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Fifty-Eighth Annual Report & Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Committee of Management



From 1st July, 1931, to 30th June, 1932.

ANNUAL MEETING

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The Annual Meeting of Governors and Contributors will be held on TUESDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1932, at 4 p.m., in the Town Hall, Horsham.

Business:

To receive and adopt Annual Report,
and
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

To Elect Officers and Committeemen for
the ensuing year.

A. LANGLANDS, President.
C. R. FRENCHAM, Secretary.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

Officers and Members of the Committee for 1932-33.

President:

A. Langlands, Esq. (1931).

Vice-Presidents:

Thos. Young, Esq. (1929). J. R. Baillie, Esq. (1931).

Hon. Treasurer:

W. C. Bolton, Esq., J.P. (1931).

Town Members of Committee.

Elected. Elected.

F. J. Millar, Esq., J.P.	1929	J. R. Baillie, Esq.	1931
Thos. Young, Esq.	1929	W. C. Bolton, Esq., J.P.	1931
D. Anderson, Esq., J.P.	1929	J. Bennett, Esq.	1931
J. J. Hennessy, Esq.	1929	R. G. Brett, Esq.	1931
P. Learmonth, Esq.	1930	H. Smith, Esq.	1932
G. L. Ray, Esq., J.P.	1930	R. E. Charles, Esq.	1932
R. J. Wilmoth, Esq.	1930	C. W. Macdonald, Esq.	1932
A. Langlands, Esq.	1931		

One Representative of the Hon. Medical Staff.

The Inspector of Schools, Horsham Inspectorate.

Country Members of Committee.

The Presidents for the time being of the Wimmera, Kowree, Dummukle, Arapiles, and Dimboola Shire Councils.

Councillors A. H. Millar, Laharum, and W. E. Dahlenburg, Pimpinio; J. E. Smith, Esq., Vectis; A. A. Lutze, Esq., Coromby; J. C. Tepper, Esq., Coromby; J. McRae, Esq., Jung.

Hon. Solicitor: John Bennett, Esq.

Hon. Architect: P. Learmonth, Esq., M.C.E.

Hon. Dentists: W. Lawrence, R. S. Grant, C. W. Dougall.

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: James Barnes, Esq.

Building Sub-Committee.

Messrs. F. J. Millar, W. C. Bolton, P. Learmonth, Thos. Young.

Tenders Sub-Committee.

Messrs. W. C. Bolton, P. Learmonth, and F. J. Millar.

Hon. Medical Officers:

Dr. G. R. Felstead.

Dr. G. Forsyth.

Dr. H. W. Charlton

Dr. R. J. A. Henderson

Auditors.

T. Houston, Esq.

D. S. Wallis, Esq.

Matron.

Miss G. M. Arthur.

Secretary and X-Ray Technician:

C. R. Frencham.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

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PAST PRESIDENTS.

	Year of Office.		Year of Office.
Temporary Chairman ..	1873-74	R. L. Kirk	1904-05
Rev. G. W. Adams ..	1874-75	R. L. Kirk	1905-06
Robert Clark, J.P., ..	1876	late H. Balfour Cathcart ..	1906-07
J. Langlands, J.P. ..	1877	late H. Balfour Cathcart ..	1907-08
Angus Cameron, J.P. ..	1878	late H. Balfour Cathcart ..	1908-09
Joseph Fechler	1879	late H. Balfour Cathcart ..	1909-10
George Young	1880	late H. Balfour Cathcart ..	1910-11
William Robinson	1881	F. J. Sanders	1911-12
William Drummond	1882	F. J. Sanders	1912-13
S. S. Bowden	1883	P. Learmonth	1913-14
C. G. Rasniussen, J.P. ..	1884	P. Learmonth	1914-15
R. H. Andrews	1885-86	C. Remison	1915-16
J. H. Brake	1886-87	C. Remison	1916-17
W. C. Wright	1887-88	John McCann, J.P.	1917-18
Fred. Martin	1888-89	F. J. Millar, J.P.	1918-19
R. Garland	1889-90	F. J. Millar, J.P.	1919-20
J. Kenny	1890-91	G. S. Symonds	1920-21
F. Williams, J.P.	1891-92	G. S. Symonds	1921-22
R. J. Moon	1892-93	G. S. Symonds	1922-23
H. F. W. Kruger	1893-94	G. S. Symonds	1923-24
W. Bolton	1894-95	F. J. Millar, J.P.	1924-25
R. G. Fincham	1895-96	F. J. Millar, J.P.	1925-26
T. DeB. Twycross	1896-97	David Anderson, J.P. ..	1926-27
G. Bodey, J.P.	1897-98	David Anderson, J.P. ..	1927-28
James Carroll, J.P.	1898-99	David Anderson, J.P. ..	1928-29
George Ryan	1899-00	David Anderson, J.P. ..	1929-30
W. F. Osborn	1900-01	David Anderson, J.P. ..	1930-31
George Ryan	1900-01	A. Langlands	1931-32
Wm. Sinclair	1901-02	David Anderson, J.P. ..	
Wm. Sinclair	1902-03	A. Langlands	
G. Rutherford	1903-04	David Anderson, J.P. ..	
		A. Langlands	

LIFE MEMBERS:

J. H. Young, Blackheath.
 Hon. Walter Madden,
 Carl Schurmann
 G. E. Peart,
 Mrs. J. T. Weight.
 D. Grant,
 L. A. Rosel,
 W. J. Sudholz,
 Wm. Butler,
 H. B. Cathcart,
 B. T. Pearse.
 Albert Scholes,
 John W. Davis,
 G. H. Hill,
 Mrs. George Ryan,
 D. Lewis,
 William Sinclair,
 John Schmidt,
 P. W. Jones,
 J. E. Harper.

Mrs. H. W. Aumann, sen., Murtoa.
 Mrs. Ida V. Pietsch, Kornheim,
 T. J. Noske, Melbourne.
 Thomas Mills, Longerenong.
 J. H. Currie, Dimboola.
 G. Antony, Natimuk,
 Mrs. James Anderson,
 W. McClintock, Murtoa.
 William Gill, Dimboola.
 A. A. Lutze, Murtoa.
 F. P. Schulze, Murtoa.
 C. G. Davies, Horsham,
 A. J. Coad, Horsham.
 A. E. Watts, Horsham,
 G. W. Cochrane, Horsham,
 George Tydeman, Horsham.
 A. Young, Blackheath.
 L. Hutchesson, Horsham,
 J. E. Smith, Vectis.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

(Incorporated)

Fifty-Eighth Annual Report for the Year ended June 30th, 1932.

TO GOVERNORS and CONTRIBUTORS

LADIES and GENTLEMEN—

In presenting to you the 58th Annual Report and Balance Sheet the Board of Management notes with pleasure the splendid support which has been given by all sections of the community, and desires to express thanks to all who have assisted during the year. This year ranks as one of the best efforts for some time, for, despite prevailing conditions, the figures which appear in this report show how well the Hospital has been supported.

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Finance.—In the Maintenance Account we commenced the year with a debit of £560/2/9. This deficit caused some concern, and was a severe handicap at the commencement of the year. An extra effort was needed, and just how well it was responded to will be shown by the following figures. Total receipts for Maintenance amounted to £5754/18/4, which amount is £25 in excess of the previous year's total. Patients fees were again the largest item on the receipts side, totalling £1,578, or about £90 less than last year. Government Grant, despite a 20% reduction in the amount made available by the Treasury to the Charities Board, amounted to £1,530. Municipal Grants remained at the same figure—£975. The 1932 Hospital Carnival Committee handed over the sum of £525, which is only £25 less than last year's total. Entertainments at £852/3/2 show an increase of nearly £100. These were the main items of receipts. The total expenditure on Maintenance, including interest on all accounts, was £5,529/6/1. This is £692/12/10 less than for the previous year, but allowing for £66 paid in interest for the Building Account, the saving in actual expenditure on Maintenance was £758. To achieve this result a careful watch was kept on all avenues of expenditure. Savings amounting to £400 have been made in Salaries and Wages, and the balance of the £758 was saved in the general running expenses of the Hospital, the largest saving being in provisions. In some of our expenses it is not possible to make reductions, more particularly under the heading of surgery and dispensary, but, wherever possible, savings have been effected, until we

are now down to bedrock. The excess of receipts over expenditure was £225/12/3; this having the effect of reducing the overdraft in Maintenance to £334/10/6. This is a splendid achievement and one that our contributors can well be proud of. The average cost per occupied bed has now dropped to £95/15/.

Building Account.—The position of this account has improved during the year. The year commenced with a debit of £2,161 19/8, and interest amounting to £67/6/6 has been added. Thanks to a special grant of £240 from the Charities Board, and to several bequests from former residents amounting to £160, the overdraft has been reduced to £1,829/16/2. The interest on this account will in future be paid from the Maintenance Account, and we are hopeful that during the coming year we will be able to further reduce this capital indebtedness.

1932 Hospital Carnival.—Once more an enthusiastic band of workers, with Mr. Harold Smith as President, conducted the annual effort on behalf of the Hospital. Conditions were anything but satisfactory in the early stages, owing to prevailing conditions, but the energy and thought put into the effort by the workers overcame all the difficulties, and the Carnival was an outstanding success. The net proceeds—£525—included the proceeds of a Charity Race Meeting conducted by a band of enthusiasts. This financial result must be regarded as most satisfactory, and to all who helped to bring about the success our best thanks are tendered.

Municipal Grants.—Municipalities have again given great assistance in financing the Hospital, the sum of £975 being received from this source. It is gratifying to know that the grants received here, rank as one of the highest in the State, and we are grateful to the councillors in the various shires for this support. Details of amounts received are as follows:

Wimmera Shire	£400
Horsham Borough	300
Dimboola Shire	125
Dunmunkle Shire	60
Arapiles Shire	60
Kowree Shire	30
Total	£975

Entertainments.—This year we have received special support from this source. Apart from Carnival receipts, already referred to, we have received splendid assistance from various efforts conducted in Horsham and the surrounding districts.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. H. Carruthers for her efforts on our behalf. A juvenile dancing class realised £45 (portion of this appears in our last balance sheet), and the "Pot Pourri" Revue gave a net return of £66/0/11. As a result of the efforts of this lady over £100 was handed to the Hospital. This year Mrs. Carruthers has again commenced juvenile dancing and also adult ballroom classes. Arrangements are also in hand for staging another revue. Our thanks have already been conveyed to Mrs. Carruthers, but we again convey to her our thanks for what she has done and is again doing for the Hospital. The 1931 Hospital Ball was a very successful function, the sum of £39/6/2 being realised. To the workers we convey our sincere thanks. The local Friendly Societies, who have always been consistent supporters, conducted a Ball in May, and the financial result, £25/15, was a splendid one for an initial effort. To the members of the various Societies we convey our thanks. New ground was broken this year when a concert party from Horsham visited Rainbow and gave a concert in that town. Excellent arrangements had been made by an energetic local committee, and no effort was spared to make the function a success. Over £30 was realised at the concert, and added to this amount was half the proceeds of the annual Ball conducted by the Rainbow Girls' Club. This brought the total up to £48/5/3. This support from a new centre is exceedingly welcome, and a promise of continued assistance has been given. A group of young people at Natinuk organised a "Prosperity" Ball, which showed a net return of £21/17/9. This is a much appreciated contribution and we thank the promoters. Many other entertainments, such as concerts and dances have been held throughout the district, and to all who assisted with these we tender thanks.

Patients.—The number of patients treated for the 12 months totalled 1,041, the same number as last year. The daily average, however, increased from 53.91 to 56.816. Fees from patients show a decrease of nearly £100. There is a large amount outstanding of fees, and the collection of same presents a difficulty. Every effort is made to get patients to pay when they leave the Hospital, but this is not always possible in many cases. With the introduction of a contributory scheme much of this difficulty would disappear.

Intermediate Patients.—For the 12 months, only 21 persons availed themselves of the privilege of entering the Hospital under this heading. This is disappointing, as it was expected that this class of patient would help to increase our revenue. Fees amounting to £92/16 were received, and several

amounts are outstanding. The profits from these patients amounted to £37/14/6.

Maternity Ward.—This section of the Hospital has again been kept busy, 101 births being recorded. This is a decrease of 15 from last year.

X-Ray Department.—The X-Ray plant has again been fully availed of, and has been of great assistance to the Honorary Medical Officers.

Staff.—We are indeed fortunate in having such a capable nursing staff. The busy nature of the wards calls for consistently hard work on the part of the staff, and the members have carried out their duties to the satisfaction of all. The Matron, Miss G. M. Arthur, has at all times been keenly alert to the interests of the Hospital, Staff and patients, and has earned the praise of all for her efforts. We would particularly thank our Matron for the great help she has been in the matter of effecting economies. A loyal staff of Sisters and Trainees have co-operated splendidly throughout the year.

Ladies' Committee.—This Committee has again taken up very active work on behalf of the Hospital. The annual meeting was attended by a most representative body of ladies, who were all keen to take up the work. The retiring President (Mrs. David Anderson) did not seek re-election to that office, and Mrs. C. Mathers was elected to the position. Those present referred in flattering terms to the magnificent work that the retiring President had done, and we would also add our sincere appreciation for what Mrs. Anderson has done for the Hospital. The newly elected President is not strange to Hospital work, as she has for many years been an active worker. The retiring secretary, Mrs. W. F. Millar, also did not seek re-election, and Mrs. R. G. W. Brett was elected to the position. Members expressed appreciation of the services given by Mrs. Millar whilst occupying that post. Miss M. Cullen was re-elected to the position of Treasurer, a position she has held since the inception of the committee. Since the Annual Meeting, the ladies have been very active in conducting a canvass of the town for donations, and in other directions. Already the sum of £190 has been paid over to this Committee, and we are grateful for this assistance. Members of the Committee have many projects in mind for the future, and are confident of having a very successful year.

Ambulance Service.—This service has again been of great assistance to the town and district, but, unfortunately, the financial side of the service causes some concern. It costs, roughly, about £50 to run the service each year. This includes a payment of £30 for replacement. The Borough of

Horsham gives a grant of £25 annually, which is most acceptable, and if it was not for this assistance the service would be in a precarious position. Other revenue is made up by fees for services rendered. This year the amount received has been small, and accounts amounting to nearly £50 remain unpaid. The honorary driver, Mr. J. Baulderstone, has again given valuable help and no praise is too high for what he has done. He is available at any hour for a call, and his work calls for the highest commendation. To Messrs. Young Bros., who garage the car and allow the driver to attend calls during working hours, we also extend thanks.

Honorary Medical Staff.—We again express our appreciation of the valuable services given by the members of the Honorary Medical Staff, Drs. H. W. Charlton, G. R. Felstead, G. Forsyth and R. J. A. Henderson. They have, at all times, and often at great inconvenience attended to the needs of the patients, and we thank them for their splendid services.

Honorary Dentists.—The Honorary Dentists, Messrs. C. W. Dougall, R. S. Grant and W. Lawrence, have, during the year, given valuable service to the Hospital, and we desire to express our thanks.

District Committees.—The district committees at Murtoa, Dimboola and Natimuk have again kept the Hospital needs before the residents in the respective towns. At Murtoa, a special effort was made this year, and the sum of £100 was received from this centre (£40 more than last year). This is a splendid result and one which we appreciate. At Natimuk good work was again accomplished. In addition to the Ball, referred to elsewhere, the local committee conducted an effort which returned over £20. At Dimboola, the usual Hospital Sunday appeal lapsed, but later on in the year the local committee arranged a concert at which Horsham artists gave the programme, and a satisfactory result was the outcome. To all our helpers in these towns we express thanks.

Wood Day.—We are again indebted to Mr. G. W. Cochrane for his organisation of the annual Wood Day. The result this year was probably the best yet realised. To Mr. Cochrane and all those who contributed wood we would express sincere thanks; also to those gentlemen who came along and helped with the stacking. This annual appeal is a valuable contribution to Hospital finances.

Schools Appeal.—The annual appeal made throughout the schools of the district has met with a wonderful response, the total amount of goods and cash received amounting to approximately £220. This is the equivalent of maintaining two oc-

cupied beds for a year, which was the aim of the organisers. This scheme is of immense value to the Hospital, and the saving to the Hospital is most noticeable when a comparison is made in the amount spent on groceries for the past 2 years. To the District Inspector, Mr. E. B. Pederick, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Geo. Kent, and to teachers and scholars we express sincere appreciation.

Thanks.—Throughout the year gifts of all kinds have been numerous, and to all the donors we would express thanks. To the local, district and metropolitan paper offices we extend thanks for copies of the papers received regularly. The Horsham Borough Band has again given valued service, which we appreciate very much. To the proprietors of the Horsham "Times" we would convey thanks for the great assistance that has been given during the year per medium of the paper. This is a valuable asset to the Committee. To the Clergy of all denominations we would specially convey our appreciation of the splendid work that they have done during the year. It has indeed been a pleasure to co-operate with them in their work of caring for the patients spiritual needs. Lastly, but by no means least, we desire to thank the members of the Methodist Girls' Comrade Club and the W.C.T.U. for their gifts of fruit and good cheer to the patients each Sunday. This kindly action is very much appreciated by the inmates.

Horsham, July 1st, 1932.

A. LANGLANDS, President.
C. R. FRENCHAM, Secretary.

I would very much like to draw the attention of the Committee of Management, Subscribers and the General Public to the very loyal work of our Secretary, Mr. C. R. Frencham. This officer has at all times shown marked ability and attention to his duties. His work in connection with outside bodies, who from time to time hold entertainments, etc., to aid the Hospital has been invaluable, as without his valuable assistance our income from outside sources would not have reached the satisfactory figure shown this year. He has on many occasions given up other matters in which he is connected to travel to country centres in hospital work, and there is no doubt that his ability and willingness at all times, has a very great deal to do with our present satisfactory position.

Horsham, July 1st, 1932.

A. LANGLANDS, President.

Statistical Return as at June 30th.

RECEIPTS.

	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932
Government Grant	£800	£ 1350	£ 1350	£1527	£1530
Municipal Grant	525	820	1035	975	975
All Other Contributions	1077	2009	1961	1521	1670
Patients' Contributions	1068	1621	1921	1661	1579
Ordinary Revenue	4167	6671	6701	5729	5754

EXPENDITURE

Provisions	1065	1284	1419	1207	936
Surgery	517	600	751	832	841
Domestic	706	986	876	756	708
Establishment Charges	111	209	188	255	239
Miscellaneous	145	131	136	142	111
Administration	255	329	416	406	472
Salaries and Wages	2181	2618	2590	2620	2220
Total Ordinary Expenditure	4841	6159	6379	6221	5529
Cost per occupied bed	120	130	119	110	96

STATISTICAL

Daily Average	40.34	47.11	52.41	53.91	56.81
In-patients	746	995	1056	1041	1041
Paid Staff	28	30	30	30	28
Accommodation	70	70	70	70	70
Accommodation (Infectious)	8	8	8	8	8
Out-patients Treated	75	43	52	69	72

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Medical Officer's Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1932

Number of In patients remaining on June 30, 1931	M.	F.	Ttl.
Number of Patients admitted during the year	23	25	48
	421	572	993
Number of Patients discharged, cured or relieved	M.	F.	Ttl.
Number of Deaths	399	549	948
Number remaining on June 30, 1932	21	26	47
Outdoor Relief—	21	22	46
Distinct cases treated			72
Number of attendances			515
Daily average of indoor relief	M.	F.	Ttl.
Average cost per head per annum of maintenance (indoor)	27.174	29.642	56.816
Average cost per bed for daily average		£5 3 3	£95 15 0

Auditor's Report.

Horsham, July 17, 1932.

TO THE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE AND SUBSCRIBERS,
HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL.

Sirs:

We beg to report having examined the Books, Accounts, Vouchers, etc., of the Institution for the year ending June 30, 1932, and found same correct; receipts from all sources and expenditure on all accounts being duly recorded and set forth.

The Balance Sheet, to which we have appended our signatures, is correctly drawn up from the Books of the Institution, and truly represents the financial position thereof.

We have much pleasure in recording that the books and papers have been effectively kept.

We have the honor to be,

Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

T. HOUSTON,
D. S. WALLIS,

Auditors.