

CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

This is to certify that the Australian
Council on Hospital Standards has accredited

Wimmera Base Hospital

This Certificate is granted by the authority
of Council in recognition of compliance with the
standards approved by Council for patient care with
respect to: diagnostic and treatment facilities,
qualifications and organisation of staff, departmental
performance and attitude, clinical care review and
assessment, safeguards concerning medical
staff ethics and competence.

This accreditation is valid for the period to

24th July 1977

Ernst A. Roth.

Chairman

Ernst A. Roth.

Executive Director

Wimmera Base Hospital
102nd Annual Report

**OFFICE BEARERS
AND COMMITTEE
1975/76**

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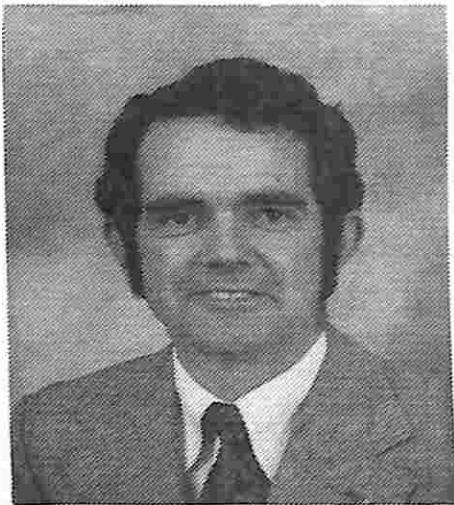
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

In my report last year, mention was made of the scheme of hospital accreditation introduced into Victoria by the Australian Council for Hospital Standards. Your hospital applied for accreditation and was inspected in July 1975. The result was not full accreditation but provisional accreditation was awarded and the hospital is to be reviewed in 2 years, 1977. The surveyors experienced in medical, nursing and hospital administration, enquired into all areas of the hospital over the two days spent in Horsham and provided the hospital with a very useful report containing a number of recommendations. The report has been adopted and already the majority of recommendations set by the surveyors have been successfully implemented.

NURSING SCHOOL

Graduates of our Nursing School continue to reflect credit on our training programme with excellent pass rates at first, professional and final examinations. Nursing education is going through radical change at present and these changes have called for considerable initiative and adaptability from the nursing staff of the Hospital. Their efforts were rewarded by the Victorian Nursing Council giving its approval to our programme for implementing the new Victorian General Nurse Training Curriculum. The board does intend to extend and improve the Nursing School facilities now that its continuation is assured. The General Nursing School at Wimmera Base and the Nursing Aide School at Warracknabeal have been the source of trained nursing staff in Wimmera Hospitals and your Board sees the retention of the Schools as being of very great importance to the region.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

Since the opening of the Centenary Appeal in February 1974, the Hospital has commenced a major programme of rebuilding aimed at producing a first class Base Hospital facility for the people of this region. Over one million dollars has already been spent on basic services required to be undertaken before any expansion of hospital facilities could take place. At this moment contracts are in progress amounting to almost another million dollars and approval is awaited to commence the Pathology block.

This period of Hospital rebuilding is an interesting time to observe the old and the new in the Hospital and the staff are always willing to show visitors over the Hospital and explain the progress. I suggest this to you as an entertaining and informative excursion and already a number of groups have taken advantage of this opportunity through the Manager.

RON MIATKE

The Board and all staff were saddened by the sudden death of the Central Linen Service Manager, Mr. Ron Miatke in February, 1976. Ron commenced the group linen service as its first Manager and gave the service great energy. He was closely involved in planning the new building which was completed in 1973 and then had the task of making the new facilities work successfully.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Mr. Harold Randall resigned from the Board this year after 25 years of service. Mr. Randall has actively participated in many changes over that time designed to improve our Hospital service. He will not only be missed at Wimmera Base but also at the Cancer Institute Board where he has ably represented Country Hospital interests in the functioning of that Institute. 25 years is a large portion of one's active life to contribute and the appreciation of the Hospital for such significant service has been recorded.

Horsham was saddened by the death of Mr. Tom Conroy who had given outstanding service to this community. His interest in the Hospital was maintained over 40 years having joined the Board of Management in 1935. Tom Conroy was Hospital President from 1944 to 1946 after which he was elected to the City Council but maintained his interest in the Wimmera Base serving on the Board until his passing.

New members of the Board elected to casual vacancies this year are Mr. Graham Lind and Mrs. Heather Mitchell.

STAFF

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing the Board's appreciation to the staff of the Hospital for their continued efforts to improve and advance the Hospital services and can assure the contributors and life Governors that the Hospital will continue to bring these improvements to the benefit of the community.

WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL

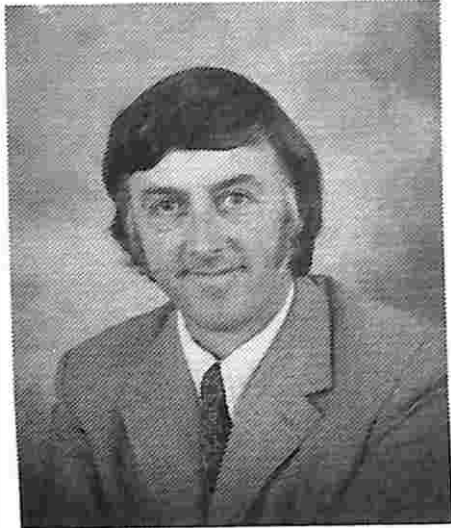
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← Outpatients

Visitors carpark →

Day Hospital →

MANAGER'S REPORT



REGIONAL SERVICES:

In this year we have pushed ahead in the area of Regional Services, which properly receives a high priority at this Base Hospital. The Regional Pathology Collection Service was extended and improved by the addition of a second vehicle and driver. This service now visits Warracknabeal, Jeparit, Rainbow, Nhill, Dimboola, Kaniva, Birchip, Minyip, Rupanyup, Murtoa and Stawell and also arranges transport of dental prostheses to and from the Dental Laboratory at Dimboola Hospital.

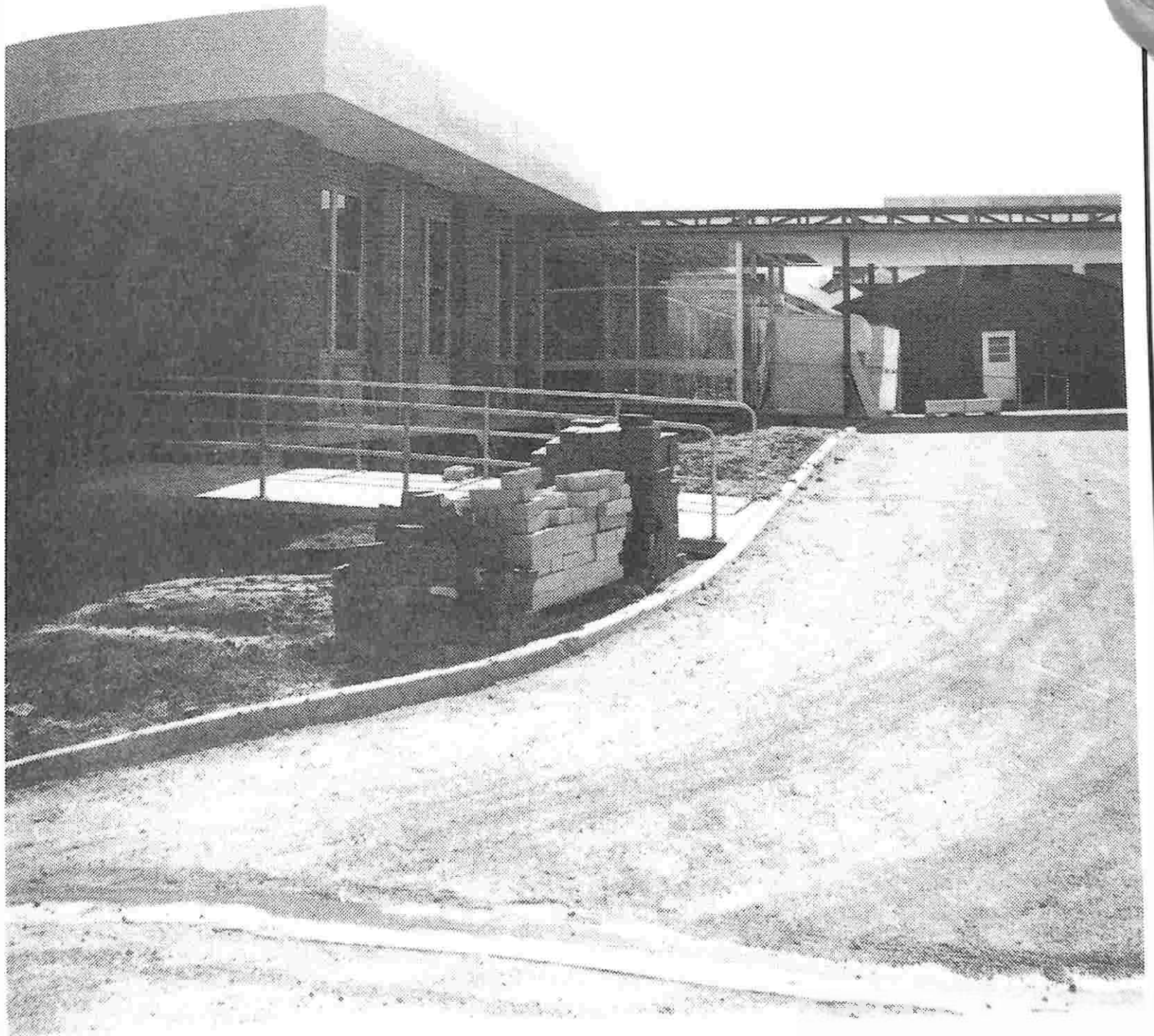
The Hospital has played a helping role in establishing an Alcohol Rehabilitation Service for this part of Victoria. The Hospital purchased Palm Lodge Guest House and obtained funds under the Australian Government Community Health Programme for the purpose of establishing a Rehabilitation Centre. Palm Lodge has now achieved its independence and is separately incorporated and administered by its own Board of Management and Director.

The Base Hospital has extended Personnel Services to District Hospitals, including a Payroll Service and a Visiting Service from a Regional Personnel Officer appointed during the year.

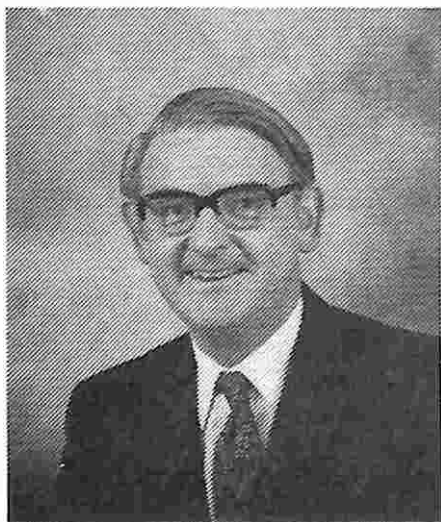
A new scheme commenced this year, is a Regional Pharmaceutical Service. The Base Hospital has indicated to District Hospitals that it would consider requests for pharmaceutical assistance and a service has commenced to Warracknabeal. The objective of this service is to provide the staff of District Hospitals with adequate and appropriate pharmaceutical advice within the ward situation.

The Base Hospital Department of Diagnostic Radiology has also extended its service to Stawell in addition to the Base Hospital and Nhill District Hospital.

John Walter,
Manager.



MEDICAL ADMINISTRATOR



As a new arrival at the Wimmera Base Hospital may I be permitted some personal observations.

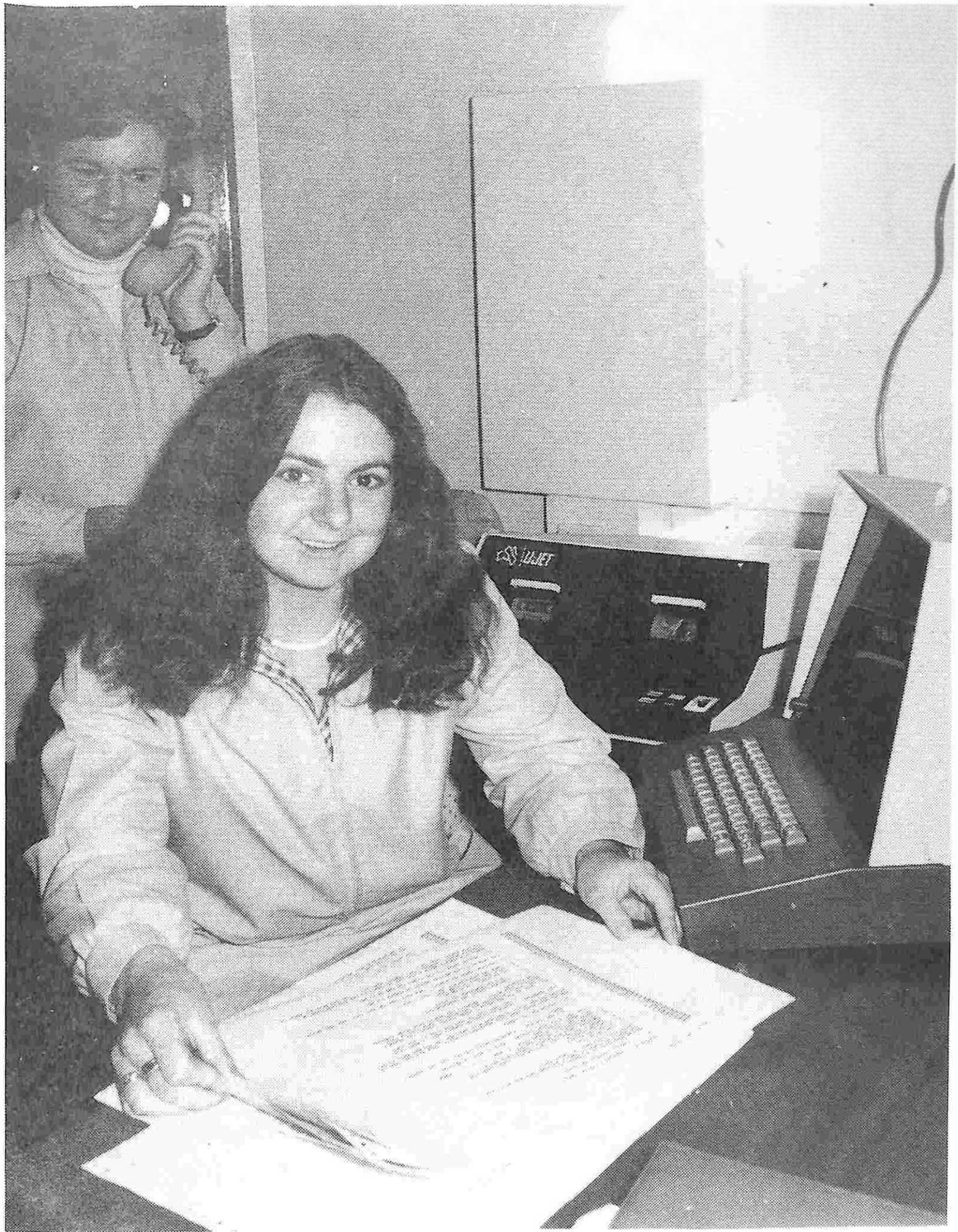
Although the physical appearance of the hospital is not modern, the standard of care given to patients is very high. When I visit Casualty, X-ray, Theatre, Wards, Pathology or any of the many departments in the Hospital I am impressed by the courtesy of the staff and the individual approach of all staff members to bringing about improvements in the hospital. The other outstanding feature of the Wimmera Base Hospital is the cleanliness of the wards.

There has been a number of changes in some of the para medical departments over the last few months. It is difficult to maintain a full staff in departments such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.

Advertisements which have been placed interstate and overseas have produced some results. The granting of bursaries to assist students in studying the disciplines of the para medical departments will help maintain a full complement of staff in the future due to their being bonded to the hospital on the completion of their studies.

One of the problems which faces the medical profession is the ultimatum issued by the Minister of Health (Mr. Hunt) that the medical profession has three years to establish a system of peer review otherwise the government will establish such a system. It is encouraging that the visiting medical officers have a well established programme for review of patients and visits by visiting specialists from Melbourne.

Finally I would like to offer my personal thanks to all members of the Hospital for the friendship and co-operation I have received in my time with you at the Wimmera Base Hospital.



NURSING SERVICES



This year the Hospital has received formal approval for its implementation plans for General Nurse training under the 1972 Curriculum.

These plans include affiliation with the Western General Hospital for two weeks of clinical experience in an Intensive Care Ward, and affiliation with "Aradale" Psychiatric Hospital for six weeks of clinical experience.

In addition to these secondments, the School of Nursing has continued to increase the number of lecture hours for students again this year with assistance from the Medical Staff, lectures from the Horsham Technical School and other members of the health team.

GRADUATION

The Annual Graduation Ceremony was held at the Lutheran Hall on January 30, 1976. Mr. K. W. McMahon, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer of the Victorian Nursing Council, was guest speaker.

Miss Jennifer Uebergang was awarded the Ryan Prize and the Past Trainees Prize was presented to Miss Janice Mannix.

Graduates for 1975 were :

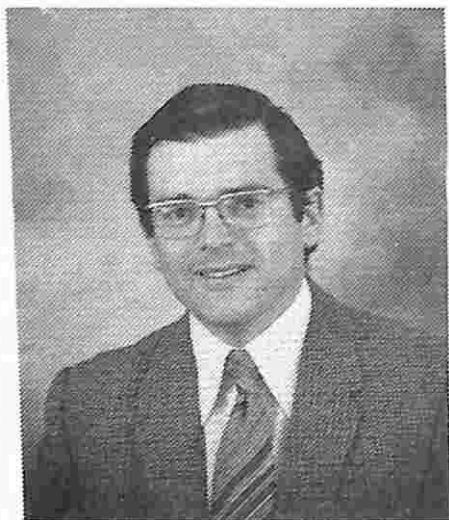
Sally Brown	Glenda Borgelt
Robyn Harmer	Elizabeth Bray
Carolyn Hill	Jennifer Burgess
Rosalie Liencrt	Anne Coutts
Elizabeth Phillips	Denise Graetz
Elizabeth Ross	Mary Lowe
Kathleen Taylor	Janice Mannix
Judith Uebergang	Jennifer Uebergang
Joy Webb	Kerri Willsher

Sisters L. Hill and E. Semmler attended a two week course in Middle Management at the Mayfield Centre in April, and during the year trained staff have attended a number of Study Days and Seminars on a variety of subjects, both in the district and in the metropolitan area.

There has been no significant increase in the daily average of patients over the past year. In my opinion, there is no doubt that this has been due to the better utilization of beds and more attention to the assessment of actual patient needs in the community.



ASSISTANT MANAGER'S



This year has seen many new innovations and changes in the general service areas of Wimmera Base Hospital. These changes have been introduced because of the increasing complexity of health care administration which has developed over the past few years.

We were pleased that the Hospitals and Charities Commission chose this Hospital to develop a pilot program of providing a Personnel Officer to assist in the personnel function of the Hospital. Hospitals are very labour intensive industries, and the Commission has acknowledged this fact by approving the appointment of a Personnel Officer to Wimmera Base Hospital with a view to extending this type of appointment to other Base Hospitals in the state. Mr. John Lawrence was welcomed to our staff in February, 1976, and since his appointment has been actively engaged in developing realistic personnel policies, assisting with the appointment of new members of staff and providing some detail in the development of job descriptions. A Suggestion Program for members of the Hospital staff has been initiated and a programme of staff performance appraisals will be instituted in the forthcoming year.

The accounting function has been under a degree of pressure this year with the introduction of Medibank and our Accountant, Mr. Barry Harrison and his staff have played a significant role in the smooth introduction of the changed accounting procedures. During the year the Hospital has purchased a U-Jet Computer Terminal and associated computer hardware including a Visual Display Unit and Line Printer all of which are being used to process our Regional Payroll, and steps are being taken to use the facilities of this Computer for other applications in this Hospital. A computerised system of Inventory Control will be introduced during the next year.

The Hospital was fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Reg Stevens as its Chief Engineer, and whilst his report will be found elsewhere, I would like to acknowledge how pleased we are to have an Engineer of Mr. Stevens' experience and capabilities on our staff.

Another newcomer to the Hospital during this year has been Mr. Peter Aitchison who joined us as Domestic Services Supervisor in September, 1975. Since his appointment, Mr. Aitchison has re-arranged the provision of cleaning and portering services throughout the Hospital and associated buildings and using his past experience in Work Study and associated fields, the Hospital is relying on Mr. Aitchison to develop Systems Analysis and computer programmes in the Hospital. In recognition of these increased responsibilities, Mr. Aitchison's title has been changed from Domestic Services Supervisor to General Services Supervisor and control of the Hospital Store has been placed in his area of responsibility. A complete re-organisation of the Store has taken place, together with the regular issuing of stock lists of inventory held in the store.

It was with deep sorrow that the Hospital lost the services of Mr. Ron Miatke, who passed away in February 1976. Mr. Miatke had provided tremendous enthusiasm in our Group Linen Service and left a significant gap in our management structure. To overcome this problem, we were able to place Mr. Steven Dougherty into a position where he had overall responsibility for the Laundry and other duties. The Central Linen Service is now trying to attract institutional customers to the service to increase throughput in an attempt to keep service charges stable. An order has been placed for a new 400 pound washing machine to handle the increased volume of laundry items.

Changes have also been made in our Catering Department where a revision of our Hospital menus has been made and we now serve our evening meal at 5.30 p.m., which is an hour later than previously following responses from Patient Questionnaires. The Catering Staff are presently planning a move from the old dining rooms to the new staff Cafeteria, which will be opened shortly.

Many other new programs have been introduced and room does not permit me to outline them all, however two are noteworthy. Firstly we would like to thank the Wimmera Regional Library Service for providing children's books, together with a reading service to our Children's Ward each week. Secondly, we are pleased to co-operate with Horsham High School and Horsham Technical School in the provision of work experience for senior students who desire to gain an understanding of various professions in the Health care field. We have provided work experience in the fields of Catering, Engineering and Para Medical services.

S. G. Phillips,
Assistant Manager.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



The six months since my appointment as Engineer, has been eventful. We have seen the completion of the Staff Amenities building, rapid progress with the construction of the Day Hospital and finally the commencement of the 50 bed Frail Aged Nursing Unit.

The construction of these buildings have and will as the jobs progress, involve the maintenance staff diverting the engineering services and building alterations to allow the contracts to proceed and the Hospital to function without too much interruption. Various works in addition to the normal maintenance work have been completed during the past six months.

90 Baillie Street has been completely rewired, additional heating provided, new public and staff toilets constructed, re-decorated and finally a new entrance with the necessary site work completed.

The Hospital incinerator which was situated externally has been relocated in the services building. This job was undertaken to eliminate the need to close down the incinerator on days of acute fire danger.

Work is proceeding with the alteration to the proposed central medical gas reticulation consisting of oxygen, nitrous oxide and medical air.

Finally I wish to thank the engineering staff for their assistance and loyalty during my first six months as the Hospital Engineer.

R. W. Stevens
Engineer.



SCHOOL OF NURSING

During the past four years, quite a change has taken place in our School of Nursing.

After conducting extensive studies of the role of the nurse in the Australian Community, the Victorian Nursing Council, who is the controlling body for nurse education, decided it was time to modernise the teaching programme for student general nurses.



In 1972, the introduction of the new curriculum was met with both high hopes and some degree of apprehension by the nurse teachers in Victorian Schools of Nursing. It was certainly time for changes, but it also meant parting with the security of the status quo. Many wondered if it was possible to implement a very different and very complex programme. The hours of teaching were to be extended to 1,600 hours in three years; and involved the introduction of new subjects, plus an increase in both the depth and breadth of former subjects.

Nursing practice areas were to be extended to include Public Health, Maternity, Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing. Very few Victorian Hospitals could offer a complete programme without affiliation with other hospitals for one or several speciality areas. The teaching programme was divided into two major sections. Phase 1 made up of the first nine months and Phase 2 of the remaining 25 months of the training period.

All schools of nursing were asked to draw up plans for implementation of the new curriculum and then to apply to the Victorian Nursing Council for registration.

Here at Wimmera Base Hospital, we prepared our new programme in several stages. By July 1973, plans for our teaching programme for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 had been completed; and by December 1974, the Phase 1 teaching programme had been fully implemented. This involved many changes in the school. In particular, we were pleased to have the Horsham Technical School staff assist us by presenting the general science component of the programme.

At the same time, minor changes were made in the Phase 1 practice areas to meet the requirements of the new curriculum. Implementation of the Phase 2 teaching programme as progressed a little more slowly. At present our basic subjects, i.e. surgical and medical nursing, plus social sciences have been increased, and maternity nursing has been introduced. Also, Phase 2 nursing practice has been extended at Wimmera Base Hospital to include domiciliary nursing, maternity nursing, X-ray and casualty nursing; and affiliation with Footscray Hospital has been arranged to provide Intensive Care Nursing. Although at this stage, the programme is not fully implemented, it is possible to view our progress with satisfaction, knowing that the final stages are well in sight and without doubt a reality of the near future. In April this year, we were delighted to receive a letter from the Victorian Nursing Council informing us that our programme was acceptable and that Wimmera Base Hospital School of Nursing was now registered in accordance with the Nurses Act of 1972.

G. Hood

WIMMERA HOSPITALS GROUP LINEN SERVICE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

1974/75:		1975/76
	Income:	
\$175,938	Service Charges	\$251,654
1,190	Collective Buying Subsidy	4,840
	Trading Subscriptions	13,400
169	Income From Investments	760
33	Cash Discount on Purchases	6
<u>\$177,330</u>		<u>\$270,660</u>
	Expenditure:	
\$ 6,188	Administration	\$ 8,842
139,824	Laundry	147,634
45,360	Linen	69,579
6,649	Mending and Manufacturing	9,647
12,844	Transport	22,422
<u>\$210,865</u>		<u>\$258,124</u>
(33,535)	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	12,536
<u>\$177,330</u>		<u>\$270,660</u>

WIMMERA HOSPITALS GROUP LINEN SERVICE
BALANCE SHEET AT JUNE 30, 1976

1974/75		1975/76
	ASSETS	
	Current Assets:	
\$ 11,809	Capital — Cash at Bank	\$ 16,146
18,241	Sundry Debtors	23,244
54,023	Linen in Use	58,108
20,355	Stores	53,328
7,372	Accrued Income	12,396
	Other Debtors	1,320
<u>\$111,800</u>		<u>\$164,542</u>
	Deferred Assets and Investments:	
\$ 8,000	Maintenance (Interest Bearing Deposits)	8,000
18,000	Capital (Interest Bearing Deposits)	18,000
<u>\$ 26,000</u>		<u>\$ 26,000</u>
	Fixed Assets at Cost:	
\$316,494	New Buildings	\$323,363
174,869	Laundry Plant and Equipment	175,947
7,161	Linen Service Plant and Equipment	7,161
2,624	Mending and Manufacture Equipment	2,624
14,771	Motor Vehicle and Transport Equipment	14,771
1,791	General Plant and Equipment	1,791
<u>\$512,782</u>		<u>\$525,657</u>
40,553	Less: Provision for Depreciation Plant	
<u>472,229</u>	and Equipment — Capital	58,664
<u>\$610,029</u>	TOTAL ASSETS:	<u>\$657,535</u>
	EQUITIES	
	Current Liabilities:	
\$ 6,794	Bank Overdraft — Operating	\$ 38,948
7,001	Provision for Maintenance and Repair	4,575
12,943	Provision for Long Service Leave	13,346
	Accrued Expenses, Sundry Creditors and	
15,364	Employees Superannuation Assessment	19,249
<u>\$ 42,102</u>		<u>\$ 76,118</u>
	Deferred Liabilities:	
\$ 174	Other Creditors — Operating Fund	\$ 12,536
<u>\$ 174</u>		<u>\$ 12,536</u>
	Capital:	
\$465,298	Capital Fund	\$466,426
16,792	Provision for Asset Replacement — Reserve	
	Fund	16,792
85,663	Operating Fund	85,663
<u>\$567,753</u>		<u>\$568,881</u>
<u>\$610,029</u>	Total Equities:	<u>\$657,535</u>

OPERATING ACCOUNT

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR 11 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1976**

1974/75	Income:		
	State Government Grants and Payments:		
\$1,270,046	Ordinary Government Grant	\$2,077,599	58.5
60,536	Pharmaceutical Benefits		0.8
9,643	Other Government Grants	29,462	0.7
	Public Works and Services	25,285	
<u>\$1,340,225</u>	TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT GRANTS:	\$2,132,346	60.0
	Commonwealth Government Grants and Payments:		
	Commonwealth Daily Bed Payments	\$ 571,600	16.1
	Medibank Trust Fund	25,285	0.7
	Home Nursing Subsidy	14,200	0.4
	Commonwealth Apprenticeship Scheme	607	
	TOTAL COMMONWEALTH GRANTS:	\$ 611,692	17.2
	Patients' Fees:		
\$ 63,491	Non Qualified Inpatients	\$ 91,746	2.6
185,366	Qualified Public Inpatients (M./Car, W./Comp, Repat)		
935,070	Qualified Non-Public Inpatients	317,923	9.0
120,685	Outpatients Fees	211,735	5.9
<u>\$1,304,612</u>	TOTAL PATIENTS' FEES:	\$ 621,404	17.5
	Miscellaneous Income:		
\$ 247	Charitable Contributions		
9,985	Income from Sundry Sources	\$ 5,725	0.2
87	Income from Investments		
	Meals and Accommodation	\$ 42,582	1.2
	Value of Stock on Hand	26,421	.7
<u>\$ 10,319</u>	TOTAL MISCELLANECUS INCOME:	\$ 74,728	2.1
<u>\$2,655,156</u>	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME:	\$3,440,170	96.8
\$ 7,253	NON OPERATING INCOME:	\$	
<u>\$2,662,409</u>	TOTAL INCOME:	\$3,440,170	96.8
35,404	Deficit for the Year	111,092	3.2
<u>\$2,697,813</u>	TOTAL:	\$3,551,262	100.0
	Expenditure:		
\$1,974,197	Salaries and Wages	\$2,556,817	72.0
141,209	Administration	152,429	4.3
103,733	Dietary	113,707	3.2
110,015	Housekeeping, Linen, Laundry and Sewing	155,905	4.4
34,572	Lighting, Power and Heating	43,558	1.2
136,253	Maintenance on Buildings, Plant and Equipment	113,342	3.2
	Replacement and Additional Equipment	50,570	1.4
171,733	Medical and Surgical	196,598	5.5
	Payments to Visiting Medical Officers	116,326	3.3
	Overtime Payments to Resident Medical Officers	5,190	.1
	Other payments Subject to Cost Sharing	42,550	1.3
	Other Payments Not Subject to Cost Sharing	4,270	.1
<u>\$2,671,712</u>	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE:	\$3,551,262	100.0
26,101	NON OPERATING EXPENDITURE:		
<u>\$2,697,813</u>	TOTAL:	\$3,551,262	100.0

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report that I have examined the Accounts of the Wimmera Base Hospital for the year ended June 30, 1976. In accordance with usual hospital accounting practice, provisions have not been made for Depreciation of Buildings, Plant and Equipment. Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the Balance Sheet and Statements of Income and Expenditure are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Institution's financial affairs at June 30, 1976, and of the financial results of its services for the period ended on that date. The accounting and other records examined by me have been properly maintained.

BRYAN C. OLSEN, A.A.S.A., Public Accountant

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1976

1974/75	Assets:	1975/76
\$ 110	Cash in Hand	\$ 110
	Cash at Bank:	
	Capital Bank	\$ 70,848
1,000	Manager's Advance Account Operating	1,000
5,000	Wages Advance Account Operating	10,000
21,700	Patient's Trust Deposits	33,966
9,891	Special Purposes	31,926
138	T. F. Ryan Prize	179
<u>\$ 37,839</u>	Total Cash in Hand and In Bank	<u>\$ 147,919</u>
28,448	Stock	41,423
297,121	Patients fees Outstanding after Providing for Doubtful Debts	130,608
36,603	Accrued Income	18,730
1,645	Prepaid Expenses	
11,782	Debtors — Other	8,962
6,443	Debtors Special Purposes Medical	7,111
<u>\$ 382,044</u>		<u>\$ 206,834</u>
	Investment (Government, Scientific Books)	
800	Endowment	\$ 800
1,399	Reserve	1,399
63,703	Special Purposes Frail Aged	63,703
38,225	Special Purposes (Medical)	58,223
700	T. F. Ryan Prize	700
200	Maintenance	
273,500	Capital	375,500
<u>\$ 380,527</u>	TOTAL INVESTMENTS:	<u>\$ 500,327</u>
<u>\$ 800,410</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	<u>\$ 855,190</u>
	Fixed Assets:	
\$1,310,833	Land and Buildings at Cost	\$1,466,538
453,963	Plant and Equipment at Cost	533,085
<u>\$1,764,818</u>	TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:	<u>\$1,999,623</u>
<u>\$2,565,228</u>	TOTAL ASSETS:	<u>\$2,854,813</u>
	EQUITIES	
\$ 79,585	Creditors Maintenance	\$ 110,872
93,744	Accrued Expenses	41,062
1,978	Advance Income	
11,691	Other Creditors	17,633
176,866	Provision for Long Service Leave	
178,217	Bank Overdraft Operating	152,354
18,542	"Loans" Capital	36,370
<u>\$ 560,623</u>		358,493
	Loans, Endowment, Special Purposes and Other Funds:	
800	Endowment	800
1,399	Reserve	1,465
65,869	Special Purposes Frail Aged	71,990
21,700	Patients' Trust Accounts	33,966
52,393	Special Purpose Fund Medical	88,910
838	T. F. Ryan Prize	879
<u>\$ 142,999</u>		198,010
	Capital:	
\$2,021,776	Hospital Capital	\$2,409,402
(160,170)	Operating Fund Deficit	(111,092)
<u>\$1,861,606</u>		<u>\$2,298,310</u>
<u>\$2,565,228</u>	TOTAL EQUITIES:	<u>\$2,854,813</u>

**SPECIAL PURPOSES (MEDICAL FUND)
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Fees received direct from Insurers	\$ 864	Payment of bonuses, Professional Membership, Travelling and Subscriptions to Prof. Journals	\$ 3,353
40% of O.P. received by Pathology Department	62,953	Transfer of Interest on I.B.D.	1,800
	<u>63,817</u>	Bank Charges	58
Less Bad Debts	79	Transfer of Capital Fund for Purchase of Plant and Equipment	37,836
Interest on Investment	6,033	Surplus for the Period	36,516
Receipt of Government Grant from Capital Fund	9,790		
	<u>\$79,563</u>		<u>\$79,563</u>

CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Interest on Overdraft	\$ 333	Balance July 1, 1975	\$2,021,776
Transfer of Grant to Special Purposes and Operating Account	11,290	Transfer to Special Purposes Fund Medical	37,836
Transfer to Palm Lodge Rehabilitation Centre	29,372	Cash Receipts including Donations Govt. Grants, Interest on Investments	400,074
Transfer to Government Building Trust Fund	9,289		
Balance June 30, 1976	2,409,402		
	<u>\$2,459,686</u>		<u>\$2,459,686</u>

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FIVE YEARS IN REVIEW — FIGURES AS AT JUNE 30, IN EACH YEAR

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Income:					
State Government Grants & Payments	578,562	707,509	919,092	1,340,225	2,132,346
Commonwealth Govt. Grants and Payments					611,692
Patients' Fees	713,032	820,430	996,909	1,304,612	621,404
Miscellaneous — Meals and Accommodation	7,829	8,796	10,815	10,319	48,307
Value of Stock on Hand					26,421
Total Operating Income	1,299,423	1,536,733	1,926,816	2,655,156	3,440,170
Non Operating Income	2,520	1,636	1,335	7,253	
	<u>1,301,943</u>	<u>1,538,371</u>	<u>1,928,151</u>	<u>2,662,409</u>	<u>3,440,170</u>
Expenditure:					
Salaries and Wages	937,086	1,127,525	1,481,792	1,974,197	2,536,817
Administrative	71,203	90,516	91,264	141,209	132,429
Dietary	63,647	71,168	92,477	103,733	113,707
Housekeeping, Linen, Laundry and Sewing	76,221	83,985	102,445	110,015	155,905
Power, Lighting and Heating	17,985	17,338	24,031	34,572	43,358
Maintenance	40,088	60,851	79,231	136,253	113,342
Replacement and Additional Plant & Equipment					50,570
Medical and Surgical	83,745	113,895	120,853	171,733	196,598
Payments to Visiting Medical Officers					116,326
Overtime Payments to Resident Medical Officers					5,190
Other Payments Subject to Cost Sharing					42,330
Other Payments Not Subject to Cost Sharing					4,270
Total Operating Expenses	1,289,975	1,565,278	1,992,093	2,671,712	3,551,262
Non Operating Expenses	12,308	8,859	6,039	26,101	
	<u>1,302,283</u>	<u>1,574,137</u>	<u>1,998,132</u>	<u>2,697,813</u>	<u>3,551,262</u>

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

FIVE YEARS STATISTICS ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Total Inpatient Admissions	2,876	3,224	3,351	3,345	3,212
Total Inpatients Treated	3,009	3,553	3,494	3,489	3,349
Total Bed Days	45,639	49,003	49,883	50,785	30,339
Daily Average Occupancy of Beds	124.7	134.3	136.7	139.1	137.6
Average Stay of Patients (Days)	15.2	14.6	14.2	14.6	15.0
Total Outpatients Treated	13,754	14,182	16,807	19,078	20,175
Total Outpatients Attendances	20,099	21,019	23,425	26,182	31,989
Cost per Inpatient Day	\$25.25	\$28.55	\$36.04	\$47.02	\$68.40
Cost per Inpatient Treated	\$382.96	\$417.31	\$514.51	\$684.37	\$1,020.86

N. HEALEY



In this year's Annual Report we would like to acknowledge the service given to the Hospital by Miss Nell Healey, who retires in October, 1976, after 28 years in our Catering Department.

Born and educated in Horsham, Miss Healey began her catering career at the Heidelberg Military Hospital where she worked for 5 years, before returning to Horsham in 1948 to join the Catering Staff of the Wimmera Base Hospital in the newly convened position of Assistant Supervisor. In 1957 Miss Healey was promoted to the position of in-charge, a position which she held until 1969 when her title was changed to Chief Catering Officer, in recognition of the increased work load and responsibility associated with the catering Department.

During her term of employment Miss Healey has seen many significant changes within the Catering Department of the Hospital. She recalled that in her early years at the Hospital only Intermediate Patients were given the choice of a menu; Public patients were served a pre-selected meal which included a standard dish of porridge and toast for breakfast. She added with some mirth however, that if a public patient supplied his own eggs, these would be collected and cooked for his breakfast.

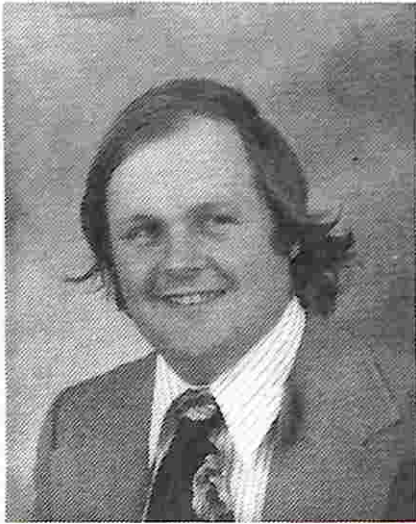
In more recent times, no such distinctions exist and all patients are given a menu with a wide variety of courses from which to select. In fact, she pointed out, that special diets are catered for and the patient is given every possible benefit to assist with their convalescence. One such example of this is the change in the evening meal time from 4.30 pm. to 5.30 pm., a change which resulted directly from suggestions made by patients in the regularly circularised Patient's Services Questionnaire.

With Meals-On-Wheels and special catering, plus patient and staff meals, Miss Healey, in her position as Chief Caterer, is responsible for the preparation of approximately 700 meals per day, or 250,000 meals per annum. She suggested that the most notable changes within her Department over the years have been the introduction of centralised plating of all meals within the Kitchen, and the use of frozen foods, especially vegetables. These changes, plus of course improved cooking facilities have now become essential in order to provide the large number of meals required in the Hospital.

With retirement day only several months away, Miss Healey has made it clear that she intends to remain in Horsham to pursue her outdoor activities, such as fishing, and to continue her active association with several local organisations.

We wish Miss Healey well in her retirement, and trust that this tribute in some small way rewards her for her years of service to the Wimmera Base Hospital.

GENERAL SERVICES



My first task on being appointed to the staff of Wimmera Base Hospital was to upgrade the cleaning, orderly and domestic services of the Hospital.

The cleaning and orderly duties were separated and the roster was re-arranged so that orderlies are now available seventeen hours a day, seven days a week.

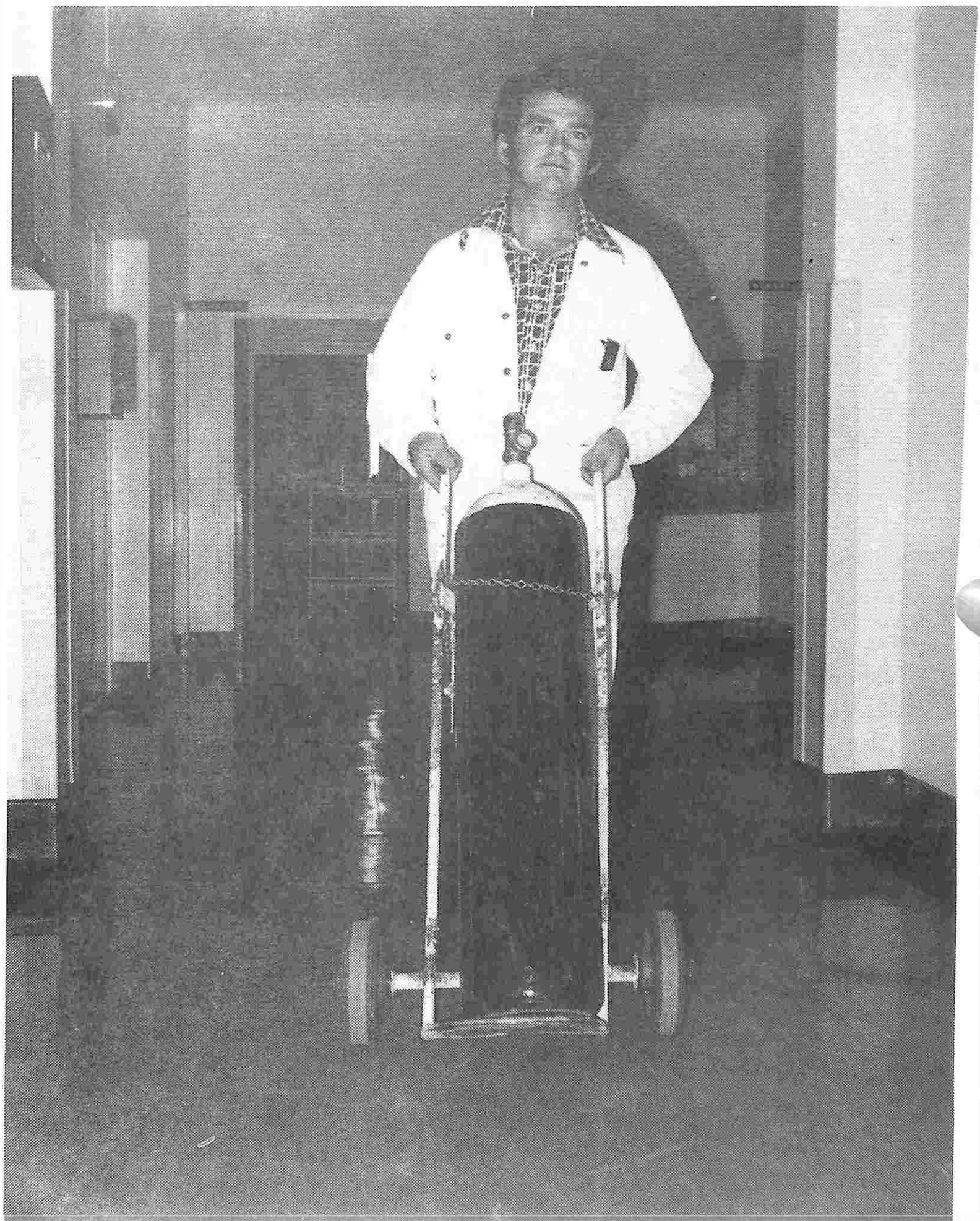
With the help and co-operation of the cleaning staff an effective cleaning programme was developed. The work rosters were changed, programmes of cleaning reviewed and new equipment introduced. As a result of these changes a higher standard of cleanliness has been achieved throughout the Hospital.

In March of this year, it was decided to improve the Hospital stores system and this also became my responsibility. The Store was re-arranged and new shelving purchased so that store items would no longer be stood on the floor. All items were allocated code numbers and located within the Store by that number. To further improve the stores control system the stores stock records will now be filed by the computer. A visual display unit will be installed within the store with a link to the hospital computer. This unit will enable the storeman to process all stores records.

The aesthetic features of the Hospital have also been improved. New blinds, floor coverings and curtains have been purchased and installed. Paintings and planter boxes have been placed throughout the Hospital. All these changes help to make the patients stay in hospital more pleasant.

Finally, I should like to thank my staff for their help and co-operation in making these improvements and my first year at Wimmera Base Hospital such a pleasant one.

P. J. Aitchison.



H. J. RANDALL



In this year's Annual Report we would like to acknowledge the services made to the Wimmera Base Hospital by Mr. Harold J. Randall, who retired from the Board of Management in June 1976, after 25 years of continuous service.

Mr. Randall first became actively involved in Hospital affairs in 1950 when he was invited to join the Board of Management, following his long and close relationship with Quantong Fruit Growers Co-Operative which gave regular annual donations to the Base Hospital. During his years of participation on the Board of Management Mr. Randall was elected President between the years of 1956 — 1960, was chairman of the Finance Committee from 1961 until this Committee was dissolved and replaced by the Executive Committee, and more recently became an active member of the Hospital Inspection Advisory Committee.

During this same period, following a nomination from the Victorian Hospitals' Association and subsequent approval from the Governor in Council, Mr. Randall became a member of the Board of Management of the Peter McCallum Clinic, a position which he retained for 15 years.

Although Mr. Randall has many fond recollections of his term at the Base Hospital, he feels that one must always look to the future and he looks forward to the culmination of the re-building and re-development schemes envisaged at the Hospital. In this regard, he wished to pay tribute to the current Board members whom he sees as the type of people capable of ensuring that these achievements are realised.

Whilst he has officially retired from all Hospital activities, Mr. Randall hopes to retain some interest in the Hospital affairs. Being a holder of a Life Governorship award for services rendered Mr. Randall can be assured that through such avenues as the Annual Meeting he will always be aware of current goals and achievements.

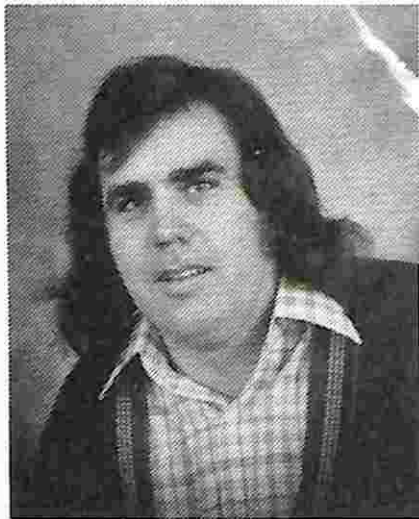
We thank Mr. Randall for his years of service and trust that in some small way this tribute rewards you for your efforts.



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WIMMERA HOSPITALS' GROUP LINEN SERVICE



During the past financial year the Wimmera Hospitals' Group Linen Service has been under continual pressure to meet the increasing linen demands from our participating institutions; a fact which is clearly evident from our weekly output figures which have increased from 11½ tonnes to in excess of 14½ tonnes in June, 1976.

Whilst two new institutions, namely Natimuk Hospital and Palm Lodge Rehabilitation Centre, have been introduced into the service, this growth in demand is mainly due to expansions which have occurred within our other members. As the washing capacity of the Laundry is only 15 tonnes per week, it became evident that there was insufficient leeway between potential and actual output to allow for breakdowns in machinery or power supply, nor to allow for further expansion within the Service. Hence, a new 400 lb Washex Washer Extractor has been ordered, at a cost of \$39,000 and this should be available early in the new financial year.

With this new machine the washing capacity in the Group Linen Service will increase to approximately 20 tonnes per week, and apart from relieving staff pressure, will provide the necessary leeway to enable the following matters to be investigated:

- (i) The introduction of new participating members.
- (ii) The creation of a reserve stock store, consisting of linen which has been already laundered and packed in protective plastic ready for immediate usage in the event of under-supply.

(iii) The possibility of laundering personal linen. Once again the wage cost spiral has had its effect on operations, with the result that in the past twelve months, the cost of our Service has escalated from 32 cents per kilogram to 44 cents per kilogram. Whilst we regret the necessity for this increase, it is pleasing to report that our cost still compares favourably with most other Central Linen Services throughout the State. We would like to assure our participating institutions that every effort will be made in the future to absorb cost increases, so long as such absorptions do not detract from the Service that we provide.

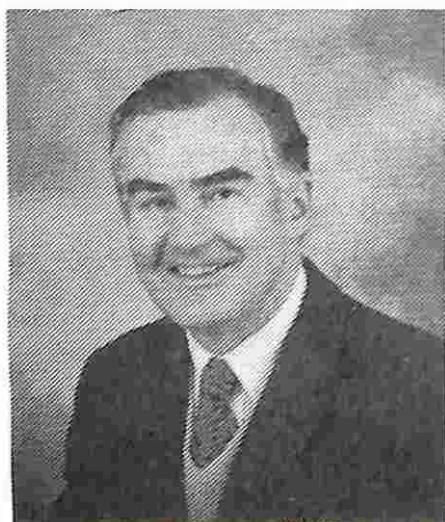
In conclusion, we are very saddened to report that in February, 1976, Mr. Ron Miatke, our Group Linen Service Manager for the past eleven years, passed away. Ron's great experience and his tireless energy will be sadly missed. At the same time I must pay tribute to the Laundry Staff who overcame the turmoil which this created, and continued to provide an adequate service to all our participating members.

Steven J. Dougherty.



MEDICAL SERVICES

MEDICAL STAFF



The past year has seen several changes in the medical scene. We have been pleased to welcome Dr. Max Griffith as the first Medical Administrator and trust that his stay with us will be happy and productive.

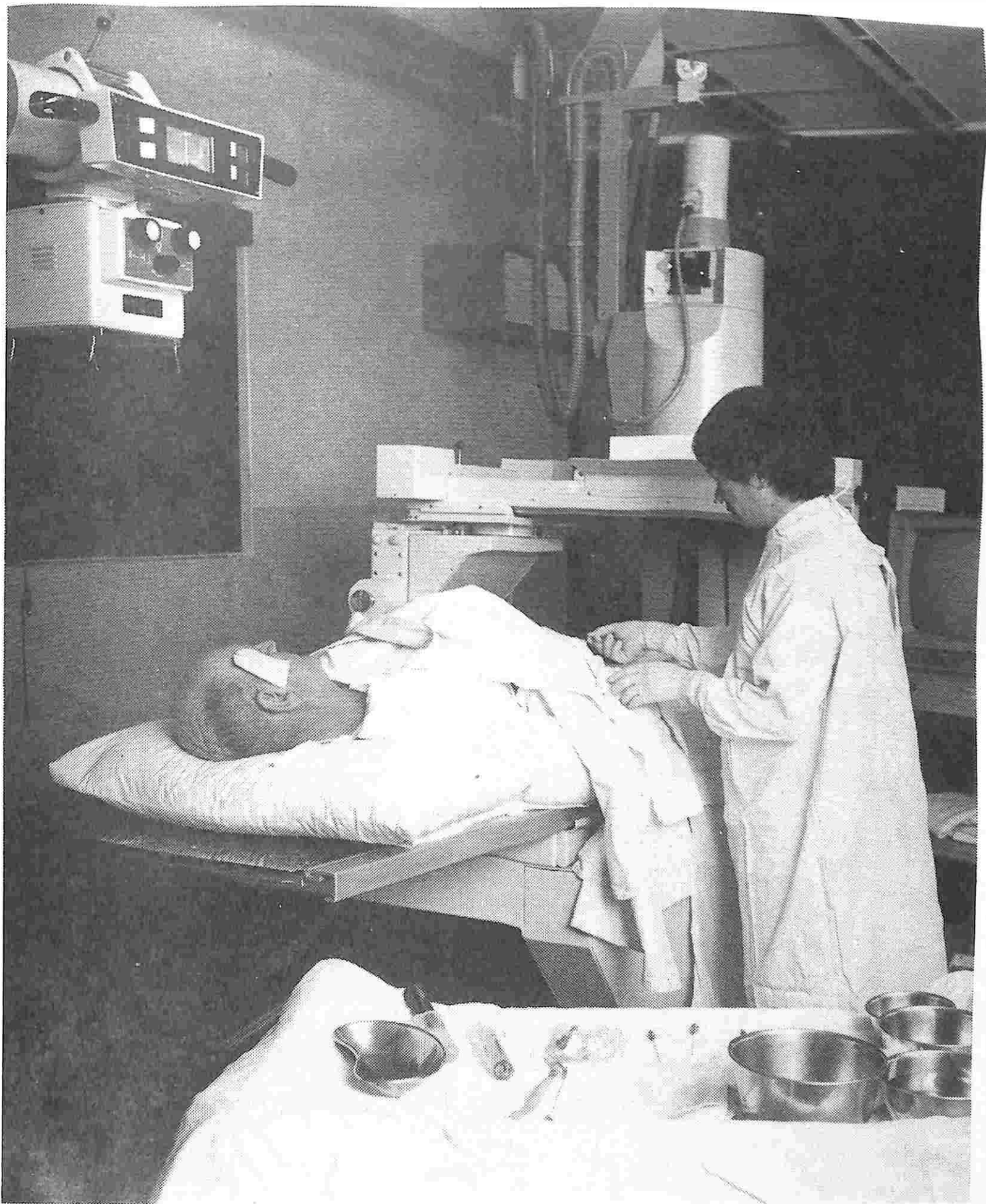
The implications of Medibank as it concerns the visiting staff have now been largely digested and assimilated into the structure of medical services. It seems unlikely that future changes will present comparable difficulties.

One of our important duties is to encourage and support general practice in the region, and in this connection it is hoped that the Victorian Academy for General Practice will be able to attract senior trainees in the Family Medicine Program to this area. This could provide much needed relief for solo general practitioners in the not so distant future.

Post graduate education continues at a high level and more is in progress to rationalise the activities of the Family Medicine Program — the Academy for General Practice and the Victorian Post Graduate Federation of Medicine.

DR. T. V. WALPOLE,
CHAIRMAN,
MEDICAL STAFF

- R. E. ABUD M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.
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- P. BOWKER M.D.Sc. (Melb.), F.D.S.R.C.S. (England)
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F.F.A.R.A.C.S. (Medical Administrator)
- E. E. GULLAND, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (Ire.) D.P.M. (Lond) MR.C.
M.R.C. Psych. (Lond.) (Visiting Psychiatrist)
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(Visiting Medical Officer — Chairman of
Visiting Medical Staff)
- L. WONG SHEE, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.R.A.
(Radiologist)



LADIES' AUXILIARY



This year the Auxiliary has raised \$5,750 for the Hospital and all our functions have been very successful.

Unfortunately the Opportunity Shop was forced to close in November, when the premises were sold, and this has meant the loss of a weekly income. With negotiations now being made for temporary premises we hope to be able to open again shortly.

At the Hospital Annual meeting last year, three of our members: Mrs. Lorna Pascall, Mrs. Ruby Stewart and Mrs. Vi Carter were presented with Life Governorship for the many years of service each had given to the Auxiliary.

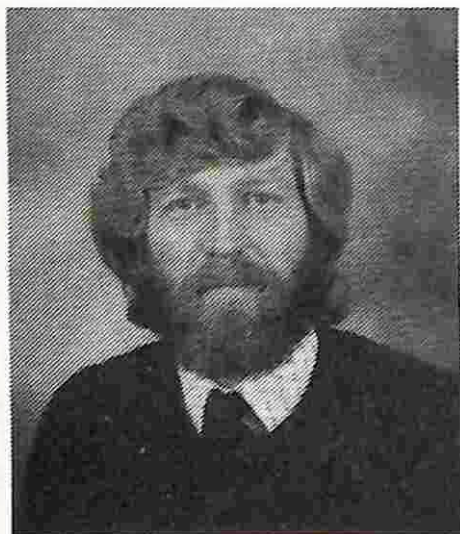
The Kiosk is still being supported very well each week, and we are grateful to the various organizations and people for providing dinners and articles to raffle.

Our main functions for the year were the Luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackman, the Annual Garden Party with items presented by Children from the Dancing School, and the Wine and Dine at the Town Hall. At this evening we were assisted by the members of Barkuma and are most grateful for their help. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schmidt lent their home for a most successful Coffee Party, and a Sherry Party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKellar.

BETTY SMITH, President



BARKUMA



Barkuma is a small organisation providing an opportunity for men and women to work together for the community.

Apart from assisting other service organisations with their fund raising activities, Barkuma members concentrated their efforts during the past year on two major social events — the Easter Bunny Ball and the Van Roth fashion parade.

Since its establishment in 1974, Barkuma has donated more than \$4,000 to the Wimmera Base Hospital Building fund.

FRANK ROSEBY, President



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 WIK, MRS. W. M.
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CAPITAL DONATIONS

A
 Mr. A. Andrews, \$10; Wimmera Base Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, \$5,750.80; Dr. R. Abud, \$2, Mr. F. Allen, \$3; Anonymous \$28.08; Miss D. Allen, \$2; Misses L. and S. Ampt, \$5; Apex Club of Jardwa, \$385.

B
 M/s. E. Ballinger, \$265; Mr. L. Barber, \$10; Mr. N. Barry, \$5; Barkuma, \$2,000; Mr. I. Barton, \$220; Mrs. E. Beckert, \$6; Mr. M. Bennett, \$10.00; Mr. J. Berry, \$30; Bolwell and Johns, \$6; Mrs. A. Bowden, \$5; Mr. C. Brown, \$20; Bull & Mouth Hotel, \$125; Mr. R. Burgess, \$2; Miss L. Busch, \$2; Mrs. Byrne, \$250.

C
 M/s. L. Carter, \$100; M/s. G. Clarke, \$40; Collection Tins, \$667.35; M/s. C. Carracher, \$5; M/s. H. Carracher, \$2; Mrs L. Chequer, \$5; Mr. I. Charman, \$40; M/s. N. Clark, \$15; N. and G. Coles, \$60; M/s. E. Colyer, \$417; Mr. A. Coombes, \$2; Mrs. R. Coustley, \$608.50; Mrs. E. Crellin, \$10; Mr. M. Cuddihy, \$2; M/s. W. Crute, \$750; The Estate of the Late W. Cunningham, \$200; Mrs. H. Curruthers, \$10.

D
 Mr. B. Dalton, \$90; Dellar Family, \$5; Dooen State School, \$10; Dooen Ladies Auxiliary, \$15; Mr. S. Dougherty, \$2.

E
 Mrs. Elliott, \$2; M/s. B. Ellis, \$2.

F
 Mrs. I. Faux, \$10; M/s. V. Filip, \$3; Mrs. Fitzgerald, \$200; Mrs. J. Flack, \$20; Mr. and Mrs. H. Flack, \$20; Mr. J. Flack, \$280; M/s. R. Foley, \$20; Mrs. E. Fraser, \$313.50; Mrs. A. Freeman, \$600; Mrs. Fuga, \$5.

G
 Mr. E. Gerlach, \$20; Mrs. I. Gibson, \$2; Grass Flat Methodist Ladies Guild, \$25; Mrs. Gray, \$4.70.

H
 M/s. M. Hancock, \$10; Mr. B. Harrison, \$2; M/s. E. Harvey, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. C. Hawkins, \$10; Mr. and Mrs M. Hawkins, \$10; Mrs. Hartman, \$3; M/s. C. Hennessy, \$400; Mr. R. Hiles, \$5; Mr. A. Hinch, \$84.20; Miss L. Hoffman, \$2; Horsham High School, \$50; Horsham Trotting Association, \$15; Mr. and Mrs. B. Hoskin, \$5.

I
 I.O.O.F. Victoria, \$15.

J
 Mr. N. Jackson, \$10; Miss M. Jardine, \$10.

K
 Mr. B. Keene, \$5; M/s. E. Kemp, \$30.

L
 Langlands of Horsham, \$18.80; Mr. A. Lawson, \$30; Leo Club of Horsham, \$672; Mr. B. Lewis, \$1; M/s L. Lewis, \$1; Mr. G. Lind, \$2; Lister House, \$2,500; Mr. L. Llewelyn, \$10; Lord Mayor's Fund, \$15; Mrs. Loverige, \$10.

Mc
 Mr. J. McInerney, \$46; McLean School of Guitar and Organ, \$300; Miss E. McCombe, \$478.50; Mr. D. McFarlane, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. D. McIntosh, \$4; Mrs. L. McNeil, \$5.

M
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin, \$25; M/s. E. Miatke, \$10; M/s. L. Miller, \$50; M/s. L. Mills, \$10; M/s. F. Milne, \$10; Mr. A. Mitchell, \$10; A. and L. Mitchell, \$5; Mrs. H. Mitchell, \$2; M/s. J. Mort, \$25; Mr. T. Mott, \$280; Miss M. Muhlntikel, \$200; Mr. V. Muhlntikel, \$100; Mr. A. Muller, \$40.

N
 Mrs. E. Newell, \$17.

P
 Mrs. E. Pannan, \$300; Mrs. L. Pascall, \$5; Pethard Tarax Charitable Trust, \$200; Mrs. E. Petrie, \$1; M/s W. Pilgrim, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. L. Pipkorn, \$5.

Q
 Quantong Primary School Social Service Club, \$12.50.

R
 M/s. N. Riley, \$50; Rotary Club of Horsham, \$390.43; Mrs. N. Ryan, \$210.

S
 Schwedes Family, \$5; Mrs. Scott, \$300; M/s. A. Schultz, \$20; M/s. H. Semmler, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, \$10; Miss M. Smith, \$20; Smith Family, \$2; Mr. J. Staniforth, \$2; Mr. R. Stewart, \$10; Mrs. R. Stewart, \$205; St. Johns Anglican Church, \$25; Sun-News Pictorial, \$200.

T
 Mr. H. Thompson, \$65, Mr. Tillet, \$10; Trained Staff, Wimmera Base Hospital, \$100; Mrs. G. Troeth, \$10; Trustees Executors, \$1,000; Mr. R. Trye and Family, \$12; Mrs. E. Twine, \$20.

W
 Miss M. Wallace, \$440; Walsh Family, \$2; M/s. D. Wills, \$20; Woolworths Pty. Ltd., \$1; Wimmera Trotting Club, \$15; Sister N. Wright, \$2.

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