

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

100th
Annual Report

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1959

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

OFFICE - BEARERS 1958—59

PRESIDENT

Mr. G. P. FRENCHAM, J.P., (elected to committee 1932)

VICE - PRESIDENTS

W. R. WILLCOCK, Esq (Elec. 1954) J. K. McCracken, Esq. (Elect. 1951)

HON. TREASURER

W. M. THOMSON, Esq. (elected 1939)

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Government Nominee

W. G. Sharpley, F.A.S.A, F.C.I.S.
(Elected to Committee 1931)

Municipal Nominee

Cr C. Cashin
(Elected to Committee 1947)

J. M. Bennett, Esq. (Elected 1948)	W. J. Tangey, Esq. (Elected 1953)
G. P. Frencham, Esq. (Elected 1932)	D. R. Ferrier, Esq. (Elected 1955)
C. J. Hutchings, Esq. (Elected 1953)	E. J. O'Driscoll, Esq. (Elected 1936)
A. E. Murdoch, Esq. (Elected 1958)	M. M. Robson, Esq. (Elected 1949)
L. B. (Mrs) Plaisted (Elected 1953)	F. H. Thomson, Esq. (Elected 1956)
Rev C. S. Petrie (Elected 1942)	

Manager and Secretary

R. V. STONE, Esq.

Matron

Miss E. HIGGINS, S.R.N.

Honorary Medical Officers

Margaret H. Brennan, M.B., B.S.	R. C. Hunt, M.B., B.S.
R. N. Castle, M.B., B.S.	S. J. R. Hunt, M.B., B.S.

Hon. Dental Surgeons

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

Hon. Solicitors

J. ALLAN ANDERSON & WEBB

Auditor

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

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Established 1859

100th Annual Report

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

To the Life Governors and
Contributors —

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Committee of Management takes pleasure in presenting the One Hundredth Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 1959.

Hospital Centenary

The year under review marked one hundred years of service by the Hospital. At a public meeting held on 7th August, 1858, a decision was reached to build a hospital to care for the medical needs of 15,000 people who were living in the Pleasant Creek mining district. A 12-bed emergency hospital was quickly erected and equipped, and the first patient admitted on the 26th February, 1859. The need for a permanent Hospital soon became apparent and by 1861 such a Hospital was functioning. In 1934 the Hospital buildings became the property of the Department of Mental Hygiene to be the Pleasant Creek Special School, and the Hospital as we know it today was opened.

During the "Back to Stawell" last November a function was held at the Hospital to mark the Centenary.

Service to The Community.

The high standard of service which the Hospital has given over the years has been maintained and the trend towards

a shorter patient stay in hospital has again been evident this year. 1314 inpatients spent 11,225 days in hospital and 667 outpatients received treatment. 612 operations were performed 130 babies were born, and the daily average of inpatients for the twelve months was 30.7.

Finance

The daily average bed cost of 94/3 represents an increase of 2/9 per day compared with last year, whilst the average cost per inpatient treated decreased from £42/12/0 to £40/4/0. Maintenance expenditure rose by only £98 but income fell from £56,327 to £54,174 due to a decreased Government grant and the decision to use all proceeds from the 3LK appeal for capital purposes. The surplus of £749 for the year has been used to reduce the bank overdraft.

Capital expenditure totalled £2,224 and repairs and replacements £1750.

Fees

We again emphasise the need for people to join an approved hospital benefit fund. Since the introduction of the income test for public patients many people are being asked to pay intermediate fees of £18/18/0 per week, but it is possible to receive benefits in excess of this amount from most hospital benefit funds.

Fee charges remain unchanged at the following daily rates:

Private 72/; Semi-Private 60/;
Intermediate 54/; Public 36/.

Radio Appeal.

The 3LK Radio Appeal conducted in November enabled us to proceed with two essential projects, namely conversion of boilers to oil firing and connection of sewerage. Donations totalled £2129, and we wish to sincerely thank the people of Stawell and district who supported the appeal and the Management of 3DB/LK Broadcasting Station through whose generosity the appeal was possible.

Auxiliaries.

Once again we record our gratitude for the support given by the ladies of these organisations. The value of the work performed and money raised has a most significant effect on the Hospital's financial position and we pay tribute to their untiring efforts.

One item of equipment of special interest was the purchase of a new theatre light incorporating emergency lighting in case of power failure.

Buildings and Equipment.

The need for major replacements has become apparent and during the year several projects have been undertaken. These include:—

(1) Replacement of boilers and conversion to oil firing. This contract has been let and the work should be completed in the next few months.

(2) Connection of the Hospital to sewerage. The contractor has completed the major portion of this work.

(3) Cold water reticulation — Due to corrosion in the galvanised pipes it has become increasingly difficult to maintain an adequate water supply and arrangements have been made to replace the existing lines with copper tubing.

(4) X Ray.—The machine which was purchased about fifteen years ago has reached the stage where it is not economical to maintain so a modern shock proof unit will be installed.

Regional Development.

The services available through the Wimmera Regional Council Plan have again proved most helpful. These include a Regional Blood Bank, Emergency Equipment, and a visiting Physiotherapy Service.

Clinics.

Facilities are provided at the Hospital for the Peter McCallum Clinic and the Consultative Council of Poliomyelitis, who visit the Hospital at regular intervals.

Appreciation.

Special thanks are due to:— Hospitals and Charities Commission, for valued assistance and guidance during the year.

Honorary Medical Officers, Honorary Dental Surgeons, and Honorary Solicitors for service rendered to patients and the Hospital.

Proprietors of the "Stawell Times" and "Stawell News" for publicity given to our efforts throughout the year.

To all those who have helped in any way, directly or indirectly, the Committee expresses very sincere thanks.

Staff.

It is with pleasure I record the Committee's appreciation of the loyal and efficient service rendered by all members of the staff.

I would particularly like to thank our Matron, Miss E. Higgins, and Manager, Secretary, Mr. R. V. Stone, both of whom having rendered most loyal service to the Hospital.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Margaret Winter who successfully completed her

Nursing Training during the year, and Miss Norma Hayward, Miss Pauline Jones and Miss Rose Scanlan who passed the first professional examinations.

Committee of Management.

Following the resignations of Mr. Long and Mr. Napier last year, Mrs. F. Plaisted and Mr. A. E. Murdoch were elected to the Committee.

This year eight members retire by effluxion of time and are

eligible for re-election. They are Cr. D. R. Ferrier, Mr. G. P. Frencham, Cr. C. J. Hutchings, Mr E. J. O'Driscoll, Rev. C. S. Petrie, Mr W. J. Tangey, Mr. F. H. Thomson, Mr. W. M. Thomson.

On behalf of the Committee of Management,

G. P. FRENCHAM,

President.

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	General (12)	House (11)	Finance (12)	Other (8)
Mr G. P. Frencham	12	10	9	6
Mr J. M. Bennett	9		8	3
Mr C. Cashin	6	5	1	1
Mr D. R. Ferrier	8	8		2
Mr C. J. Hutchings	9	7	3	1
Mr J. K. McCracken	7	10		2
* Mr A. E. Murdoch	10	6		
Mr E. J. O'Driscoll	8		10	
Rev. C. S. Petrie	10	9		
* Mrs F. Plaisted	10	9		3
Mr M. M. Robson	9		9	6
Mr W. G. Sharpley	8		8	1
Mr W. J. Tangey	9	7		2
Mr F. H. Thomson	7	9		
Mr W. M. Thomson	10		10	1
Mr W. R. Willcock	8	2	6	2

* Elected August 1958.

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF OPERATING COSTS AND INCOME
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959.

1957/58		1958/59
6602	Bread, Butter, Fish, Meat, Milk, etc	6424
3188	Drugs, Medicine, Ointments, etc	3465
7516	Electricity, Gas, Wood, Linen, etc	6901
33395	Salaries and Wages	33991
1943	Insurance, Printing, Telephone, etc	1963
566	Repairs to Buildings	453
117	Interest of Overdraft, Exchange, etc	110
—	Miscellaneous	118
53327	Total Cost of Maintaining Hospital	53425

THIS IS THE INCOME WE RECEIVED

30758	From State Government Grant ..	29197
5075	Comm. Government Hospital Benefits	4937
190	Municipal Grants	185
18159	Patients Fees	18415
128	Interest on Investments	137
360	Miscellaneous	412
2207	*Charitable Contributions	891
56877		554174
3550	Financial Result of the Year's Activities	749
Surplus		Surplus

1119 * Additional Charitable contributions to be
used for capital purposes

2129

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.

INCOME —	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59
Government Grants and Hospital Benefits	34726	34844	35833	34134
Municipal Grants	185	195	190	185
* Charitable Contributions	1968	2022	2207	891
Outpatients' Fees	630	602	896	871
Inpatients' Fees	15839	17309	17263	17544
Interest on Investments	120	102	128	137
Miscellaneous	195	192	360	412
	<u>£53663</u>	<u>£55266</u>	<u>£56877</u>	<u>£54174</u>
EXPENDITURE —	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59
Provisions	6172	7196	6602	6424
Surgery and Dispensary	3169	3457	3188	3465
Domestic	7323	8467	7516	6901
Salaries and Wages	33039	35811	33395	33991
Miscellaneous and Administrative	1686	1902	1943	1963
Establishment Charges	281	348	566	453
Finance	153	164	117	110
Extraordinary Expenses	2	206	—	118
	<u>£51825</u>	<u>£57551</u>	<u>£53327</u>	<u>£53425</u>
STATISTICAL	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59
Average Stay (days)	11.9	10.9	9.3	8.3
Daily Average	35.7	32.7	31.6	30.7
In Patients	1096	1088	1243	1314
Paid Staff (Inc. Part Time)	52	58	57	57
Accommodation	62	62	62	62
Out Patients Attendances	906	811	1119	931
FINANCIAL —	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59
Maintenance Bank Overdraft	7627	9227	6156	7175
Maintenance Creditors	1541	1625	1617	1781
Endowment	3003	3003	3003	3003

* Excludes Capital Contributions.

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1959

LIABILITIES		7175	ASSETS
Trust Maintenance	1781		Cash in Hand
Stores	60		Cash at Bank
Replacements	41		Property Capital
Unpaid	800		Repairs and Replacement Reserve
Order Deposits	91		Stores on Hand
Capital	74249		Investments Accrued
Surplus	3498		Patients Fees Outstanding
Reserve Funds	2653		Prepayments
Capital Gifts	400		Bulldings
Nursing Prize	1169		Furniture and Equipment
Equipment Trust Funds	432		Endowment Investments
Other	2893		Reserve Investments
perannuation Assess	12871		T. F. Ryan Nursing Prize Investment
	5		Building and Equipment Trust Investment
			Governmental
			Other
	1107818		

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I certify that I have audited the books, vouchers and documents of the Institution and find they have been properly kept and the accounts are true and correct. I have inspected the securities and insurance policies and obtained Banker's certificates and have inspected the securities and insurance policies and obtained Banker's certificates and have inspected the securities and insurance policies and obtained Banker's certificates. The accounts represented by assets in the various statements of accounts and found them in order and I have accepted the Secretary's certificate as to the value of "Stores on Hand" as at 30th June 1959.

G. R. GEE, A.A.S.A., A.B.I.A., I.C.A.

STAWELL HOSPITAL LADIES' AUXILIARY

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1959

RECEIPTS

Credit Balance, June 1958	265	3	6
Membership Subscriptions	3	10	0
Gift Fund Donations	1	8	0
Proceeds fortnightly Stalls	195	16	1
" Garden Party	95	0	0
" Radio Appeal	35	7	9
Shop Rent	19	10	0
Donations —			
Mrs G. Gee	5	0	0
Mrs G. Strauss	1	1	0
Mrs E. Gilbert		6	6
S.S. Bank Interest	6	14	7

£628 17 6

EXPENDITURE

W. J. Kinsella	64	17	6
Stawell "News"	5	7	0
Stawell "Times"	4	19	6
Theatre Light	203	0	0
Radio Appeal	35	7	9
Christmas Cheer	5	5	0
Mrs E. Reading	1	0	0
Mrs A. H. Attrill		12	6
Secretary's Petty Cash	1	0	0
R. Blizzard	1	5	0
Electric Light		9	0
Credit balance at State Savings			
Bank	306	13	8
Less unrepresented cheques —			
798	7	0	
799	12	6	
	19	6	

305 14 2

£628 17 6

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

PAST PRESIDENTS

Year of Office	Year of Office
Warden of District 1858-9	A. V. Wettenhall 1904-05
Richard Codd, J.P. 1860	Dr. J. Raymond Fox 1905-07
H. Jenkins, J.P. 1861	Dr. W. L. Aitken 1907-08
Ronald Campbell ... 1862	Alfred B. Clemes 1908-09
Alfred B. Clemes ... 1863	Gustave Mehnke 1909-10
John Holt, J.P. 1864	Geo. Barnes 1910-11
David Scallan, J.P. 1865	George Mitchell, J.P. ... 1911-12
Theodore Mantel 1866	Dr. W. J. Forshaw 1912-13
George Jennings, J.P., ... 1867	G. A. Smith 1913-14
Duncan McKellar 1868	L. C. Phillips 1914-16
William Frayne 1868	John Dalziel 1916-17
John Childe, J.P. ... 1869	A. W. Glencross 1917-18
John Punchard 1870	Rev. Father Walsh 1918-19
Wilkinson Wayman ... 1871	L. C. Phillips 1919-20
John H. Franklin 1872	Canon C. M. Lowe 1920-21
Alexander Brown ... 1873	H. F. Johnson 1921-23
Maynard Ord 1874	G. T. Haase 1923-24
Rev. Samuel Kelso 1875	R. McCracken 1924-25
David F. Aherne 1876	I. H. Short 1925-26
James A. Mathers 1877	M. J. Cowman 1926-27
Thomas Kinsella ... 1878	J. O'Connor 1927-31
Gustav Magnus 1879	J. Bennett 1931-32
Joseph Cawley 1880	L. C. Phillips 1932-33
Valentine Archer 1881	J. O'Connor 1933-34
Peter Galbraith 1882	J. Bennett 1934-35
Thomas Y. Smith 1883	A. P. Spring 1935-37
Martin Thornfeldt 1884	G. P. Frencham 1937-38
Richard D. Ollard 1885	S. T. Webster, July- December 1939
Stephen Williamson 1886	J. G. Macdonald, January 1940 - July 1941
C. Aeschmann 1887	H. J. Ferrier To July 1942
C. G. Holmes 1887	E. J. O'Driscoll To April, 1942
C. G. Holmes 1888	M. O. Penna 1942-43
Albert Halls 1889	H. J. Ferrier 1943-44
Alfred I. Payne 1890	F. West 1944-45
R. W. C. Grieve 1891	G. P. Frencham 1945-46
Rev. R. J. E. Hayman .. 1892	Rev. C. S. Petrie 1946-47
Rev. Father Gullfoyle 1893	W. M. Thomson 1947-48
Joseph J. Pawsey 1894	C. C. Waring 1948-50
John Barnes 1895	M. J. Cowman 1950-51
R. Z. Davies 1896	Cr. C. C. Cashin 1951-52
H. L. Mitchell 1897	J. M. Bennett 1952-54
Henry Edhouse..... 1898	M. M. Robson 1954-56
John Dalziel 1899	Cr. C. J. Hutchings 1956-58
Rev. Father Howell ... 1900	G. P. Frencham 1958-59
W. J. McMullin, J.P. 1901	
Rev. G. B. Murphy 1902	
Dr. G. J. Naphthine..... 1903-04	

3LK HOSPITAL RADIO APPEAL



Sunday, November 22, 1959

**Donations will be used to Provide a new X-Ray and
other Essential Equipment**

Your Hospital Needs Your Support