

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL



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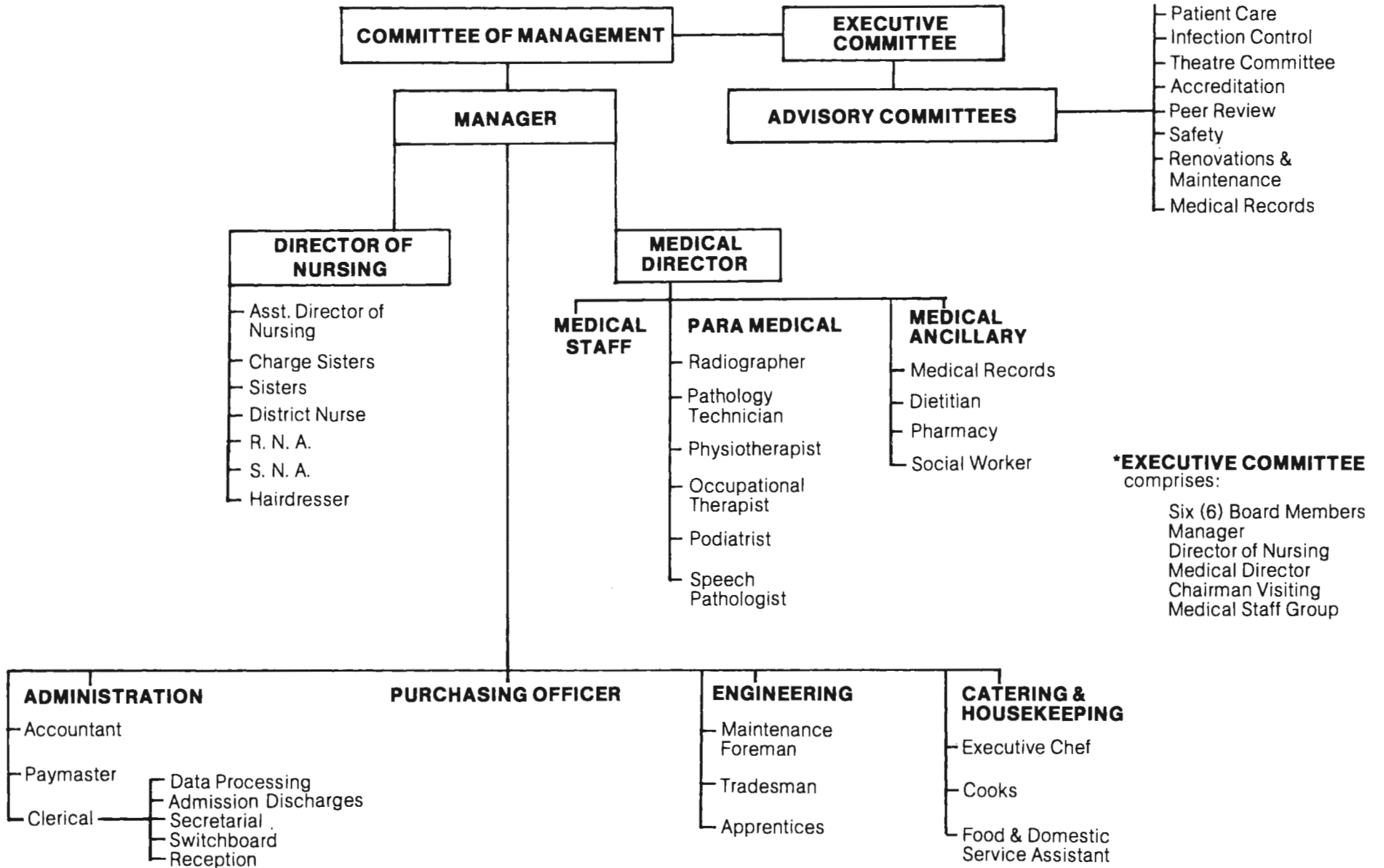
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ANNUAL REPORT

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Mrs M. I. Blake

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Mrs J. D. Earle

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Mr C. Hutchings (Resigned July 1982)

Mr N. R. Illig (Appointed March 1983)

Miss J. C. Langsford

Mr J. D. McCracken

Mr T. Sainsbury (Resigned July 1982)

Mr R. C. Stone

Auditors:

Green, Taylor and Greenall. Chartered Accountants.

Solicitors:

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Bankers:

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd.

Architects:

R. S. Demaine, Russell, Trundle,
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EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Manager:

Mr M. B. Delahunty, B.Ec., A.A.S.A.

Medical Director:

Dr D. K. Douglas, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.G.P., M. Admin., A.H.A.

Director of Nursing:

Mr B Fowkes, R.N., D.N.E., W.S.C., F.C.N.A.



BACK ROW, L-R: Mr A. Howells, Mr J. Bennett, Mr R. Illig, Mr R. Stone, Mr D. McCracken, Mr G. Fuller, Mr G. Hall.
FRONT ROW, L-R: Miss J. Langsford, Mrs M. Blake, Dr N. Castle, Mrs J. Earle, Mrs F. Holden.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

To the Life Governors and Contributors, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year under review has once again seen the public hospital field subjected to substantial cost increases whilst approved operating budgets decreased in real terms. This has meant that the management of financial resources is increasingly becoming the pre-occupation of Hospital Boards of Management, and this hospital Board is no exception.

The most stringent monitoring of our financial resources still resulted in this hospital incurring a substantial cash deficit in the year under review.

The main reason for this cash deficit was due to the introduction of the "user pay" philosophy which was introduced in September 1981, which had as one of its aims that hospitals were entrusted with the responsibility of collecting a greater proportion of its income direct from patients. As is detailed later in this report the hospital had less bed days this year than last year which meant less opportunity to generate sufficient revenue to achieve our revenue budget set by the Health Commission.

It is anticipated that we will be subjected to another health care system from February 1984 labelled "medicare". Whilst not knowing at this stage the details of how the medicare system will operate it is hoped that nobody in the community will be denied

access to quality health care, that the health insurance system is simplified and stabilised and finally and most importantly that the cost of "Medicare" will not be an intolerable burden on individuals or the national economy.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Two members of long standing Cr. Chilvers Hutchings and Mr. Tom Sainsbury resigned their positions during the year. Cr. Hutchings was originally elected in 1953 and served continuously for a period of thirty years. The Board has seen fit to present Cr. Hutchings with a Life Governors certificate in recognition of his services to the hospital. The hospital Board join with the community in congratulating Cr. Hutchings on his receipt of an M. B. E. This well deserved honour is in recognition of his devoted service to the Stawell Community of which his service to the hospital was a large part.

Mr. Sainsbury was originally elected in 1969 and served the hospital with distinction during his time of thirteen years. In that time Mr Sainsbury served two terms as hospital chairman.

The Board of Management was saddened by the recent passing of Mr. Les Erwin, a past Board member and President of the Hospital. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Erwin and family. It is detailed later in our annual report that the hospital appointed Mr. Erwin a Life Governor of the Hospital shortly before his passing.



Hospital Manager, Mr Michael Delahunty



Hospital President, Dr Norman Castle

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The Governor in Council appointed Mr. Graham Fuller and Mr. Robert Illig to the vacant positions created by Cr. Hutchings and Mr. Sainsbury's resignations. Both Mr. Fuller and Mr. Illig expand the professional expertise presently on the Board with their contribution proving immediate and beneficial in conducting the complex process of hospital affairs.

Three Board members attended a Board Member Education Seminar conducted by the Australian Hospital Association. These have proved most helpful to Board members and reflects all Board members attitude in their endeavours to be better informed in all aspects of hospital management.

DEVELOPMENT

Nursing Home

It is pleasing to report that the establishment of additional nursing home beds is very nearly a reality. The appropriate approvals have been obtained and the community have responded magnificently to a public appeal. It is sincerely hoped that the nursing home extension will be opened within twelve months.

Kitchen Redevelopment

The contract for the kitchen redevelopment has been let and it was pleasing that a local builder Mr. M. Kwiatek was the successful tenderer. This project is going to cost in the vicinity of \$366,000. This figure includes \$75,000 for new kitchen equipment. The present kitchen is fifty years old and very little money has been spent on it during the last 50 years. The quality and quantity of meals prepared from the kitchen with its present outdated facilities reflects highly on all staff in that area. Once the new kitchen is completed the hospital will have the capacity to cater for the expansion in our nursing home beds and we could, if requested, supply a meals on wheels service 7 days a week. Government grants totalling \$104,426 have been committed to the project and the balance of \$261,574 is to come from the hospitals capital fund.

It is gratifying to the board that the above two urgently needed projects will in all probability be completed during the next 12 months. Stage three of the modernization of the hospital is the upgrading of the hospital acute wards and our outpatient/theatre areas. The Health Commission, before they will consider plans for stage three are seeking from us a delineation of our role, that is, a statement of the medical services we wish to provide and to what level of complexity. Upon the finalization of this role statement, the hospital Board and the Health Commission will be better informed as to what major remodelling is required in light of the services to be provided.

WORKS AND EQUIPMENT

Utility Rooms

Several urgently needed renovations were carried out this year. The three hospital "utility" rooms were

modernized and included in each was a pan sanitizer. The total cost of this project was \$17,027. A government grant of \$15,000 was received for this project.

Pharmacy

A pharmacy storage and preparation area was established on the first floor of the hospital at a cost \$4,315. A government grant of \$3,365 was received for this project.

Replacement of Sterilizer

The hospital's main sterilizer was replaced during the year at a cost of \$18,392. A government grant of \$15,430 was received for this project.

RENOVATIONS

The first floor of the hospital was carpeted, curtains and evaporative cooling installed, two walls removed and this once not used area is now a hive of activity. Administration staff are accommodated along with the Pathology Laboratory now in this area. In addition the board room is located in this area.

The hospital now has an appropriate staff cafeteria in a refurbished portable classroom supplied by the Education Department and I am aware of just how grateful the staff are of this improvement.

Finally in the area of maintenance the committee approved of the supply and installation of both a "master key" system that will substantially improve security in and around the hospital and the installation of a comprehensive sign posting system.

STAFF

It has been said that an organization's greatest resource is its staff, and this is certainly true in this hospital's case.

During the year the following people were appointed to senior positions in the hospital: Mr. B. Fowkes, Director of Nursing; Dr. D Douglas, Medical Director; Miss S. Castle, Medical Record Administrator. (Both these last two positions being shared with Ararat Hospital). Mr. G Martin, Maintenance Foreman; Mrs. D. Dalby, Charge Sister Male Ward; Mr. I. Gill, Physiotherapist; Mrs. C. McLean, Theatre Charge Sister; Mrs. S. Veroude, Radiographer, and the hospital was fortunate to be granted two positions under the government's job creating schemes. Mr. S. Healy was appointed an apprentice carpenter and Miss C. Smith was appointed as a typist/receptionist, funding for the latter position only lasts 12 months.

After twenty-four years service to the hospital Mrs. Doris Evans retired. Mrs. Evans will always be remembered for her work in the Midwifery Ward of this hospital. The Board of Management have unanimously agreed to grant the hospital's highest honour to Mrs. Evans by appointing her a Life Governor of the hospital.

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Mrs. Lola Hoare resigned after serving this hospital admirably as matron for many years during very difficult times. Mrs. M. Allan and Mr. H. Hunter also served the hospital well and resigned during the past year along with Miss D. Wallace and Mr. T. Vella.

To those who have left we extend our appreciation for the individual contributions made, and to all new staff we extend a very warm welcome and trust that your stay here is enjoyable.

Appointed to the consultant medical staff during the year were Dr. J. Hurley and Dr. R. House both of Ballarat. Dr. Hurley who is a qualified geriatrician was appointed by the Board to advise it in its care of elderly people and services required now and in the future. Dr. House replaced Dr. Wong Shee as the hospitals consultant radiologist.

APPRECIATION

The hospital auxiliaries, namely the Ladies Auxiliary and Younger Set have again been wonderful supporters to the hospital. The Ladies Auxiliary donated significant funds to provide new curtains for the midwifery block and the Younger Set donated a patient lifter which has been urgently required. In addition members from both the auxiliaries have arranged a roster to assist in the therapy of patients in the day hospital. This work is mainly involved in cooking activities and the hospital is appreciative, as the patients are, of their time spent in that area. The support of the Base Hospital at Horsham is often sought and readily received from the executive staff and the Committee of Management of Wimmera Base. We are deeply appreciative of their support and encouragement in providing access to their resources.

In addition we offer sincere appreciation to:

The Health Commission of Victoria
The Town and Shire of Stawell
The Stawell Times-News
All Service Clubs
The Visiting Medical Staff
The Hospital Chaplains
The Stawell Police

To all these, and other people and groups too numerous to mention, who have supported and assisted the hospital we record our grateful thanks.

CONCLUSION

The new year promises to be a most exciting one with indications being that the next twelve months will see the greatest amount of development at this hospital during its 124 year history.

It is hoped that the community involvement in our hospital will be maintained, that the staff will strive to improve their standards both of which will result in better patient care for the patients of the Stawell Hospital.

Dr. R. N. Castle
President

Mr. M. B. Delahunty
Chief Executive Officer

DEPARTMENTAL HEADS

Medical Director:

Dr D. K. Douglas, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.G.P., MAdmin., A.H.A.

Director of Nursing:

Mr B. Fowkes, R.N., D.N.E., N.S.C., F.C.N.A.

Assistant Director of Nursing:

Mr S. Ramsdall, R.N., D.N.E., F.C.N.A.

Charge Sisters:

Sister L. Carey (Syme Ward) R.N.
Sister D. Dalby (Male Ward) R.N.
Sister R. Dunn (Female Ward) R.N.
Sister J. James (Midwifery) R.N., R.M., I.W. Certificate
Sister C. McLean (Theatre) R.N.
Sister N. Sidebottom (Night Sister) R.N., R.M.
Sister D. Simmons (Night Midwifery) R.N., R.M.

District Nursing:

Sister K. Holmes
Sister M. Parsons

Physiotherapy:

Mr I. Gill, B.Sc., Physiotherapy

Radiology:

Mrs S. Veroude, M.R.I.

Podiatry:

Mrs H. Davidson

Occupational Therapy:

Mr T. Vella (Resigned 29/4/83)

Medical Records Administration:

Miss S. Castle, Assoc. Dip. M.R.A., M.R.A.A.

Pathology:

Mr D. Rowe, D.S.Bi.

Executive Chef & Domestic Supervisor:

Mr C. Anderson

Administration:

Mr L. Kent

Paymaster:

Mr K. McMullin

Engineering Foreman:

Mr G. Martin

Purchasing Officer:

Mr D. Guy

MEDICAL STAFF

Medical Director:

Dr D. K. Douglas, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.G.P., MAdmin., A.H.A.

Consulting Medical Officers:

Dr R. N. Castle, M.B., B.S.
Mr K. L. Hayes, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.(Eng) F.R.A.C.S.
Mr R. B. Warne, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S., F.R.C.S.(Eng),
F.R.C.S.(Edin.)
Dr A. Cunningham, M.B., B.S., Dip. Obst., Gyn.
Dr V. Szewczuk, M.B., B.S.

Visiting Pathologists:

Dr S. T. H. H. Pilbeam, M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.P.A., F.R.C., Path.
Dr H. D. P. Thompson, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.P.A., M.I.A.C.
Dr G. Humphries, M.A., B.M., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., D.R.C. Path.,
M.R.C. Path.
Dr R. Sterling, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.P.A.

Visiting Dental Surgeons:

Mr J. C. Wilkinson, L.D.S., B.D.Sc.
Dr D. L. Lye, B.D.Sc., L.D.S.

Visiting Consultant Physician:

Dr R. E. Abud, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.

Visiting Consultant Gynaecologist:

Dr E. T. Millar, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Visiting Consultant Anaesthetist:

Dr R. Bennett, M.B., B.S., DA.(Lond.), M.F.A.R.C.S.

Visiting Consultant Paediatrician:

Dr M. Brown, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.

Visiting Consultant Rheumatologist:

Dr K. Boyden, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.

Visiting Radiologist:

Dr L. Wong Shee, M.B.Ch.B., M.R.C.R.A.

Visiting Geriatrician:

Dr M. Griffith, M.B., B.S., D.A.(Melb.), F.F.A.R.A.C.S.

GUEST SPEAKER

Fr. Vincent Kiss.

Vincent Kiss was ordained a Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Wagga with degrees in Arts, Theology and behavioural science in 1964. Also at this time Fr. Kiss was appointed Director of Youth and Family Services for the Wagga area.

In 1976 Fr. Kiss was seconded to the island of Vanuatu to assist them in their youth and community development.

Fr. Kiss returned to Australia in 1980 and was appointed Executive Director of the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria. During 1981 Fr. Kiss became manager of the Charitable Trusts Division of ANZ Executors and Trustee Company Limited.

Fr. Kiss major involvement has been with family life and youth. Presently he is heavily involved in job creation endeavours and the drug problem especially within the St Kilda area of Melbourne.

As a public speaker Fr. Kiss has an excellent reputation. He has been a motivational speaker at numerous corporate seminars and guest speaker both nationally and internationally for Lions, Apex, Rotary and other service clubs.

We are indeed fortunate to have a person of Fr. Kiss's reputation as our guest speaker.



LIFE GOVERNORS 1983

Mrs Doris Evans

Mrs Evans served this hospital as a Nursing Sister for in excess of twenty-four years, the last seventeen years being in the Midwifery Section.

Mrs Evans is known to hundreds of Stawell and District residents for her patience and thoughtfulness.

On her retirement in March this year Mrs Evans received gifts from her fellow staff members and the Board of Management. In addition the Hospital Board have now decided to bestow their highest honour on Mrs Evans, a Life Governorship.

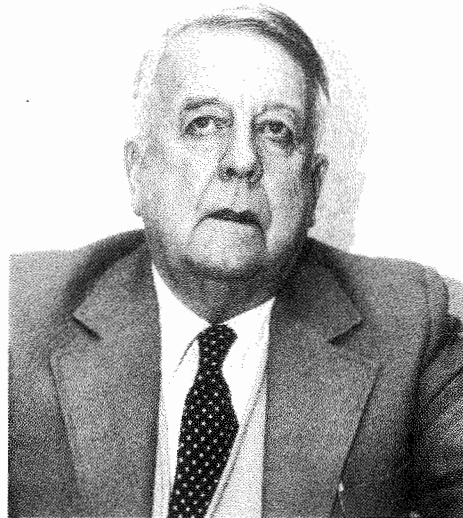


Cr. Chilvers J. Hutchings M. B. E.

Cr. Hutchings was first elected to the hospital Committee of Management in 1953. Cr. Hutchings resigned from the Committee of Management in October 1982 after serving the hospital for a continuous period of thirty years.

The Hospital Board have awarded Cr. Hutchings a Life Governorship for his length of service to the hospital particularly for his assistance with the annual hospital appeal day.

The Hospital Board and Staff join with the rest of the Stawell Community in congratulating Cr. Hutchings on his admission into the membership of the British Empire in recognition of his services to the Stawell community.



Mr. Maurice M. Robson

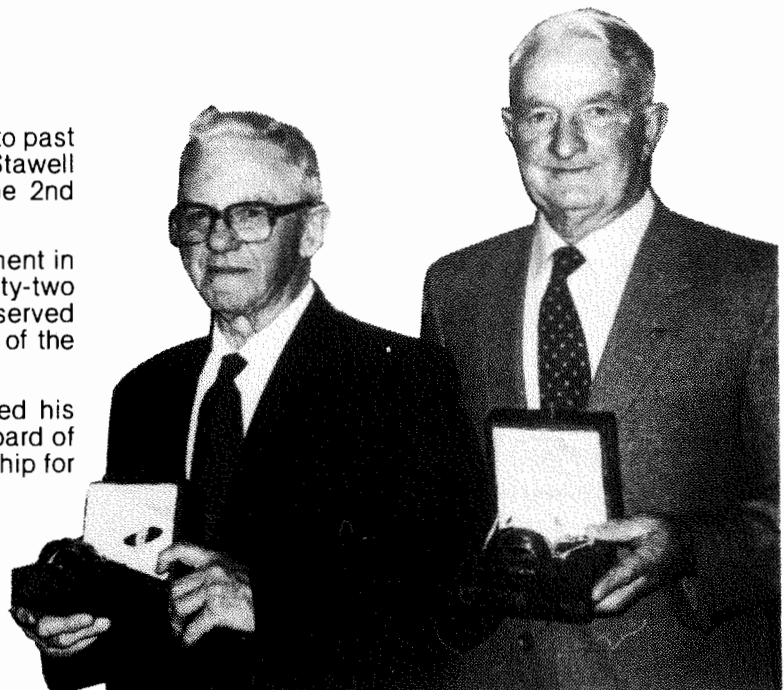
Mr. Robson was elected to the committee in August 1949 and resigned in June 1982. Mr. Robson's contribution, guidance and drive in the development and progress of this hospital for in excess of thirty-three years earned for him Life Governorship of this hospital.

Vale — Mr. Leslie R. Erwin

The Board of Management and staff pay tribute to past President and devoted supporter of the Stawell Hospital in Mr. Erwin who passed away on the 2nd August, 1983.

Mr. Erwin was elected to the Board of Management in 1959 and resigned in 1981. During his twenty-two years on the Board of Management Mr. Erwin served on various sub-committees and was President of the Board for two terms 1967/68 and 1968/69.

The hospital pays tribute to a man who served his community well. Shortly before his death the Board of Management awarded Mr. Erwin Life Governorship for his service to the hospital.



LIFE GOVERNORS

BIBBY Mrs Mona
BENNETT Mr J. M.
BROWN Mr L. G.
CAMPBELL Mr C. N. A.
CASTLE Dr. R. N.
EVANS Mrs D. M.
FRASER Mr W. G.
FRASER Mrs C. P.
GILES Mrs Dorothy

GRAY Mrs Athol E.
GRAY Dr. A. A.
HUNT Dr. R. Clifford
HUNT Mrs Betty
HUTCHINGS Cr. C. J. (M.B.E.)
JERRAM Mrs H. C.
LANGSFORD Miss J. G.
LOWE Mr D.
MIRANDA Mr C.

McCRACKEN Mr J. K.
PAULETT Mr A. J.
PHILLIPS Miss Madge
PICKERING Mrs M. D.
PILLOW Mrs D.
ROBSON Mr M.
WARD Mr F. C.
WEBB Mr J. H.

RECOGNITION OF 10 YEARS LONG SERVICE

The following staff members have given the Stawell District Hospital 10 or more years service:

Sister Dorothy Simmons
Sister Lorna Carey
Sister June Mortyn
Sister Rita Dunn
Sister Mavis Graham

Sister Margaret Forster
Nurse Lorraine Ellen
Nurse Val Kennedy
Nurse Gloria Rickard
Nurse Lyn Willcock

Nurse Kathy Holloway
Nurse Judy Skurrie
Mrs Mary Kindred (Domestic Staff)
Sister Fran Stewart
Nurse Faye Goodinge

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

In November of 1982 I commenced duties as the Medical Director of Stawell District Hospital. This is a new position and is a shared position with half my time being spent at Ararat and District Hospital where I am also the Medical Director.

Since taking up the post I have been asked on a number of occasions what is the role of a Medical Director and what are my duties. These are not easy questions to answer as the role and duties vary slightly from hospital to hospital. However, in a general sense the Medical Director represents the third arm of hospital administration and generally watches over and assists in the delivery of medical and medical ancillary services. The two other arms of hospital administration (nursing and general or financial) have been represented at Stawell for a number of years now by the Director of Nursing and Manager respectively.

Two important factors have been relevant in establishing the new post of Medical Director at Stawell at this time. The first of these factors is the cost of running modern hospitals. In 1972 the hospital admitted 1,242 patients and spent \$250,192. In 1982, 1,893 patients were admitted at a cost of \$2,279,807. These figures represent a growth in admissions of 4.3% per annum and a growth in expenditure of 24.7% per annum. One role of the medical administration is to attempt to control costs and increase efficiency.

The second and in my opinion more important factor, or reason relates to the complexity of modern medical services. The medical team has grown enormously over the last ten years and occupational therapists, welfare workers, physiotherapists, radiographers and pathology technologists, to name but a few, are all involved in even routine medical care today. One person needs to be responsible for ensuring all these people work together to aid the nursing staff and doctors in providing high quality and timely health care. The Medical Director has this duty of co-ordination. As in all complex operations, quality assurance is very important and this too, is part of the role of the Medical Director. The Medical Staff of the hospital have commenced a voluntary self assessment or peer review programme to ensure the maintenance of high medical standards. Other medical ancillary departments have also embarked on programmes of quality assurance. Thus despite the relative isolation of the hospital and the smallness of its departments, the people of Stawell have every reason to be confident in the professionalism of their hospital staff.

This is a brief outline of the role of the Medical Director. Since taking up my post in November there have been changes in some hospital departments in line with the new administrative structure of the hospital. These changes have been made to increase the breadth of medical care available in Stawell and to ensure that the present high quality of care is maintained. As all are aware, the aging of the population has placed an increasing burden on health and welfare services. The hospital has to respond in an imaginative and constructive way to these new demands and to seek to work with other care agencies towards the common goal of a better life for all.

It is my hope that, together with the Director of Nursing and the Manager I can play my part in providing first class health care for the people of Stawell and District.



DAVID K. DOUGLAS.

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VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT

Over the last year the Visiting Medical Practitioners of the Stawell District Hospital have continued to hold their regular meetings on a monthly basis.

Mr. Keith L. Hayes continued as Chairman and Dr. V. Szewczuk as Secretary.

During the year we welcomed Dr. D. Douglas, the Medical Superintendent, into our ranks.

The past year saw the formation of an abundance of committees in the hospital and the Visiting Medical Officers were asked to supply representatives on these committees. Drs. R. N. Castle and V. Szewczuk became representatives on the Patient Care Advisory Committee, Mr. R. Warne on the Infection Control Committee, Mr. Keith L. Hayes and Dr. A. Cunningham on the Theatre Committee, and the chairman of the Visiting Medical Officer's group on the Medical Advisory Committee.

Some of the achievements of the group have been:

- (a) the improvement of equipment available in the out-patient department of the Stawell District Hospital,
- (b) the ordering of a new anaesthetic machine for minor theatre.

Dr. Mary Brown was invited to address the Visiting Medical Officers on the use of physiotherapy in the treatment of neonatal jaundice. As a result of this address a protocol is to be drawn up as a forerunner to the obtaining of our own phototherapy unit.

The year also saw the active opposition by the Visiting Medical Officer's group to the formation of a Family Planning Clinic by the Town Council in Stawell on the grounds that it was totally unnecessary and that the visiting Medical Officers provided an adequate service.

Peer review was also commenced and it was felt that this would only further improve the standard of care provided.

The Visiting Medical Officers welcome the new Director of Nursing, Mr. B. Fowkes, and look forward to liaising closely with him with the intent of improving communications between the medical and nursing staff.

In summary the past year has seen many changes and innovations which have improved our common goal, ie. total patient care.



DR. V. SZEWCZUK,
Secretary.

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DIRECTOR OF NURSING REPORT

SYSTEMS — Substantial progress has already been made towards fulfilling requirements for Accreditation in June 1984. These efforts must lead to continual improvement in patient care:

- (i) The Nursing Practices Committee is engaged in the task of updating the Nursing Procedure Manual.
- (ii) The Nursing Education Committee is concerned with the provision of on-going education for all categories of nurses.
- (iii) The Quality Assurance Committee is engaged in sampling nursing care to ascertain the effectiveness of care given.

A Patient Dependency Program is being implemented whereby nursing workload can be objectively calculated on a daily basis.

STAFFING — The following senior appointments have been made during this year: Sister Jacqueline James — Acting Charge Sister for Midwifery; Sister Christine McLean — Charge Sister for Theatre; Sister Denise Dalby — Charge Sister for Male Ward.

These senior Sisters have already made a significant contribution in the areas in which they work. The willingness of all levels of staff to come on duty to replace sick staff and to attend educational activities in their own time is an indication of their dedication.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES — The renovation of utility rooms which has begun, will make working conditions more efficient for staff. The renovations to Midwifery and Female Ward Bathrooms will certainly result in increased patient comfort.

CO-OPERATION — The Nursing Service is grateful for the support and co-operation it has received from all

hospital personnel and Departments during the year. The contributions made to patient comfort by the Auxiliaries during the year were particularly appreciated.



BRUCE FOWKES,
Director of Nursing.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING REPORT

During the last twelve months, many new and exciting projects have been commenced within the nursing division. Probably the most important is the implementation of an on-going education programme to enhance the clinical expertise of our nursing staff whilst broadening their professional outlook, in an endeavour to maintain premium standards of patient care.

During the month of June, eighty-four attendances were recorded at these sessions and interest appears to be increasing. Many thanks for the success of this programme must be given to the Board of Management and the Nurses themselves. Firstly, it is the need for an education budget, by allocating funds specifically for this project during the 1982-83 financial year. Secondly, it is the nursing staff who attended in excess of eighty percent of these sessions in their own off-duty time.

Expenses this year have exceeded \$1000 in the purchasing of new educational equipment, whilst further expenditure in this area is anticipated next year.

The major training programmes that are currently being undertaken or have been completed, include:

1. Basic Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Skills for all nursing staff,
2. Extension of the basic skills attained in the General Nurse Training Curriculum for use of modern bedside electronic equipment, and
3. Evaluation of current nursing practices with regards to the possible implementation of "problem-solving" patient care.

Several nursing committees are being formed in order to analyse patient care with the view to early recognition of current/potential deficiencies in the giving of

patient care. Two such committees are co-ordinated by myself and they are, the Quality Assurance Committee, and the Educational Advisory Committee.

It is with anticipation that I look forward to what I am sure will be an even more rewarding twelve months.



STEPHEN RAMSDALL,
Assistant Director of Nursing.

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SYME WARD & DAY CENTRE REPORT

The year 1982-83 has been a busy and challenging one. We have again functioned at maximum capacity, in fact over capacity for a few weeks with one extra bed being placed in our store room. This was due to a desperate situation necessitating the admission of a patient to our already fully occupied ward.

The nursing care given to all patients in this area has continued to be of a high standard.

We all look forward with much interest to the building of the new wing which will add a further eleven beds to Syme Ward. It has been interesting being involved in the planning of this new area, and much thought and concern has been shown by our small committee.

Last October saw the continuing of the Day Centre and Syme Ward. This has been of great benefit to patients of Syme Ward, a number of whom attend the centre daily and are therefore able to communicate with others from the outside community. They also participate in all mental stimulation activities and craft work and now have a new interest in life. Use of the Day Centre by patients from the acute area, nursing home and community has increased 100% over the past twelve months.

As I write this report, the bathrooms in Syme Ward are being updated with the removal of tiles in the shower recesses and the application of vinyl to the walls and floors. We have also had an additional toilet installed.

The patients from the Day Centre and Syme Ward have been on a number of outings during the year. These outings included a glass blowing demonstration, a tour of the gold mining area, afternoon tea in the mall, a visit to the World in Miniature and a concert organised by the Combined Pensioners.

The lives of the elderly have been enriched through people providing time, entertainment and other services.

My staff and I would like to thank all who have assisted.



SISTER LORNA CAREY,
Charge Sister Syme Ward
Day Centre.

DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE REPORT

Over the past twelve months, the District Nursing Service has made approximately 5000 visits, providing 20,000 varied services to people cared for at home.

This service allows patients to be discharged from hospital earlier, cared for at home longer and in some

cases kept out of hospital altogether, thus enabling hospital beds to be kept for the more Acute patients.

KAY HOLMES,
District Nurse.

CHARGE SISTERS



Sister R. Dunn



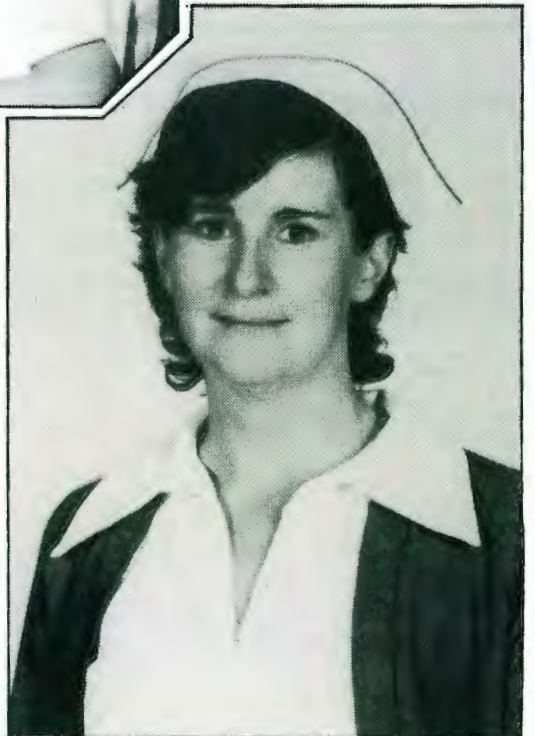
Sister D. Dalby



Sister J. James



Sister L. Carey



Sister C. McLean

N. B. Sister Nora Sidebottom is the Night Sister in Charge.

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PHYSIOTHERAPY ANNUAL REPORT

It took only a short time, after commencing employment here in January 1983, to realize that the Physiotherapy Department was a very busy one.

In the first three months of 1983 I was fortunate to have an experienced therapist, in Miss Donna Wallace, sharing the department workload. Such an opportunity enabled a smooth transition to the role of sole Physiotherapist.

The assistance of a Physiotherapy Aide, namely Mrs Marie Cray, has proved immensely helpful to the efficient functioning of the department.

Since July 1982 the Physiotherapy Department has treated 1,160 patients. The total number of treatments for this 12 month period was 5,799. Of this number 3,221 were outpatients and 2,578 inpatients.

The department is involved with the treatment of acute inpatients, rehabilitation, outpatients and Syme Ward patients.

Rehabilitation ranges from anything such as stroke or amputee work to the mobilization of people following fractures.

In Syme Ward the department aims to optimize the functional independence of residents.

Already this year, the department has participated in nursing education. The subject of low back pain and injury was discussed with all nursing staff and techniques of safe patient lifting were demonstrated.

The department will continue such education in the future and the contribution to nursing education will grow.

This year has seen the addition of an extra treatment cubicle to the department which greatly benefits the efficiency of outpatient treatment.

A waiting area has been set aside in the foyer of the Day Centre which eases congestion inside the department.

The addition of practice steps and a storage cupboard are planned for 1983.

Specialized physiotherapeutic services have been and continue to be utilized by the department. In particular the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Amputee section

has been a very helpful service to several Stawell Hospital patients. By working with such a service the optimal rehabilitative potential can be realized for Stawell patients.

Within a healthy environment of inter-departmental communication and co-operation the Physiotherapy Department will continue to offer a valuable service to the people of Stawell.



IAN GILL,
Physiotherapist.

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

The past year for the X-Ray Department has been one of significant change and advancement with continued improvement for the coming year.

A new cassette/screen and film combination introduced 12 months ago, has resulted in excellent quality radiographs, with increased density and contrast latitudes, at half the radiation dose previously used in the old system. A secondary benefit of the system is that the film is cheaper to purchase. At the moment we have only a very basic set-up with a minimum number of cassettes, but as there are further cassette/film/screen combinations available for specific examinations e.g (very high detail for examination of extremities), we hope to expand our range in the near future.

The first full-time Radiographer commenced duties on 13th October 1982. Prior to this a once-weekly service was offered from Horsham, with obvious inconveniences.

The department offers a normal five day service, plus emergency after hours. By working in conjunction with Ararat District Hospital, alternate weekends off are possible, with one Radiographer being On-Call for Ararat and Stawell on weekends. This co-operation with weekend On-Call has been working satisfactorily since mid-April 1983.

Patient attendances have risen steadily over the past year, especially since October 1982, and further increases are expected due to expansion of examinations performed.

Dr. L. Wong Shee, Horsham, ended his term as Consultant Radiologist on June 30, 1983, and we thank him for his years of service.

Dr. R. J. House, Ballarat, is now the Hospital Consultant Radiologist, and will visit monthly to ensure smooth running of the Department.



SANDY VEROUDE,
Radiographer.

REPORTS

PATHOLOGY REPORT

The past twelve months have been busy for pathology. The Department has been relocated to its new premises on the first floor of the Hospital, and the better conditions are much more pleasant to work in.

The main concern, when relocation upstairs was finalized, was that the elderly and incapacitated may have had trouble attending the department for tests. This has caused no problems since patients who cannot climb the stairs are seen downstairs.

The extra amount of space available in the new laboratory has enabled the department to purchase more equipment to provide a more efficient service. The Pathology Department has purchased three main items during the past year.

1. 1 34 cubic foot Refrigerator.
2. 1 Chemetrics II Analyzer.
3. 1 Beckman Electrolyte 2 Analyzer.

The total cost for these three items was in excess of \$35,000. Items 2 and 3 have enabled the laboratory to become much more efficient. Automation has resulted in the Department being able to consider an expansion of services.

During the past year, a total of 3,303 patients were referred to the department (compared with 2,860 for the previous year), for a total of 21,755 tests (compared with 17,029 for the previous year).

The number of blood donations collected by the Stowell Red Cross Ladies in the past twelve months, was 547 (compared with 605 for the previous year). Blood not used for transfusions was sent to Central Red Cross Blood Bank for fractionation into different components.

A 'Pathology On-Call Service' is provided in conjunction with the Pathology Department at Ararat & District Hospital, and when the Pathology Technologist is away, Ararat Hospital Pathology provide a service for Pathology requests.



DARYL ROWE,
Pathology Technologist.

REPORTS

MEDICAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Medical Records Department has undergone a few changes over the past 12 months. Mrs E. de Fegely left the Hospital in September '82 and Miss Stephanie Castle resumed the role of Medical Records Administrator in November '82.

The main role of the Medical Records Administrator is to collect and collate morbidity statistics which are then sent to the Health Commission and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Diagnosis & Operations of all patients discharged are coded, using an International Classification System. The codes are put into the Hospital Computer Terminal and transmitted to Monash University Health Computing Service. This service stores all the transmitted data in memory banks, where the data is collated and sent back to the Hospital in the various report format that the Hospital requests. The Reports received are used by the Hospital for statistical reports, medical research, patient care evaluation and medical facility planning.

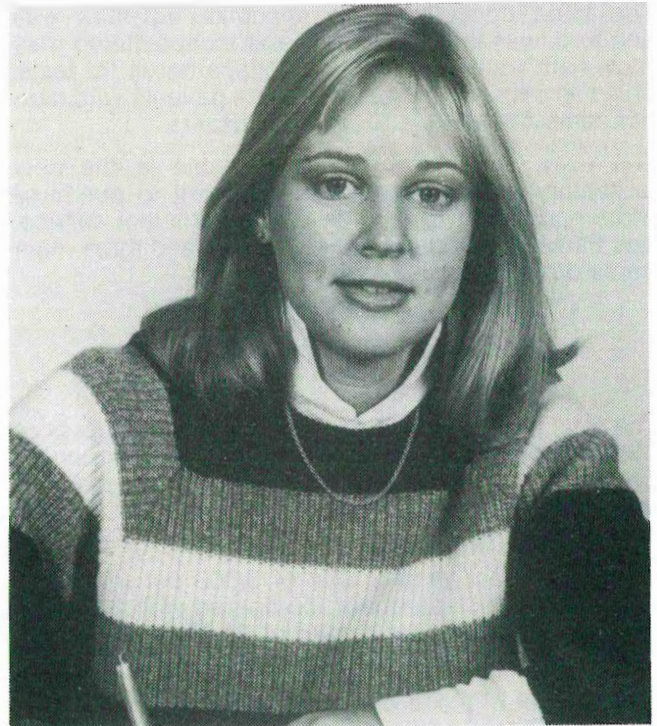
At the end of each financial year, all of the Operations and Diagnoses for the Hospital are cross-indexed by H. C. S. and sent back to the Hospital.

Other roles include maintaining strict control over the Medical Records, ensuring that all recorded clinical information is thorough and accurate, processing legal correspondence, preparing reports, designing medical record forms and attending seminars and regional meetings.

Within the next two months the Medical Records Department will be relocated to ground floor. This will

be a more central position and will make the department easily accessible to authorized staff.

The next twelve months will be aimed at dramatically improving the whole medical record concept within the Hospital in preparation for the Accreditation Survey in June 1984.



STEPHANIE CASTLE,
Medical Records Administrator.

PODIATRY REPORT

Podiatry-Chiropody Services have been available at the Stawell Hospital for some years now although it was only in the past eighteen months that it has been introduced as a sessional hospital service. It provides a service for Hospital patients, Syme Ward, Geriatric residents, Day Centre patients and Outpatients from the surrounding areas.

During the past twelve months the number of patients treated has increased considerably. From an average of eighteen patients per session to an average of fifty patients per session in June 1983, therefore the number of sessional hours has been extended to three working days per month.

The age group attending the podiatrist are mainly elderly although there has been a recent increase in younger people who play a lot of sport and children.

This year has seen the podiatry services well utilised and there is every indication that it will continue to grow in the future.



HELEN DAVIDSON,
Podiatrist.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME SECTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

OPERATING FUND

INCOME	1981/82	1982/83
Government Grants — ordinary (Hospital)	\$1,271,500	\$1,400,000
Government Grants — ordinary (Nursing Home)	156,000	150,000
Government Grant — Management study	8,170	—
Commonwealth Home Nursing Subsidy	6,458	8,198
Subsidized Wage Schemes (N.E.A.T. Craft Syetp)	2,652	3,855
Costs met by Health Commission	40,955	67,863
Day Hospital Receipts	2,129	2,599
Home Nursing Receipts	1,962	2,177
Meals and Accommodation	12,961	10,558
Bad Debts Recovered	—	217
Other Recoveries	10,598	6,123
PATIENT FEES RAISED		
Hospital — Inpatients	412,953	592,751
Hospital — Outpatients	10,814	11,162
Nursing Home Patients	289,623	362,879
Pathology and X-Ray	53,032	71,295
Total Income	2,279,807	2,689,677
Deficit		158,961
TOTAL	\$2,279,807	\$2,848,638

EXPENDITURE	1981/82	1982/83
Salaries and Wages	\$1,485,349	\$1,881,166
Salaries paid to Ararat Hospital (Shared Services)	13,608	19,873
Superannuation	15,343	26,782
Payments to Visiting Medical Officers	139,641	132,959
Food Supplies	78,888	95,961
Medical and Surgical Supplies	54,673	65,175
Special Service Departments	41,074	31,730
Drug Supplies	25,817	43,844
Fuel, Light and Power	37,747	48,410
Domestic and Laundry Charges	109,624	134,555
Repairs and Maintenance	78,972	109,696
Administration Expense	108,957	162,223
Ambulance Services	29,467	31,162
Provision for Doubtful Debts	12,518	15,508
Bad Debts Written Off	270	403
Provision for Depreciation	—	49,191
Other Payments	9,988	—
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$2,241,936	\$2,848,638
SURPLUS	37,871	—
TOTAL	\$2,279,807	\$2,848,638

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

OPERATING FUND

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	1981/82	1982/83
Cash at Bank and On Hand	\$63,433	\$ 5,760
Patient Fees Outstanding — Hospital	97,746	125,871
Pathology (Subject to Path. Fund Equity)	16,828	13,474
Radiology (Subject to Private Practice Equity)	12,122	16,345
Nursing Home	23,904	35,841
 LESS Provision for Doubtful Debts	 (36,535)	 (15,508)
Stores on Hand	33,771	38,741
	<u>\$211,269</u>	<u>\$220,524</u>
 LIABILITIES	1981/82	1982/83
Bank Overdraft	\$ —	\$172,600
Creditors	106,628	84,420
Accrued Salary and Wages	9,450	16,499
Annual Leave Overdue	2,162	2,062
Provision for Long Service Leave	56,534	22,117
Provision for Depreciation Transferred to Capital Fund	—	49,191
Prior year (deficit)/surplus brought forward	(\$1,376)	36,495
Health Commission recall of prior year cash surplus		(3,899)
Current year (deficit)/surplus	37,871	(158,961)
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus carried forward	<u>36,495</u>	<u>(126,365)</u>
	<u>\$211,269</u>	<u>\$220,524</u>

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

ANALYSIS OF BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

Receipts

Payments

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Balance July 1, 1982	20,703	Purchase of Equipment	33,642
Sundry Bank A/c's July 1, 1982.....	3,749	Assets under construction (kitchen) .	6,500
Interest on Investments	63,157	Transfer of Funds to Investments ...	77,124
Interest on Bank Balances	122	Balance June 30, 1983	3,580
Transfer from Specific Purpose Fund.	129		
Refund of Stamp Duty	1,148		
Sale of Sundry Goods	3,599		
Rent from Property	140		
Donations	25,791		
Sale of Paintings	80		
Transfer from Endowment	1,000		
Sale of Day Centre Craft	800		
Miscellaneous Income	428		
	\$120,846		\$120,846

SPECIFIC PURPOSE ACCOUNT

Balance July 1, 1982	6,560	Pathology Fund: Purchase of Equip..	25,174
Balance July 1, 1982 (OT)	129	Pathology Fund: Laboratory Renov. . .	15,296
Balance July 1, 1982 (Ryan Prize) ..	110	Pathology Travel Expenses	218
Pathology Fund Receipts	19,531	Transfer to Capital Fund	129
Pathology Fund Int. on Investment ..	6,322	Balance June 30, 1983 (Ryan Prize)	113
Transfer from Investment		Balance June 30, 1983	11,905
(Pathology Fund)	19,332		
Patients Trust Account	230		
Medical Reports	301		
Male Ward Equipment Fund	224		
Syme Ward Equipment Fund	92		
Interest on Ryan Prize Bank A/C	4		
	\$52,835		\$52,835

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

Debit

Credit

CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT

Transfer of Depreciation from Operating Fund	\$49,191	Fund Balance July 1, 1982	\$1,305,656
Adjustment to prior years	148,733	Donations, Interest on Investments & Misc. Income	94,117
Fund Balance June 30, 1983	1,272,408	Transfer from Endowment	1,000
		Transfer from Specific Purpose Fund Assets Funded Under Minor Works. .	129
		Motor Vehicles Purchased from Operating Fund	55,308
			14,122
	<u>\$1,470,332</u>		<u>\$1,470,332</u>

SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND ACCOUNT

Pathology Equipment	25,174	Fund Balance July 1, 1982	79,999
Pathology Lab. Renovations	15,296	Pathology Receipts	19,531
Pathology Travel Expenses	218	Pathology Int. on Invest.	6,322
Transfer to Capital Fund	129	Patients Trust Account	230
Fund Balance June 30, 1983	65,886	Medical Reports	301
		Male Ward Equipment	224
		Syme Ward Equipment	92
		Interest on Ryan Prize Bank Balance	4
	<u>\$106,703</u>		<u>\$106,703</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT

Transfer to Capital Fund	1,000	Fund Balance July 1, 1982	2,205
Fund Balance June 30, 1983	1,205		
	<u>\$2,205</u>		<u>\$2,205</u>

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT JUNE 30, 1983

Liabilities

Assets

CAPITAL FUND

	CAPITAL FUND		
	Cash at Bank.....	3,580	
	Investments	329,724	
	Assets under construction (kitchen) .	6,500	
	Land and Buildings.....	597,600	
	Plant and Equipment \$443,508		
	LESS Prov. for Deprec..... 125,563	317,945	
	Motor Vehicles..... 20,103		
	LESS Prov. for Deprec..... 3,044	17,059	
Fund Balance.....	<u>\$1,272,408</u>		<u>\$1,272,408</u>

SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND

Government Grant	2,900	Cash at Bank.....	11,905
Holden Fund.....	152	Ryan Prize Bank Account	114
Syme Ward Fund	1,226	Investments	53,868
Pathology Fund	34,158		
C. A. Cooper Estate.....	132		
Patient Trust Fund.....	230		
Medical Fund	302		
Male Ward Equipment Fund.....	224		
Syme Ward Equipment Fund.....	92		
Crutches Fund.....	190		
Ryan Prize Fund	814		
J. Payne Fund.....	2,195		
L. M. Webster Fund.....	400		
Perry Fund	22,872		
	<u>\$65,887</u>		<u>\$65,887</u>

ENDOWMENT FUND

Fund Balance.....	<u>\$1,205</u>	Investment	<u>\$1,205</u>

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of this hospital are as follows:

- (a) The accounts of the hospital are prepared and published in accordance with the requirements of the Health Commission of Victoria.
- (b) No provision has been made for the depreciation of land or buildings in accordance with the Health Commission of Victoria's instructions. Land and Buildings are recorded in the Capital Fund at cost.
- (c) The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the historical cost convention.
- (d) Investments
It is the hospital's policy to hold investment securities until maturity and consequently no provision for diminution to market value is required.
- (e) Income from Investments
 - (i) Income from Capital investments has been credited directly to the Capital account.
 - (ii) Income from investment of Endowment and Specific Purpose funds has been credited directly to the relevant trust fund.
 - (iii) Income from short term investment of Operating funds has been credited directly to the Capital account.
 - (iv) Income from investments has not been brought to account in determining the year's operating result. This is consistent with prior years.
- (f) Stock on Hand
Stocks on hand include all stores held in the General Store and Pharmacy. Stocks on hand are valued at latest purchase price which is consistent with prior years.
Variation in stock levels has been brought to account in the year's operating result.

MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

I Michael Bernard Delahunty, being the officer responsible for the preparation of the accompanying Accounts comprising Balance Sheets, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statements of Receipts and Payments, Explanatory Notes and Supplementary Information of Stawell District Hospital and Nursing Home for the year ended 30 June, 1983 state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, such Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Health Commission of Victoria so as to give a true and fair view of the Institution's financial affairs as at the 30 June, 1983, and of the results of its financial operations for the year ended at that date.

Date: 19th August, 1983

M. B. DELAHUNTY, B.E.C. A.A.S.A.

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 1983

FUND	Date of Maturity	Interest %	Amount \$	TOTAL \$
CAPITAL				
R.E.S.I.....	17/7/83	13.25	327,123.73	
Aust. Savings Bonds 17	1/4/88	10.25	440.00	
Aust. Savings Bonds 17	1/4/88	10.25	2,160.00	
				329,723.73
SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND				
R.E.S.I.....	17/7/83	13.25	30,667.85	
C/Wealth Inscribed Stock	15/5/84	5.00	700.00	
Aust. Savings Bonds 17	1/4/88	10.25	500.00	
Aust. Savings Bonds 17	1/4/88	10.25	400.00	
Aust. Savings Bonds 17	1/4/88	10.25	21,600.00	
				53,867.85
ENDOWMENT FUND	No Fixed Date	3.00	1,205.00	
				1,205.00
				\$384,796.58

AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that we have examined the accounts of Stawell District Hospital and Nursing Home for the year ended 30th June, 1983.

Our examination included such auditing procedures and tests of the records which we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In preparing the financial statements, the Hospital has not provided for depreciation of buildings (refer to Accounting Policies). This is a departure from the Statement of Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the Australian Society of Accountants.

Subject to the above, in our opinion, the Accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Health Commission of Victoria so as to give a true and fair view of the institution's financial affairs as at 30th June, 1983 and of the results of its operations for the year ended at that date.

The accounting and other records examined by us have been properly maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Health Commission of Victoria's Cost Centre Accounting and Budgeting System Procedures Manual.

DATED this 26th day of August, 1983.

GREEN, TAYLOR AND GREENALL,
Chartered Accountants,
Horsham, Vic. 3400

STAWELL AND DISTRICT ELDERLY PEOPLES HOME SOCIETY

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Balance July 1, 1982.....	\$ 25
Interest on Bank Account.....	1
Donations.....	37,235
Contributions.....	20
	<u>\$37,281</u>

Payments

Administration Fees.....	\$17,000
Balance June 30, 1983.....	20,281
	<u>\$37,281</u>

ANALYSIS OF FUND

Debit

Administration Fees.....	\$17,000
Fund Balance June 30, 1983.....	20,281
	<u>\$37,281</u>

Credit

Fund Balance July 1, 1982.....	\$ 25
Donations, Interest and Contributions	37,256
	<u>\$37,281</u>

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Liabilities

Fund Balance.....	<u>\$20,281</u>
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Assets

Cash at Bank.....	<u>\$20,281</u>
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AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that we have audited the books of Stawell and District Elderly Peoples Home Society for the year ended 30th June, 1983.

In our opinion, the financial statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the receipts of the period and the financial position as at 30th June, 1983.

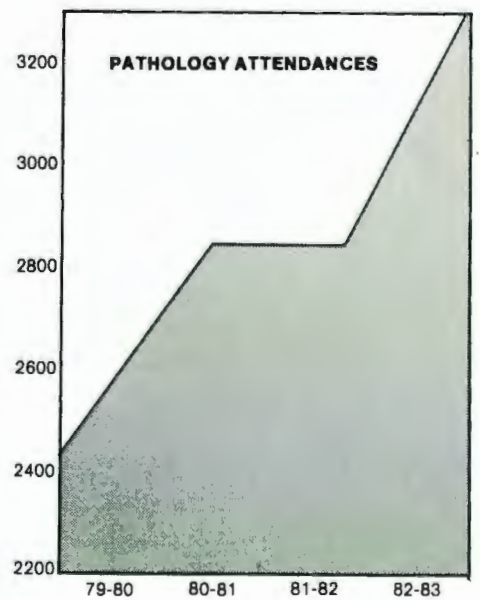
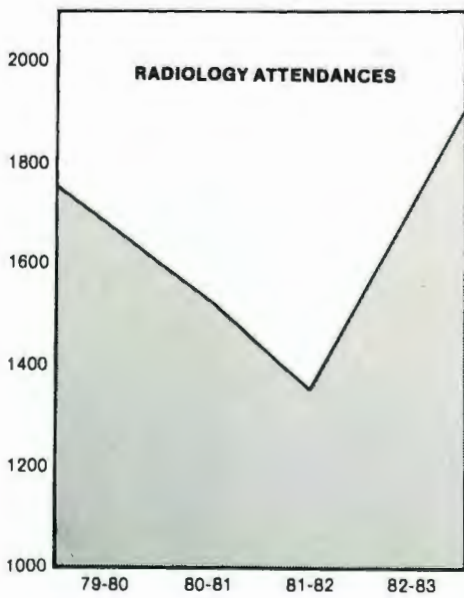
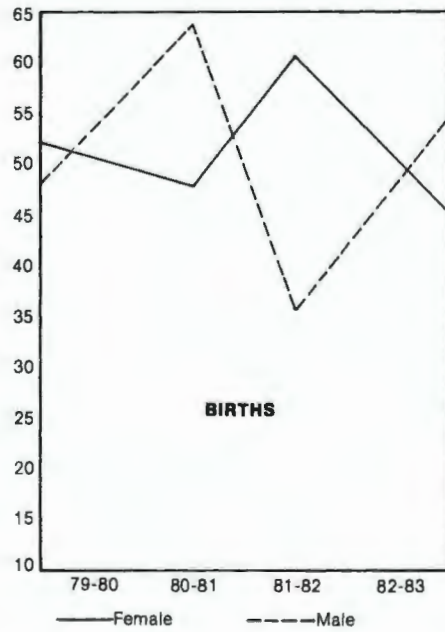
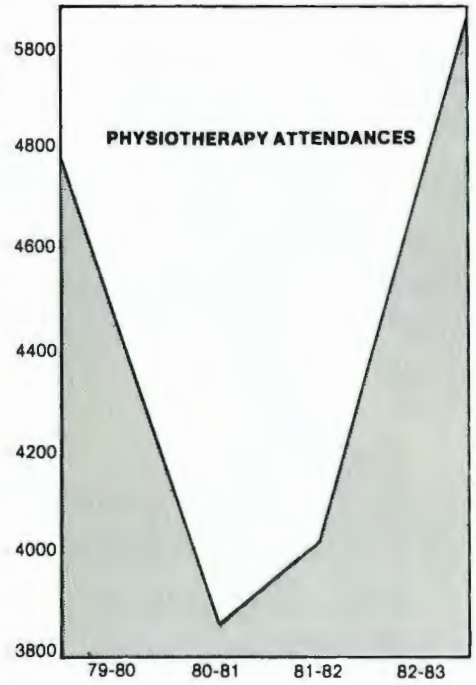
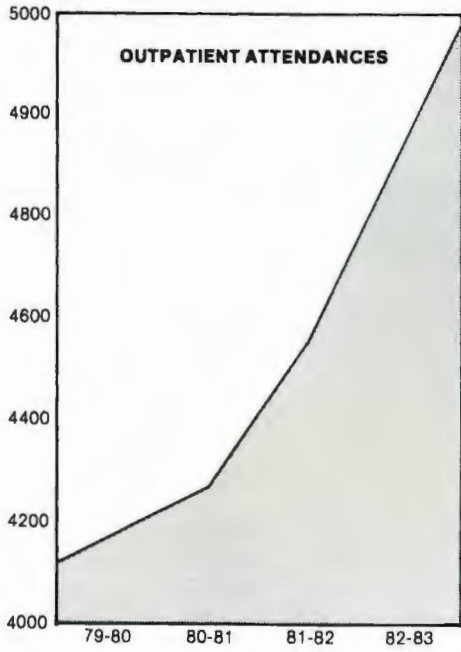
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GREEN, TAYLOR AND GREENALL,
Chartered Accountants,
Horsham, Vic. 3400

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS 1982-83

	1981-82	1982-83
HOSPITAL		
Inpatients Treated	1849	1680
Outpatients	4578	5983
Bed Days	12694	12195
Daily Average Occupancy	34.78	33.41
% Occupancy	65.62	63.04
Average Length of Stay	6.87 Days	7.26 Days
Births — Total	97	101
Female	61	46
Male	36	55
NURSING HOME		
Inpatients Treated	44	36
Bed Days	6764	6983
Daily Average Occupancy	18.53	19.13
% Occupancy	97.53	100.69
Average Length of Stay	153.73 Days	193.97 Days
BLOOD BANK Donations	605 Units	547 Units
CASUALTY Attendances	4578	4981
DAY CENTRE Attendances	2947	4745
DISTRICT NURSING Home Visits	3537	4780
OPERATIONS Inpatient — Major	763	777
PHYSIOTHERAPY Attendances	4011	5891
SPEECH THERAPY Attendances		232
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Attendances	2253	906
PATHOLOGY Attendances	2860	3288
RADIOLOGY Attendances	1286	1854
MEALS PREPARED		
Inpatients	59433	52937
Staff	6693	10478
Day Centre	2129	3614
Functions		1811
LAUNDRY USAGE		
Hospital	79973 kg	97586 kg
Nursing Home	36781 kg	34648 kg
District Nurse	1033 kg	1224 kg
COST per day of MAINTAINING EACH PATIENT		
Hospital	\$147.30	\$177.30
Nursing Home	\$67.94	\$76.08

STATISTICS



EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE PURCHASES

In aiming towards maintaining a higher standard of patient care the Hospital is gradually updating equipment and services provided. This has only been possible with the financial support of the Health Commission of Victoria and from the generous giving of Service Clubs, Contributors, Organisations and our Auxiliaries, and the people of Stawell and District.

MIDWIFERY	\$	PATHOLOGY	\$
Curtains	5,063	1 34-cubic foot Refrigerator	2,000
FEMALE WARD		1 Chemetrics II Analyzer	25,000
Mechanoids Ambulift	3,000	1 Beckman Electrolyte 2 Analyzer	7,000
THEATRE		ENGINEERING	
Intraluminal Stapler	525	Maintenance Workshop	4,500
Dermatome & Dermabrador	1,500	SYSTEMS	
Campbell Ventilator	1,500	Master Key System	2,674
Alarm (for above)	500	Modulex Signposting Systems	8,908
Autoclave	18,392	OTHER	
NURSING EDUCATION		Ducted Air Conditioning (1st flr)	8,000
Resusci Anne	838		
PHARMACY			
Alarm System	1,875		
DOMESTIC SERVICES			
3 'Numatic' Vacuum Cleaners	765		
KITCHEN			
Cafeteria:			
Tables & Chairs	2,000		
Food Warmers	1,100		
Refrigerator	3,500		
Air Conditioner	700		
Electricity & Painting	1,100		
Dishwashing Machine (Syme)	550		
2 Cafe Bars	912		
Walk-in Deep Freeze	4,155		
Meat Slicer	1,307		
ADMINISTRATION			
2 Adler Electric Typewriters	1,400		

ITEMS OF INTEREST

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL COMMITTEES

Executive Committee
 Board of Management
 Patient Care Committee
 Accreditation Committee
 Renovation & Maintenance Committee
 Appeal Committee
 Infection Control Committee
 Safety Committee
 Special Purposes Medical Fund Committee
 Theatre Committee
 Peer Review Committee

Medical Records Committee
 Medical Advisory Board Committee
 Visiting Medical Officer's Committee
 Newsletter Committee
 38 Hr Week Implementation Committee
 Nursing Practices Committee
 Nursing Education Committee
 Quality Assurance Committee

THIS IS WHERE OUR PATIENTS CAME FROM

Interstate

N.S.W. 3
 S.A. 24
 W.A. 1

Metropolitan

Berwick 3
 Broadmeadows 4
 Camberwell 2
 Collingwood 1
 Croydon 1
 Fitzroy 2
 Footscray 1
 Frankston 1
 Knox 1
 Melton 1
 Moorabbin 1
 Mornington 1
 Nunawading 2
 Oakley 1
 Pakenham 1
 Prahran 1
 Richmond 2

Sandringham 1
 St. Kilda 1
 Sunshine 3
 Williamstown 2

Country

Ararat 44
 Avoca 35
 Bairnsdale 1
 Ballarat 13
 Bendigo 1
 Donald 1
 Horsham 7
 Kaniva 1
 Lexton 1
 Mildura 3
 Otways 2
 St. Arnaud 5
 Stawell 1486
 Warrnambool 3
 Warracknabeal 1
 Wimmera Shire 12
 Wodonga 1

STAWELL AND DISTRICT ELDERLY PEOPLE'S HOME SOCIETY

The society was formed in 1981, and adopted as part of its' By-Laws, the objects of raising funds for, and the construction of, a nursing home extension on to our existing Syme Ward wing. This extension is to provide nursing home care and accommodation for those persons falling within the categories defined under the Aged and Disabled Persons Homes Act.

It was necessary to form a completely separate committee from the Stawell District Hospital committee as no state government funded organization is eligible for grants from the Commonwealth Department of Social Security.

The provisional committee, which will remain in office until the objects of the society have been realized, has appointed three trustees to hold the assets of the society in trust. The Health Commission registered the society as a benevolent society under the provisions of the Hospitals and Charities Act 1958.

The society advised the Commonwealth Department of Health of its registration and subsequently received advice from that department that when the eleven bed extension was built, the Commonwealth would pay nursing home benefits on the extra eleven beds (presently \$41.90 per day).

During January 1983 the Commonwealth Department of Social Security announced that it would provide the maximum allowable grant to the society of \$14,000 per bed, to assist in the construction of an extra eleven nursing home beds in Stawell.

It is estimated that the nursing home extension is going to cost \$454,000. Therefore it meant that the community had to raise \$300,000 as its share.

It is history now that the community responded magnificently to the appeal. In a nine-week intensive phase \$390,070 was pledged to the society over a

three year period. It was gratifying to the committee that firstly Cr. K. Haymes accepted Chairmanship of the appeal and that the community responded so generously so that our frail aged in urgent need of nursing home care may stay in the district rather than be sent to distant institutions.

It would be remiss of me if on behalf of my committee, I did not thank the many public organizations who have pledged significant amounts to the appeal over a three year period. We appreciate the magnitude of the commitment these committees have made and we wish them every success with their fund raising ventures.

Included in this report is a list of some of the donations and pledges made to our appeal. In addition a further four hundred and fifty pledges and donations were made.

The Department of Social Security, before they will allow tenders to be called for our building extension insist that 90% of the estimated cost must be "in hand". In our case we must have \$250,000 "in hand". It is anticipated that we will have this amount by September 1984 based on payment dates specified in pledges to the appeal.

It is the earnest desire of the society that the extension is opened during the 1984 calendar year. In the meantime my committee will be negotiating with appropriate authorities to allow further nursing home beds to be established in Stawell, over and above the eleven bed extension already approved to allow this community's aged people access to facilities comparable to other such communities in the State of Victoria.

Dr. R. N. CASTLE,
President,
Provisional Committee of Management.

NURSING HOME EXTENSION FOR THE AGED APPEAL

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Mr & Mrs A. G. Holden.....	3,300	Stawell Philatelic Society...	1,000	Mr & Mrs B. Considine.....	150
Mr & Mrs G. H. Holden.....	3,300	Mrs J. Williams.....	1,000	Cr & Mrs H. Harding.....	150
Mrs Elizabeth Castle.....	3,000	Stawell Branch Pensioners		Mr & Mrs R. Smith.....	105
Cr & Mrs K. G Haymes.....	3,000	Association.....	600	Mr & Mrs G. Cox.....	100
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Nursing Home Appeal

CALL FOR \$300,000 TO

EXTEND SYME

NURSING HOME

Stawell Hospital is to extend the Syme Nursing Home for the aged from 19 to 30 beds, and a special committee is being set up to raise a local contribution of \$300,000 to allow the project to go ahead.

Cr Keith Haymes of Stawell Town Council will head a community fund raising program.

PROGRAMME OFFICE OPEN



Plans for the expansion programme at Stawell District Hospital are now displayed at the programme office, formerly McClure's Garage, 57 Main Street, Stawell. Programme chairman, Cr Keith Haymes, pictured above with Mrs Joan Brilliant at the office, said yesterday the

office would be open from 9am each weekday, where plans were on display for public viewing.

Cr Haymes said the expansion programme, a nursing home for the aged, had a fund raising committee chaired by Mr Keith McCracken and Mr David McCracken.

SHIRE GIVES HOME APPEAL \$10,000

A pledge of \$10,000 over three years was made by Stawell Shire Council on Tuesday to the appeal for \$300,000 towards extensions to the Syme Nursing Home appeal in Stawell.

LIONS PLEDGE \$4000

The Lions Club of Stawell has pledged \$4000 towards the Stawell District Hospital's Syme Ward extension appeal.

At a meeting of the club this week, President Neville Nunn said a recommendation had been made by the finance committee, and the figure suggested was \$4000.

"We can't guarantee that we will have the Easter carnival next year, so it has been the feeling of the finance committee that we provide finance for the hospital this year and the final part next year.

"It will be paid through the team, which is comprised mainly of Lions Club members," he said.

Two instalments will be paid to the appeal, \$2000 in November this year, and a further \$2000 in June, 1984.

"This does not strip the club of all monies, for any other worthwhile projects that may come up.

\$25,000 PLEDGE TO HOME APPEAL

Council of the Town of Stawell has pledged a gift of \$25,000 over three years to the Stawell District Hospital appeal for extensions to the Syme Nursing Home.

At a special meeting on Wednesday night, the council reserved the right to examine its financial position in September, before its estimates meeting, and alter the format of its donation if circumstances hard to forecast, and wages and salary rates could alter. However, the interest on investments should ensure that council's financial position at September 30... Cr Keith Haymes asked if it would be better to meet a lump sum in any one year, or spread it out over...

Auxiliary Adds Support



● Stawell Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary has made a donation of \$10,000 towards the hospital's appeal for the erection of a new ward, to accommodate the elderly. Representatives of the Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs Betty Howden (right) and Mrs Betty gross (centre) passed over a "mock" cheque to the Appeal Chairman, Cr Keith Haymes, this week. The amount of \$10,000 is one of five such amounts already made to the appeal.

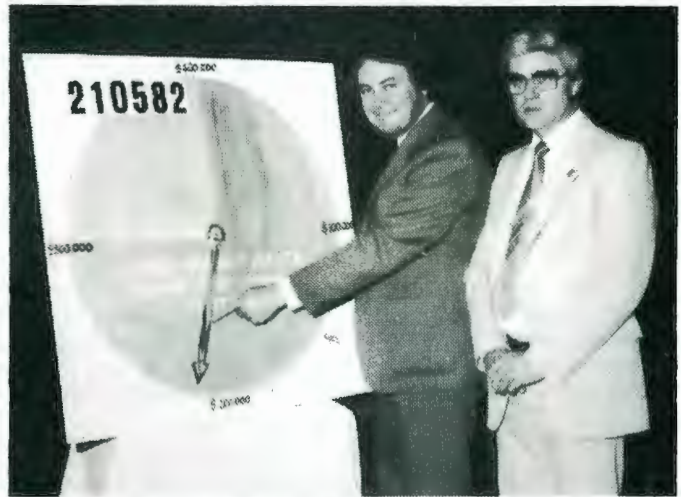
Nursing Home Appeal

Younger Set Backs Hospital Appeal



Stawell Younger Set is the first service organisation to back the appeal for an extension to the Syme Nursing Home at Stawell District Hospital, with a cheque for \$10,000.

We're Nearly There



• That's the total at present," Minister of Health, Mr Tom Roper points out at the official launching of the Hospital Nursing Home Appeal, at Stawell Town Hall on Wednesday. The appeals committee is confident that the total will be reached, in fact oversubscribed. With Mr Roper is Hospital Appeals Chairman, Cr Keith Haymes (right).

APEX CONTRIBUTION... AND JAYCEES



• Stawell District Hospital's Syme Ward extension appeal has been boosted with a donation of \$7,500 from the Apex Club of Stawell. The donation came from the club last week, and was included in the total of \$210,000 announced at the official launching ceremony at the Stawell Town Hall. Pictured accepting the cheque (left) is Appeals Chairman, Cr Keith Haymes, with Apexians Murray MacPherson (centre) and Gary Crouch (right).

The donation is to be available over a three year period. The Apex Club has been a constant donor to the Hospital over the years.



• Service Clubs have rallied to the cause, and Stawell Jaycees have made a donation of \$1,000 towards the Hospital Appeal. President of Stawell Chapter of Jaycees, Mr Alister Castle (right) is pictured making the chapter's cheque available to Mr David McCracken, last week. Like other service clubs in Stawell, Jaycees also has been regular contributors to the Stawell Hospital.

HOSPITAL APPEAL SURGES TO \$226,000

As at 9am on Wednesday of this week, the Stawell District Hospital Syme Ward extension appeal had reached \$226,000.

Nursing Home Appeal

**SHARED WITH
WF HOMES**



• A bed at Stawell District Hospital is to be dedicated to Wimmera Family Homes, following the receipt of \$5,153 from this year's entrant, Miss Alison Howard. Alison nominated that half the total raised be provided for the Stawell District Hospital's Syme Ward extension appeal. She handed a cheque for the above amount to Cr Keith Haymes, Appeals Chairman. Pictured left to right, WFH President, Mr N Raeburn, Alison Howard, Cr K Haymes and Dr R N Castle, SDH President.

We're There! \$300,000 On The Board

Stawell District Hospital's Syme Ward extension appeal has reached its target of \$300,000 – and with two weeks to spare.

An elated President of the Hospital, Dr R N Castle announced on Friday that \$302,588 had been subscribed for the Aged Fund Raising programme.

PENSIONERS GIVE \$600 TO APPEAL

At a recent meeting of the Stawell Branch of the Combined Pensioners' Association it was decided to give \$600 to the hospital appeal for the Syme Ward extensions.

APPEAL RAISED \$390,000

Final Figure For Hospital Appeal

• Celebrations were certainly in order last week at Stawell High School Assembly Hall, when the organising committee of the Syme Ward extension appeal entertained donors at a victory cabaret. The final figure announced at the cabaret was \$390,000. The figure was announced by Hospital President, Dr R N Castle, along with Appeals Chairman, Cr Keith Haymes and organiser, Mr Frank Black. The target set by the appeal committee during the nine week period was \$300,000, and the appeal being over-subscribed by \$90,000 will allow further work to be undertaken at the hospital. Pictured, left to right, Mr Frank Black, Cr Keith Haymes, Dr Norman Castle, Shire President, Cr David Williams and the Mayor of Stawell, Cr Barry Sherwell.



REPORTS

FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The past year has meant a time of continuing change to the Food Service Department. In September last year we changed the menu's to allow some more flexibility for our special diets and to give a greater choice of food to the patients and staff of the hospital. A meal survey placed through the hospital during the month of May 1983 showed that most of the patients enjoyed the meals and the choice of which they were given.

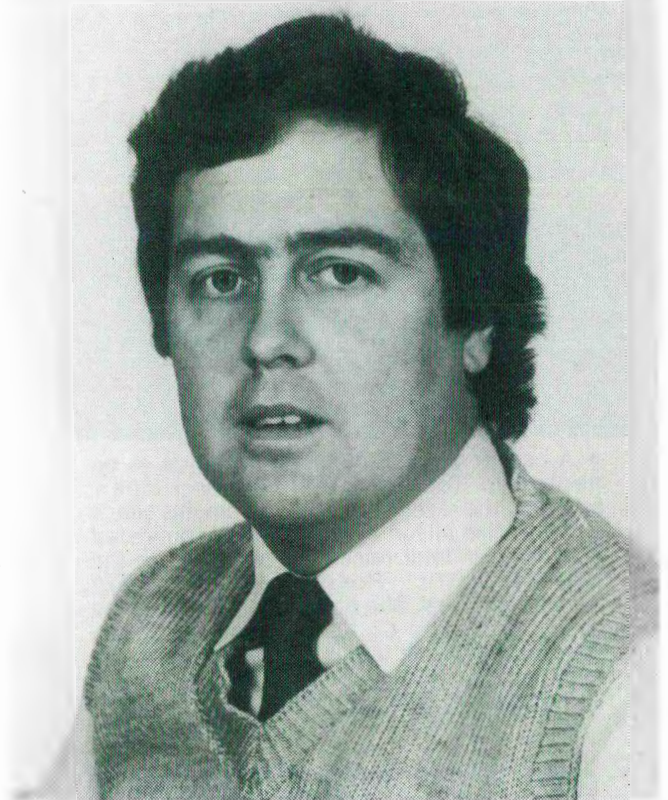
Occasionally through the year we were able to cater for special functions for guests to the hospital. These functions have enabled the cooks to widen their knowledge of cooking. On occasions it has been necessary to approach the Younger Set and ask for their assistance on a voluntary basis. The Younger Set have always answered our call for which I would like to thank them for their time in helping us. It has always been greatly appreciated.

Two new pieces of equipment have been functioning in the kitchen for almost 12 months, these being a dough brake and a walk-in freezer. Both have proved to be of great value to the food service staff with storage and time savings on the work load.

During the month of June 1983 the cafeteria was eventually opened. The staff, now have a better environment to eat and sit during their breaks. The cafeteria has also provided a better service for providing staff meals.

The plans for the new kitchen have now been completed and are at present in the hands of the Health Commission. Hopefully building will commence during the later part of 1983. While the kitchen is being built, a temporary building has been obtained to allow the staff to provide meals, for the patients and staff, with minimal inconvenience.

It has been a busy year for the food service staff and I would like to thank them all for their good work and continuing effort for trying to provide a good service to the staff and patients of this hospital.



CHRIS D. ANDERSON,
Executive Chef.

SAFETY REPORT

Safety needs and awareness in Industry and Hospitals is something that is becoming very apparent. The cost of Workers' Compensation to the Health Commission is astronomical. Although safety is an expensive commodity to ensure in Hospitals, it is even more expensive to pursue Workers' Compensation Claims.

During April '83 I attended a one week training course on Safety at the Mayfield Centre, Malvern. The aim of this course was to educate us in safety awareness and how to prevent accidents.

The staff have now been educated in correct lifting techniques to prevent back injuries, and electrical attachments are being checked in order to prevent electrical shocks and burns.

Safety surveys were carried out in most of the Hospital departments, in which each departmental head was made responsible to check various items for safety status. If an item was in an unsatisfactory con-

dition an explanation was sought and that department was responsible for making that item safe.

A fire-plan has been designed. If the fire alarm is raised, each person has been given a specific task and allocated to a specific area.

The C. F. A. has been a great help to us with our fire plan and safety training, and I would like to thank them for their assistance.

Next year we hope to have an internal disaster plan made up, and we are also co-ordinating with the S. E. S. and other emergency groups in making up an external disaster plan.

CHRIS ANDERSON,
Safety Officer.

DOMESTIC SERVICE REPORT

A group of workers who are quite often forgotten in the Hospital, the Domestics, play a vital role in Infection Control.

The duty of keeping a Hospital clean and hygienic while having to work around other people is not an easy task, but an essential one. The task of keeping the floor areas clean is also a difficult one, however the domestic staff have done an excellent job in maintaining these floors in top condition.

In September 1982, we purchased three 'Numatic' vacuum cleaners to cope with the new carpet that has been laid down in the Hospital. These vacuum cleaners have proved to be a great asset to the staff, making cleaning time to the carpet areas a great deal quicker.

Stainless steel mop buckets and handles are used in most parts of the Hospital. These buckets are easier to keep clean, especially where there is no rust present. The buckets have a longer life span, this saving the Hospital money in the long term.

I would like to thank all the Domestic staff for their assistance during the year, and hope that next year continues to be an even better year.

CHRIS ANDERSON,
Domestic Supervisor.



Domestics Carol Mullane, Lorraine Smith,
Debbie Chester.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Maintenance Department has seen a lot of changes in the past 12 months. Firstly with Gary Scott returning to Wimmera Base Hospital and Harry Hunter retiring. I was then employed to replace Gary Scott, and Simon Healy was employed as a Carpentry Apprentice.

;Projects started by Gary Scott have been completed. These being — The Pathology Laboratory; Office and Collection Room, all now located on the first floor. Pan Sanitizing Rooms, situated in Midwifery Ward, Female Ward and Male Ward, have also been completed.

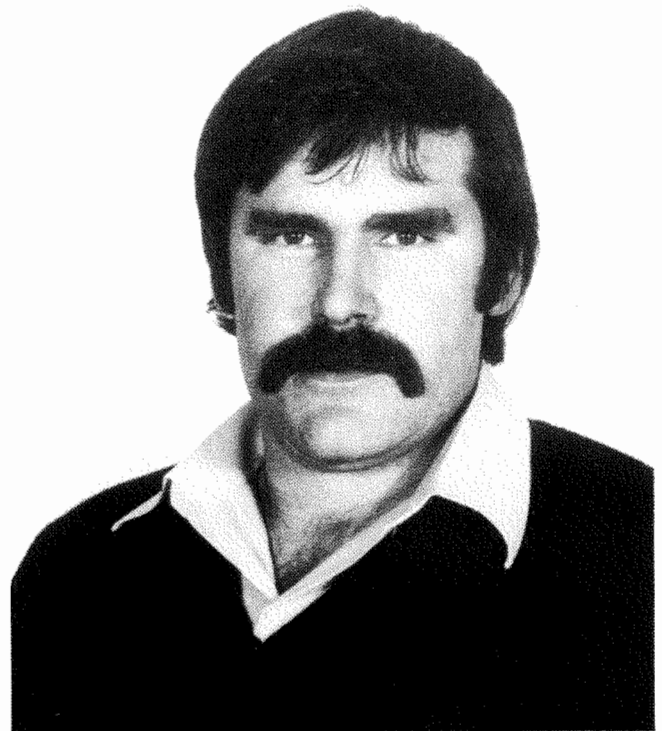
New projects started are the much needed renovations to bathrooms in Syme Ward and Midwifery Wards.

The new Modalex Sign System placed in and around the hospital has made it much easier for Patients and Visitors to find their way around the hospital.

New equipment purchased by the Maintenance Department has made it possible for us to do renovations faster, leaving more time for general maintenance. New equipment purchased being — Portable Metal cut off Saw, Timber Docking Saw, Timber Buzzer and a Portable Air Compressor.

Much credit goes to Daryl Holloway for the way he has kept the garden during the past drought. A Tree Planting Programme has also been started by Daryl after early rains. Approximately 120 trees have been planted so far.

In conclusion I would like to thank Management, Nursing Staff and Maintenance Staff for their support and co-operation since I started work here.



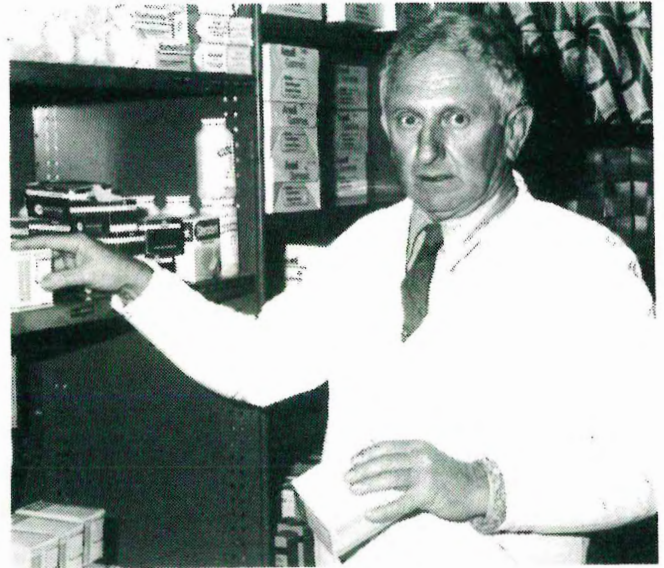
GARRIE MARTIN,
Engineering Foreman.

STORES DEPARTMENT

The financial year ended June 30, 1983, has again proved to a busy period in this Department, with input and output of goods showing a steady increase on the previous year's figures. This pattern is expected to continue as the Hospital Services and Facilities are expanded to cover increased demand for all types of Medical Care.

The current year has seen the opening of a Cafeteria Service for staff, and future extensions to the kitchen and Syme Ward will mean a continuing expansion of store requirements in both Food and Medical Supplies.

DAVID GUY,
Storeman/Purchasing Officer.



SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

The Social Club commenced its year in August '82, with 34 members which has now increased to 58 members. The Club has been successful to time of report.

The various events over this year included — A Christmas Break-Up party with a cricket match played at Halls Gap, in which Stawell District played Wimmera Base Hospital. The Club had a night out at the Gold Reef Restaurant and an Australia Day Ball held at the Football Club Rooms.

Two trips to a Kryal Castle Banquet were organised to enable all staff members to attend. A bus trip to Barham was organised in June, and those who went on this trip enjoyed a day of playing the 'Pokies' and a game of golf.

We the committee hope for the continued support of all members to make the next year even bigger and more successful.

KATHY HOLLOWAY,
President.



HOSPITAL LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

It is with much pleasure I present the Annual Report of the Stawell District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary 1982-83.

This year has again been a busy and successful one for the Auxiliary.

Our fund raising activities began with a play reading organized by Miss Jean Langsford. This was a very enjoyable afternoon which showed us the talents of all concerned. A stall held during the afternoon was well supported. A stall was also held at the Trade Fair.

Time and Talent was a very successful way of raising funds. Members thought of, and ran their own functions perhaps with the help of other members or friends. These functions were varied but consisted of barbecues, a shell display, a progressive dinner, an art show, luncheons, competitions and one member made and decorated Christmas cakes.

The opening of the bowls season saw the Stawell Golf Bowling Associates donating the proceeds of the day to our Auxiliary. This amounted to \$140. Our thanks to them for this donation.

Thanks must also go to the Stawell Bowling Club who each year lend us their facilities for a bowls day and donate the green fees to us. Bowls Associates and Association members stocked a stall which was well supported. Auxiliary members provided afternoon tea. In a drought year we managed to have a wet day, so were unable to bowl, but still a happy and profitable day was had.

A Christmas fair was held in early December. Well stocked stalls were very popular. The Floral Art Group donated a lovely array of small dried floral arrangements that were sold very quickly.

A painting was also donated by Thea Tucker for a raffle. Our thanks to all who donated goods to our fair, as through your help over \$1000 was raised.

This year we supplied curtains in the Mid ward, the nursery and the sunroom. This seemed to be an appropriate compliment to the air-conditioners we supplied last year. \$500 was also given to the Hospital appeal and a further \$2000 to be the first installment of our \$10,000 commitment over three years to the Nursing Home for the Aged Extension.

Auxiliary members were invited to the Hospital in March to view the curtains and other improvements carried out since our previous visit.

Our final function for the year was our ever popular wine and savoury evening in the Day Centre and a pre-forties Clothing Display held in the Lutheran Hall. Among the clothing displayed were some beautifully presented old lace items.

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of one of our long and valued members Rene McCann. She will be sadly missed.

In closing I would like to thank the Lutheran Church for the use of their Hall for meetings, the Manager of the State Savings Bank for auditing our books, Seppelts, the Stawell Times-News, Ian Harris and the ladies who worked on the trolley roster, also the public of Stawell and District for their support of our functions.

My special thanks to Secretary Helen Healy and Treasurer Glenys Murphy who recently resigned due to her husband's transfer, for their help to me throughout the year, and to all Auxiliary members for their support.

I would also like to congratulate the Board of Management on the improvements to the Hospital and wish the incoming office bearers every success.



BETTY HOWDEN,
President.

HOSPITAL YOUNGER SET REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting to you my 1982-83 report.

We have had a very successful year with 28 members and five new members. We have a few ladies that can't come to meetings but are ever ready to help out at evenings. We started our meetings in the Board Room this year and we find it very convenient.

During the year we have had our annual fund raising activities which always prove to be very popular. Our first function was the Oaks Day Luncheon which raised \$263. We then had a stall at the Ladies Auxiliary's Christmas Fair raising \$228. Mrs Vance once again donated a decorated Christmas cake which raised \$118.

In December we held a Family Fun Day in very hot conditions raising \$800. In February we had an enjoyable Tennis Tournament sponsored by Westpac making \$212.30 and our Annual Coin Drive in March was down on previous years due to the drought.

A new function this year was a film night in the Town Hall which proved to be an outstanding success. It raised a fantastic sum of just over \$1000, thanks to Judy Blake and her sub-committee.

This year our ladies have helped waitressing at four dinners in Syme Ward. We also supplied casseroles for the launching of the Nursing Home Appeal.

Our trolley that goes around the Hospital three days a week is still proving to be very successful. I would like to thank the Auxiliary and Red Garters for helping to man it. A special thanks to Bev Wilkinson who has stocked the trolley for 12 months and Meg for organising the roster. On Christmas Eve the trolley went around with Terriane McKinnis and Jan West playing Santa. The patients really loved the happy atmosphere.

My thanks to all the ladies who have supported me throughout the year, especially my Secretary Noeline McDonald, Treasurer Jenny Donohue and then Jan Warne. They have been great, also thanks to Val Kennedy for her cake raffle every month. I would also like to thank Meg Blake for her advice and her inspiration to us all.

To the people of Stawell and District who have donated and helped in any way, and the Stawell Times-News who are very helpful with publicity, thank you all for your support.

This year we have purchased a Patient Lifter for \$2700 to assist the nurses. I am very proud on behalf of all the ladies to be able to present the Hospital with a \$10,000 cheque for the Nursing Home Appeal.

Once again I would like to thank all the members of the Younger Set for their help throughout the year and I would like to congratulate the new executive and wish them all the best for the coming year.



JUDY CROUCH,
President.

The Hospital Team



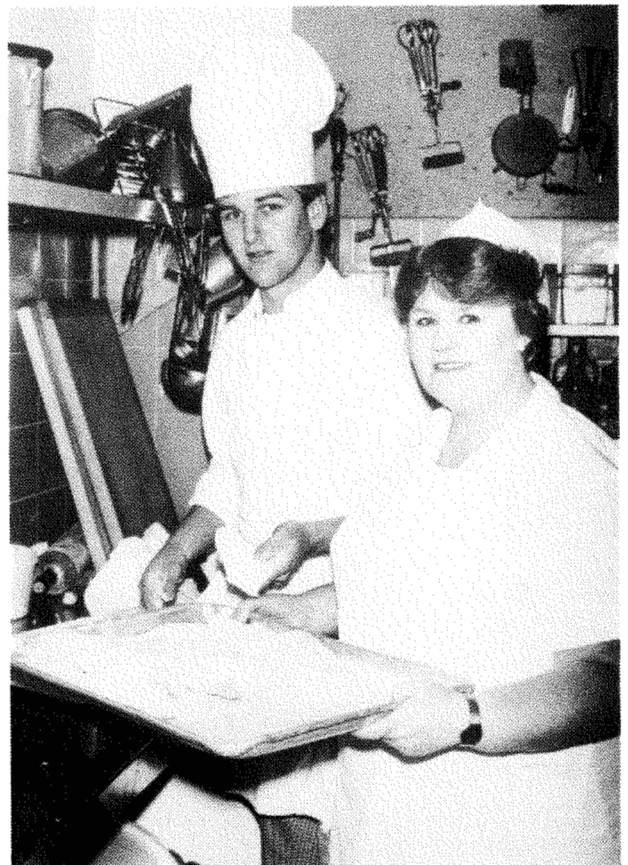
Sandy Veroude, our **RADIOGRAPHER** at work.



Sister Lorna Carey with patients in **SYME WARD/DAY CENTRE**.



Sister Jacquie James, attending to babies in the **NURSERY**.

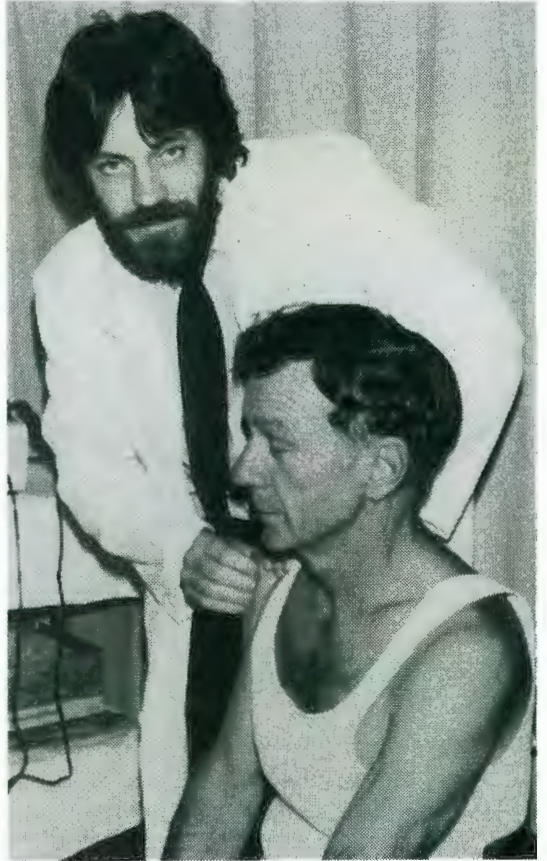


BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE KITCHEN: Apprentice Chef Glen Pulley and 2nd Cook Sally Howell busy preparing dinner for the patients and staff.

The Hospital Team



OUR DEDICATED MAINTENANCE MEN: Left to right — Garrie Martin, Daryl Holloway, Kevin Collins, Simon Healy.



Our very busy **PHYSIOTHERAPIST**, Ian Gill, treating a patient. He's in capable hands.



THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Where would we be without them! These ladies do an excellent job, ensuring that day to day hospital activities run efficiently. Left to right: Carolyn Smith, Rae Smith (seated), Kim Collins, Lyn Bond.



MALE WARD NURSING STAFF: Left to right — Wendy Rolph, Dianne Wilson, Julienne Upson, Faye Leggett, Denise Dalby.

Hospital Events '82-'83

Proceeds To Hospital

• A concert organised by the Great Western Youth Group has resulted in a cheque for \$382 being presented to Stawell District Hospital. The night was organised by Mrs Dianne Radford, and directed by Mr Brian Sheean. Pictured making a presentation of the cheque to hospital Manager, Mr Michael Deahunty (right) is Katrina Donough. Other members of the group are Gary Brumby, Gary Walters and Michael Leonard.



HOSPITAL CHANGES PLEASING, EXCITING

Major changes had been made at Stawell District Hospital during the past 12 months, which had proved to be both pleasing and exciting, Dr R N Castle said when presenting his annual report on Thursday night.

He said there had been a re-organisation of the administrative structure of the hospital, an upgrading of the physical our hospital re-development," he said. field and visit hospitals and are better acquainted with their problems first hand. Dr Castle said the change of format of the annual report reflected. "Re-organisation has about a lot of

GLAD TO BE IN STAWELL



New to country living but glad to be working at Stawell District Hospital is Mr Ian Gill, who will take over shortly as physiotherapist.

Mouthwatering Menu For Christmas



Convalescing patients at Stawell District Hospital will have a special menu for Christmas Day, that would make the hale and hearty envious. Domestic staff member Mandy Gibson is pictured with the Christmas cake.

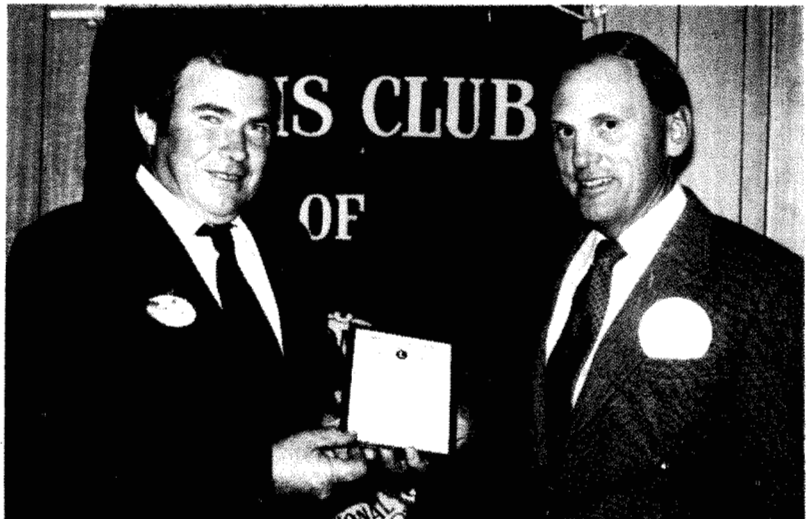
We Wish You A Merry Christmas



• It was time for Christmas giving by members of the Stawell Hospital Younger Set, and Mrs Edna Banfield (left), Mrs Margaret Andrews (centre) and Mrs Olive Ronchi had a happy time when "Santa" Terryanne McKinnis and Mrs Gary West, all decked out in Santa costumes provided gifts at the Hospital last week.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: BEAUTY NORM!

District Governor of Lions International Alan Holding on Tuesday night awarded his "Citizen of the Year" award to Dr R N Castle, of Stawell.



Hospital Events '82-'83



COIN ON CONCRETE NETTED \$500

Approximately \$500 was raised by Stawell Hospital Younger Set members at their annual Coin On Concrete drive, held in the Gold Reef Mall, last Friday.

Members manned the area from 9am to 5.30pm, and there was an overwhelming response from the public to the appeal.

Finance raised will be held by the Younger Set until such time that a suitable project is found at Stawell District Hospital.

● PICTURED: Younger Set member Mrs Judy Crouch (right) collects coins, while Mr Trickey, puts down coins, to support the appeal.

Goodbye Sister Evans



Sister Doris Evans of Napier Street Stawell, was farewelled by staff at Stawell District Hospital on Friday afternoon, on the eve of her retirement.

Sr Evans returned to cheerfulness. Dr Castle said it was board policy to present a gold watch at 25 years service, and for the past 17 years she had been at the midwife's post.

"I can only thank her for her service to the hospital," Dr Castle said. Her work at the hospital had been a great part of her life and she would treasure the time at

MAJOR GRANTS FOR HOSPITALS

Major capital works expenditure worth about \$8.9 million have been announced by the Health Minister Mr Tom Roper.

Stawell District Hospital, which is undergoing a large program of renovations and improvements is not specifically listed in the announcement. Other hospitals to receive capital works funds include Austin, Bright, Kilmora, Prince Henry, Red Cliffs, Warragul, Westernport, Yarramonga, Fairfield, Wonthaggi, Box Hill and the Royal Melbourne.

Breakfast Raised \$410

A breakfast in the Gold Reef Mall on Easter Saturday morning raised \$410 for funds for Stawell District Hospital.

The breakfast was well supported by local people and visitors to Stawell for Easter.

It was manned and run with the help of staff, board members and the Hospital Younger Set.

On the menu was orange juice, egg and bacon, sausages, pancakes and tea or coffee.

HOSPITAL APPEAL TOTAL \$16,268

Stawell District Hospital on Sunday gained \$16,268 from the Wimmera-Mallee annual radio 3WM hospital appeal, which raised a record \$1¼ million.

WELCOME

Dr David Douglas, new medical director at Stawell District Hospital and Mrs Douglas were welcomed to Stawell at a dinner given by the hospital Board of Management on Thursday night. Present were members of the Board and their wives, and representatives of the medical profession and their wives.

New Director Of Nursing

Stawell District Hospital's new Director of Nursing, Mr Bruce Fowkes took over his duties at the Hospital last week.

Mr Fowkes comes to Stawell after spending an 11 year period at the Goulburn Valley Base Hospital, in Shepparton.

While Mr Fowkes is busy with his new duties in Stawell, his wife has been appointed Sister in Charge of theatre, at the Ararat Hospital.

RIGHT: Mr Fowkes made it one of his first priorities to meet the staff. Here he talks with Sister Jenny Warren (left) and Sister Faye Leggett (right).



DONATIONS

	\$				
Anonymous.....	5.00	Great Western Youth Group ..	390.00	Robson Mr & Mrs M. M.	100.00
Anonymous.....	50.00	Greenburger Mrs E.....	10.00	Salter Family	10.00
Anonymous.....	60.00	Greenway Mr	5.00	Salvation Army	
Anonymous.....	50.00	Gust Mrs F.....	5.00	Home League.....	10.00
Anonymous.....	60.00	Gunning Lynette	5.00	Save The Children Fund.....	12.75
Allison Mr & Mrs C.....	40.00	Hemley Mrs R.....	10.00	Schnaars I. M. & F. L.....	30.00
Apex Club of Stawell.....	1830.00	Hemley Mrs R. M.....	5.00	Schwartz Mrs W.....	50.00
Arnold Mrs I. M.....	50.00	Hernam W. M.....	40.00	Seear June	10.00
Australian Natives		Hines Mr & Mrs H.....	10.00	Seear June, Mark & Sid.....	10.00
Association.....	15.00	Holden A. G. & F. L.....	20.00	Seventh Day Adventist	
Beachey Mr & Mrs L.....	10.00	Holden M. J.....	20.00	Church.....	20.00
Bennett Roma & Laurie	10.00	Holmes W. J. & L. E.....	10.00	Sheriff M. R.....	10.00
Boatman Mr & Mrs G.....	5.00	Holmes W. J. & F. I.....	10.00	Show Competition.....	101.50
Brame Mrs M.....	20.00	Howells Mr & Mrs A. E.....	50.00	Sibbet Mr & Mrs L. R.....	5.00
Brehaut J. & D.....	30.00	Howland Mr & Mrs A. G.....	10.00	Sim Mrs J.....	20.00
Brehaut A. J.....	5.00	Hurley Mr & Mrs L. W.....	10.00	Simpson Mr Allan.....	500.00
Brehaut Mrs	2.00	Hurst M. R.....	10.00	Skurrie Herb	
Brehaut M. & F.....	50.00	Hutchings C. J.....	10.00	(Collection Tins)	198.14
'Breakfast in the Mall'	409.10	Hutchings Mrs L. L.....	15.00	Slee Mr & Mrs R.....	10.00
Briggs Miss Susan.....	20.00	Hutchingson Mrs F.....	20.00	Smith Mrs I.....	10.00
Broadwood Mr E. J.....	50.00	Hutton D. H.....	25.00	Smith Mrs L.....	10.00
Broadwood H. W. & T. M.....	50.00	Illig Mr & Mrs A.....	10.00	Stawell Guide Co.....	20.00
Brown Mr & Mrs T.....	10.00	Illig Mr & Mrs M.....	10.00	Stawell Amateur Turf Club ...	50.00
Brown Heather.....	2.00	Jenkins W. L. & E. D.....	10.00	Stawell Athletic Club	121.50
Budds Mr E. L.....	50.00	Jess Mr & Mrs B. P.....	20.00	Stawell Baptist Women's	
Business & Professional		Jolly Mr C. C.....	10.00	Fellowship	10.00
Women's Club	100.00	Kennedy Mrs Amy	50.00	Stawell Branch Red Cross	
Byron B. & P.....	10.00	Kennedy M. J. & V. E.....	25.00	Society	120.00
Byron Mr & Mrs C. W.....	5.00	Kent Mrs D.....	30.00	Stawell District Hospital	
Callawadda Charity Ball.....	406.00	Kirk Miss S.....	100.00	Ladies Auxiliary	2,200.00
Cameron J. W. & F. C.....	20.00	Landsborough Hotel		Stawell High School S.R.C. ...	500.00
Campbell Mr L.....	33.00	Collection	22.13	Stawell Hospital Bingo	3,633.00
Carmichael Ida	2.00	Landsborough Uniting		Stawell Hospital Younger Set	2,700.00
Cassidy Mr M.....	5.00	Church Ladies Guild.....	20.00	Stawell Music Ensemble	250.00
Chapman Mr R.....	5.00	Langsford Miss J.....	10.00	Stewart Mr Walter	10.00
Chatfield Mr & Mrs P.....	10.00	Lloyd S. E. & M. O.....	20.00	Stone Mr R. C.....	10.00
Christian Mrs S. M.....	10.00	Lockhart E. L.....	5.00	Stawell Trinity Dance Club...	10.00
Collins Mrs B.....	10.00	McCartney P. R.....	10.00	Sullivan V.....	10.00
Cooke Mr.....	1.00	McCracken Mr & Mrs D. K.....	50.00	Sun News Pictorial	100.00
Court Mr R.....	25.00	McDonald M. & E.....	3.00	Szewczuk Dr V.....	150.00
Cox Miss C.....	10.00	McDonald Mr I.....	35.00	Teasdale Mr & Mrs R.....	5.00
Cox Mrs G. (Sen.).....	5.00	McIntosh Mrs R.....	10.00	Thomas D. N.....	10.00
Croft Mr H.....	10.00	McIntyre Mrs J.....	10.00	Thomson M. & E.....	10.00
Cross Miss L. E.....	20.00	McLennan Mrs E.....	50.00	Tolliday Mr & Mrs S.....	20.00
Crouch D. K. & J. W.....	20.00	McMillan I.....	10.00	Town Hall Hotel Cork Club...	2,000.00
Crouch K. F. & N. C.....	20.00	McPherson Mr & Mrs R. J.....	20.00	Town of Stawell	100.00
Cunningham Dr & Mrs A. H.....	100.00	Mansfield Mr & Mrs V.....	10.00	Tremaine Mr E.....	60.00
C.W.A. Glenorchy Branch	10.00	Mitchell Mr E. M.....	10.00	Tyler P. & C. M.....	5.00
C.W.A. Stawell Branch.....	10.00	Mitchell R.....	5.00	Tyson J. R.....	50.00
Dalziel Mr J.....	10.00	Monaghan Mr & Mrs K.....	6.00	V.H.A. Rebate	949.36
D'arcy Mr & Mrs	20.00	Morrissey Mr & Mrs J.....	20.00	Waldron Mr E. M.....	50.00
Delahunty Mr & Mrs L. B.....	20.00	Mullane C.....	2.00	Wall R. & G.....	25.00
Dellason J. & M.....	5.00	Murtagh Mr & Mrs H.....	10.00	Wal Wal Women's Club	25.00
Deller L. R.....	10.00	Newell G. & Mr C. H.....	10.00	Warren Mrs B.....	10.00
Doolan Mrs D.....	20.00	Nicholson Mrs L.....	20.00	Warren Dorothy	5.00
Driscoll Mrs N.....	10.00	Odd Mrs E. M.....	10.00	Webster B.....	10.00
Eime Mr & Mrs B.....	20.00	Oliver Miss M.....	10.00	West Mr P. J.....	10.00
Erwin Mr & Mrs L. R.....	20.00	Paulett Mr & Mrs A. J.....	10.00	Williams Charitable Trust	350.00
Euroka Morning Star Lodge ..	25.00	Pawsey Mrs O.....	50.00	Wimmera Family Homes	4,889.06
Evans Mr & Mrs E. J.....	5.00	Perry H.....	5.00	Wimmera Mallee Radio	
Ex-Stawellites Association ..	100.00	Perry R.....	5.00	Appeal.....	200.00
Fielding Mrs L.....	5.00	Pert Mrs H.....	40.00		
Fisher Mr & Mrs R	30.00	Phillips D.....	5.00		
Forster Mr & Mrs J.....	10.00	Pickering Mr & Mrs A.....	15.00		
Fraser C. & S.....	50.00	Pickering Mr A. J.....	10.00		
Fraser Mrs J.....	20.00	Pickering Mrs M. D.....	20.00		
Friend Nancy B.....	10.00	Powell Mr & Mrs C. J.....	50.00		
Fuller Ross & Julie.....	10.00	Pretty Mr E. D.....	10.00		
Gaylard Mr D.....	5.00	Prior G. & M.....	10.00		
Glenorchy Golf Club	65.00	Punchard Mr & Mrs M. B.....	20.00		
Grange Golf Club.....	110.00	Rae R.....	5.00		
Gray Miss Edna	20.00	Ray S.....	15.00		
Gready Errol	10.00	Reading Mrs I. M.....	4.00		
Great Western Old Time		Richards C.....	20.00		
Dance Club.....	100.00	Rickard Mrs	10.00		
		Rogers Miss I.....	20.00		

