

Stawell District Hospital



96TH ANNUAL REPORT

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

OFFICE BEARERS, 1954 - 1955

PRESIDENT : M.M. ROBSON ESQ.

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

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Cr. C. Cashin (Munic. Nominee)

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R.H. McCracken (Deceased April 1955)		W.R. Willcock Esq.

MANAGER AND SECRETARY

R.K. McMullin Esq.

HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS

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+R.C. Hunt M.B., B.S.

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J.Allan Anderson and Webb

AUDITOR

G.R. Gee A.A.S.A., A.B.I.A., L.C.I.S.

MATRON

Miss E.M. O'Sullivan S.R.N.(Eng.) S.C.N. (Dublin), T.A., H.A. *

Officers who resigned during the year shown thus "x"
Officers who were appointed during the year shown thus "+"

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Established 1859

The Ninety Sixth Annual Report.

To the Life Governors & Contributors
Ladies & Gentlemen -

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in presenting the Ninety Sixth Annual Report of the Hospital, which is for a period of fifteen months ending 30th June 1955.

It is gratifying to report that the Hospital has maintained its service at a high level for the benefit of residents requiring medical and nursing care. There have been more and more people requiring hospital treatment, and it is only by the loyal support of the Staff, Committee and the community that proper patient care can be achieved.

At the suggestion of the Hospitals & Charities Commission a progressive step in Hospital service has been made with the formation of the Wimmera Hospitals Regional Council. The object of the Council is to provide a hospital service equal to that now only available in the Metropolitan Area. The services of the Wimmera Base Hospital are being extended to enable the District Hospitals to derive the benefit of a centralized Hospital service. The benefit of this development will be shortly felt in Stawell with the establishment of a Visiting Physiotherapy Service, and the establishment of a Nurse Aide Training School.

COMMITTEE : It was with regret that the death of Mr. R.H. McCracken a member of the Committee for 32 years, and past president, was recorded in April last.

His position on the Committee was filled by his son Mr. J.K. McCracken who with Mr. M.M. Robson retires in accordance with the provision of the Hospitals & Charities Act 1948, but are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.

The President wishes to record his sincere appreciation for the co-operation and support of the whole committee during his term of office.

During the year a Medical Staff Consultative Committee was formed whereby the Medical Staff meet with representatives of the Committee of Management to deal with matters relating to Medical administration.

STATISTICS : During the period -

1. 54 beds were made available for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
2. A total of 2,645 patients were treated, 1750 as inpatients, 895 as outpatients.
3. There was a daily average of 36.5 inpatients received treatment.
4. Patients were in Hospital for an average of 9.5 days.
5. 187 babies were born in the Hospital.
6. 956 operations were performed.
7. It cost 70/4 to treat one inpatient for one day.

Complete financial and statistical information will be found elsewhere in the report.

FINANCE : The total cost of rendering the hospital service to the community was £59117.10.8. This may appear to be high, but it must be realized that salaries and wages represent approximately 63% of the cost, and operating expenses are to a large extent governed by awards and other authorities.

The government cannot be expected to make up the whole of the deficit between the cost of running the hospital and

the income from paying patients, and the Committee must look to the Community for a portion of our funds.

With low rate of premium in respect to approved Hospital Benefit Funds, it is now possible for most people to insure against Hospital and Medical Fees. This would assist those who require hospital services to meet their obligations promptly, and so assist Hospital finances. Prompt payment of fees which are outstanding would assist in the reduction of the Hospital overdraft.

RADIO APPEAL : The Radio Appeal was again conducted through the generous courtesy of the Management of 3DB-LK and realised £2157. This is not as high as was expected because demands were made upon the community by another appeal held at the same time. The Committee conveys its sincere thanks to all individuals and organizations who assisted the appeal in any way.

EGG APPEAL : The egg appeal proved a success with the collection of 558 dozen eggs, which represents a cash donation of £140. Credit for this effort must be given to the school children and their teachers.

LADIES AUXILIARY : The Committee of Management is fully appreciative of the work of the ladies auxiliary in assisting the hospital. This year under the leadership of Mrs. E.W. Giles the magnificent sum of £300 was raised, in addition to providing amenities for the hospital staff and patients. A Statement of Receipts and Expenditure may be found elsewhere in the report.

BUILDING WORKS : The Committee's aim in providing more adequate accommodation will be realized when the New Nurses' Home will be completed in the near future.

The structural alterations to be made within the hospital and referred to in last year's report are being effected at the present time.

EQUIPMENT : During the year an order was placed for a new portable X-Ray plant, and a new autoclave was purchased. Additional equipment is to be installed in the male utility rooms. This will enable better nursing care to be given to the patients.

NURSING : After two years of service to the Hospital, Miss E.M. O'Sullivan resigned as Matron of the Hospital to take a position in Adelaide. An opportunity is taken to welcome Miss E. Higgins who was recently appointed in her stead. To all members of the nursing staff the Committee offers its sincere thanks for their loyal and valued service during the year.

In November 1954 a Nurses Graduation Ceremony organized by Matron O'Sullivan was held in the Stawell Town Hall, when Nurses who were successful in completing their training were presented with their Hospital certificates and badges. At the very impressive ceremony, the Guest Speaker was Dr. E.R. Shiel, Honorary Medical Officer of Ballarat Base Hospital.

The successful Sisters for the "T.F. Ryan Prize" were J. Gollan and M. Melbourne.

HOSPITALS & CHARITIES COMMISSION : It is desired to record the Committee's appreciation for the valued assistance and consideration from members of the Hospitals & Charities Commission throughout the year.

PRESS : The proprietors of the "Stawell News" and "Stawell Times" as in the past have been ready and willing to assist the Hospital in printing its many activities and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

STAFF : The Committee desires to express its thanks to the Honorary Medical Officers, Honorary Dental Officers, Honorary Solicitor and to all members of the staff for the valuable assistance given during the year.

GENERAL : To the people of Stawell and District, the Committee of Management express their appreciation for the willing help which has been so freely given by so many people.

Morris M. Robson,
PRESIDENT.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	GENERAL (12)	SPECIAL (7)	HOUSE (11)	FINANCE (12)	BUILDING (4)	CONSULTATIVE (3)
M.M. Robson Esq.	12	7	11	12	4	3
Cr. C.J. Hutchings	8	3	7			2
R.H. Long Esq.	12	6		11		2
W.M Thomson Esq.	12	5		10		
J.M. Bennett Esq.	8	6		8	3	
Cr. C.C. Cashin	9	5	3			
H.J. Ferrier Esq. x	3	4	5		2	
G.P. Frencham Esq.	10	4	7		2	
J.K. McCracken Esq.+	2	3		2		
R.H. McCracken Esq.o	7	3		7	2	
H.A. Napier Esq.	7	5	10			
E.J. O'Driscoll Esq.	6	5		6		
Rev. C.S. Petrie	8	6	10			3
N.B. Punchard Esq.	6	1	5		3	
W.G. Sharpley Esq.	11	6		11		
W.J. Tangey Esq.	8	5	8			
W.R. Willcock Esq.	6	5	9		2	

+ Appointed during the year

x Leave of Absence granted

o Deceased April 1955.

STAWELL HOSPITAL LADIES AUXILIARY

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the
15 months ended 30th June 1955.

	<u>RECEIPTS.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
To-			By-	
	Sales at Stalls	294 11 7	Donations to Hospital	50 0 0
	Radio Appeal Stall	45 8 0	Radio Appeal Stall	45 8 0
	Kingsley Show	32 7 9	Xmas Cheer	7 7 0
	Rents from Shop	18 12 6	Nurses' Graduation	
	Subscriptions &		Ceremony	5 0 0
	Donations	5 0 0	Church of England Hall	2 2 0
	Savings Bank Interest	6 3 6	Curtain Materials etc.	38 3 2
			Shop rent paid	35 0 0
			Advertising	16 1 6
			Sundries Vases etc.	10 2 9
			Petty Cash	1 0 0
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		402 3 4		210 4 5
	Cr. Balance 31.3.1954	113 16 7	Cr. Balance 30.6.1955	305 15 6
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		£ 515 19 11		£ 515 19 11

G.R.E. Wright, A.I.H.S.
Hon. Treasurer.

I have audited the Books of the Stawell Hospital auxiliary for the 15 months ended the 30.6.1955 and certify that the above statement of Receipts and Expenditure is correct as shown by the Books.

F.G. Stephens.
Hon. Auditor.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

in the Maintenance Account during the past four years,
together with Statistics of the work performed during
that period.

	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
INCOME				
Government Grants x	13103	21971	20782	34676
Municipal Grants	292	190	175	285
Charitable Contributions	2192	831	2626	1389
Out Patients' Fees	181	143	378	573
In Patients' Fees	8370	11953	15548	21019
Interest on Investments	192	131	130	182
Miscellaneous	47	286	359	114
Maintenance Public Appeal	1454	-	-	-
x Includes Commonwealth Govt. Hospital Benefits				
	£25831	£35505	£39998	£58238
EXPENDITURE				
Provisions	4981	4426	5655	6790
Surgery & Dispensary	1422	2001	2654	4827
Domestic	4684	6202	5903	7618
Salaries and Wages	16111	19626	26881	37149
Miscell. and Administ.	664	1217	1445	1983
Establishment Charges	408	412	282	435
Finance	165	211	149	312
Extraordinary Expenses	2	2	2	3
	£28437	£34097	£42971	£59117
STATISTICAL				
Average Stay (Days)	12.8	9.5	8.4	9.5
Daily Average	36.6	31.5	35.8	36.5
In Patients	1051	1213	1560	1750
Paid Staff (Inc. Part Time)	46	50	48	49
Accommodation	62	62	62	62
Out Patient Attendances	356	191	653	1335
FINANCIAL				
Maintenance Bank Overdraft	6024	4425	8952	9462
Maintenance Creditors	1456	1271	913	1492
Endowment	3003	3003	3003	3003

STAWELL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT
GENERAL

Adjusted to nearest £.

LIABILITIES.

1953/54	CURRENT LIABILITIES :		
8952	Maintenance Bank Overdraft	9462	
913	Sundry Creditors	1492	
<u>220</u>	Expenses Accrued	<u>345</u>	11299
10085			
	DEFERRED LIABILITY :		
1875	Government Loan		1875
	HOSPITAL FUNDS :		
34502	Capital	55296	
1728	Less Accumulated Deficit		
<u>32774</u>	Add Accumulated Surplus	<u>1268</u>	56564
44734			<u>69738</u>
			ENDOWMENT
2653	Endowment Funds		2653
			BUILDING AND
	Building and Equipment Trust Funds		
2408	Governmental	2478	
12725	Other	13072	
866	Unexpended Capital Gifts	880	
<u>28</u>	Sundry Creditors	<u>152</u>	16582
16027			
			SPECIAL
401	"T.F. Ryan Nursing Prize"	386	
1834	Loan Redemption Sinking Fund	2126	
119	Repairs & Replacements Reserve		
<u>26</u>	Sundry Creditors	<u>903</u>	3415
2380			
<u>£ 65794</u>			<u>£ 92388</u>

AUDITOR'S

I hereby certify that I have audited the books, postings are accurately made under their proper headings are correct. I have inspected the securities and respect to the balances represented by assets in the I have accepted the Secretary's certificate as to

HOSPITAL.

30th June, 1955.

FUNDS.

ASSETS.

1953/54	CURRENT ASSETS :	
12	Cash in Hand	12
6101	Stores in Hand	6677
562	Income accrued	3077
4052	Patients Fees Outstanding	5154
<u>10</u>	Employees Superannuation Advance	<u>14920</u>
10737		

FIXED ASSETS :

360	Land	360
25381	Buildings	45364
<u>8256</u>	Furniture & Equipment	<u>9094</u>
33997		54818
<u>44734</u>		<u>69738</u>

FUNDS.

2653	Investments	2653
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EQUIPMENT FUNDS.

15133	Investments	15550
<u>894</u>	Cash at Bank Property Capital	<u>1032</u>
16027		16582

FUNDS.

2286	Investments	2512
145	Cash at Bank Repairs & Replacements Reserve	854
<u> </u>	Repairs & Replacements Reserve A/c	<u>49</u>
2380		3415
<u> </u>		<u> </u>
£ 65794		£ 92388
<u> </u>		<u> </u>

CERTIFICATE.

vouchers and documents of the Institution and find that the and that the statements of accounts, including Balance Sheet insurance policies and obtained Bankers' certificates with various statements of accounts and found them in order. the value of "Stores on Hand" as at 30th June, 1955.

G.R. Gee. A.A.S.A., A.B.I.A., I.C.I.S.
Auditor.

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF OPERATING COSTS AND INCOME

for the fifteen months ended 30th June, 1955.

1953/54		1954/55
		Adjusted to nearest £.
5655	Bread, Butter, Fish, Meat, Milk etc.	6790
2654	Drugs, Medicine, Ointments etc.	4827
5903	Electricity, Gas, Wood, Linen etc.	7618
26881	Salaries and Wages	37149
1445	Insurance, Printing, Telephone etc.	1983
282	Repairs to Buildings	435
149	Interest on Overdraft, Exchange etc.	312
<u>2</u>	Subscription to Country Hospitals Association	<u>3</u>
42971	TOTAL COST OF MAINTAINING THE HOSPITAL	59117

THIS IS THE INCOME WE RECEIVED . . .

15630	From State Government Grant	27775
5152	Comm. Government Hospital Benefits	6901
175	Municipal Grants	285
15926	Patients Fees	21591
130	Interest on Investments	182
<u>359</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>114</u>
37372		56848
5599	BALANCE	2269

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED . . .

87	Annual Subscriptions	145
177	Proceeds of Entertainments	442
-	Hospital Sunday	30
464	Other Collections and Donations (Cash)	519
398	Other Collections and Donations (Kind)	253
<u>1500</u>	Radio Appeal	<u>-</u>
2626		1389

£ 2973	FINANCIAL RESULT OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES	£ 880
<u>LOSS</u>		<u>LOSS</u>

A. I. A. A.

PROPORTION OF EACH £1 OF -

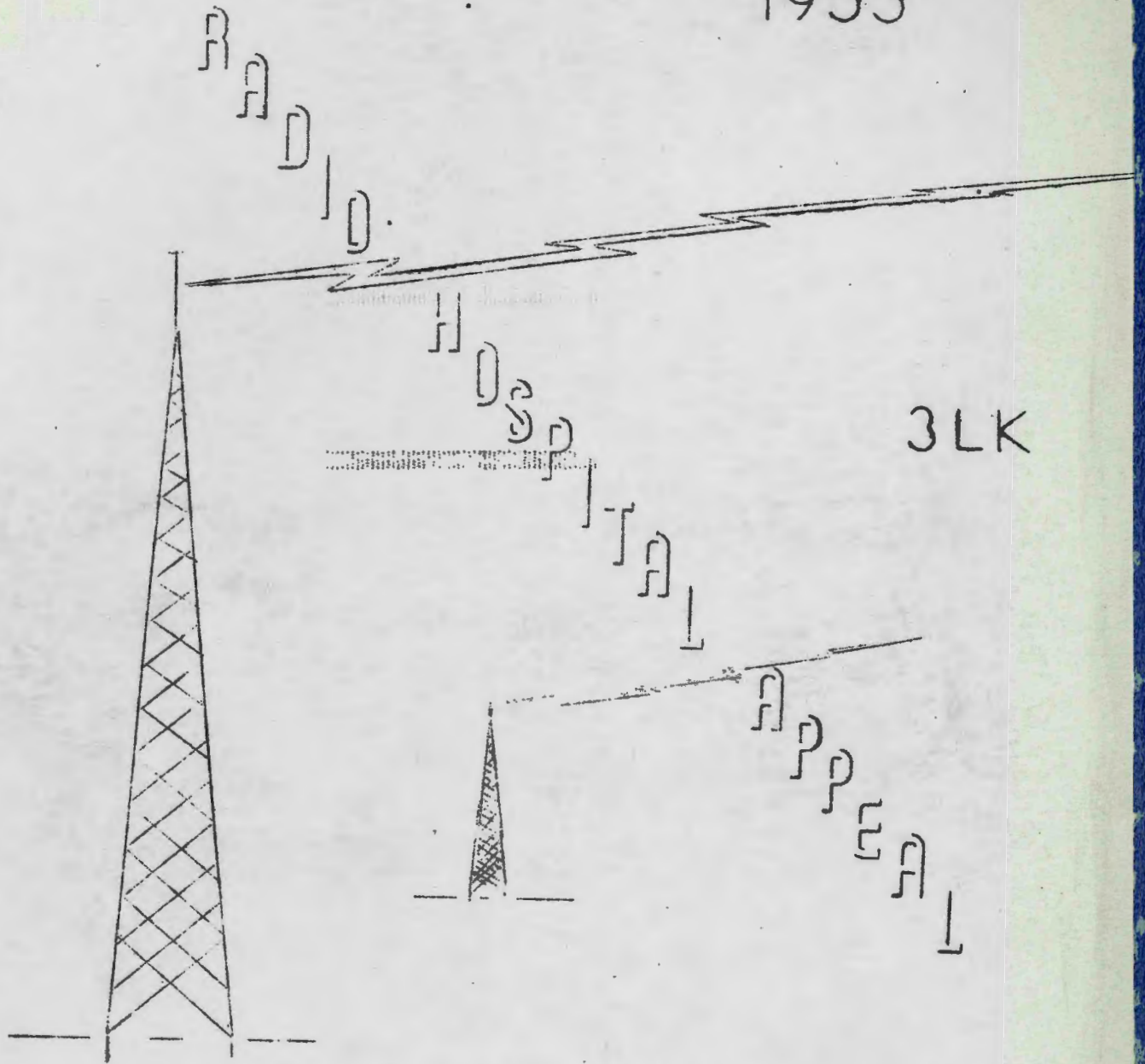
INCOME	GOVERNMENT GRANT (DIRECT)	9/4
	GOVERNMENT GRANT (INDIRECT)	2/5
	MUNICIPAL GRANT	2
	DONATIONS	6
	PATIENTS' FEES	7/3
	SUNDRY	1
	DEFICIENCY	3

£1

EXPENDITURE	PROVISIONS	2/4
	SURGERY & DISPENSARY	1/7
	DOMESTIC	2/8
	SALARIES & WAGES	12/6
	MISCELLANEOUS & ADMINISTRATION	8
	ESTABLISHMENT	2
	FINANCE	1

£1

1955



SUNDAY, 21st NOVEMBER

YOUR HOSPITAL NEEDS
YOUR SUPPORT

