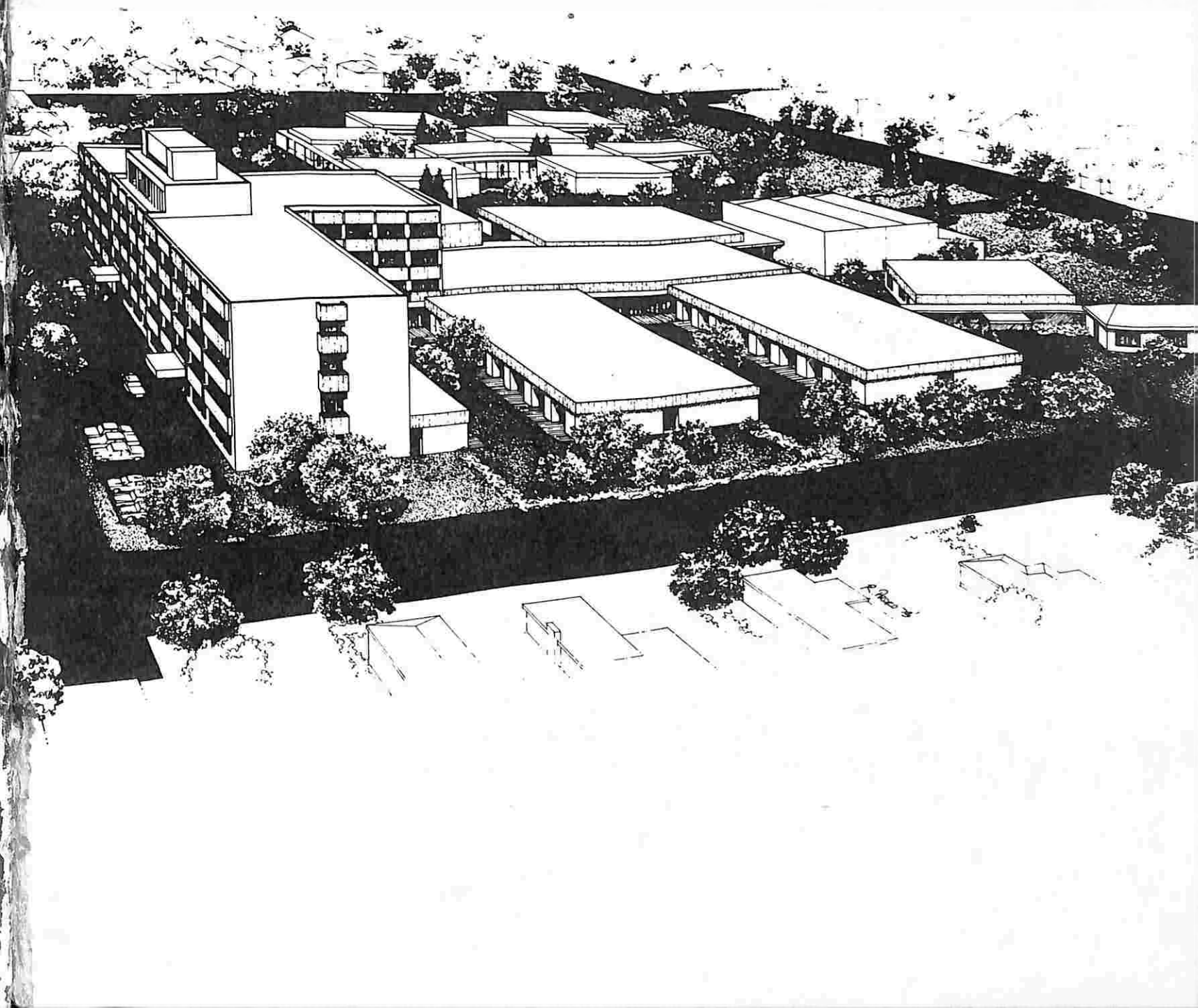


# **Wimmera Base Hospital**

## **100th Annual Report**



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1973-74**

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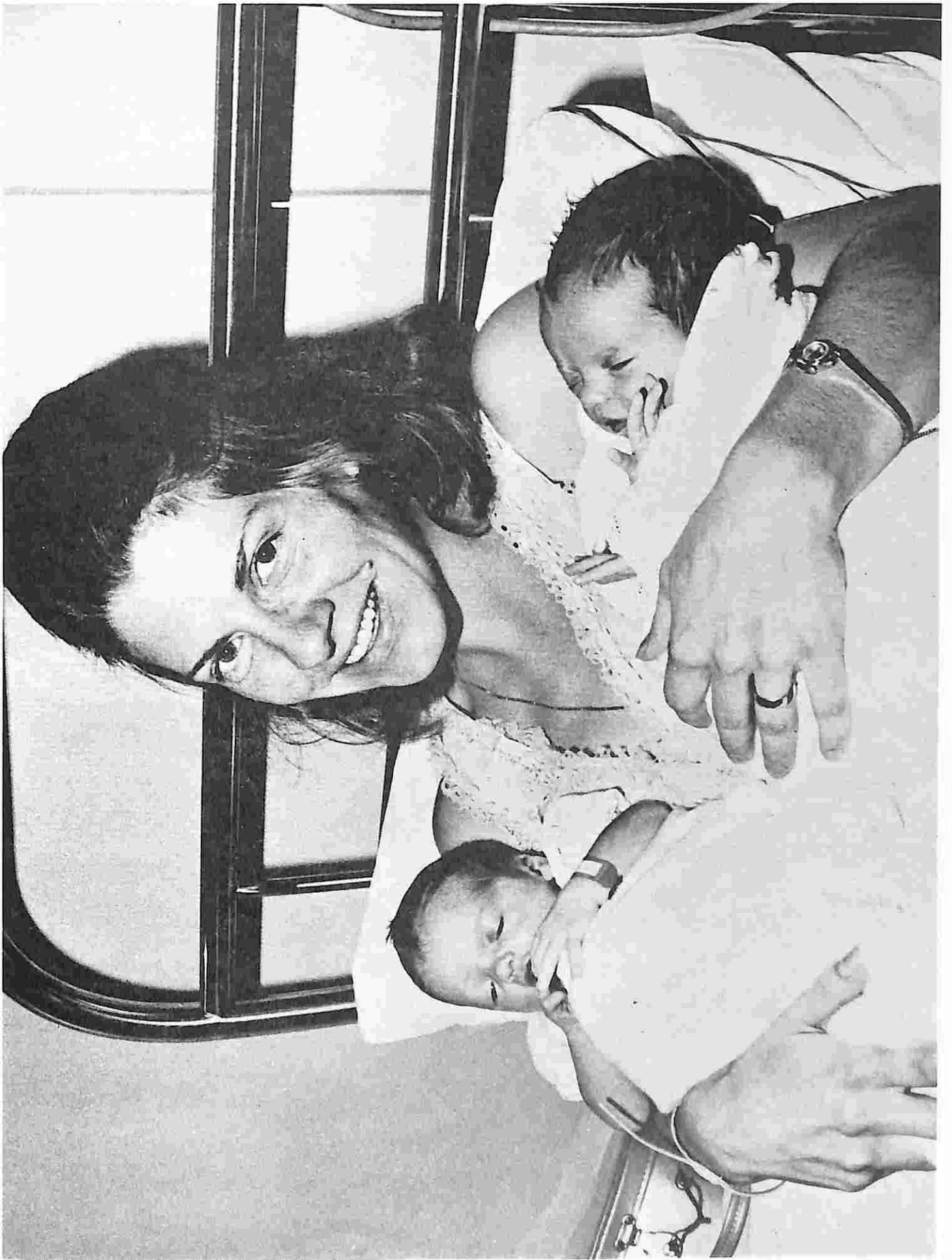
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MR. J. E. WALTER, F.H.A.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DAVID McFARLANE,  
PRESIDENT

"We appeal to you in Horsham's Centenary year to support to your uttermost the work of the Hospital and particularly our appeal for funds to complete our Hospital Building Development Program."

A. C. Wood, President,  
Horsham Base Hospital.  
(Annual Report 1949)

Twenty-five years later the words are still appropriate.

The Board of Management is determined to see many improvements made in the facilities provided at the Base Hospital. These improvements will include new improved ward accommodation, Operating Theatres, Obstetric Unit, Intensive Care Unit, Children's Ward, Pathology Department, and Geriatric Wards in association with a Day Hospital.

The Board of Management has received enormous encouragement in its objectives of developing the Wimmera Base by the action of the Community served by the Hospital in supporting so strongly the Hospital's Centenary Appeal.

Each year in this report the President thanks those persons in the community who have helped the hospital. In this particular year the hospital has probably had more supporters than in any previous year on record. In last year's report, the President, Mr. Johns, expressed pleasure that Mr. E. G. Brownstein and Mr. R. Bethel had agreed to appointments as Director and Chairman respectively of the Centenary Appeal. The Appeal is now, of course, in full swing and although their target is huge and although there is still a long way to go, I am sure that everyone in the Wimmera area served by the Hospital would agree that Mr. Brownstein, Mr. Bethell, their Committee Chairmen and their large band of helpers and organisers, have brought the Hospital closer to the community it serves than it has been for many years. Quite apart from the extraordinary success of their fund raising, they have created a public interest in the hospital which will continue its benefits long after the Appeal closes. This hospital was saddened to hear of the death last September of Dr. John Lindell, former Chairman, Hospital's and Charities Commission. Dr. Lindell was a very good friend of this hospital. Mr. Alec McLellan, his Deputy, was appointed for a brief period until his retirement and we were delighted to have Mr. McLellan officially open our new Wimmera Hospitals' Group Linen Service building in February of this year, which we understand was one of his last duties prior to retirement. The Board of Management extends its congratulations to Dr. E. M. Wilder, Mr. R. L. Thomas, and Mr. F. W. Cremean on their appointment as the new Hospitals and Charities Commission and I assure Dr. Wilder and his Commissioners of the support of this hospital's Board of Management in their task.

I wish to extend my thanks to my colleagues on the Board of Management and to the Senior Officers and all staff of the hospital for their very efficient support during the year. Mr. Bill Humphreys is to be congratulated on the achievements made by the Board of Management during the brief period he occupied office of President and while we acknowledge our loss in his transfer to Shepparton, we never-the-less wish he and his family every success in that City.

Mr. R. W. Shepherd, who has served the Board of Management so well since his appointment in 1950, was this year appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Victorian Hospital's Association Limited. This Association's objectives and activities have been considerably broadened and the Base Hospital is fortunate in having such a close association with the Victorian Hospital's Association Limited through Mr. Shepherd.

In conclusion, I hope that the whole community served by the hospital will join us in celebrating the Hospital's Centenary this year and that you will also continue to provide your support during the second century.



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9th August 1974

## MANAGER'S REPORT

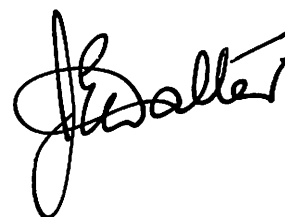
JOHN WALTER,  
MANAGER

This has been an extraordinarily eventful year for the Wimmera Base. The Hospital wards have worked under considerable pressure, with in-patient numbers at their highest level on record despite greatly increased domiciliary services — Meals on Wheels increased to 14,508 and home nursing visits increased to 3,959.

We have seen the very successful launching of an appeal aiming to raise \$250,000 for re-building and we have reached agreement with the Hospitals and Charities Commission on a scheme of re-development, subject to available finance.

During this current year and with the assistance of the Hospital's and Charities Commission, we have seen the completion of the Wimmera Hospitals' Group Laundry Service building, a Maintenance Services building, the installation of new Steam Raising Plant and the construction of a new electrical sub-station. These works totalled \$600,000 and paved the way for services for our future building program. At the time of preparing this report, we have received approval in principle from the Australian Government Department of Social Security for the construction of a 50 bed Frail Aged Unit. Planning for a Geriatric Day Hospital and a Pathology Department is quite advanced. An Intensive Care Unit must be commenced in the near future and will receive high priority in our future discussions with the Hospitals and Charities Commission.

In January 1974, Miss Lesley Woolley announced her retirement. Miss Woolley had given the Hospital 16 years devoted service and her wonderful personality will be missed by all, with the possible exception of the district yabbies. The Hospital was extremely fortunate in appointing Miss Joan Matuschka to replace Miss Woolley. Miss Matuschka trained at Wimmera Base Hospital and completed her Midwifery training at the Royal Women's Hospital. In addition to receiving a Diploma in Nursing Administration at the College of Nursing, Australia, in 1965, Miss Matuschka has experience at the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, The Royal Freemasons Hospital, London, and immediately prior to her appointment, was Matron at Ararat and District Hospital.



# Wimmera Base Hospital

## 1974 CENTENARY APPEAL

### ● *Why is the hospital seeking \$250,000*

**For a major building programme, the largest single project ever undertaken in the Wimmera, to provide:**

An intensive care unit

New medical wards

New surgical wards

New operating theatres

A much-needed day hospital

A new physiotherapy department

A new home for pathology

New children's wards

A nursing home for the elderly

Larger, more modern casualty and outpatient departments

A new baby-delivery and care centre

More space for speech therapy

A dental clinic

A psychiatric unit

A new pharmacy

## CENTENARY APPEAL EXECUTIVE

MR. E. G. BROWNSTEIN,  
DIRECTOR

This Committee began to function in August 1973 under the dynamic leadership of Mr. Bob Bethel who, as Chairman of the Committee, gathered together a group of men and women to form the Centenary Appeal Executive Committee.

This enthusiastic group was charged with the challenging task of raising one quarter of a million dollars to enable the major hospital building programme to commence to the order of 2½ million dollars.

The Appeal was to run from February to November 1974. The ground work began in November 1973 with a broad approach to all people in the Wimmera through the news media (Mr. Alan Finch) and through talks to Service Clubs, Church Groups, workers in industry in tea breaks, letters to City Council and Shire Council outlining the plans for the Appeal. This culminated in the Gala Opening on 1st February. Professor Maurice Ewing of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Department of Surgery, underlined the community importance of the Base Hospital Appeal and flowing from this sentiment the appeal has received the support and interest of a wide cross section of the people of the Wimmera-Mallee. Expressed in human terms this has been a most gratifying result and brought to light a most optimistic view of a healthy community spirit in the Wimmera.

Such events as the Italian Community Cabaret, the Publicans' Ball, the Apex Fishing Competition and many other events have highlighted this positive aspect of our community. Individual donations from all strata of society, from pensioners and geriatric patients through to large industrial organisations and trust funds have been a constant source of encouragement.

In terms of financial support the latest figures read as follows:

Direct Giving — Horsham (Mr. M. Taylor)	\$36,676
Direct Giving — Rural (Mr. E. Eldridge) ...	\$10,299
Service Clubs — (Mr. M. John) ....	\$11,190
Special Gifts — (Mr. P. Coutts) ....	\$36,881
Sporting Bodies — (Mr. R. Grant) ...	\$2,492
Women's Organisations (Mrs. R. Rodda, Mrs E. Crellin ....	\$6,555
Entertainments (Mr. G. Lind) ....	\$19,715

Total net receipts to 16/8/74 were \$123,289. To reach the target of \$250,000 by the end of November will require tremendous effort by the sub-committee teams in organising the Queen Ball, a Beer Festival, Greyhound Racing, 3LK Radio Appeal, TAB Race Meeting and a Gala Sunday. To succeed, these events will need the full support of the Wimmera community and weld us together into making a concentrated effort into completing the task ahead: a modern, well equipped Wimmera Base Hospital worthy of the great people that it is designed to serve.

*E. G. Brownstein*





## NURSING SERVICES

JOAN MATUSCHKA,  
MATRON

Despite the demands of a steadily increasing daily average of patients, the Nursing teachers have managed to increase theoretical teaching time again this year with the able support of the Medical Staff who have given valuable assistance with lecture programmes and clinical teaching.

The Ward Sisters deserve special mention for their co-operation and assistance in assigning more of their valuable work force for the increasing lecture time demanded by the new curriculum.

Sisters B. Hill and B. Rose attended a two-week course in Middle Management for nurses at the Mayfield Centre, and trained staff have attended a number of study days and seminars on a variety of subjects related to hospitals and patient care during the year.

### GRADUATION:

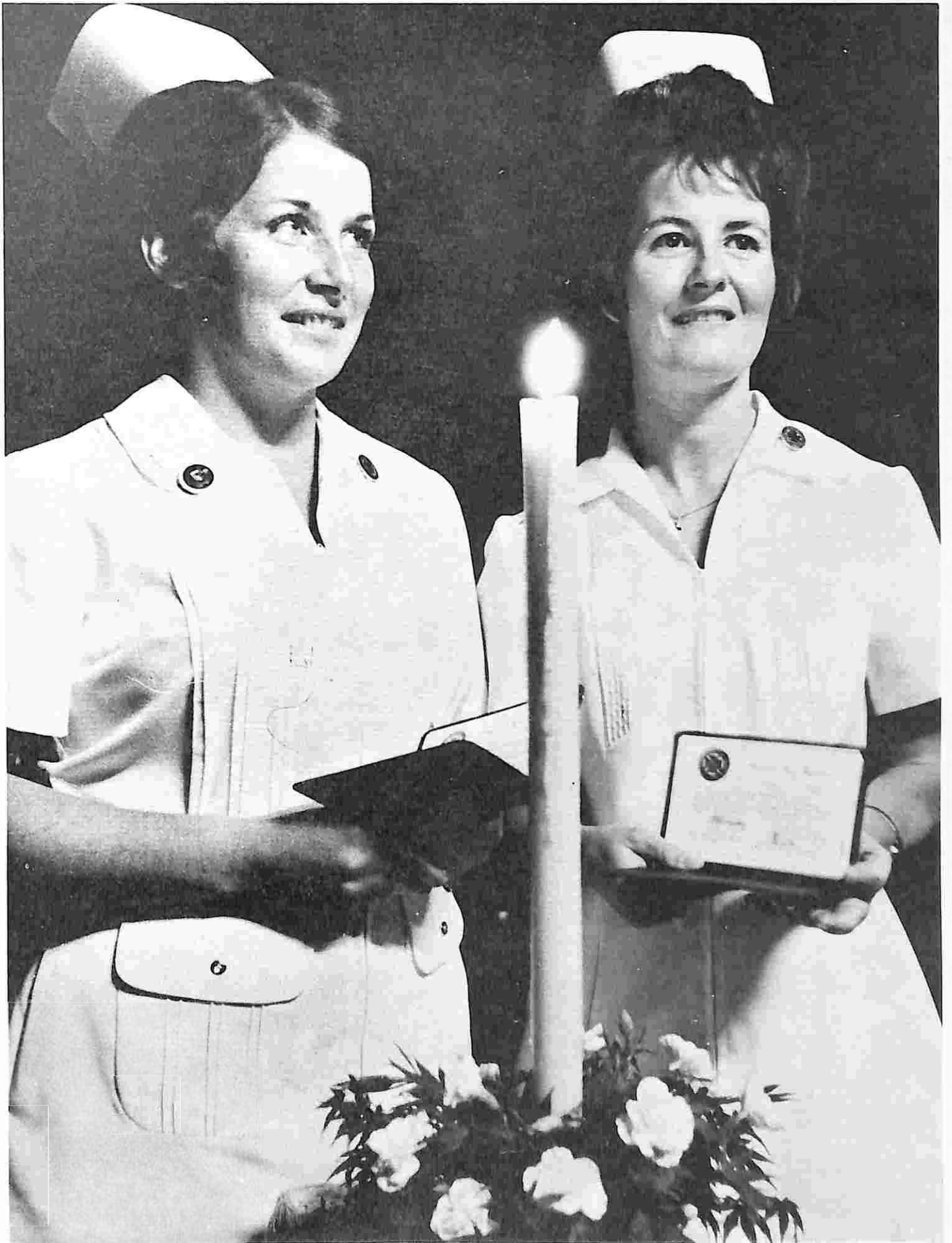
The Annual Graduation Ceremony was held on the lawns of the Nurses' Home. Mrs. M. Waters was guest speaker, and Matron Woolley presented the Ryan Prize to Miss Jillian Kay Rees for Best Practical Nurse and the Past Trainees' Prize to Rhonda Margaret Pauner. Graduation Certificates were presented to the following Sisters:

COUTTS, Bernadette  
ELDRIDGE, Dale Lynette  
ELLIS, Julia Kent  
HABY, Kayelene Joy  
KELLY, Kerrilyn  
KILPATRICK, Jennifer Margaret  
KING, Glenda Joy  
KRAUSE, Suzanne Elsa  
LOATS, Meryl Gwenyth  
MALONEY, Beryl Lorraine  
McGENNISKEN, Mary Elizabeth  
PAUNER, Rhonda Margaret  
PICKERT, Dianne Joy  
PRESTON, Sandra Dianne  
REES, Jillian Kaye  
ROWLAND, Marilyn Rae  
SIMMONS, Helen Lesley  
WEBB, Patricia Ann

In conclusion, I would like to say that I feel it has been a great compliment to be appointed as Matron of my old training School; and to express my appreciation of the wholehearted welcome and support given to me by the Board, the Manager and all of the medical, nursing and auxiliary staff of the hospital.

The hospital buildings may not have seen many apparent changes over the years, but it is also evident that the high standard of patient care has not altered.

*J. Matuschka*



## LESLEY WOOLEY



Miss Lesley Woolley retired on January 13th, 1974. Miss Woolley was appointed Matron of Wimmera Base Hospital on April 8th, 1958. During the sixteen years of her appointment, Miss Woolley endeared herself to everyone passing through the doors of our Hospital, either as patient or staff member.

We all wish Miss Wolley a very happy retirement and the Hospital wishes to record its appreciation for a job well done.

**WIMMERA HOSPITALS' GROUP LINEN SERVICE**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30th JUNE, 1974**

<u>1972-73</u>	<b>Income</b>	<u>1973-74</u>
134,565	Service Charges ....	170,533
1,204	Collective Buying Subsidy ....	1,340
907	Income from Investments ....	1,069
<u>\$136,676</u>		<u>\$172,942</u>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
2,759	Administration ....	2,593
82,080	Laundry ....	116,613
29,294	Linen ....	24,769
6,678	Mending and Manufacture ....	8,868
9,231	Transport ....	10,980
<u>\$130,042</u>		<u>\$163,823</u>
6,634	Surplus for the year ....	9,119
<u>\$136,676</u>		<u>\$172,942</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1974**  
**ASSETS**

<u>1972-73</u>		
	<b>Current Assets</b>	
—	Cash at Bank	
31,433	Maintenance Capital	24,951
<u>\$31,433</u>		
25,363	Sundry Debtors	24,407
52,572	Linen in use	54,024
11,219	Stores	15,633
	Accrued Income	6,378
<u>\$120,587</u>		<u>\$125,393</u>
	<b>Deferred Assets and Investments</b>	
18,000	Maintenance (Interest Bearing Deposit) ....	8,000
74,000	Capital (Govt. Bond and Interest Bear. Dep.)	18,000
<u>\$92,000</u>		<u>\$26,000</u>
		\$151,393
	<b>Fixed Assets at Cost</b>	
123,976	New Buildings	296,184
44,110	Laundry Plant and Equipment	172,723
9,269	Linen Service Plant and Equipment	7,161
737	Mending and Manufacture Equipment	2,624
7,108	Motor Vehicle Transport and Equipment	9,268
464	General Plant and Equipment	1,791
		<u>193,567</u>
	Less Provision for Depreciation Plant, Machinery and Equip. & Plant Replacement	22,544
61,360		<u>171,023</u>
<u>\$338,891</u>	Total Assets	<u>\$618,600</u>
	<b>Equities</b>	
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
19,631	Bank Overdraft (Maintenance) ....	17,888
6,726	Provision for Maintenance and Repair	5,884
3,196	Provision for Long Service Leave	12,318
1,860	Accrued Expenses and Sundry Creditors	58,890
<u>\$31,413</u>		<u>\$94,980</u>
	<b>Capital</b>	
221,815	Capital Fund	421,165
	Provision for Asset Replacement	16,792
85,663	Maintenance Fund	85,663
<u>\$338,891</u>	Total Equities	<u>\$618,600</u>

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Wimmera Hospitals' Group Linen Service as at 30th June, 1974 and the results of its services for the year then ended.

GREEN, TAYLOR AND GREENALL, Chartered Accountants

# WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1974

1972-73	Income	1973-74	%
	<b>Government Grants and Payments</b>		
656,568	Government Grant ....	871,708	43.6
45,007	Pharmaceutical Benefits ....	42,751	2.1
1,284	T. B. Patients ....		
4,650	Other ....	4,633	0.3
<u>\$707,509</u>		919,092	46.0
	<b>Patients' Fees</b>		
55,253	Non Qualified Inpatients .... (M.C.A., W.C., Repat.)	61,857	3.1
148,335	Qualified Public Inpatients .... (Inc. P.M.S.)	192,174	9.6
532,482	Qualified Non Public Inpats.	648,642	32.6
84,360	Outpatients' Fees ....	94,236	4.7
<u>\$820,430</u>	Total Patients' Fees ....	996,909	50.0
	<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
278	Charitable Contributions ....	169	
67	Income from Investments ....	26	
8,451	Sundry Income ....	10,620	0.5
<u>\$8,796</u>	Total Miscellaneous Income ....	10,815	0.5
1,536,735	Total Operating Income ....	1,926,816	96.5
1,636	Non Operating Income ....	1,335	0.1
1,538,371	Total Income ....	1,928,151	96.6
35,766	Deficit for the year ....	69,981	3.4
<u>1,574,137</u>	Total ....	<u>\$1,998,132</u>	<u>100.0</u>
	<b>Expenditure</b>		
1,127,523	Salaries and Wages ....	1,481,792	74.2
90,516	Administration ....	91,264	4.6
71,168	Dietary ....	92,477	4.6
9,921	Housekeeping ....	13,357	0.7
74,064	Linen, Laundry and Sewing	89,088	4.4
17,338	Lighting, Power, Heating Maintenance on Buildings	24,031	1.2
60,851	Plant and Equipment ....	79,231	4.0
113,895	Medicine and Surgical ....	120,853	6.0
1,565,278	Total Operating Expenditure	1,992,093	99.7
8,859	Non Operating Expenditure	6,039	.3
<u>\$1,574,137</u>		<u>\$1,998,132</u>	<u>100.0</u>

### AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that we have examined the Accounts of the Wimmera Base Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 1974. In accordance with usual hospital accounting practice, provisions have not been made for Depreciation of Buildings, Plant and Equipment. Subject to the foregoing, in our 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 30th June, 1974, and of the financial results of its services for the period ended on that date. The accounting and other records examined by us have been properly maintained.

GREEN, TAYLOR AND GREENALL, Chartered Accountants.

# WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1974

ASSETS		
1972-73	Current Assets	1973-74
110	Cash in Hand ....	110
	Cash at Bank	
1,000	Maintenance (Manager's Advance) ....	1,000
1,224	Patients' Trust Deposits ....	1,270
8,804	Special Purposes ....	5,134
170	T. F. Ryan Prize ....	212
<u>11,308</u>	Total Cash in Hand and at Bank ....	<u>7,616</u>
15,608	Stock ....	18,858
154,533	Patients' Fees Outstanding (after providing for doubtful debts) ....	242,633
43,373	Income Accrued ....	41,311
4,322	Prepaid Expenses ....	1,645
4,691	Debtors —other ....	11,681
4,756	— Special Purpose Medical ....	6,364
<u>\$227,283</u>	— Group Linen Service (Capital) ....	<u>53,999</u>
	<b>Investments (Govt. Securities, Banks)</b>	
800	Endowment ....	800
12,236	Reserve ....	
	Special Purpose Frail Aged ....	60,236
35,000	Special Purpose (Medical) ....	28,000
700	T. F. Ryan Prize ....	700
200	Maintenance ....	200
90,000	Capital ....	90,000
<u>138,936</u>	Total Investments ....	<u>179,936</u>
<u>\$377,527</u>	Total Current Assets ....	<u>564,153</u>
	<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1,005,723	Land and Buildings, at cost ....	1,069,343
377,144	Plant and Equipment, at cost ....	420,265
<u>1,382,867</u>	Total Fixed Assets ....	<u>1,489,608</u>
<u>\$1,760,394</u>	Total Assets ....	<u>\$ 2,053,761</u>
	<b>EQUITIES</b>	
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
58,006	Creditors (Maintenance) ....	46,931
47,780	Accrued Expenses ....	81,627
7,473	Other Creditors (Maintenance) ....	11,555
91,862	Provision for Long Service Leave ....	140,417
79,102	Bank Overdraft —Maintenance ....	161,674
18,551	Bank Overdraft —Capital ....	119,994
<u>302,774</u>		<u>562,198</u>
	<b>Endowment, Special Purpose and Other Funds</b>	
800	Endowment ....	800
12,236	Reserve ....	
	Special Purpose Frail Aged ....	60,236
1,224	Patients Trust Accounts ....	1,270
48,560	Special Purposes Medical ....	39,498
870	T. F. Ryan Prize ....	912
<u>63,690</u>		<u>102,716</u>
	<b>Capital</b>	
1,454,316	Hospital Capital ....	1,513,613
(60,386)	Maint. Fund Accum. Deficit ....	(124,766)
<u>1,393,930</u>		<u>1,388,847</u>
<u>\$1,760,394</u>	Total Equities ....	<u>\$ 2,053,761</u>

**SPECIAL PURPOSES (MEDICAL) FUND**

FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1974

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Fees Received direct		Payment of Bonuses,	
from Insurers ....	775	Prof. Membership and	
40% of O.P. Fees received		Subscriptions to Prof.	
by Pathology Department	25,730	Journals ....	2,802
Interest on Investments ....	1,483	Transfer to Capital Fund	
Deficit for the Period ....	9,062	for Purchases of Plant	
		and Equipment ....	34,248
	<u>\$37,050</u>		<u>\$37,050</u>

**CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1974**

3LK Appeal Expenses....	78	Balance 1st July, '73 ....	1,454,316
Interest on Overdraft ....	10,100	Special Purpose Med. ....	34,248
Transfers to Wimmera		Cash Receipts incl.	
Hospital Group Linen		Donations, Government	
Service ....	179,805	Grants ....	262,305
Murtoa Hospital	340	Interest on Account ....	4,993
(Covered by Special			
Government Grant)	180,145		
Transfer to Centenary			
Ap. Building Fund ....	3,000		
Transfer to Special			
Purpose Frail Aged ....	48,926		
Balance 30th June, '74	1,513,613		
	<u>\$1,755,862</u>		<u>\$1,755,862</u>

**COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Income	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Govt. Grants and Pay-					
ments ....	335,228	487,459	578,562	707,509	919,092
Patients' Fees ....	473,898	520,040	713,032	820,430	996,909
Miscellaneous ....	4,979	7,415	7,829	8,796	10,815
Ttl Operating Income	814,105	1,014,914	1,299,423	1,536,735	1,926,816
Non Operating Income	1,585	2,292	2,520	1,636	1,335
	<u>815,690</u>	<u>1,017,206</u>	<u>1,301,943</u>	<u>1,538,371</u>	<u>1,928,151</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Salaries and Wages ....	550,667	718,250	937,086	1,127,525	1,481,792
Administrative ....	46,656	61,052	71,203	90,516	91,264
Dietary ....	54,787	60,549	63,647	71,168	92,477
Housekeeping ....	6,747	7,367	8,254	9,921	13,357
Linen, Laundry, Sew-					
ing ..	46,246	58,082	67,967	74,064	89,088
Power, Lighting, Heat-					
ing ..	16,313	17,766	17,985	17,338	24,031
Maintenance ....	31,036	38,055	40,088	60,851	79,231
Medical and Surgical	58,936	65,246	83,745	113,895	120,853
Ttl Operating Expen.	811,388	1,026,367	1,289,975	1,565,278	1,992,093
Non Operating Expen.	9,386	8,932	12,308	8,859	6,039
	<u>820,774</u>	<u>1,035,299</u>	<u>1,302,283</u>	<u>1,574,137</u>	<u>1,998,132</u>

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

FIVE YEARS STATISTICS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1974

Total Inpatients Adm.	2,930	2,917	2,876	3,224	3,351
Total Inpatients Treat.	3,065	3,041	3,009	3,553	3,494
Total Bed Days ..	44,215	45,271	45,639	49,003	49,883
Daily Average Occup.					
Beds ....	121.1	124.0	124.7	134.3	136.7
Average Stay of Pat-					
ients (Days) ....	14.4	14.9	15.2	14.6	14.2
Total Outpatients					
Treated ....	10,970	11,994	13,754	14,182	16,807
Total Outpatients At-					
tendances ....	20,326	21,242	20,099	21,019	23,425



## T. E. (TOM) CONROY



Thomas Eli Conroy is the longest serving member at present on the Board of Management of the Wimmera Base Hospital and for most of us, as long as there has been a Horsham Hospital or a town named Horsham, there has been Tom Conroy.

Tom, as he prefers to be called, has a record of service to the Hospital which is only surpassed by that of the late Mr. David Anderson. Mr. Conroy was first appointed as a Town Member of the Committee of Horsham Base Hospital on 15th August, 1935. Since that time he has served the Hospital faithfully and well; a fact which was recognised when he was made a Life Governor of the Hospital in 1964. Mr. Conroy came to Horsham from Donald very early in his career. He eventually became Manager of Chandlers Hardware. It was at this stage that his interest in civic and community affairs became most prominent. For many years he was the President of the Horsham Chamber of Commerce. In 1947, he was elected to the Horsham City Council and remained on the Council until 1965. From 1956 to 1958, Mr. Conroy was Mayor of the City of Horsham.

But this is not the full extent of the Conroy involvement in Horsham community affairs. Mr. Conroy was for a long time involved with the 3LK Appeal Committee and gave a lot of his time travelling to other towns in the region in this capacity.

During the years of the Second World War, he was actively engaged in war time fund raising activities.

Also involved in a very real way with the Horsham community was Mr. Conroy's wife. Mrs. Conroy will be well remembered as a renowned music teacher who taught many hundreds of Horsham children over the years.

Like many of those Committeemen with whom he served on the Board of the Wimmera Base Hospital when first appointed in 1935, the name of Tom Conroy will for a long, long while be a part of Horsham's history.

## **WIMMERA HOSPITALS' GROUP LINEN SERVICE REPORT**

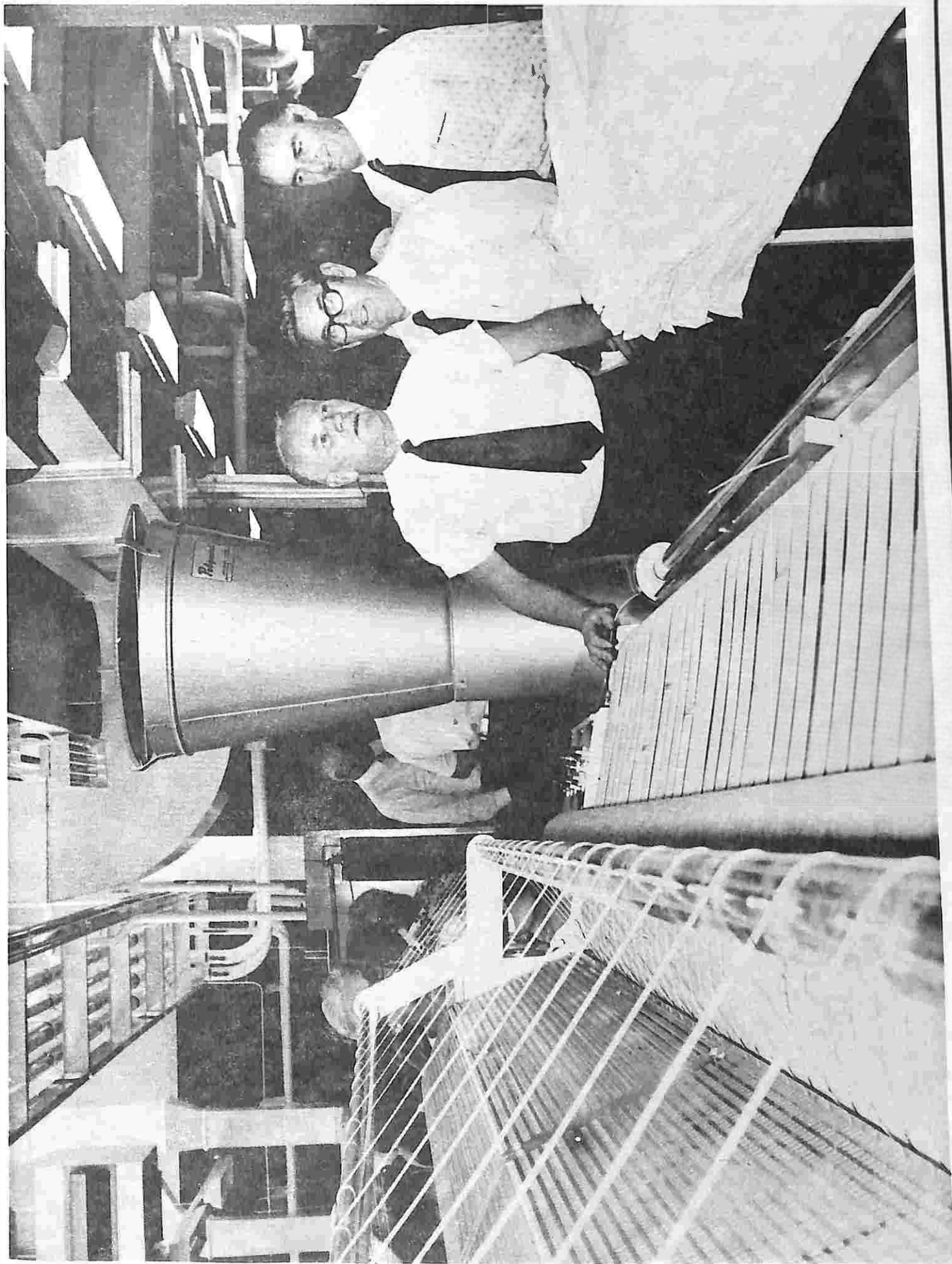
RON MIATKE,  
MANAGER

Mr. A. J. McLellan, Chairman, Hospitals and Charities Commission, officially opened the new Wimmera Hospitals' Group Laundry Building on March 5th, 1974 before an audience of 150 interested members of the Community and representatives of Hospitals in the region served. The contractors for this building were P. & A. Coutts of Horsham and the Linen Service congratulates the contractors on the fine building and services they have provided and on the good rate of progress maintained on the building throughout the contract. We express our appreciation also, of course, to the Hospitals and Charities Commission for providing the finance necessary for the building's construction and our Architect, Mr. Arthur Russell for his advice and service leading up to the letting of this contract and the consequent supervision until completion of the building.

The Wimmera Hospitals' Group Linen Service operates independent of the Base Hospital and is required to manage within a budget of charges made to participating Hospitals for the supply and laundering of their linen requirements at the rate 28c per kilogram. The average output of laundry processed in the new building since its opening, has been 11,500 kilograms per week and there is scope for this production to be increased if other institutions wish to obtain the service. The Group Linen Service completed the year with a surplus of \$9,119 at June 30th after providing for depreciation and provision for long service leave.

A Linen Service Advisory Committee has been formed with representatives from participating hospitals and has elected Mr. R. B. Stewart of the Wimmera Base Hospital Board of Management as its Chairman. This Advisory Committee investigates suggestions made to it for improvements in services provided.

*R. E. Miatke*



## VISITING MEDICAL SERVICES

DR. TOM WALPOLE,  
CHAIRMAN

The changes to a more socialised form of medical practice, foreshadowed in my last annual report are still in the pipeline.

Changes of the magnitude envisaged are obviously going to require considerable time to implement if the legitimate interests of all involved are to be recognised.

It will be some years before we see improved ward accommodation, the Intensive Care Unit and improved Frail Aged and Geriatric care. The objectives, however, have been defined and progress is being made.

One of the fields opening up is the training of new medical graduates in Family Medicine and we hope that in the near future this hospital will be approved for attachments under this scheme. This will help to create an interest and training not only for those entering general practice, but also for those ultimately destined for other specialties.

Dr. Chris Foord has been a welcome addition as Honorary Assistant Medical Officer to the Hospital during the year.

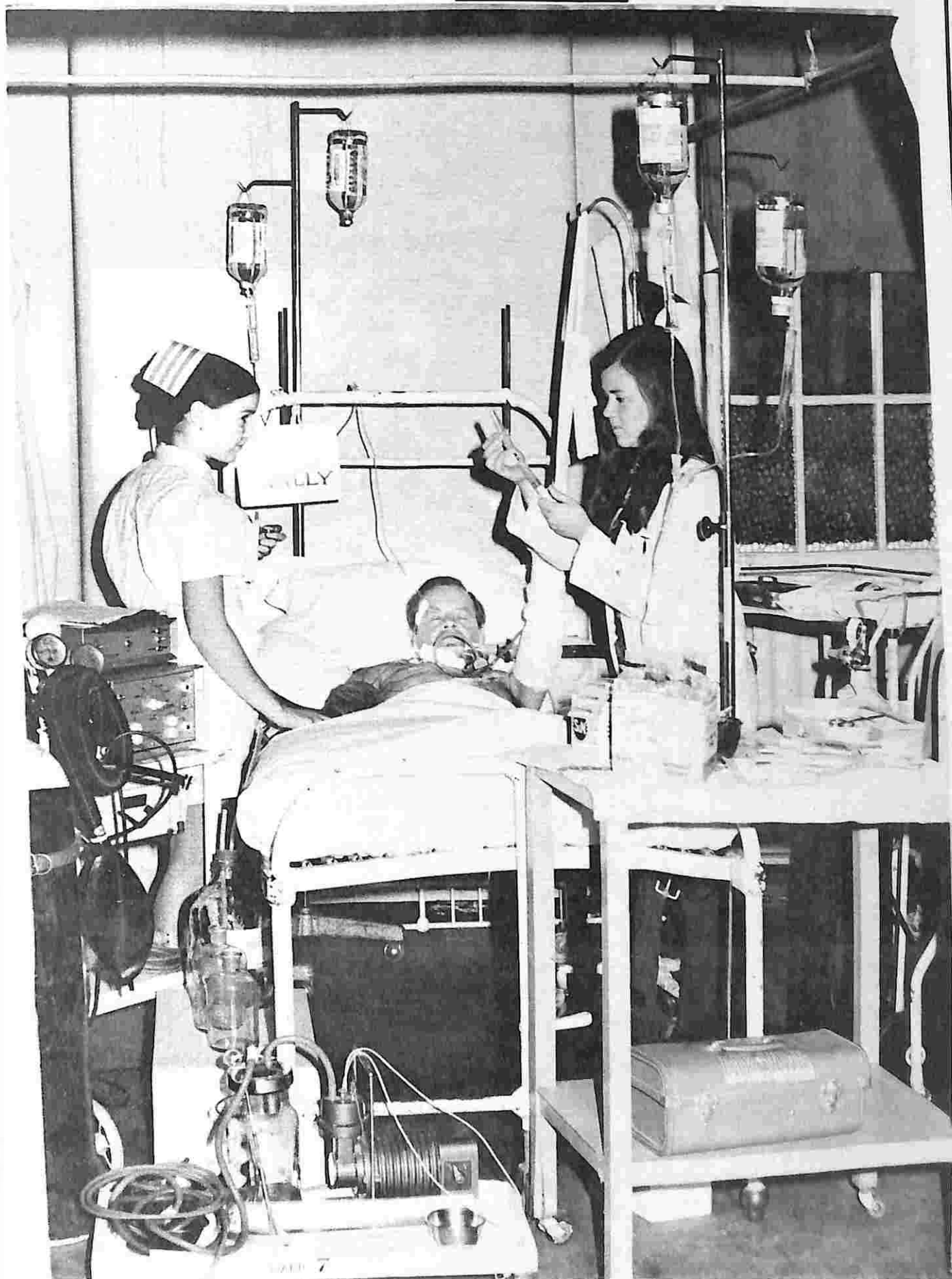
We look forward to a further year of harmonious and productive work.



## MEDICAL STAFF

- R. E. ABUD, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.  
(Honorary Physician)
- E. G. BROWNSTEIN, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) F.R.A.C.S.  
(Honorary Surgeon)
- B. M. CURRIE, M.B., B.S., D.P.M.  
(Honorary Psychiatrist)
- C. H. FOORD, M.B., B.S., Dip. Obst., R.C.O.G.  
(Honorary Assistant Medical Officer)
- J. HOWARD GREY, M.B., B.S.  
(Honorary Assistant Medical Officer)
- P. P. HASLAU, M.B., B.S.  
(Honorary Medical Officer)
- G. B. LEYTON, M.A., M.D., D.C.P., F.R.C. PATH, F.R.C.P.A.  
(Pathologist)
- G. MANGAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O. (Lond.)  
(Honorary Ophthalmologist)
- A. McBAIN, M.B., B.S.  
(Honorary Medical Officer)
- E. T. MILLER, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.O.G.  
(Honorary Obstetrician and Gynaecologist)
- J. S. MORLEY, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
(Honorary Orthopaedic Surgeon)
- M. M. O'BRIEN, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.G.P.  
(Honorary Medical Officer)
- R. A. TAYLOR, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), L.M.S.S.A.  
(Honorary Medical Officer)
- B. H. TEO, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S.  
(Honorary Surgeon)
- T. V. WALPOLE, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.G.P.  
(Honorary Medical Officer — Chairman  
Honorary Medical Staff)
- L. WONG SHEE, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.R.A.  
(Radiologist — Medical Director)

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## LADIES' AUXILIARY

BETTY SMITH,  
PRESIDENT

It is my privilege and pleasure to present the Annual Report for the Wimmera Base Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary for 1973-74. It has been a very successful year both financially and socially, resulting in a record sum of \$8,198 being raised. This year our main objective was to donate as much money as possible to the Hospital Centenary Appeal.

I feel much of the credit in having such a successful year must go to Mrs. Rodda, the President, who, unfortunately had to resign in July, owing to ill health.

It is through the generous support of the Horsham and District people, that we have been able to raise such a large sum. Our special thanks go to the Mail-Times, 3WV and 3LK for publicity, the Church Guilds and district ladies' clubs for providing goods for the Opportunity Shop and donating dinner raffles, the Apexians for their wonderful help, the ladies who donated goods for raffles, prizes, and Mrs. Stewart who donates the doll annually. Also those who have done the floral arrangements at social functions, the Committee and helpers who have worked at the Opportunity Shop, which has taken a record \$2,618 this year; Mr. Edwards for auditing, Miss Healey and the Kitchen Staff for their help at all times, and Mr. Walter, Mr. Leith and Hospital Staff for their help during the year.

Our social functions for the year were: A Sherry Party at La Fontana with a parade by the "Lingerie Boutique", a Garden Luncheon at "Como", the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jackman, with items by the Dimboola Ladies' Choir, a Poolside Party at Horsham Drive-In, with a Parade of Patio Clothes by the courtesy of "Lili-Ann", a Wine and Dine held in the Town Hall with a Fur Parade by "Au d'oe", and several Coffee and Sherry Parties held in members' homes.

The Annual Garden Party this year had to be cancelled owing to heavy rain.

My special thanks to all the office-bearers for their help during the year, and all Auxiliary members for their generous and loyal support.

To the in-coming office-bearers my best wishes for a very successful year, and may we all work happily for the improvement of our Hospital.

*Betty Smith*



## THE NEW AUXILIARY

**BARKUMA**  
DIANNE SCHWARZ,  
PRESIDENT

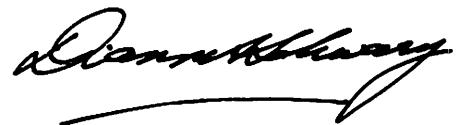
Barkuma came into existence at its inaugural meeting on February 20th this year. Barkuma formed with the aims of providing and assisting the work of the Wimmera Base Hospital and to provide social activities for its members and their friends.

Since that opening, Barkuma has been super active, the major events being:

John Claringbold Fashion Parade;  
Catering for the Apex Fishing Contest;  
Wine Bottling;  
Kaiser Stuhl Wine Tasting Dinner Dance.

Some projects have been hard work (especially feeding the fishermen) while other events such as our night at Godspell, have been simply for social pleasure.

Barkuma now has 42 members and new members will be made very welcome. Membership is open to all interested men and women.







## LIFE GOVERNORS

ALFORD, MRS. L.  
ANDERSON, A. S.  
ANDERSON, MRS. A. N.  
AUMANN, SEN., MRS. H. W.  
BEYNON, J. H.  
BRIDGE, A. L.  
BUTLER, L. H.  
CAIN, MRS. T.  
CARTER, MRS. J.  
CATHCART, MISS D.  
CATHCART, MISS RUBY  
CHARLES, MRS. R. E.  
CLAYTON, S.  
CONROY, T. E.  
CORNER, MRS. P.  
DENEYS, CHARLES  
DRAFFIN, ISAAC

DUMESNY, MRS. I. M.  
EMANUEL, R. G.  
FREEMAN, R. C. S.  
GARTH, D. J.  
GILL, WILLIAM  
HARFIELD, MRS. C. R. M.  
HARFIELD, MISS J. E.  
HATELEY, B. V.  
HOLE, LIONEL T. A.  
HUTCHESSON, MRS. A. L.  
HUTCHINSON, MRS. M.  
HUTCHINSON, L. R.  
HUTTON-JONES, B.  
ISBEL, MISS JULIA  
KENT, GEORGE  
KROKER, MRS. C. O.  
LEIVESLEY, A. G.

LOVETT, K. H.  
MASSEY, A.  
MONAGHAN, P. C.  
McAULEY, A.  
McCLINTOCK, W.  
McINTYRE, V. C.  
NETTLEBECK, GEORGE  
O'BRIEN, M. M.  
O'CONNOR, K. J.  
PEDERICK, E. B.  
PHILLIPS, A. W.  
PIETSCH, E. B.  
POWELL, MRS. J.  
RANDALL, H. J.  
REID, L. E.  
ROBERTSON, PETER  
ROBINSON, W. R.

RUSSELL, MRS. E. W.  
RUSSELL, M. S.  
SCHULZ, F. P.  
SCHURMANN, MISS N. J.  
SHEPHERD, R. W.  
SIMPSON, M. S.  
SINCLAIR, WILLIAM  
SMITH, J. E.  
SMITH, MRS. MAISIE  
STENHOUSE, MISS L.  
TIPPETT, MRS. E. M.  
WATT, D. McL.  
WEBSTER, R. W.  
WIK, MRS. W. M.  
WILLIAMSON, S. V.

## CENTENARY GOVERNORS

HILL, MRS. D.

MUHLNICKEL, V. F.

VAN DYK, J. A.

## CAPITAL DONATIONS

### A

Abud, Dr. R., \$2; Allen, Mrs. D., \$2; Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. A. W., \$10; Andrews, Mr. G., \$5.

### B

Beckett, Mrs. E. M., \$6; Berry, Mr. J., \$50; Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. A., \$5; Brook, Mr. and Mrs. A. G., \$25; Butler, Mr. J. F., \$10.

### C

Carracher, Mr. C. J., \$5; Clark, Mr. N. J., \$10; Clark Children, \$2; Collins, Mr. H. H., \$5; Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W., \$4; Colyer, Mrs. E., \$189; Conroy, Mr. T. E., \$2; Country Women's Association (Horsham Branch), \$5; Cuddihy, Mr. M. \$2.

### D

Dalton, Mr. R., \$10; David Anderson & Co., \$10; Dawson, Mrs. D., \$60; Dawson, Miss C., \$2; Dooen State School, \$5; Dooen Ladies' Guild \$8; Dumesny, M., \$6.

### E

Eldridge, Mr. E., \$2; Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. R. W., \$1; Epilepsy Social Welfare Foundation, \$15.73.

### F

Farnham, Mr. and Mrs. D. and Children, \$5; Farr, Mr. and Mrs. G., \$5; Farr, Mrs. M., \$5; Flack, Mr. J. E., \$150; Fuga, Mr. and Mrs. G., \$4.

### G

Grass Flat Methodist Ladies' Guild, \$25; Gross, Mr. and Mrs. A. R., \$6.

### H

Hagemann, Mr. and Mrs. F. H., \$5; Harvey, Miss E., \$10; Hawkings, Mr. and Mrs. C. F., \$10; Hawkins, Mr. M. M., \$20; Henderson, Miss G., \$2; Hennessy, Mrs. C., \$400; Henstridge, Mr. C., \$200; Henstridge, Mrs. M., \$5; Hill, T. and F., \$5; Hill, S. and Smith, J., \$4.50; Hobbs, B., Thornley, L., Ballinger, S. and Coustley, L., \$25.82; Holligan, Miss M., \$2; Homers Football Club, \$4; Horsham City Brass Band, \$10; Horsham Fire Brigade Ladies' Auxiliary, \$10; Horsham Primary School Social Service League, \$7.15; Horsham High School Social Service, \$93; Horsham Telephone Exchange Girls, \$50; Hoskin Family, \$3; Huf, Mr. and Mrs. W., \$10; Humphreys, Mr. W., \$2.

### I

Isbel, Miss J. E., \$2.

### J

Jackman, Mrs. E. B., \$50; Janetzki, Mrs. M. M., \$40.

### K

Kemp, Mr. E. O., \$30; Keene Children, \$1.

### L

Lawn, G., \$1; Lewis, Mr. B., \$5; Lord Mayor's Fund — G. J. Coles, \$50; Lord Mayor's Fund — National Bank A/Asia, \$10; Lovig, Mr. and Mrs., \$2.

### M

McCombe, Mrs. E., \$319; McFarlane, Mrs. E. R., \$2; McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. D., \$4; McNeil, Mrs. L., \$2; Mahoney, Mrs. J., \$140; Maybery, Mr. J., \$5; Merck, Sharp

and Dohme, \$60; Methodist Women's Fellowship, \$10; Miatke, E., \$10; Mitchell, Mr. A., \$10; Muhl nickel, Miss E., \$100; Muhl nickel, Mr. V., \$100; Murphy, Mr. E., \$150.

### N

Natoli, Mr. and Mrs. A., \$10; Newell, Mrs. E. R., \$6; Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. F., \$10; Northfield, Mr. and Mrs. J., \$10.

### P

Pasch, Mrs. L. G., \$5; Patterson Children, \$5; Pilgrim, Mr. and Mrs. W. R., \$10; Plowright, Mr. and Mrs. S. D., \$5.

### R

Rehorst, A., 50c; Robinson, Mr. B., \$10.

### S

Schilling, Mr. O. W., \$10; Schmidt Children, \$8; Schultz, Mrs. H., \$5; Scott, Mrs. E. R., \$10; Smith, Mr. F., \$30; Smith, Miss M. A. R., \$20; Smith, Mrs. V. M., \$2; Staip, E., \$1; Staniforth, Mr. J., \$2; Stewart, Mrs. R., \$4; Stewart, Mr. B., \$2; Sun News Pictorial, \$100.

### T

Taberner, Mrs. A., \$10; Tait, Mrs. D., \$2; Thompson, Mr. H. C., \$45; Toy, Mr. and Mrs. J., \$10; Tucker, Mrs. N. L., \$168.

### W

Wallis, Miss M. T., \$320; Walter, Mr. and Mrs. R., \$20; Warrick, Mr. and Mrs. F., \$2; Watt, Miss E. B., \$300; Wills, Mrs. D., \$10; Wills, W. D. & H. O., \$20; Williams, E. L., \$30; Wimmera Base Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary, \$1,535.92.

Total: \$5,416.62.

DONATIONS TO WIMMERA BASE HOSPITAL CENTENARY APPEAL: \$123,289

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