

Stawell District Hospital



97TH ANNUAL REPORT

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

OFFICE BEARERS, 1955 - 1956

PRESIDENT: M. M. ROBSON ESQ.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Cr. C. J. Hutchings, R. H. Long Esq.

HON. TREASURER: W. M. Thomson Esq.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

W. G. Sharpley F.C.I.S. (Govt. Nominee)

Cr. C. Cashin (Munic. Nominee)

G. P. Frencham Esq. W. J. Tangey Esq. E. J. O'Driscoll Esq.
+ D. R. Ferrier Esq. J. M. Bennett Esq. = N. B. Punchard Esq.
Rev. C. S. Peurie H. A. Napier Esq. J. K. McCracken Esq.
= H. J. Ferrier Esq. + F. H. Thomson Esq. W. R. Willcock Esq.

MANAGER AND SECRETARY

R. K. McMullin Esq.

HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS

R. C. Rollason M.B., B.S. = K. L. Hayes M.B., B.S.
+ Margaret H. Brennan M.B., F.S. R. C. Hunt M.B., B.S.
+ R. N. Castle M.B., B.S. + S. J. R. Hunt M.B., B.S.

HONORARY DENTAL SURGEONS

J. C. Wilkinson L.D.S., B.D.Sc. R. C. Vernon Esq.

HONORARY SOLICITORS

J. Allan Anderson and Webb

AUDITOR

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

MATRON

Miss E. Higgins S.R.N.

= Resigned during the year
+ Appointed during the year

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Established 1859

The Ninety Seventh Annual Report of the Committee of Management

To the Life Governors and Contributors
Ladies and Gentlemen -

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in presenting the Ninety-Seventh Annual Report together with Financial and Statistical Statements for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1956.

COMMITTEE:-

The meetings of the Committee of Management were well attended during the year. The resignations of Messrs. E. J. Ferrier and N. B. Punchard were accepted with regret, and Messrs. D. R. Ferrier and F. H. Thomson were appointed to fill the vacancies.

The following members retire by effluxion of time but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly - Messrs. W. M. Thomson, G. P. Frencham, H. A. Napier, E. J. O'Driscoll, W. J. Tangey, D. R. Ferrier, F. H. Thomson, Cr. C. J. Hutchings and Rev. C. S. Petrie.

The Governor in Council has appointed Mr W. G. Sharpley as Government Nominee to the Committee of Management for a further term of three years from 30th June, 1956.

LIFE GOVERNOR:-

The highest award for services that a Hospital can confer is that of life governor. At a recent meeting of the Committee it was pleasing to award to Mr H. J. Ferrier the certificate of Life Governorship of the Hospital in recognition and appreciation of his services as a member of the Committee over the last twenty years.

PATIENTS:-

The following statistics will serve to illustrate the service that your Hospital has rendered to the Community during the period.

<u>INPATIENTS</u>	<u>TREATED</u>	<u>DAILY AVERAGE</u>	<u>AVERAGE STAY</u>
Public	651	21.3	11.96
Intermediate	212	6.5	11.27
Private	233	7.9	12.37
	<u>1096</u>	<u>35.7</u>	<u>11.91</u>
Outpatients Treated		584	
Outpatients Attendances		906	
Operations Performed		781	
Babies born during the year		130	

FINANCE:-

Reference to the Income and Expenditure Account included elsewhere in the report, will reveal that there has been further

rise in costs, the total expenditure for maintenance amounting to £51825. The income exceeded this amount £1838.

Government grants, patients fees and donations were instrumental in reducing the Hospitals' net overdraft by £2457 during the period.

The Government Loan advanced under the provisions of the Unemployment Relief Loan and Application Act 1932, was cancelled by the Government during the year and the Hospitals indebtedness to the Government was reduced by £1562-10-0

NEW BUILDINGS:-

The opening of the New Nurses Home by Dr. J. H. Lindell, Chairman of the Hospitals and Charities Commission on Sunday 8th July, 1956, highlighted the years activities.

The home which was completed at a cost of £24,000 (including furnishings and furniture provided by the Ladies Auxiliary) provides single accommodation for members of the Trained Nursing Staff. This building provides more suitable accommodation than is at present available.

Your Committee pursued its intentions of purchasing a house for lease by the Manager, and with the generous assistance of the Hospitals and Charities Commission it was possible to purchase a brick veneer residence in Wimmera Street. The block of land which the Hospital owned in Sloan Street has been sold to the Education Department.

IMPROVEMENTS:-

During the year several alterations have been made, and these are of importance to members of the staff and patients alike. A new rear entrance to the Hospital, remodelling of the ward service rooms, new entrance to the domestic staff dining room, and refrigerator bays in the kitchen have given better facilities for care of patients.

New equipment purchased during the year includes - anaesthetic machine, premature baby cot, two 20 cubic feet refrigerators, Dry Electric sterilizers and a new office typewriter.

The Hospitals and Charities Commission assisted the Committee by providing financial assistance for all these items.

A quotation has been accepted for the installation of a New Nurses Call System, and it is expected that work will commence on this project in the near future.

APPEALS:-

The Radio Appeal conducted in November through the courtesy of the Management of 3DB-LK realised £2050 which is an indication of the generous support displayed by residents of Stawell and district.

The success of the Egg Appeal is dependent upon the co-operation of the pupils and teachers of all the schools in the district and to them the Committee extends its heartfelt thanks for assistance in providing 582 $\frac{3}{4}$ dozen eggs.

To all those who have supported the Hospital, be it by donations of money or kind in services the Committee extends its sincere thanks.

NURSING:-

Matron E. Higgins who joined the staff in July last year has set a splendid example of leadership, and to her and to all members of the Nursing Staff the Committee records its appreciation.

The training of nurses continues and best wishes are extended to all nurses in training.

This year the Nurse Aide Preliminary Training School at Warracknabeal was established, and three nurses from this Hospital are undertaking the course

LADIES AUXILIARY:-

The unbounded enthusiasm and active interest of the Ladies Auxiliary under the guidance of Mrs E. W. Giles has provided more amenities for the benefit of patients and staff. To all members the Committee is indeed grateful

CLINICS:-

During the year the Hospital has been happy to provide facilities for the Peter McCallum Clinic and the Consultative Council on Poliomyelitis who visit the Hospital at regular intervals, and render an outstanding service to patients in the district.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES COMMISSION:-

Thanks are extended to members and staff of the Hospitals and Charities Commission for their valued assistance and consideration during the year.

PRESS:-

The continued support by the Proprietors of the Stawell Times and Stawell News is greatly appreciated.

STAFF:-

It is desired to acknowledge the outstanding services rendered by the Honorary Medical Officers, Honorary Dental Officers, Honorary Solicitors and all members of the Hospital Staff, and to express appreciation for the valuable assistance given to the Hospital and Patients.

To all those who have helped in any way at all, directly or indirectly, the Committee expresses thanks, and is confident of the continued loyal support of the residents of Stawell and District.

On behalf of the Committee of Management
MORRIS M. ROBSON, President.

The word "HOSPITAL" ordinarily brings to mind a thing of Concrete and steel, of Halls and Corridors, of Kitchens and Beds, and all the Equipment making up the Physical Plant of the Hospital itself. But this is only half the story, the Static rather than the Dynamic, the Empty Shell rather than the Living Organism.... for the Living Hospital is synonymous with the work going on inside, of Patients being treated, Operated upon and Healed, and sent home better able to do their work in the world.

J. E. STONE.

STAWELL HOSPITAL LADIES AUXILIARY

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for
for the twelve months ended
30th June 1956.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
To:-			By:-		
Sales at Shop	160	12 0	Stawell Hospital		
Garden Party	64	13 0	Donation	300	0 0
Radio Appeal			Radio Appeal	46	17 6
Stall	46	17 6	Shop Rent	34	2 6
Rent from Shop	4	7 6	Fireside Equipment	20	0 0
Subscriptions	3	8 0	Printing and		
Interest Savings			Advertising	10	19 6
Bank	2	12 2	Xmas Cheer	5	5 0
			Sundries	1	18 0
				419	2 6
Credit Balance	282	10 2	Credit Balance		
30th June 1955	305	15 6	30th June 1956	169	3 2
	<u>£588</u>	<u>5 8</u>		<u>£588</u>	<u>5 8</u>

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

Audited and Found Correct
F. G. Steptens,
Hon. Auditor.
21st July, 1956.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

	<u>GENERAL</u> (12)	<u>HOUSE</u> (11)	<u>FINANCE</u> (12)
M. M. Robson Esq.	12	11	12
Cr. C. J. Hutchings	10		9
R. H. Long Esq.	11	11	
W. M. Thomson Esq.	7		8
W. G. Sharpley Esq.	10		10
x J. M. Bennett Esq.	6		6
Cr. C. Cashin	7	4	
+ D. R. Ferrier Esq.	6	8	
=xH. J. Ferrier Esq.	-	-	
G. P. Frenchan Esq.	10	4	
J. K. McCracken Esq.	6	9	
H. A. Napier Esq.	8	6	
E. J. O'Driscoll Esq.	6		7
Rev. C. S. Petrie	8	8	
= N. B. Punchard Esq.	-		
W. J. Tangey Esq.	7		7
+ F. H. Thomson Esq.	5	4	
W. R. Willcock Esq.	9	10	

= Resigned during the year.

+ Appointed during the year.

x Leave of absence granted.

COMPARITIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

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

	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
<u>INCOME</u>				
x Government Grants	21971	20782	34676	34726
Municipal Grants	190	175	285	185
Charitable Contributions	831	2626	1389	1968
Out Patients' Fees	143	378	573	630
In Patients' Fees	11953	15548	21019	15339
Interest on Investments	131	130	182	120
Miscellaneous	286	359	114	195
x Includes Commonwealth Govt. Hospital Benefits				
	£35505	£39998	£58238	£53663
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Provisions	4426	5655	6790	6172
Surgery & Dispensary	2001	2654	4827	3169
Domestic	6202	5903	7618	7323
Salaries & Wages	19626	26881	37149	33039
Miscell. and Administ.	1217	1445	1983	1686
Establishment Charges	412	282	435	281
Finance	211	149	312	153
Extraordinary Expenses	2	2	3	2
	£34097	£42971	£59117	£51825
<u>STATISTICAL</u>				
Average Stay (days)	9.5	8.4	9.5	11.9
Daily Average	31.5	35.8	36.5	35.7
In Patients	1213	1560	1750	1096
Paid Staff (Inc. Part Time)	50	48	49	52
Accommodation	62	62	62	62
Out Patient Attendances	191	653	1335	906
<u>FINANCIAL</u>				
Maintenance Bank Overdraft	4425	8952	9462	7626
Maintenance Creditors	1271	913	1492	1541
Endowment	3003	3003	3003	3003

+ For a period of 15 months.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATING COSTS AND INCOME

for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1956.

1954/55		1955/56
£		£
6790	Bread, Butter, Fish, Meat, Milk, etc.	6172
4227	Drugs, Medicine, Ointments etc.	3169
7618	Electricity, Gas, Wood, Linen etc.	7323
37149	Salaries & Wages	33039
1983	Insurance, Printing, Telephone etc.	1686
25	Repairs to Buildings	281
312	Interest on Overdraft, Exchange etc.	153
<u>3</u>	Subscription to Country Hospitals Association	<u>3</u>
59117	TOTAL COST OF MAINTAINING THE HOSPITAL	51825

THIS IS THE INCOME WE RECEIVED

27775	From State Government Grant	29574
6901	Comm. Government Hospital Benefits	5152
285	Municipal Grants	185
21591	Patients Fees	16469
182	Interest on Investments	120
<u>114</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>195</u>
56848		51695
2259	BALANCE	130

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

145	Annual Subscriptions	160
442	Proceeds of Entertainments	1071
30	Hospital, Sunday	14
519	Other Collections and Donations (Cash)	481
<u>253</u>	Other Collections and Donations (Kind)	<u>242</u>
1389		1968
880	FINANCIAL RESULT OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES	£ 1038
<u>LOSS</u>		<u>SURPLUS</u>

PROPORTION OF EACH £1 OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

