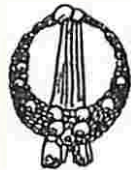


Horsham Base Hospital

(Incorporated)

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Sixty-second Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Committee of Management



FROM 1st JULY, 1935, to 30th JUNE, 1936

Horsham Base Hospital

(Incorporated)

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1936.

TO GOVERNORS and CONTRIBUTORS.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN—

In presenting to you the 62nd Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, the Committee of Management records with great pleasure the magnificent support which has been given by residents of Horsham and the surrounding districts.

FINANCE.—In the Maintenance Account we commenced the year with a credit balance of £93/2/3. The total ordinary receipts for the year were £8185/4/4, which constitutes a record. Added to this is a sum of £22/14/6, transferred from the X Ray Account, which brings the total to £8207/18/10. The increased revenue is due to an increase in amounts collected from in-patients, a rise in Government Grant and increased Carnival receipts.

The major items were: Patients' fees £2652; Government Grant £2462; Municipal Grants £972. Other items, such as Hospital and Ladies' Committee, are dealt with under separate paragraphs.

The total expenditure was £7906/16/11, which is an increase on the previous year.

This was due to several causes. The work at the Hospital showed a very marked increase during the year, with a consequent increase in the ordinary expenditure. In addition, a considerable sum was spent on very necessary plant and equipment. We were able, also, to transfer a sum to the Building Account, sufficient to liquidate this account. Towards the installation costs of sewerage we have paid the sum of £250. At the close of the year the Maintenance Account stands in credit at £394/4/2—a most satisfactory position. There are many major expenses looming in the very near future, such as repairs and renovations, purchase of equipment, etc., and this amount will be utilised to meet the needs. It is many years since our finances have been in such a splendid condition and we must pay a tribute to the residents of Horsham and District for the great part they have taken in assisting the Committee of Management to bring about this state of affairs.

BUILDING ACCOUNT.—After carrying a considerable deficit over a period of ten years, we are pleased to report that at the close of the year the deficit has been met. This was made possible by a transfer of £404/11/6 from the Maintenance Account. Our buildings have been kept in a fair state of repair, and we hope that during the next 12 months we will be able to expend some money on necessary work, particularly painting.

HOSPITAL CARNIVAL.—The 1936 Hospital Carnival was again conducted by the Carnival Committee, under the Presidency of Cr. L. Hutchesson. This year's effort must be regarded as particularly satisfactory, as the net financial return, £920, is the second best result during the ten years the Committee has been functioning. As has been pointed out in previous reports, the successful functioning of the Hospital depends in a large measure on the proceeds of the Carnival. To the Carnival Committee and all who participated in the effort we tender sincere thanks.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS.—It is with pleasure that we again record the splendid support given by the Municipalities in our Hospital District. The amounts received this year totals £972, or an increase of £25, which was made by the Shire of Dimboola.

Details of the amounts received are:—

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| | £ 100 |
| Shire of Wimmera | 300 |
| Town of Horsham | 125 |
| Shire of Dimboola | 60 |
| Shire of Pinnucklee | 60 |
| Shire of Arapiles | 27 |
| Shire of Kowree | 27 |

Total £ 972

PATIENTS—The total number of in-patients treated for the year was 1465 as against 1324 for the previous twelve months. The number of out-patients treated was 126, making a grand total of individual patients as 1601. This represents a decided increase, and goes to show the great work which is being accomplished at your Hospital. The daily average was 70.246 compared with 63.34 for the previous year. At times the accommodation has been more than fully taxed, and patients have, on occasions, had to wait to be admitted. The amount collected from in-patients totals £2652, or an increase of over £600 from last year. This is a very encouraging sign, and we are hopeful that receipts from this source will remain at a high figure. Special efforts have been, and will be made in the future, to follow up all outstanding accounts. The average cost per bed for the year was £102 5/, as compared with £103 for last year.

MATERNITY WARD.—This year shows a marked decrease in the number of patients in this important section of the Hospital. Only 83 cases were admitted, or 27 less than last year. Sister D. Eyres, who for many years efficiently managed this ward, resigned some months ago, and Sister K. Davis, of Warrnambool, was appointed to the vacancy.

NURSING STAFF.—We desire to place on record the splendid services rendered during the year by the Matron (Miss G. M. Arthur), Sisters and Nurses. With the increase in the number of patients it was found necessary to increase the staff by one Sister and several trainees. All members of the Nursing Staff have co-operated in a splendid manner, and helped considerably in maintaining a high standard of efficiency.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.—One of the most important functions of Public Hospitals is the training of Nurses. This aspect of Hospital service is sometimes forgotten in a community, and yet is of vital importance to all, because it provides a most essential arm of social service. Public Hospitals are deserving of support because they provide, from year to year, the trained nurses who leave the hospitals to serve all sections of the community. This Hospital can claim a fine record, for, during the past 17 years; there has been an unbroken succession of candidates who have been successful in the State final examination. On an average five nurses complete their courses of training each year at this Hospital, and this year we record with pleasure the success of the following nurses, who completed their term, and have taken their place in the community as fully trained nurses:—Misses E. N. Smith, R. Jeitz, E. Herbert, E. Hopkins and E. Druba.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.—This committee has again rendered great service to the Hospital. With the Mayoress (Mrs. R. J. Wilmoth) as President, Miss G. Richards as Honorary Secretary, and Miss A. Bradshaw as Ball Secretary, splendid work has been carried out by the members, and a sum of £300 was handed over to your Committee. In addition, a very successful Linen Day was conducted, when goods to the value of approximately £50 were received, making a grand total of £350 for the year. In addition the ladies conducted the sweets stall at the Carnival. This annual effort must be regarded as outstanding, and the best thanks are extended to this Committee for their untiring efforts.

HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.—Grateful thanks are again extended to the members of the Honorary Medical Staff, Dr. G. R. Felstead, Dr. G. Forsyth, Dr. R. J. A. Henderson and Dr. C. E. Willing.

resigned in November last on his removal from Horsham, and his successor, Dr. C. E. Willing, was appointed in his place. We cannot speak too highly of the excellent services rendered by our Honorary Staff and place on record our appreciation of their outstanding co-operation in the work of the Hospital.

HONORARY DENTISTS.—Our Honorary Dentists—Messrs. R. S. Grant, W. Lawrence and C. W. Dougall—have again given splendid service during the year, and we thank them for their co-operation.

HONORARY DISPENSERS.—The Honorary Dispensers—Miss N. Howard, Messrs. D. Grey, N. C. McMullin and C. H. Peacock—carried out the dispensing at the Hospital in a splendid manner, and we record our sincere appreciation of their untiring services. On the removal of Miss Howard and Mr. Peacock from Horsham, their successors, Messrs. R. Ludbrook and C. McCoy, kindly consented to act as dispensers, and we express our thanks.

INFECTIOUS BLOCK.—This building has been renovated and sewered, and the furnishing is at present being proceeded with. Early in July, the block will be ready for occupation, and will fill a long felt need.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.—We are pleased to report that we now have a new Ambulance Car of the latest design. The old car, although it had filled a definite need, was most uncomfortable, and when we received a good offer for it, permission was obtained from the Civil Ambulance Service to effect a sale. With the proceeds, and the amount at credit in our replacement account, we were able to pay the full costs of the new car, which is now in use and giving great satisfaction. We wish to express our thanks to our Honorary Driver, Mr. J. Balderston, for his valued services, and to Messrs. Thomas Young and Co. Pty. Ltd. for garaging the car. The financing of the service has again been made possible by the Horsham Town Council and the Returned Soldiers League, who donated the sums of £25 and £20 respectively.

WOOD DAY.—A very successful Wood Day was again organised by Mr. G. W. Cochrane, and the result was most satisfactory. Wood fuel is a big item each year and the result of this effort is of great assistance. To Mr. Cochrane, donors and helpers, we extend our sincere thanks.

SCHOOLS' APPEAL.—The annual group appeal, organised by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. C. S. Freeman, of Jung, was again one of the outstanding features of the year's work. Goods and cash donations amounted to £257, which must be considered as a great achievement. In the five years that this scheme has been in existence a sum of £1165 has been raised, and we are extremely grateful to our organisers and school children for carrying out this splendid appeal each year.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.—Members of district committees have again kept the needs of the Hospital before residents, and have performed splendid work. The Rupanyup Committee has, by excellent organisation, raised the sum of £100, and we are grateful to our workers there. A fully equipped bed has been installed as a gift from this committee. At Murtoa, the very active members of the committee raised a sum of £103. We have always been able to depend on at least £100 from this centre, and over a long period the amount has never been under this figure. To all who assisted in the year's effort we express thanks.

We regret to report that there is no return from Dimboola this year, but we are hopeful that, during the coming year, residents of this town will organise some effort on behalf of the Hospital.

At Natimuk, a small band of enthusiasts keeps the needs of the Hospital before the public, and this year forwarded £20/16/4, for which we return thanks.

The Rainbow Committee has forwarded £13, and hopes to do better next year.

The Goroke annual effort lapsed this year but will, no doubt, be resumed next year.

In our own immediate country districts many efforts were conducted and splendid results achieved. These efforts, quite apart from the

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

RECEIPTS

| | | | |
|--|-------|------|-------|
| To Government Grant— | | | |
| Hospitals and Charities Fund | £2462 | 0 | 0 |
| Municipal Grants | 972 | 0 | 0 |
| CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS— | | | |
| Annual Subscriptions | £45 | 10 | 0 |
| Proceeds of Entertainments | 1055 | 7 | 3 |
| Districts Committees | 226 | 10 | 0 |
| Other Collections and Donations | 586 | 11 | 6 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | 1913 | 18 9 |
| Interest upon investments | | 7 | 1 0 |
| FEEES— | | | |
| In-patients | £2283 | 12 | 0 |
| Out-patients | 8 | 18 | 0 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | 2292 | 10 0 |
| Payments, Intermediate Patients | | 368 | 18 0 |
| Miscellaneous | £48 | 7 | 1 |
| Payments, X-Ray Patients | 120 | 9 | 6 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | 168 | 16 7 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 8185 | 4 | 4 |
| Cash in hand or at Bank on 30th June, 1935 | 93 | 2 | 3 |
| From X-Ray Account | 22 | 14 | 6 |

Auditor's Report

I hereby certify that I have compared the Statement of Accounts submitted with the Books of the Institution, and find that the postings are accurately made under the proper headings, and that the Statements of Accounts are correct.

14/7/36

DAVID S. WALLIS, Auditor.

and Expenditure for period from the 1st July, 1935 to 30th June, 1936

EXPENDITURE

By PROVISIONS—

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|----|---|-----------|
| Meat | £331 | 11 | 1 | |
| Fish, Poultry, etc. | 65 | 13 | 8 | |
| Butter, Cheese, etc. | 220 | 9 | 2 | |
| Eggs | 38 | 16 | 4 | |
| Milk | 166 | 0 | 5 | |
| Bread, Flour, etc. | 147 | 14 | 5 | |
| Groceries | 340 | 18 | 5 | |
| Vegetables and Fruit | 102 | 5 | 6 | |
| | | | | £1413 9 0 |

SURGERY and DISPENSARY—

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|----|---|----------|
| X-Ray | £256 | 14 | 2 | |
| Drugs, Disinfectants, etc. | 572 | 18 | 6 | |
| Dressing, Bandages, etc. | 119 | 19 | 9 | |
| Instruments and Appliances | 202 | 2 | 5 | |
| Aerated Waters and Ice | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wines and Spirits and Malt Liquors | 9 | 12 | 6 | |
| Sundries | 27 | 16 | 2 | |
| | | | | 1219 3 6 |

DOMESTIC—

| | | | | |
|--|------|---|----|--|
| Renewal of Furniture | £106 | 8 | 3 | |
| Bedding, Drapery, etc. | 159 | 4 | 0 | |
| Hardware, Brushware, etc. | 199 | 9 | 11 | |
| Material for Washing and Cleaning and Washing let out | 54 | 6 | 2 | |
| Fuel, Electric Power and Lighting .. | 549 | 5 | 3 | |
| Sundries | 11 | 9 | 5 | |

SALARIES and WAGES—

| | | | | |
|---------------|-------|----|---|----------|
| Nursing | | | | 1080 3 0 |
| Other | £1312 | 1 | 0 | |
| | 1362 | 11 | 0 | |

MISCELLANEOUS—

| | | | | |
|---|-----|----|---|-----------|
| Printing, Stationery, Postage; Tele- phones, Advertisements, etc. | £15 | 14 | 3 | 2674 12 0 |
| Cartage and Freight | 60 | 11 | 8 | |
| Insurance | 47 | 4 | 1 | |
| Sanitary Charges | 29 | 15 | 0 | |
| Sundries | 22 | 6 | 0 | |

ADMINISTRATION—

| | | | | |
|--|------|----|---|----------|
| Official Salaries | £274 | 0 | 0 | 175 11 0 |
| Clerical Assistance | 7 | 10 | 0 | |
| Official Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephones | 134 | 17 | 1 | |
| Official Advertisements | 4 | 15 | 5 | |
| Auditors' Fees | 4 | 4 | 0 | |
| Travelling Expenses | 26 | 17 | 4 | |
| Other Expenses | 5 | 5 | 0 | |

ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES—

| | | | | |
|--|------|---|---|----------|
| Repairs & Renovation of Buildings | £138 | 5 | 7 | 185 5 10 |
| Renewal, Repair and Renovation of Plant and Equipment | 47 | 0 | 3 | |

FINANCE—

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----|---|---------|
| Bank Interest | £30 | 19 | 6 | 34 19 9 |
| Other Bank Charges | 4 | 0 | 3 | |

EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS—

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|---|---------|
| Funeral Expenses | £11 | 12 | 6 | 666 4 0 |
| Other | 654 | 11 | 6 | |

TOTAL PAYMENTS

| | | | | |
|--|-------|----|----|--|
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | £7906 | 16 | 11 | |
| Cash in hand or at Bank at 30th June, 1936 | 394 | 4 | 8 | |

£8301 1 1

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for period from
1st July, 1935, to 30th June, 1936

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|---|---|
| To Balance, 30th June, 1935 | £200 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest, 30/6//36 | 7 | 1 | 0 |

£207 1 0

EXPENDITURE

| | | | |
|--|-----|---|---|
| By Interest transferred to Maintenance Account | £7 | 1 | 0 |
| 1936—30/6/36 | | | |
| Amounts on Fixed Deposit Commercial Banking Co. | 200 | 0 | 0 |

£207 1 0

BUILDING ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

| | | | |
|--|------|----|---|
| To Balance, 30th June, 1935--- | | | |
| Government Grant (Sewerage) | £750 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations | 7 | 16 | 9 |
| Transferred from Maintenance Account | 654 | 11 | 6 |

£1412 8 3

EXPENDITURE

| | | | |
|---|------|---|---|
| By Bank Balance at July 1st, 1935 | £412 | 8 | 3 |
| Horsham Sewerage Authority Progress Payment | 1000 | 0 | 0 |

£1412 8 3

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT—1935-1936

RECEIPTS

| | | | |
|--|----|----|--------|
| July 1st, 1935. | | | |
| To Cash brought forward | £0 | 10 | 6 |
| Bank Balance | | | £2 9 0 |
| Town of Horsham, Grant | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Donation R.S.S.I.L.A. (Carnival) | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Sale of Equipment | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ambulance Fees | 14 | 8 | 6 |
| Refund Expenses | 2 | 10 | 0 |

£67 9 0

£69 18 0

EXPENDITURE

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| 1935—36. | | | |
| By Honorarium—J. Balderston | £10 | 10 | 0 |
| Insurance Car | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| Telephone | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Petrol, Oil, etc. | 12 | 16 | 2 |
| Replacement Fees | 15 | 0 | 6 |
| Expenses for New Car | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank Charges | 0 | 10 | 6 |

56 7 7

13 10 5

£69 18 0

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Bank Balance at June 30th, 1936 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|

financial result, are productive of much good, as it enables representatives of the Hospital to meet district residents and discuss matters concerning the Hospital. During the year efforts were conducted in the following centres:—Murra Warra, Pimpinio, Jung, Wonwondah, East, Polkemmet East, McKenzie Creek, Toolondo, Quantong and Drug South, the financial results being most satisfactory. We feel that there are many other centres which could help and hope, during the coming year, to link them up. To all our outposts we accord thanks for splendid cooperation.

RESIGNATION—It is with regret we have to report that, during the year, Mr. G. L. Ray found it necessary to tender his resignation as a member of the Committee of Management. For many years Mr. Ray played an important part in the management of the Hospital, and his services will be greatly missed.

It is with regret that we also announce that at the close of the year we have received the resignation of Mr. J. J. Hennessy as a member of the Committee of Management, consequent on his removal from Horsham. Mr. Hennessy has been an ardent worker in the interests of the Hospital for a very long period, and we desire to thank him for his support.

ENTERTAINMENTS—To The Horsham Choristers, High School Ex-students, Mrs. Tom Cameron and Miss D. Norwood, we express thanks for proceeds of entertainments held during the year on behalf of the Hospital.

S.H.S. SMILERS' CLUB—This Club, under the guidance of Miss Hilda Cox, worked during the year in the interests of the Hospital, and were able to present a fully equipped bed in December. This was a splendid contribution, and we are grateful to Miss Cox and the members. In addition to this gift the children sent many gifts to the Hospital for the inmates.

TRANSPORT—During the year we have been assisted in our outside efforts by having motor transport made available by Horsham residents, and to all who assisted with this work we record our thanks.

SEWERAGE—At last we are able to report that the sewerage of the Hospital has been completed. We have always felt that, without a sewerage installation, we were not wholly efficient. The work was completed in March, and the benefit and convenience cannot be estimated. The total cost of the work was £1590, towards which we received a Government Grant of £750. To this we were able to add £250, making a total payment of £1000. The balance of £590 will be met by quarterly instalments.

ACCOMMODATION—For some time the accommodation for patients has been more than fully availed of, and we have been considering the provision of further wards. As already reported to you, the Building Sub-Committee conferred with the Honorary Medical Officers on the matter, when it was agreed that more accommodation was necessary. It is felt that we should provide accommodation for private and intermediate patients in a separate block, and thus come into line with other large country centres. The financing of a proposition of this nature would be a big undertaking, and we assure our subscribers that nothing will be done until full investigation has been made and until we are satisfied that the proposition will be a sound one. We are hopeful that a decision will be arrived at after members of the committee have paid visits to other Hospitals during the next few months.

THANKS—During the year many gifts have been made to the Hospital and to all donors we accord very sincere thanks.

The Horsham Town Band is due for a special word of praise. We have been able to call on the members on many occasions during the year, and, in addition, their regular recitals at the Hospital have been welcomed by the patients and staff.

The co-operation of the clergymen of Horsham has again been very noticeable, and to them we express thanks.

Regular visits were made during the year by members of the R.S.S. I.L.A. Ladies Auxiliary, Methodist Girls Club, and Women's Christian Tem-

perance Union. These visits are very keenly appreciated by the inmates and the gifts of fruit, etc.; are welcomed.

The weekly visit of Mr. C. H. Hoskin is also very much appreciated. To the proprietors of the Horsham 'Times' we extend thanks for publicity given in the columns of the paper, and for free copies of the 'Times' delivered to the Hospital.

To Mr. W. Sheehy and Mr. L. Hole, who are conducting a series of Euchre tourneys to raise funds for the purchase of window and door screens at the Hospital, we express thanks. Over £20 has been raised in a short space of time, and we expect to put this work in hand before next summer.

In closing this report we would again express our appreciation to those who assisted in any way during the year just closed, and we confidently ask for a continuance of support in the year now commencing. We feel that our satisfactory financial position is due solely to the magnificent support accorded by a hospital-minded people over a period of years, and are sure that all subscribers must feel very proud of the achievements during the year which has just closed.

On behalf of the Committee of Management—

R. G. W. BRETT, President.
C. R. FRENCHAM, Secretary.

It is my desire to draw the attention to all concerned to the very loyal and efficient service rendered the Hospital by our Secretary, Mr. C. R. Frencham. He has at all times given of his best in the interests of the institution, and a great deal of the credit for such a successful year, just closed, is in a very great measure due to his careful administration and untiring efforts at all times. On behalf of myself and the Committee of Management we tender him our very best thanks.

R. G. W. BRETT, President.

23/7/1936.