

Items donated by the hospital auxiliaries have been gratefully received and put to good use in the hospital.

Only three students completed their cadet nursing course this year.

I thank the Board of Management and all staff members for their help and co-operation over the past twelve months. All support given to the hospital by the local community is appreciated by staff and patients.

Mrs. P. McQuilton,  
DIRECTOR OF NURSING.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The role of continuing education in keeping staff up-to-date with current knowledge and practice in all areas of hospital function, including community health matters, means that a large number of the staff has attended a wide variety of study days and courses during the year.

Topics have included work care, quality assurance, gerontology, cancer support, patient dependency systems, sterilizers, heating and air-conditioning systems, infection control, work simplification, arthritis, orthodontics, asthma and counselling.

We have held our regular lectures at Dimboola on coronary care, lifting, and have seen videos on patient assessment and underwater chest drainage.

Interesting new areas covered include a lecture on chemical safety held in the Day Centre for the public, co-ordinated by Mrs. B. Edwards. This was a timely exercise in public health education just prior to the 1986 crop sowing season, and was well received by the 65 people attending.

Another area involving the public was the completion of a course leaders' programme for arthritis self help groups by S.E.N. S. Unger, and the subsequent commencement of a self help group in Dimboola in June.

Mr. Wells also completed a course leaders' programme for groups or individuals wishing to explore health care.

Finally, an increasing awareness of the "ageing" of the Australian population seems to be prompting study programs geared towards care of the elderly, activities and socialization programmes and geriatric assessment, etc., all of which are applicable to Dimboola.

Norma Elsom,  
CO-ORDINATOR.

## HEALTH AND FITNESS

The Dimboola Hospital's role in the community is not only caring for the ill, but also maintaining and enhancing good health.

Programmes aimed at improving the lifestyles of both hospital employees and the community by increasing awareness and positive attitudes toward personal well-being and healthy lifestyles, are held regularly.

During the past year, educational programmes have included: nutrition week display, diabetic week, "quit smoking" and collection of unwanted tablets and medications.

Two very successful seminars were conducted — the child accident prevention seminar in November and farm safety/chemical safety seminar in May.

A display of material on child safety from the Royal Children's Hospital in the shopping centre created a lot of interest. Thank-you to local business houses for window space and products loaned for our promotions.

Aerobic classes continue twice weekly and yoga sessions are also held regularly.

The range of exercise equipment has improved with the addition of a treadmill. The exercise equipment has been used by community groups as part of their activities.

These projects are all part of an ongoing commitment of our hospital to the Dimboola community.

Barbara J. Eldridge,  
SECRETARY,  
Health and Fitness Committee.



*Greg Eldridge helping to advertise child safety.*



*This painting was given to Dimboola Lions by artist Tony Marinato and was presented to the Hospital.*

## RED CROSS

### LIBRARY

Red Cross has been providing books, on loan, to patients in this hospital for quarter of a century — a wonderful gesture! As well as books, which include the very popular large prints, a wide assortment of magazines (recent editions) are also regularly sent from Red Cross for distribution to patients.

To Mrs. Kath Fechner and Mrs. Jean Martindale, I once again say a very big thank-you. These ladies give of their time each alternate week of the year to visit patients and issue reading material, thus providing contact with some people who may not otherwise have a visitor that particular day.

You may not be aware that some of the books in the Red Cross library have been donated by various organizations, and/or people, including Dimboola Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. This is done by monetary donation. Red Cross provide an inscription in the book, stating name of the donor, and it then becomes part of the wider lending library.

### PICTURE LIBRARY

Pictures bring a source of pleasure, especially for patients confined to bed, and Red Cross have a wide selection of pictures available. These are renewed periodically and I thank Sister Barbara Eldridge for her work and interest in this project.

### HOME NURSING

Again Home Nursing has proved to be a very great help to patients "at home" by providing equipment. During the past twelve months there was a big demand, especially for crutches. Available also are walking sticks, walking frames, bed pans, kidney dishes, plastic sheets, urinals, feed cups, shower chairs, commodes and wheelchairs.

At times some particular item may be unavailable in stock, but can usually be obtained very quickly from Melbourne.

All the above services are provided free of charge by Red Cross — a very worthy organisation. The local branch is under the leadership of Mrs. Janet McRae.

Mrs. J. Wells,  
LIBRARIAN/HOME NURSING CUSTODIAN.

## MEDICAL LIBRARY

Journals and new text books are continually arriving. We are starting a video library about nursing, safety, obstetrics, etc., but because of the expense for each video, it will be a slow process.

Loan videos are very good. An accreditation surveyor has advised us of continuing with this procedure.

We are waiting for the accreditation result, but first reports are very favourable.

L. Argall,  
LIBRARY CLERK.

## THEATRE

Major surgery has been fairly quiet, although minor procedures are busy.

The central supply sterile department has been very busy with increased need of sterile goods for ward use and the medical centre.

The stainless steel cabinet for sutures has arrived and is proving very handy. We have recently bought a D.S.L. steam sterilizer which is needed for quick sterilization of instruments. The old sterilizer was unfit to use.

The minor alterations needed by accreditation guidelines have been finished and we are awaiting the result of accreditation with bated breath.

Lil Argall,  
THEATRE CHARGE SISTER.

## DENTAL

Once again the past twelve months have been quite busy for this department, particularly with the increasing number of orthodontic patients.

We did have a staff change this year. In April, Vicki decided to join the dental clinic at the Wimmera Base Hospital, and Bronwyn Kemfert was appointed as a trainee dental nurse. Welcome to Bronwyn.

In March I attended a course in cephalometrics in Sydney. This was course 3 in a series of four in orthopedics and orthodontics. The results of treatment have been very pleasing and quite impressive in some cases.

The major purchase during the year was a dental lathe motor-extraction unit for the laboratory, to further reduce the dust problems and keep the area cleaner.

Finally, I would like to thank my staff, Mr. Wells and the hospital staff for their help and support during the year.

Dr. Geoffrey Muggleton,  
SENIOR DENTAL OFFICER.

## CATERING

The staff in the catering department has been busy as usual, preparing meals for patients and staff in all areas of the hospital and the Allambi Home. There has also been a steady increase of meals-on-wheels patients over the past twelve months, some requiring meals six days a week.

Our apprentice cook, Mr. Trevor Thompson has now completed his apprenticeship and finishes his time with us at the end of 1986. We wish you well Trevor, in whatever field you take in catering.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all members of the catering staff on the excellent way they went about preparing for our re-accreditation, and especially on the day itself.

Mrs. B. Williams,  
KITCHEN SUPERVISOR.



## MAINTENANCE

The past year has been another busy one for this department, particularly in the increased number of defect calls as equipment increases and ages.

As the hospital prepared for accreditation the maintenance department was called upon by other departments to help make their department ready and to upgrade work areas. This, along with illness to half the maintenance staff, lead to an extremely busy and trying time.

Major projects during the year were the fitting of wooden handrails to the main hospital corridors, which has been a benefit to all; the laying of additional carpet tiles in the Alister Hinchley Wing; fencing in between the hospital residence and car park; and the shelving in the theatre suite.

The department is grateful for the purchase of maintenance equipment and tools during the year. Equipment purchased included an oxygen acetylene set, and an air-compressor which is currently being put to good use during dental surgery renovations.

My thanks to Boris Dzuris, Geoff Dunmill and the part-time staff for their support and co-operation.

Ian Barry,  
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR.

## INFECTION CONTROL

I have continued to screen patients who are admitted to Dimboola from other hospitals, for hospital staph. There have been 49 inter-hospital patients. I am pleased to report that Dimboola follows the State downward trend with this infection and, although there is no evidence of cross-infection, there is always a risk, so we continue to be vigilant with our preventive measures by "special nursing" those patients who could be a risk.

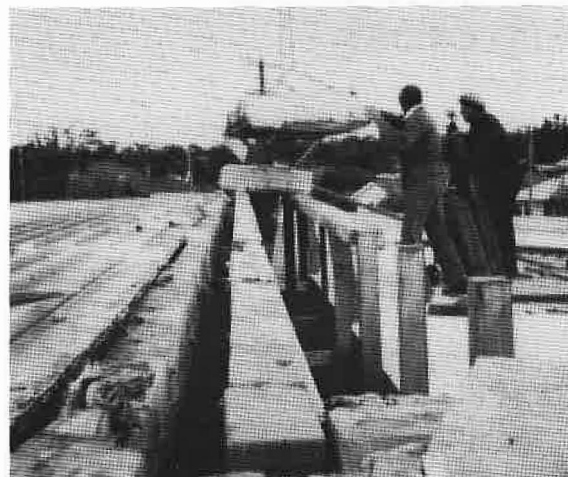
In August 1985, I attended a study day at St. John of God Hospital, Ballarat, on disinfection, viral infection and A.I.D.S.

Hospital staff have been offered the chance to be immunized against hepatitis B. Staff and long-term patients have been offered the influenza vaccine.

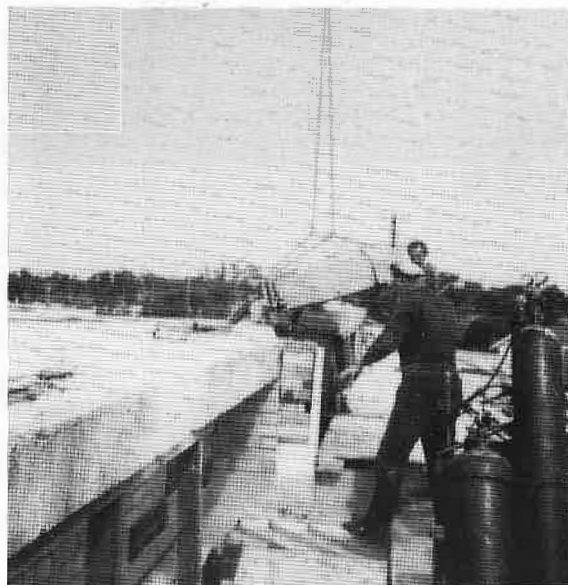
Our cleaning programme is satisfactory — we were pleased with the appreciative comments made by the accreditation team in May.

Once again I would like to thank all the staff who have helped me over the past year with ideas and co-operation in maintaining our infection control policies.

K. Preston,  
INFECTION CONTROL.



● ABOVE AND BELOW:  
*Removing cement blocks which were causing the roof of the nursery wall to fall.*



## DISTRICT NURSE

The year continues to be constant with monthly average of 395 kilometres travelled and the number of visits being 263, which included 35 meals-on-wheels delivered on a Tuesday and Thursday.

I attended a study day at Warracknabeal on "ageing", and also a Blind Institution study day at Nhill.

During the year the Hospital Linen Service has been used to assist patient care at home.

A monthly meeting attended now incorporates survey and rehabilitation with the team meeting.

At the annual meals-on-wheels meeting held in August, a request was made to service clubs and organisations delivering meals-on-wheels, to supply a car for deliveries on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as extra meals are required for these days.

Y. Mibus,  
DISTRICT NURSE.



# From the Media.....

## BIRTH NOTICE LANG-McKenzie.

A son to Margaret & Wayne, Byron Cecil born on Sunday 16th March '86 at Dimboola District Hospital.

A special thankyou to Dr. John Pickering, Sisters Preston, McBain, McDonald and duty staff for the safe arrival of our son.

## THANKS

The family of the late Eileen May Hayter wish to thank the Staff at the Dimboola Hospital for their care and attention shown to our mother and Grandma and also thank all our friends for the kindness and support given on the loss of our loved one. Please accept this as our personal thanks. Daisy, Wes Hayter and family.

## BIRTH NOTICE

Merton - Altus Kevin and Lorraine give thanks for the safe arrival of their son, Ethan Jay (6½wks prem) born W.B.H. 22/1/86. 5lb 9oz. Brother for Erin.

## FAMILY FITNESS PROGRAM DIMBOOLA HOSPITAL HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE

(Alister Hinchley Wing)

Open 7 - 8.30 a.m. each Wednesday commencing WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH, 1986.

A supervisor will be in attendance to show you a program of fitness and how to use the latest equipment. Charges are 50¢ per person or \$1 per family.

\*For further details 'phone the hospital on 891 301 during office hours.

## Dimboola District Hospital

## FOR SALE

Redundant furniture and equipment will be offered for sale between the hours of 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL 1986. Included for sale are such items as: Bean Bags, a quantity of wire mesh, two carpets (one gold, one floral), electric fans, dressing table, etc.

For further details contact: Mr. Ian Barry 891301  
A.B. Wells  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## SITUATION VACANT NURSE / DENTAL FULL - TIME DIMBOOLA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Applications are invited from trained and untrained persons for this position. Further details can be obtained from Dr. G. Muggleton. Applications are to be on the prescribed form, available from the hospital, and close with the undersigned on Friday April 3rd.

Mr. A. B. Wells,  
Chief Executive,  
Dimboola District Hospital.

P.O. Box 172,  
DIMBOOLA. 3414.

## BIRTH NOTICE

Jakobi - Ambrose Rob and Rosie proudly announce the birth of a daughter Emma Jayne on February 4th.

## DEATH NOTICE

Werner - Lousie Olga, on January 23, 1986 dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Desma and Vic, Fond grandmother of Deidre and Peter, Sandy and Peter, and Janice and Andrew.  
At rest with her Saviour

Werner - Lousie Olga, Dimboola 23/1/86. Loved mother and mother-in-law of Julet and Graham. A loving and caring mother gone to rest.

Werner - Louise Olga, 23/1/86. Loving thoughts and memories of our dear mother. Peacefully resting in Gods care. Ivan and Evon

## BIRTH NOTICE

HALL  
Steve and Rosie are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful baby daughter, Lisa Kelly, born at 9.08 a.m. on 2nd April, 1986. A sister for Cassie. Many thanks to Dr. Pickering and the staff of the hospital for the special care and attention.

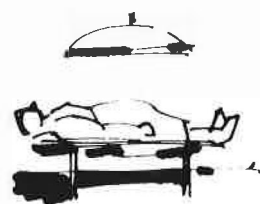
# SERVICE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

## Admissions



1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
458	483	471

## Operations



1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
113	203	105

## Births



1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
16	15	20

## Day Centre Occupational Attendances



1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
4162	3437	4474

## Dental Clinic Attendances



1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
3923	3733	3793

## District Welfare Nursing Visits



1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
2674	2432	3140

## X-Ray Examinations


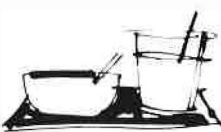






1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
216	148	132

## Physiotherapy Attendances



1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
573	811	621

<p><i>Speech Therapy Attendances</i></p>  <p>1983/84 1984/85 1985/86 81 89 141</p>	<p><i>Dietetic Services Attendances</i></p>  <p>1983/84 1984/85 1985/86 172 215 159</p>	<p><i>Meals Prepared</i></p>  <p>1983/84 1984/85 1985/86 49680 51344 51221</p>
<p><i>Laundry Output</i></p>  <p>1983/84 1984/85 1985/86 47341 kg. 48926 kg. 46532 kg.</p>	<p><i>Hairdressing</i></p>  <p>1983/84 1984/85 1985/86 512 356 530</p>	<p><i>Chiropody Attendances</i></p>  <p>1983/84 1984/85 1985/86 387 337 376</p>



*Hospital staff performing a "delicate" surgical procedure ("sketch") during the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, May 1986.*

# THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

## MAINTENANCE

Painting  
Carpet Laying  
Discharge of Treated Water

## EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

Dinamap Theatre  
Replacement Typewriters  
Dictaphone and Associated Equipment  
Mobile Sucker  
Exhaust Equipment —Dental Department  
Orthodontic  
Geriatric Chairs — Wards  
Sawbench  
Kitchen Ovens/Burners  
Exit Signs

## WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Workshop Construction  
Fences —Car Park, etc.  
Handrails —Ward Corridors  
Partition Doors—A.H.W. 2  
Air-conditioning Contract

## MINOR WORKS PENDING APPROVAL

Dental Department Renovations  
Remodel Ward Toilet Block—Acute Wards  
Mortuary



*Barry Jolley Printing  
Warracknabeal  
(053) 98 1377*

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

*IN THE YEAR TO COME, THE HOSPITAL LOOKS FORWARD TO —*

- Review of the existing Services Master Plan to the year 1996.
- Piped gas and oxygen throughout the theatre, delivery and recovery wards.
- Replacement of all low pressure sterilizers.
- Examination trolleys and examination lights.
- Pan flush for Alister Hinchley Wing 1.
- To complete the programme of replacing all fixed height beds.
- In-house computer services and word processor.