



STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

128TH ANNUAL REPORT

1986-87



This Report is presented to you
with the Compliments
of the
President and Committee
of
THE STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL
in appreciation of your support and interest

OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of the hospital are:-

- To provide the community with a wide range of appropriate and high quality health care.
- Hospital staff to obtain job satisfaction and be encouraged to develop their skills.
- To be innovative in expanding financial resources.
- To be effective and efficient in providing Health Care.
- To encourage good relations between Management and Staff and the community we serve.

Adopted by the Board of Management
December 1986.

Front Cover:

Pictured at the official opening of the Dr Norman Castle Medical Wing on August 25, The Hon. John Brumby, Mr Tom Austin, The Mayor of Stawell, Cr Frank Jeffery, The Stawell Shire President, Cr Alan Kingston, The Minister of Health, Mr David White, Stawell Hospital President, Mr David McCracken, Ms Liz Kelly, Regional Office, Ballarat, and Dr Norman Castle.

Dr. Paul F. Gross

DIRECTOR

**HEALTH ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY
SYDNEY**

Stawell District Hospital

The President, Mr. J. D. McCracken
and Members of the Board of Management

Extend an invitation to attend the

128th

Annual General Meeting

to be held at the

Stawell Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Victoria S
at 8.00 p.m.

on Thursday, 17th September, 19

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OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

1986-87

President:

Mr J. D. McCracken

Vice President:

Mr G. B. Fuller

Treasurer:

Mr N. R. Illig

Board of Management:

Mr J. T. Bennett (*resigned June 1987*)

Mrs M. I. Blake

Mrs J. M. Brilliant (*appointed September 1986*)

Dr R. N. Castle

Mrs J. D. Earle

Mr G. B. Fuller

Mr G. R. Hall (*resigned February 1987*)

Mr A. E. Howells

Mr N. R. Illig

Mrs M. McConchie

Mr J. D. McCracken

Mr R. C. Stone

Auditors:

Green, Taylor, Ainsworth & Ryan
Chartered Accountants

Solicitors:

J. H. Webb & Seng Hpa

Bankers:

Australian and New Zealand Banking
Group Ltd.

Architects:

Demaine Partnership Pty. Ltd.
Balcombe Griffiths Pty. Ltd.

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer:

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

Nursing Director:

Mr K. B. Fowkes, R.N., D.N.E., B.A.(Soc. Sc.),
W.S.Cert., F.C.N.A.

Medical Director:

Dr C. A. Scaife, M.B., B.S., F.A.M.A.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Patient Care Quality Assurance Accreditation

Mr D. McCracken (Chairman)

Dr N. Castle

Mr G. Fuller

Mrs M. Blake

Mrs J. Brilliant

House and Works Safety

Mr G. Fuller (Chairman)

Mr A. Howells

Mr R. Stone

Mrs M. Blake

Mrs J. Earle

Wimmera Regional Health Council

Dr N. Castle

Mrs J. Earle

Mrs M. Blake

Fund Raising

Dr N. Castle (Chairman)

Mrs M. Blake

Mrs J. Brilliant

Finance

Mr R. Illig (Chairman)

Mr G. Fuller

Dr N. Castle

Mr D. McCracken

Role and Function

Mr D. McCracken (Chairman)

Mr G. Fuller

Mr R. Illig

Dr N. Castle

Stawell/Ararat Joint Development

Mr D. McCracken

Mr R. Stone

Dr N. Castle

Mrs M. McConchie

New Wards: Project Control

Mr D. McCracken (Chairman)

Mr R. Illig

Dr N. Castle

Mr A. Howells

Medical Appointments

Mr D. McCracken (Chairman)

Mr R. Illig

Mr G. Fuller

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

As chairman of the Board of Management it is my privilege to present the 128th Annual Report together with the audited statements of accounts for the year ended June 30, 1987.

At the commencement of this report it is appropriate that we review our progress towards achieving the objectives foreshadowed in last years report:

Expansion of para-medical staffing levels

Whilst this objective has not been achieved we are pleased to report our staffing levels in this area have not diminished. In March we were delighted to receive the services of Ms T. Kelly Audiologist from Wimmera Base Hospital who visits this hospital approximately every two weeks. In conjunction with Ararat Hospital we expect to appoint a Speech Pathologist in January 1988. We are currently seeking to allocate a bursary to a final year physiotherapy student with the view of the successful applicant also commencing in January 1988.

Commissioning of new twenty-four bed Medical Ward

Some delays did occur however patients occupied the new ward on August 24, 1987.

Computerization of Pathology and Radiology accounts.

Implemented September 1, 1987 with significant benefits resulting in the raising and collecting of fees.

Air conditioning of Syme and Perry Nursing Home Wings.

This project was completed in February 1987 at a total cost of \$64,682. The hospital and the nursing home were fortunate to receive a government grant totalling \$51,000 towards the cost of this project.

Upgrading of radiology services and equipment

With the tripartite support of our consultant Radiologist, local Medical Officers and the Victorian Government we achieved this objective.

In December 1986 the Government announced that it had made available \$307,000 to replace our existing x-ray equipment and provide new equipment to expand our services. In addition our consultant Radiologist located one of their ultrasound units at this hospital with the result that on average, twelve ultrasound tests are done at this hospital each week. This service is provided at no cost to the hospital and clients are saved from travelling to other distant centres.

Seek to provide more Specialist Medical Services.

Again this objective has been met by the appointment of the following Specialists:

Dr S. Siebert	Consultant Ophthalmologist
Dr T. Stephens	Consultant Psychiatrist
Dr J. Stickland	Consultant Physician
Dr A. Ambikapathy	Consultant Physician
Dr J. Nelson	Orthopaedic Surgeon

We are extremely grateful to these specialists who have agreed to visit this community and we acknowledge the assistance of our local Medical Officers and Dr Scaife in bringing about these appointments.

HIGHLIGHTS

The two major highlights of the year were:

- (1) The official opening and occupation of the new twenty-four bed medical ward and
- 2) The upgrading of our Radiology Department as detailed previously.

In March the Board invited the Stawell community to suggest names for the new wing. The overwhelming response from the public was that the new wing should be named in honour of Dr Norman Castle. The Board agreed to this course of action in recognition of Dr Castles' service to the hospital for the last thirty-two years.

While Dr Castle is a senior partner in his private medical practice which provides an excellent service to the town and district, he has committed an enormous amount of his time to instigate change at the hospital especially during the past seven years since his appointment to the Hospital Board.

In addition to his major involvement with this hospital Dr Castle has been extensively involved with other organisations in the community.

The Hospital Board, on behalf of the community of Stawell is delighted to permanently acknowledge Dr Castle's contribution by naming the new wing the "Dr Norman Castle Medical Wing".

The wing is now occupied and I am sure the staff and patients are pleased with the new facilities. The Board is appreciative of all staff's contribution and planning of the Castle Wing and the quality of workmanship in its establishment provided by the major contractor Cody and Quinn Pty Ltd. All this would not have been possible without the support of the Victorian Government which provided \$1.5m towards its total cost of \$1.6m. Special mention is made of our maintenance staff who landscaped what is a very difficult site.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

I would first like to thank my fellow Board members for their co-operation and support

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throughout the year. To my predecessor Mr John Bennett we acknowledge your fine year as chairman of the Board.

Unfortunately during the year Mr Bennett was one of three Board members who resigned from the Board, the other two members being Mr G. Hall and Mrs F. Holden.

To those past Board members we say thank you for your contribution to this hospital.

During the year the Minister of Health reappointed Mr Stone and Mrs Blake for further terms and made a new appointment of Mrs J Brilliant to the Board.

HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT

During the year the Board with the support of the Health Department clarified its forward plans for the redevelopment of the Hospital.

Finalisation of the hospitals redevelopment plans was made substantially easier with the professional advice received from the hospitals new architect Balcombe Griffiths Pty. Ltd. who was appointed in December.

In summary the redevelopment plan for this hospital is:

- (a) Dr Norman Castle 24 bed Medical Wing.
Occupied August 24, 1987. Cost \$1.6m.
- (b) Redevelop 16 bed combined Midwifery/Surgical Ward plus the establishment of new front entrance to hospital building.

It is hoped that building will commence on this stage in April 1988. Estimated cost \$2.5m.

- (c) The third and final stage involves the establishment of new facilities for: Accident and Emergency, Operating Theatre, Central Sterile Department, Radiology, Pathology, Maintenance Workshop and Staff Cafeteria. The Board has submitted this proposal to the Health Department requesting that it be included on future design list programmes. This stage cannot be expected to commence inside the next 3-4 years, however, the Board is hopeful of receiving funds to allow planning and design work to proceed. Estimated cost at today's prices is \$3.5m.

The Hospital Board is pleased with what has been achieved to date in the redevelopment of the hospital and is hopeful that this much needed development will continue.

STAFF

The Board is pleased to report that the year under review is highlighted by the minimal number of staff resignations received.

Mrs A. Wheatland, Unit Nursing Manager of our Medical Ward resigned in January. It is always disappointing to lose staff of Mrs Wheatland's calibre, however we were fortunate to be able to promote Mrs J. Kayler-Thomson to the vacancy created.

Ms K. Henry our Medical Record Administrator resigned her position in February. Ms Henry was a vibrant contributor to the Hospital and we were sad to see her depart, however we wish her well in her new appointment at the Nhill Hospital. Ms Henry was replaced by Ms K. Douglas who we welcome to our staff.

Two new Visiting Medical Officers were appointed during the year. Dr M. Vawser commenced with Dr Gregg in the Victoria Street Clinic and Dr G. O'Brien worked from the Wimmera Street Clinic under the Family Medicine Programme.

One of our physiotherapist's Mr P. Steggall was granted rights to private practice during the year. This arrangement allows Mr Steggall to consult patients who are able and willing to pay for consultation outside normal department hours. This arrangement appears to be operating to the mutual benefit of both clients and the hospital as the waiting time for an appointment with the physiotherapy department has been significantly reduced.

All the hospital was saddened by the death, as a result of accident, of our apprentice gardener Mr Bill Darling in September. Bill impressed everyone with his sincerity in the short time he was with us and his death was a tragic loss of life.

In the latter part of the year we welcomed Mr R. Hemley back to the hospital after a seven year break to the position of Administrative Officer.

FINANCE AND STATISTICS

Our operating cash payments for the year under review amounted to \$4.4m. This amount includes operating costs of our 30 bed nursing home complex.

It is pleasing to again report that we have completed the year with our expenditure equal to the budget as specified by the Health Department. All staff are to be commended on this result which reflects on their prudent use of resources.

The hospitals activity during the year based on bed days and patients treated increased substantially over the previous year.

The number of bed days in the hospital section increased from 10,580 to 10,854. An increase of 2.6%. The number of patients treated increased from 1,446 to 1,681 an increase of 16.3%.

Our average length of stay dropped from

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7.3 days down to 6.5 days. The average daily occupancy in the hospital being 78.3%.

In our nursing home the increase in activity was even more pronounced: Bed days increased from 8,255 to 10,920 i.e. an increase of 32.3% with a percentage occupancy of 99.7.

A detailed report of the Hospitals financial and statistical information is provided later in this report.

EXPANSION OF SERVICES

In recognition of the need to plan for the future to ensure this hospital continues to meet our communities expectation, a special sub-committee of the Board was appointed. This committee comprised all disciplines of staff and had, as its terms of reference, to develop methods and strategies by which services at this hospital could be expanded. The committee produced a plan broken up into health services that should be provided immediately, over a five year plan and over a seven year plan.

The appointment of visiting specialist detailed earlier is one of the immediate results of this important committee's endeavours.

This committee will continue to meet to explore ways of establishing new and innovative health services at this hospital.

PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT

The following new equipment was purchased during the year with the assistance of our auxiliaries, general donations to the hospital and government grants:-

IBM Computer for fee raising	\$ 12,400
Security cameras	2,754
Video Camera (staff training)	2,020
External security lighting	7,036
Air curtains for entrances to kitchen	1,805
X-Ray film copier	890
X-Ray film processor	10,000
Manipulation couch (physiotherapy)	2,550
Page writer cardiograph (E.C.G. Machine)	7,603
3 infusion pumps (Safer intravenous feeding)	3,641
Oxylog Temperature Monitor for sick patients (Emergency mechanical ventilator)	2,430
Pulse oximeter x 4 (Continuous oxygen levels in blood)	14,000
Dinamap monitor (Continuous blood pressure recordings)	6,520
Torniquet regulator (To keep limb blood-free during operation)	2,255

Appreciation

The Board is mindful of the fact that we do not work in isolation. We are very appreciative of the support given by many individuals and organisations. It is not possible here to list exhaustively the names

of persons and groups who have contributed their time and skill to the work of the hospital however our heartfelt thanks are extended to them.

The Board also records their appreciation of the Health Department Victoria and their officers, our Regional Director, Ms Liz Kelly and her staff all of whom have been most supportive.

OBJECTIVES

During the coming twelve months the Board will be working towards meeting the following objectives:

- Commence building the new combined Midwifery/Surgical Ward.
- Seek to further expand the number of specialist medical services provided by this hospital.
- Work with interested groups in the community towards the establishment of a facility to accommodate the confused elderly.
- Establish additional car parking areas for visitors and staff at the hospital.

In concluding this report I would like to express our appreciation to this hospital's greatest asset - its staff. All our staff are dedicated to their work and strive to increase the excellent quality of patient care we are able to provide.

J. David McCracken Michael B. Delahunty
President Chief Executive Officer



Hospital manager, Mr M. Delahunty (left) and hospital president (right), Mr D. McCracken, inspecting over-bed light in high dependency ward.

DEPARTMENT HEADS 1986-87

Deputy Nursing Director

Mrs J. E. Champlin, R.N.

Physiotherapy

Ms. L. Douglas, Dip. Physiotherapy,
M.A.P.A.

Mr P. M. Steggall, B.App.Sc.
(Physiotherapy), M.A.P.A.

Radiology

Mrs S. Veroude, M.I.R.

Podiatry

Mrs H. Davidson, H.A.Pod.A.

Dietician

Mrs P. Marshman, B.Sc., Grad. Dip. Diet.

Occupational Therapy

Mrs J. Rogers, B.App.Sci. (Occupational
Therapy)

Medical Record Administration

Miss K. Henry, Assoc.Dip.M.R.A.
(resigned 19/2/87)

Miss K. Douglas, Assoc.Dip.M.R.A.
(commenced 16/2/87)

Pharmacist

Mrs J. Cornish, B.Pharm.(Hons.),M.P.S.,
Ph.D.

Hospital Scientist

Mr D. Rowe, D.S.Bi.

Administrative Officer

(Food Service/Hospital Hygiene)
Mr R. Hemley (app. 18/6/87)

Administration

Mr L. Kent

Paymaster

Mr K. McMullin

Engineering Foreman

Mr G. Martin

Purchasing Officer

Mr D. Guy

MEDICAL STAFF

Visiting Medical Officers:

Dr R. N. Castle, M.B., B.S.

Dr A. H. Cunningham, M.B., B.S.,
Dip.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Mr R. B. Warne, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S.,
F.R.C.S. (Eng), F.R.C.S. (Edin.)

Dr W. Lax, M.B., B.S.

Dr M. Gregg, M.B., B.S.

Dr M. D. Vawser, M.B., B.S.

Dr G.M. O'Brien, 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 N. Mulvany, M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.P.A.

Dr N. A. Roberts, M.B., B.S.,
M.R.C.Path., F.R.C.P.A.

Visiting Dental Staff:

Dr D. L. Lye, D.S., B.D.Sc.

Visiting Consultant Gynaecologist:

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

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 R. House, M.B., B.S., Dip.Obst.,
R.C.O.G., M.R.A.C.R.

Visiting Geriatrician:

Dr J. Hurley, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.,
M.R.C.S., Dip.Obst.R.C.O.G., M.R.C.P.
(UK)

Visiting Consultant Physicians:

Dr A. Ambikapathy, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.,
M.&H., M.R.C.P., F.R.A.C.P.

Dr J. Stickland, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P.

Visiting Consultant Psychiatrist:

Dr T. B. Stephens, B.Sc., M.B.B.Chr.,
F.R.C.P., F.R.C.Psych., F.R.A.N.Z.C.P.

Visiting Consultant Ophthalmologist:

Dr S. Siebert, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.O.,
F.R.A.C.S.

Visiting Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon:

Dr J. Nelson, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Paul F Gross, who is presently Director of the Institute of Health Economics and Technology Assessment in Sydney, which he formed in May 1980.

The Institute is an independent think-tank for policy research and education, supported by both private sector grants and research grants, contracts from Federal and State Governments, and contracts from international organisations.

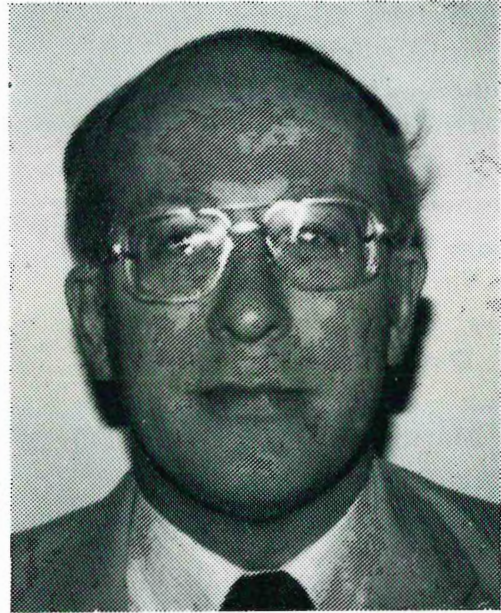
Mr Gross has formal qualifications in civil Engineering (University of Sydney, 1960) and a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering (University of NSW, 1967). He specialised in economics and policy analysis at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, where he obtained his MPA in 1971.

In the period 1972 - 1980, he held senior positions in both the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments. He has been Director, Planning and Research at the NSW Health Commission, Commissioner and Acting Deputy Chairman of the Hospitals and Health Services Commission, and Special Adviser in the Social Welfare Policy, Secretariat, Canberra.

Mr Gross has had international experience as a consultant and adviser to national health authorities in five nations in the period 1970-1986, and was an adviser to the Royal Commission on Australian Government Administration in 1975.

He has recently accepted the invitation by the Government of Pakistan to carry out an extensive review of the nation's health financing system, and he is also a consultant to the Asian Development Bank and The World Health Organisation.

In 1979 Mr Gross was Australia's first guest scholar at the Brookings Institution in Washington, and is a member of the Board of Mt Druitt Hospital, Sydney. He is an adviser to four major religious orders involved in public and private health care.



Mr Paul F. Gross

Mr Gross is a member of the National Health Technology Advisory Panel, and is on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care, published by Cambridge University Press.

Finally, Mr Gross is an advisor to major corporations now developing private health care facilities using equity financing, and publicly listed companies as financing vehicles, including two proposals to develop private hospitals next to teaching hospitals.

We are indeed fortunate to have such a distinguished administrator and specialist in the health industry as our guest speaker.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

In recognition of long and valued service to the hospital the Board of Management is pleased to present long service awards to the following staff members:

RECOGNITION OF 10 YEARS SERVICE 1986/87:

- Mrs P. Cook
- Mr D. Guy
- Mrs C. Murphy

PREVIOUS LONG SERVICE AWARDS:

Presented 1982:

- Mrs D. Evans 20 Year Service Badge
- Mrs B. Smith 20 Year Service Badge
- Mrs N. Trask 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs M. Allan 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs H. Jerram. 10 Year Service Badge

Presented 1983:

- Mrs D. Simmons . . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs L. Carey 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs F. Stewart 10 Year Service Badge
- Ms J. Mortyn 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs R. Dunn 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs M. Graham 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs M. Forster 10 Year Service Badge
- Ms L. Ellen 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs V. Kennedy. . . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs G. Rickard 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs L. Willcock 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs K. Holloway . . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs J. Skurrie 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs F. Goodinge . . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs M. Kindred 10 Year Service Badge

Presented 1984:

- Mrs Betty (Isobel) Smith 25 Years Gold Watch
- Mrs Margaret Perry . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Jean Boothman. . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Lorraine (Sally) Howell. 10 Year Service Badge

Presented 1985:

- Mrs Noelene Prydderch 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Shirley Rowe . . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Stella Fletcher . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Lynette Clayton . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mr Kevin Collins . . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mr Lindsay Kent . . . 10 Year Service Badge

Presented 1986:

- Mrs Ann Bibby 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Ruth D'Arcy . . . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Pam Potter 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Yvonne Richards . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Rae Smith 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Elizabeth Wilson . 10 Year Service Badge
- Mrs Pam MacKay . . . 10 Year Service Badge



Mrs Rae Smith (left) and Mrs Pam McKay receiving 10 year long service awards from Mr John Bennett, president of the Hospital Board of Management.

NURSING DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

It is exciting to belong to a dynamic institution. As we approach the end of this year the prospect of occupying a completely new 24 bed medical ward, with every modern facility for patients and staff is a prospect which is both exciting and challenging.

Nursing staff have also been actively involved in the next stage of our building programme planning, a combined 16 bed surgical and midwifery unit. I thank all staff for their input, their constructive comments and their suggestions. These have been incorporated where possible and will lead to a better work flow when this second stage is built.

The air conditioning of the nursing home and the completion of the outdoor surrounds of this wing will certainly improve the quality of life for the residents there.

The programme of equipment acquisition has seen the purchase of ambulatory cardiac telemetry monitoring, pulse oximeters, and continuous blood pressure monitoring, for sick patients. The acquisition of this equipment will certainly enhance the care of sick or post-operative patients.

An increasing number of staff are engaged in post-graduate nursing courses, and this augurs well for the future as we pursue our divisional objective of quality patient care.

The nursing division is happy to be able to provide work experience for secondary school students with a desire to see for themselves what nursing involves.

A substantial increase in the demand for nursing care in the home has meant that our district nursing resources have been severely stretched during this year. A record 116 births this year have kept the Midwifery Staff delightfully busy.



The increasing medical services of minor orthopaedic surgery, ophthalmology, cardiac physician and ultra-sound have been warmly welcomed by our clients, as travelling to other health facilities is now unnecessary.

I express my appreciation for the dedication of nursing staff in maintaining patient care levels during the Registered Nurse industrial dispute.

I acknowledge the valuable contribution of the Deputy Director of Nursing, Hospital Nursing Supervisors, Unit Nursing Managers and all levels of nursing staff in their respective roles. Particular thanks to Mrs J. Cornish, Chief Pharmacist and Mrs P. Marshman, Dietician, for their valuable contribution to our continuing education programme, and to the Medical Staff for their support and co-operation.

B. FOWKES
Nursing Director

NURSING DEPARTMENTAL HEADS

Nursing Supervisors:

Mrs J. Meek, R.N., R.M.
Ms D. Perry, R.N., R.M.
Mrs M. Henderson, R.N., R.M.
Mrs N. Sidebottom, R.N., R.M.
Mrs J. Sherwell, R.N., R.M.
Mrs J. Whitham, R.N., R.M.
Mrs B. Meuman, R.N., R.M.
Mrs L. Humphrey, R.N., R.M.

Unit Nursing Managers:

Mrs L. Carey, R.N. (Syme Ward)
Mrs R. Dunn, R.N. (Surgical Ward)
Mrs P. Fowkes, R.N., Ster. & Infection Control Cert., (Theatre & C.S.S.D.)
Mrs J. James, R.N., R.M., I.M.Cert. (Midwifery)
Mrs J. Kayler-Thomson, R.N. (Medical Ward)

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

All who follow the news will know that hospitals are being constantly pressured by government to become more efficient, in other words, to treat more people for less money.

In the year under review Stawell hospital treated an additional 235 patients, an increase of 16% over the previous year but used only 2.6% more bed days, a situation produced by reducing the average length of stay by 11% from 7.3 days to 6.5 days.

The hospital also increased the range of specialist medical services available by appointing a number of highly qualified specialists as Visiting Consultants who visit Stawell on a regular basis.

The hospital appreciates the support of the local medical practitioners who initiated and encouraged the development of these specialist services.

New x-ray equipment valued at over \$300,000 is currently being installed at the hospital, increasing the range of examinations possible and enabling some procedures to be conducted with improved levels of safety.

A regular ultrasound service has been introduced by the hospitals Visiting Radiologist Dr Bob House who has provided the excellent equipment to commence this service in our hospital.

The various allied health professional services continue to function at an excellent standard and each department has provided its own report. All have worked extremely hard throughout the year and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

The hospital is looking forward to moving into the new "Dr Norman Castle" Wing, to a continuation of our building programme and to another year serving the people of Stawell and District.

DR CLYDE SCAIFE
Medical Director

VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORT

The last twelve months has been a good one in the medical field, and it has seen the commencement of visiting consultant services in a number of disciplines.

Firstly we have acquired a visit from a Physician who specialises in Cardiology visiting the Stawell Medical Centre, but who also visits patients in the hospital and performs stress E.C.G. testing. We also have acquired the services of a Consultant Psychiatrist, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, and have regular visits now from a Consultant Paediatrician and visiting Ophthalmologist.

We have also secured the services of another visiting Physician who specialises in gastro-enterology, and who is now performing endoscopies at the Stawell Hospital.

Physician and Cardiologist Dr John Stickland
Consultant Psychiatrist . . . Dr Tom Stephens
Orthopaedic Surgeon . . . Dr John Nelson
Paediatrician Dr Mary Brown
Physician
(Gastro-enterologist). . . Dr Ambikapathy
Rheumatologist. Dr K. Boyden
(who visits four times a year)

There has been an improvement in the monitoring equipment at the Hospital during the last twelve months, and the medical staff are very appreciative of the excellent work that has been done by our Director of Nursing Mr Bruce Fowkes.

The doctors continue with their ongoing medical education and not only in the hospital in association with Ararat, but also a number of the doctors have been away to courses in Obstetrics and General Medicine and Surgery, so that the doctors generally are maintaining a constant update with recent advances.

Generally the year has been a harmonious one, and difficulties that have arisen have been fairly quickly settled and we believe that our Medical Director is helping quite a lot. We are also very appreciative of the quality of nursing that exists in our hospital, and the doctors enjoy a very harmonious relationship with our excellent nursing staff. We also are thankful for the good service rendered by our physiotherapists, our radiographer who is very helpful and co-operative, and also our pathology service which we must at all cost retain. All in all, I believe we are very fortunate in Stawell with the quality of our ancillary services and the nursing care, and the Board of Management is to be complimented on their ongoing efforts to ensure that the highest quality of medical care is delivered to the people of Stawell and the doctors are right behind their efforts to do this.

Dr Michael Gregg has been elected chairman of the Visiting Medical Officers Group for the coming twelve months.

DR R. N. CASTLE
Chairman

REPORTS

PHYSIOTHERAPY

The Physiotherapy Department has been a thriving and busy place for the past twelve months, with the new equipment purchased last year being used to the full by our same efficient team - Peter Steggall full-time Physiotherapist, Marie Cray, invaluable as the backbone of the Department (ie. Assistant), and myself half-time Physiotherapist.

Some new ground is being covered: Perry Wing (nursing home) is now receiving regular physiotherapy and exercise classes, and much more time is being spent on rehabilitation of both in and outpatients.

Continuing education has again been an active area, plus involvement in staff safety education and relevant community health groups and activities.

Congratulations came in from all parts of the hospital for Peter, when he was named Dux of his year at Lincoln Institute, for practical work, a really excellent achievement.



Peter Steggall, Physiotherapist

Year	Department's Cost	Attendances	Cost Per Attendance
1985	\$34,431	4,637	\$7.43
1986	\$50,615	5,126	\$9.88
1987	\$67,517	7,201	\$9.37

LEIGH DOUGLAS
Chief Physiotherapist

PATHOLOGY

Once again the time has come to look at the past twelve months. There has been an increase of some 17% in the number of patients attended and a 22% increase in the number of tests performed during this period, with no increase in staff or equipment, thus making our working days somewhat busier.

The Red Cross ladies have again greatly aided the hospital with their volunteer work on two nights per month collecting blood. There are some 34 voluntary workers, and they collected 571 blood donations in the preceding twelve months.

After hours on call continues to be shared with Ararat and District Hospital. The workload on individual scientists has been lessened somewhat by the appointment of another scientist at Ararat. This hospital responded to 66 after hours calls for the twelve month period.



Jeff Savage, Lab. Tech.

Comparative Statistics

Year	Patient Attendance	Total Tests	Tests/Attendance	Fees Raised
1985	4,302	42,498	9.9	99,295
1986	4,251	42,202	9.9	103,925
1987	5,089	50,740	10.0	105,695

DARYL ROWE
Scientist

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ENGINEERING

1986/87 began with the appointment of Stephen Rickard as Gardener. This was sadly followed by the loss of William (Bill) Darling, our apprentice gardener who died in September as the result of a tragic accident. He will be sadly missed.

Simon Healy finished his apprenticeship and has left us to further his knowledge and skills as a carpenter. We wish Simon all the best for the future.

Gary Dillon was appointed as apprentice carpenter in January 1987 and later resigned. Chris Gehan has replaced Gary as apprentice carpenter.

Kevin Collins has had five months long service leave and is now back with us after a good rest.

Geoff Street was employed for three months to help with the landscaping of the Norman Castle Wing, which is looking great.



Kevin Collins

Major projects have been down this year because of redevelopment plans -

- Temporary children's ward attached to Surgical Ward
- Carpark lighting
- Finishing of Perry Wing landscaping and BBQ area
- Norman Castle Wing landscaping
- Air conditioning of Perry Wing and Syme Ward

In conclusion the Engineering Department would like to thank all departments who co-operated with us in the past twelve months. We look forward to 1987/88.

GARRIE MARTIN
Foreman

MEDICAL RECORD DEPARTMENT

It was my pleasure to join the staff of the Stawell District Hospital in February 1987 following the resignation and subsequent overseas departure of Miss Kaye Henry.

The Medical Record Department has processed a total of 1,654 inpatient records, an increase on last years total of 1,417. Statistics produced from these figures are used for future planning and possible funding of the hospital.

Since February 1987, we have seen the introduction of typed operation reports. The doctors dictate the operation notes onto a small cassette at the end of each operation. I collect the cassette from theatre and type the reports. This has been a great improvement in the Medical Record field.

The Medical Record Department continues to play an important role in providing data for hospital audits. Studies that have been completed include: the age range of patients admitted to the nursing home; the number of the different types of mental conditions treated at this hospital; and the number of patients treated for heart conditions within different age groups. It is because of the audits that the information recorded in the medical record must be accurate and have complete clinical documentation. Regular Quality Assurance studies is one way of ensuring this outcome.

Next year I look forward to becoming more involved in the hospital. I hope to expand the Quality Assurance Programme in the Medical Record Department, thus helping to maintain a useful and effective medical record that can only enhance the quality of patient care.

KAREN DOUGLAS
Medical Record Administrator

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

During the past twelve months this department has consolidated the range of hospital and community projects previously expanded upon.

The Day Centre has remained in its temporary venue at Urquhart House and has continued to play a vital role for many Stawell residents. This year we gained a new activities officer - Joan Ryan and bid goodbye to Ruth D'Arcy, who after eight years of dedicated work vacated this position in February 1987. We thank Ruth and welcome Joan and also thank our tireless volunteers Joe Blachford, Ruby Chalmers and Mary Browne who contribute to the lively and congenial atmosphere which pervades the Day Centre.

The Perry Wing activities programme has continued successfully under the direction of volunteer Phillip Biggs, who is a popular personality with the residents there.

As convener of the Geriatric Assessment Committee I have been involved with the assessment and consequent placement or rehabilitation of many elderly people in this district. I have also worked on several committees reviewing and developing services for the new elderly and accommodation options for the future.

Much of my work involves home assessment and subsequent modification or the provision of equipment to enhance safety within the home. Many people have benefited from the use of P.A.D.P. funding

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to cover these costs. I thank another volunteer, Harry Hunter for his prompt and skilled work in the installation of much of this equipment.

Two Arthritis Self Help Courses have been run between the Stawell and Ararat District Hospitals and support groups now meet regularly in each town.

The Community Health Programmes of "Healthy Lifestyle Holidays" and "Fun and Fitness" exercises in the heated pool have been well attended by the "over 50's" and have contributed to an increased fitness and feeling of well being of many. As a member of the Community Health Board I have been involved in the ever expanding directions in which the programs continue to develop.

Several work experience students interested in the career of Occupational Therapy have visited from the Stawell Secondary College and I have attended and hosted regional Occupational Therapy meetings throughout the year.

In conclusion I wish to thank all the hospital and medical staff for their co-operation, support and teamwork during the year.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Year	Department Cost	Attendances	Cost Per Attendance
1985	\$30,596	1,078	\$28.38
1986	\$30,225	2,153	\$14.04
1987	\$33,396	3,806	\$8.77

The number of occupational therapy attendances has increased due to my involvement in group sessions such as Arthritis Self Help courses and pool aerobics for the over 50's.

DAY CENTRE

Year	Department Cost	Attendances	Cost Per Attendance
1985	\$53,989	3,850	\$14.02
1986	\$68,633	3,043	\$22.55
1987	\$46,192	2,752	\$16.78

Due to the Day Centre's relocation away from the hospital and the subsequent reduction of staffing, the attendance numbers are down but the cost of each daily attendance has decreased also.

JANE ROGERS
Occupational Therapist

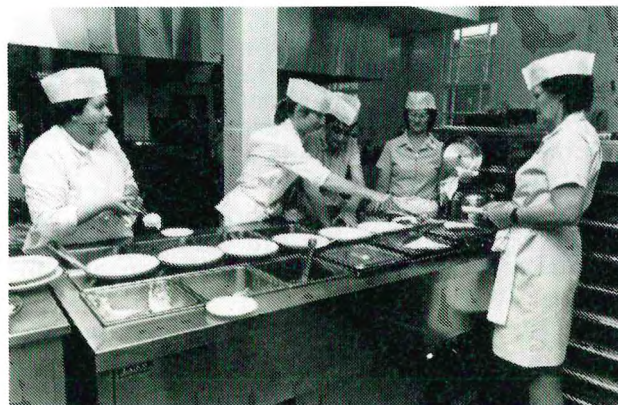
FOOD SERVICES

The Catering Department has continued its catering responsibilities to patients and staff.

Every patient receives a selective menu daily and is assisted in their choice by staff members.

The Dietician and Nursing Supervisor's have continued to be a beneficial tool to problem solving for patients needs.

The Hospital community is well aware of



the changing importance and need for good nutrition. I thank Mrs Pam Marshman, Dietician for her assistance in this area.

Congratulations go to Mrs B. McLeod, Mrs L. Boak, Mrs L. Howell and Mrs B. Naylor who gained certificates from the TAFE College for Food Handling procedures.

There have been limited organisation changes within the department over the last year. Following the resignation of Mr Stephen Guy, we welcomed Mr Robert Hemley as supervisor of our department.

The kitchen personnel continue to work cheerfully and look forward to the new year with enthusiasm and pride, knowing that every attempt will be made to maintain and improve the present service to patients and staff.

BARBARA McLEOD
Food Services Supervisor

DEPARTMENTAL HOSPITAL HYGIENE

The Hygiene Department is responsible for the cleanliness of the hospital and is also in charge of the linen service.

Little has changed in this Department in the past twelve months. However our Admin. Officer, Mr Stephen Guy resigned and Mr Robert Hemley has been appointed in his place. Robert is not new to this hospital as he worked here some years ago, and I hope his stay is a long and enjoyable one.

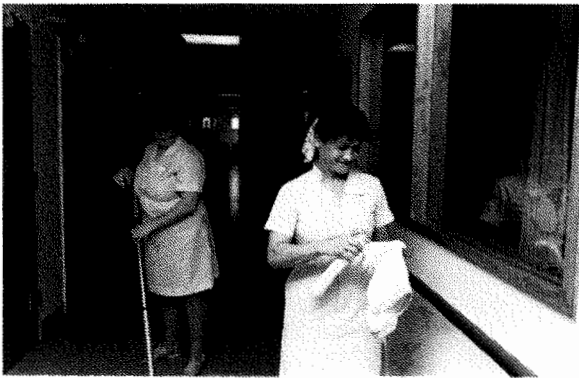
The highlight of the year will be the opening of the Castle Wing. It will be a pleasure to work in the new wing with its bright and colourful decor.

One of the Hygiene staff, Pat Cooke receives her 10 year service badge this year. (Well done Pat!)

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Hygiene, Linen and Portering staff for all their support during this past year.

CAROL MULLANE
Supervisor

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RADIOLOGY

As you can see the number of people lucky enough to have an x-ray in the last year, has increased slightly. But the departments cost has gone up again while the fees raised have dropped. What does it all mean?

New equipment for the Radiology Department has arrived by the boatload! In recent weeks the hospital has taken delivery of a new mobile x-ray unit - a Siemens Polymobil; a mobile image intensifier - a Medecon SM6, which will greatly increase the versatility of the department, especially in the operating theatre. The processor which was mentioned in last years report did arrive and the quality of the radiographs taken has improved, being given that extra sparkle!

Within the coming months the Radiology Department hopes to move to a new location in the hospital. This relocated department will have brand, spanking new equipment (hooray, hooray) for the radiographer to play with! The equipment comes from Medecon and includes a screening tube and table (for barium studies etc.), a tomographic attachment, an increased output x-ray tube and a computer-based exposure programme. It won't play space invaders but the variety and quality of examinations performed will be increased.

The ultrasound machine also appeared and now there are many homes in Stawell and surrounding districts, where the first picture of baby in the photo album was taken before they were born. We took delivery of a new typewriter, as well, which makes the radiographer's life a little easier.

Other than that, the Radiology Department functioned in its usual efficient manner, which it will continue to do in the following twelve months.

Year	Department's Cost	Attendances	Unit Cost/ Attendance	Unit/Cost Examination	Fees Raised
1985	\$63,065	2,175	\$28.73	\$20.27	\$98,115
1986	\$60,844	2,009	\$30.33	\$22.50	\$91,114
1987	\$64,700	2,062	\$31.38	\$24.70	\$86,458

SANDY VEROUDE
Medical Imaging Technologist

PHARMACY

From July 1986 to June 1987 the Pharmacy supplied 16,935 items, an increase of 8% over the previous twelve months. This was due to a 16% increase in the number of inpatients treated at the Hospital. Despite this, non-salary pharmacy costs fell by 8% compared with the previous year (which in turn was 4% less than the preceding year). This decrease was due in part to a special collective purchase of pharmaceuticals and to the policy of purchasing minimum quantities of drugs so ensuring a high turnover of stock. This is important because few manufacturers will now give credit for expired stock. The reduction in purchases coupled with an increase in supply is reflected by a 15% decrease in the annual stocktake value. Pharmacy stock level is now considered close to optimal.

It will be increasingly difficult to contain costs in the coming year because of the prescribing of newer, more effective and very much more expensive drugs. For example, costs per patient per day are increased 3-4 fold when Augmentin is prescribed as an antibiotic instead of Amoxil 250mg. Similarly, in the treatment of hypertension, treatment with Renitec and Capoten costs 2-3 times more than with Adalat which in turn costs twice as much as therapy with Ioptin, Aldomet and beta blockers such as Tenormin, Betaloc and Inderal.

During the year several lectures were given to Registered Nurses on topics such as Antacids, Aspirin Bronchodilators, Cytotoxic Drugs, Renitec and Capoten. The interest these aroused was very rewarding.

JEAN CORNISH,
Chief Regional Pharmacist

SOCIAL CLUB

The year 1986/87 has been fairly quiet for the Social Club. Activities for 1986 were a bus trip to the Victoria Market and a Christmas B.B.Q. The Social Club committee were also involved in the planning of the hospital christmas party.

This year we had a very successful night with a trip to the Moonambel Hotel. With a large number of members attending everybody enjoyed themselves. Other activities planned for this year are a Progressive Dinner and a Christmas Party.

Our Social Club, like all social clubs can only be successful with the support of its members and with an active committee.

Thank you to the committee members for their assistance this year and to the social club members who support our functions.

PETER STEGGALL
President

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STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL LADIES AUXILIARY

59th Annual Report of the Stawell Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. 1987-88.

The past twelve months have been socially and financially rewarding for the Auxiliary - financial details are shown in our Treasurer's report, and will not be descanted on here.

We were delighted to welcome three new members shortly after our last Annual meeting: Mesdames; Joan Hallam, Jill Nicholls and Dawn Block.

We were justly proud for two members, Mrs K. Teasdale and Mrs Edna Neil who were honoured by the Hospital Board of Management, in being presented with a Life Governorship, being for continuous service within the Auxiliary for in excess of twenty years. (Since the presentation we've pinpointed the actual dates when Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Neil joined the Auxiliary, Mrs Teasdale first recorded as attending a meeting on 23rd March 1962, and Mrs Neil 30th September 1963.) It is a privilege and pleasure to again congratulate and thank these ladies for their long and devoted service to the Hospital.

Since May 1986, the Auxiliary has:

- a) Financed a respirator for the hospital.
- b) Assisted with catering and serving afternoon tea for approximately 400 people, following the official opening at the Hospital of the Perry Wing, and at Eventide Homes of Currie House.
- c) Tended the trolley at the hospital on a monthly basis. Thanks to the members who've consistently done this.
- d) Assisted with the promotion of Stawell Music Ensembles production of "The Mikado" in Stawell, provided refreshments at interval, and supper at conclusion of the premiere of the show in Stawell. The Music Ensemble generously donated part of the proceeds from it's three Stawell productions of the operetta to the Auxiliary - our thanks again to these dedicated people.
- e) Arranged a concert at the Elderly Citizens club rooms, when the talented group of four vocalists and accompanist, "The Ballatones" again entertained an appreciative audience with its professional repertoire, rendered so beautifully and informally. The Auxiliary members provided supper after the concert for audience and performers.
- f) Stocked and manned a cake stall and ran a raffle at the Annual Trade Fair. (The raffle was not drawn on this occasion, but members continued to sell tickets up until the last meeting of the year.)
- g) The final meeting for 1986 had a distinctly social flavour. Mr and Mrs

Norman Evans kindly offered members the use of their home for this, which began, when Herb Skurrie was presented with a gift as a token of the Auxiliary's appreciation and gratitude for his continuing street collections, which again are considerable. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs Evans was given a small gift and thanked for the use of their home and for her obvious care and effort expended for the comfort and enjoyment of her guests.

- h) In April of this year, organized and catered for an 'artistic luncheon' - which proved successful in every way - Artistic part being a small exhibition of landscapes etc, by some members and other local artists. A raffle was also run.

The Auxiliary again received generous donations from;

Stawell Golf/Bowls Associates; and
Stawell Bowling Club;
to these bodies the Auxiliary extends thanks.

On a personal level - my thanks to our members and fellow office bearers for their loyalty and support during the past two years - my best wishes to incoming office bearers, and an assurance of support.

ELIZABETH CASTLE
President

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL YOUNGER SET

The Stawell Hospital Younger Set has completed another successful year. We commenced the year by catering for Gary Crouch's birthday. A donation of \$25 was received from Judy. Our Oak's Day Luncheon was held at the William McLachlan Restaurant. It was enjoyed by all who attended and raised \$486.30.

Our Christmas Break-Up Dinner was held at the Albion Hotel meeting room and was enjoyed by the large number of members who attended. We held a "St Valentine's Day" Cabaret at the High School Hall. Chelsea Brown was our featured artist and Dave Butler as comedian. All those present commented on Chelsea's fantastic performance. The profit from the night was \$801.71.

Our Easter Egg Basket was raffled with all members selling tickets in the mall. \$779.72 was the amount raised and we thank Joan and Ian Brilliant for arranging the presentation basket of eggs.

We had a lunch meeting at the TAFE restaurant during the year and at another meeting Graeme Anyon gave us a talk on gardening and use of "worm castings".

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A "Ladies Night Out" was our final effort for the year. Our panel was Dave Butler - Comedian, Peter Bakos and Neil Roberts. They each gave a talk and held a question time later. The night was a success and a total of \$750.00 was raised.

Our monthly cake raffle resulted in \$45.20 and our sincere thanks to Val Kennedy for her efforts in making the cake each month. The trolley is being taken around the wards three days a week. The patients look forward to it and our thanks go to the Red Garters and the Ladies Auxiliary for their help in manning the trolley roster. To all those who drew up the trolley roster and those who stocked it weekly our sincere thanks. We also say thanks to June and Janine, who were our "Santa's" on the Christmas Round, for arranging and distributing gifts to the patients.

During the year we purchased a 3 channel monitor for E.C.G. stress tests at a cost of \$1,500.00. Further funds are being made available for equipment for the new "Castle Wing".

We have also had representatives at meetings of the newly formed Perry Wing Auxiliary and we hope to be able to be of assistance to them in the future.

I would like to thank vice President Meg Blake, Secretary Jan West and Treasurer Margaret Freeland, for their help and support through the year. Thanks also to all those members who were on sub committees for various functions and the members who all helped with the general running of the Younger Set throughout the year. To Gary

Sartori, our thanks for auditing our books. Thank you to the staff of the Stawell Hospital, particularly the Catering Staff, for their unstinting help.

The Younger Set also wishes to thank the Stawell Times News for their publicity and help during the year.

When the Younger Set was inaugurated the members decided to donate a silver cup to any baby born on New Year's Day; this year we were pleased to present our second baby cup to the Guy Family.

Our congratulations to Joan Brilliant on her election to the Hospital Board. Joan is a dedicated and willing worker for the Stawell Hospital.

HELEN DAVIDSON
President



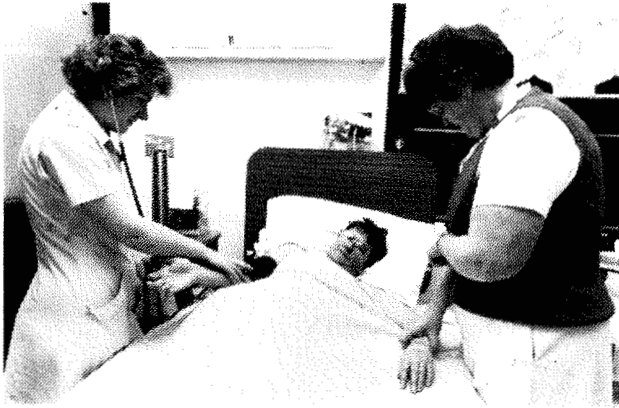
NEW EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Two groups who assist Stawell District Hospital, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Younger Set put in \$2,000 each to buy a Slit Lamp for the use of Ophthalmologist, Dr Steven Sievert and other doctors who after training, will be able to use the instrument to assist them remove foreign objects from an eye.

Dr Sievert was able to use the instrument, which is used as a microscope to view the eyes of people with problems, on his first visit to the hospital. He is working out of Stawell, Ararat and Hamilton hospitals on a visiting basis.

With him from left to right are Mrs Betty Jackson, Mr Mar'orie McKey, Mrs Edna Kuehne (Auxiliary members) and Mrs Noelene McDonald, immediate past president of the Younger Set.

LOOKING AROUND THE HOSPITAL



Surgical Ward - Jackie Trotter and Rita Dunn.



Perry Wing patients - lunch time.



Lynette Bond, Manager's Secretary.



Midwifery Ward - Aileen Ferguson, Registered Nurse.



Marie Cray, Assistant Physiotherapist.



*Lindsay Kent, Administration Officer.
Keith McMullin, Paymaster.*

LOOKING AROUND THE HOSPITAL



*David McCracken, President Board of Management.
Bruce Fowkes, Nursing Director.
"Dr Norman Castle Medical Wing"*



Bruce Fowkes, Nursing Director, and Dr Norman Castle.

Reviewing Respiratory Reports



Dr C. Scaife and Miss K. Douglas



*David Guy, Purchasing Officer.
Lachlan McClure, Assistant Storeman.*



Prior to opening of new Medical Wing — Health Week.

HOSPITAL EVENTS



STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

in association with the
Grampians Community Health Centre

announces

HEALTH WEEK

to mark the opening of the new 24 bed
Medical Ward at Stawell District Hospital

INSPECTION OF THE NEW FACILITY

MONDAY August 17 to WEDNESDAY August 19

Come in and inspect our new Wing between 5.30pm
- 7.30pm on any of these evenings.

While you are there have a free health check!!!

FREE HEALTH CHECKS

MONDAY August 17 to WEDNESDAY August 19
(inclusive)
5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Our Volunteer nursing staff will test you and give you
a record of the following tests:

- Blood Pressure
- Blood Glucose Level
- Blood Oxygen Level
- Urine Test
- Lung Capacity
- Haemoglobin Level

HEALTH LECTURES

MONDAY August 17 at 7.30pm

STRESS and HOW TO MANAGE IT!
(First part of two part series)

TUESDAY August 18 at 7.30pm

STRESS and HOW TO MANAGE IT!
(Second part of two part series)

WEDNESDAY August 19 at 7.30pm

BACK ATTACK - SAFE LIFTING PRACTICES

CAREERS NIGHT

THURSDAY August 20. 6pm - 8pm

Health Professionals and Staff from Tertiary Col-
leges will provide information on Health-Related
Careers.

- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Pharmacy
- Dietetics
- Podiatry
- Medical Record Administration
- Radiography
- Medicine
- Medical Scientist
- Ambulance Officer

(Cut this information out and stick it onto your fridge door to remind you.)

SELF HELP TREATMENT FOR ERIC BLAKE



Eric and Isabel Blake, of Childe Street, Stawell, are teaming together to keep Eric on a dialysis machine 12 hours a week over three days of the week at Stawell District Hospital.

It became imperative for Eric to go on the kidney cleansing machine in November last year, and for some nine months he was treated at a unit at the Royal Melbourne Hospital before arrangements could be made for a machine to be set up at Stawell District Hospital.

It was brought to Stawell on July 26 and since then Eric and Isabel have spent many hours at the hospital (where we are waited on hand and foot) and will continue to spend their weekly stint at the machine for the remainder of Eric's life.

Eric's treatment is a strictly self help affair. He and his wife went to a learning school operated through the Royal Melbourne Hospital for them to become self sufficient.

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His complaint has been diagnosed as polycystic kidney and is hereditary, so much so that it has been passed on to his two daughters. Eric believes it was handed down to him by his father.

About two years ago problems with Eric's health began and two blackouts sent him in search

of medical help.

He had been an active man all his life and the illness made him so weak he could barely move about.

Since his dialysis treatment began and he recognises it is a terrific tie, he is feeling much better and far more cheerful.

The major reason for a dialysis machine being made available to Eric is that its use is a team effort, and without Isabel he would have to have the help of a specially trained nurse.

"When you take the cost of a machine, \$15,000, and \$30,000 a year to run it, you can see why the learning school in Melbourne was set up. I suppose it is of some benefit to the hospital to have the machine here, as without their co-operation it would have had to be set up at home. We went into that and found the hospital was the best place," he said.

ELABORATE

Setting up the machine is an elaborate, business



Foundations Are Poured



Ultrasound- a different way of seeing inside

Most people, have had at some time in their life, an xray.

Although xrays do give useful information, they are mostly useful for the dense structures such as bones.

They are also useful for some soft organs such as lung, bowel, kidney and gall bladder, particularly if these organs have had special dyes introduced into them before the xray.

Ultrasound works on an entirely different principle, which makes it particularly suitable for seeing the image of soft organs.

High frequency

soundwaves are generated, which bounce back off the internal organs. The length of time it takes to bounce back indicates the depth of the organ and hence its contours.

It is very much like the process used for establishing the depth of schools of fish, underwater shipwrecks or submarines.

Ultrasound is ideally suited to seeing the parts of the developing baby in the mothers womb. Unlike extra there is no radiation

used to obtain the image. Ultrasound has been used with complete safety for more than 30 years.

Ultrasound screening is held at the Stawell District Hospital on Tuesday afternoons. If your doctor has ordered an ultrasound for you, an appointment may be made by telephoning the Xray Department at the hospital.

HOSPITAL EVENTS

Perry Wing Throw A Shrimp On The Barby!



Residents of the Stawell and District Hospital Perry Wing now have the opportunity to enjoy the

traditional "Aussie barby" with the completion of barbecue facilities in the Perry Wing courtyard.

It is the final facility to be installed in the Perry Wing courtyard and on completion, with the sun shining, it was decided to immediately

put the barbecue to use and despite being out of shrimps at the time, the sausages were soon sizzling on the hotplate ready to be served up to the eager residents!

The barbecue was installed at the request of both nursing staff and patients in the Perry Wing in the belief that it would be an excellent way to enjoy a meal out on a fine, warm day.

Stawell and District Hospital maintenance staff installed the barbecue, which is electric and easy to operate.

The courtyard facilities have proved a great success with residents and nursing staff of the Perry Wing, who will utilise them even more when the weather becomes warmer.



Melbourne Cup Celebrated



At The Hospital

Melbourne Cup day is a day for all to enjoy and the Melbourne Cup theme took over normal routine at the Stawell District Hospital last Tuesday as staff and patients alike were part of the activities.

Above: Sister Annette Wheatland (left) and nurse Faye Gooding (right) were dressed for the occasion as they tended to Mrs Catherine Kerr.

X-RAY UPGRADE FOR HOSPITAL

Stawell District Hospital at its monthly Board meeting, received advice from the Regional Director, that the hospital had been allocated \$307,000 to upgrade its x-ray equipment and expand its x-ray services.

Mr David McCracken, President of the Hospital Board, said that the Board was delighted to receive this grant, which is the result of a submission by the Board in November 1984 to the Health Department.

The funds will allow the hospital to purchase a new portable image intensifier, a new mobile x-ray unit, and fully equip the general x-ray room with state of the art x-ray equipment.

Mr McCracken said the Board looked forward to working with the local medical staff and the hospital's consultant radiologist, on how best to maximise the benefit of this grant for the Stawell Community.

Norman Castle Medical Wing

Mr David McCracken, President of the Board of Management of Stawell District Hospital, has announced the new hospital wing currently under construction would be named the 'Dr Norman Castle Medical Wing'.

Mr McCracken said the Board chose this course of action in recognition of Dr Castle's service to the hospital over a 32 year period, and also because of the overwhelming public support for naming the wing after Dr Castle.

While Dr Castle was a senior partner in his private medical practice, which had provided an excellent service to the town and district, he had committed an enormous amount of his time to instigate change at the hospital, especially during the past seven years since his appointment to the Hospital Board.

During his term as President of the Board (1981-1985) significant positive changes occurred at the hospital, and as a result of the framework he put into place, major building developments are now occurring at the hospital.

During Dr Castle's

term as President, the hospital redeveloped its food service area, and added 14 beds (Perry Wing) on to the Syme Ward area, providing 30 nursing home beds.

In addition to bricks and mortar being put in place, new services were established, such as the appointment of a full time radiographer, and expansion of the district nursing services.

In addition, Dr Castle has negotiated on behalf of the hospital with specialists to visit the hospital. This has paid off as during the past 12 months, three additional specialists have agreed to visit, an Ophthalmologist (Dr Siebert), Physician (Dr Stickland), Psychiatrist (Dr Stephens). In addition, another two specialists are expected to agree to visit the town soon.

Dr Castle has not only been involved with the hospital, he has been heavily involved in

two relatively new services to the town, the SADDA, and the Wimmera Street Community Centre, among other services.

Dr Castle has represented the hospital on the 'Wimmera Health Service Regional Council', being president for the past three years, and on Sector Board 4, which meets quarterly in Ballarat to discuss health services in Western Victoria.

Mr McCracken said Dr Castle's driving motivation to improve the accessibility of high quality health care for the community of Stawell and district, has in some way benefited all.

The Hospital Board is delighted to permanently acknowledge Dr Castle's contribution by naming the new wing in his honour.

It is expected the Castle Wing will be officially opened in July.

See You Tomorrow Sister



Over recent months the range of services and facilities offered at the Stawell District Hospital have changed dramatically and in a lead up to the Hospital's new Castle Wing opening on August 24, the Hospital will be telling the public of these services and facilities.

A series of articles will be published in the Times News to relate these services and facilities to the public.

The first of these is the Hospital's District Nurse Service.

Each morning at 7.45, two District Nurses make a complete check of their vehicles and supplies and depart from the Hospital.

In the course of their day they will visit between 12 and 18 clients in their homes, and provide a variety of nursing skills.

Clients who have recently been discharged from Hospital may require assistance with small wound dressings, or on-going advice. Six diabetic clients will require life-maintaining insulin injections half an hour before they have their breakfast.

Some frail elderly clients who prefer to remain at home will be assisted with bathing and showering. Where elderly clients are being cared for by relatives the District Nurse will act as an advisor and supporter.

It is a sad fact that terminal illnesses occur in our community. The District Nurse is there also, to provide nursing care to enable the client to remain at home, providing nursing and support appropriate to the clients needs.

The District Nurse may travel as far afield as Halls Gap, Glenorchy or Dadsells Bridge.

District Nursing Services are available to any sick person where that person's doctor considers the person is most appropriately nursed at home.

● ABOVE: The District Nurses prepare for another busy day.

DONATIONS 1986/87

	\$		
Australian Natives Association - Stawell Branch	15.00	Gunning L.	5.00
Banks Mr	10.00	H.B.A. Rebate	70.55
Boatman Mrs & Mrs G.	10.00	Herman W. M.	200.00
Bonnica Family	10.00	House Dr R.	500.00
Brame L. R.	50.00	Hurley Mr & Mrs L.	20.00
Broadwood Mr & Mrs H. W.	50.00	Hutchings Mr C. J.	10.00
Callawadda Charity Ball	425.00	Ian Potter Foundation.	1000.00
Carmichael Ida	2.00	Jack Brockhoff Foundation	19,000.00
Cassidy Mrs M.	20.00	Jolly Mr C. C.	20.00
Chapman Mrs M.	1000.00	Kennedy Mrs A.	50.00
Chatfield Mr & Mrs P.	10.00	Kent Mrs D.	50.00
Competition - Doll	42.40	Lackman Mrs K	50.00
Country Womens Association	10.00	Lackman Mr L.	50.00
Cross Leslie	50.00	Landsborough Uniting Church Ladies Fellowship	20.00
Crouch Mr & Mrs G.	100.00	Lightfoot Mrs T.	30.00
Crouch Mr & Mrs K. F.	50.00	Loats Mr C. R.	20.00
Dark Mr & Mrs T.	10.00	Lockwood Mr Harry	2000.00
Davies Mr	5.00	Membrey Est. Miss L.	500.00
Driscoll Mrs N.	10.00	Mortyn Miss J.	14.00
Dryburgh Mr W.	7.90	Moulden Elsie & Mary	50.00
Evans Mr & Mrs T.	5.00	McIntosh Mr & Mrs R.	20.00
Fielding C.	5.00	McIntyre Misses L. & A.	50.00
Fielding L.	5.00	McLennan E.	100.00
Fraser Mr & Mrs S.	50.00	McMillan Miss I.	25.00
Friend Nancy	50.00	McPhee Mrs W.	100.00
Glenorchy C.W.A.	10.00	Newell Mr & Mrs C.	10.00
Glenorchy Golf Club	50.00	Newell L.	40.00
Grange Golf Club	120.00	Osborn N. F.	5.00
Gray Miss E. M.	20.00	Paulett Mr & Mrs A. J.	25.00
Gray Miss E. R.	20.00	Perpetual Trustees.	2000.00
Great Western Old Time Dance Club	100.00	Phillips Mr & Mrs D.	20.00
Greenway E. M.	10.00	Pretty Mr Ed.	12.00
		Prior N.	50.00
		Punchard Mr & Mrs N. B.	12.00
		Ray S. L.	20.00
		Red Cross - Stawell Branch	102.00
		Richards Mrs C. J.	50.00
		Robson Mr & Mrs M. M.	100.00
		Rutter A. & P.	50.00
		Savage R. G. & J.	25.00
		Schnaers Miss I.	30.00
		Schneider Mrs A.	5.00
		Schwartz Mrs W.	15.00
		Senior Citizens Association	100.00
		Sibbett Mrs B.	20.00
		Sidebottom M.	50.00
		Slee Mrs M. E.	50.00
		Slee Mr R. T.	50.00
		Stawell Agricultural Society	44.60
		Stawell Baptist Fellowship	20.00
		Stawell District Hospital Ladies Auxiliary	4300.00
		Stawell District Hospital Younger Set	2000.00
		Stawell Spin-In	50.00
		Stawell Swimming Club	300.00
		Stone Mr & Mrs R	20.00
		Thomas D. N.	5.00
		Town of Stawell	100.00
		V.H.A. Rebate	353.97
		Waldron, Est. Edith Margaret.	500.00
		West P.	10.00
		Wimmera/Mallee Radio Appeal	100.00

LIFE GOVERNERS

BIBBY Mrs Mona
 BENNETT Mr J. M.
 BLAKE Mrs M.
 BOATMAN Mrs Carol
 BROWN Mr L. G.
 CAMPBELL Mr C. N. A.
 CASTLE Dr R. N.
 CROUCH Mrs J.
 EVANS Mrs D. M.
 FRASER Mr W. G.
 GILES Mrs Dorothy
 GLOVER Mr J.
 GRAY Mrs Athol E.
 GRAY Dr A. A.
 GYLES Mrs J.
 HOLDEN Mrs F.
 HUGHES Mrs J.
 HUNT Mrs Betty

HUTCHINGS Mr C. J. (M.B.E.)
 JERRAM Mrs H. C.
 KENNEDY Mrs V.
 LANGSFORD Miss J. G.
 MILLER Mrs K.
 MIRANDA Mr C.
 NEIL Mrs Edna
 PAULETT Mr A. J.
 PICKERING Mrs M. D.
 PILLOW Mrs D.
 POTTER Mrs V.
 ROBSON Mr M.
 ROBSON Mrs M.
 TEASDALE Mrs Kaye
 WARD Mr F. C.
 WEBB Mr J. H.
 WEST Mrs Jan

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

(Excludes Self Funding Perry Wing Nursing Home)

OPERATING FUND

INCOME	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
Government Grants — ordinary (Hospital) . . .	\$2,072,200	\$2,179,204	\$2,414,470
Government Grants — ordinary (Nursing Home)	220,000	324,789	562,500
Government Grants — Workcare Premium . . .	—	45,250	56,200
Government Grants — Home Nursing	12,691	18,297	18,497
Subsidized Wage Schemes (S.Y.E.T.P., S.A.A.S., Wage Pause)	11,215	27,334	35,064
Costs met by Health Dept. Vic.	75,234	93,950	52,716
Day Hospital Receipts	2,642	2,397	—
Home Nursing Receipts	1,226	2,548	3,491
Meals and Accommodation	22,908	24,167	23,273
Bad Debts Recovered	262	—	660
Other Recoveries.	34	1,207	140
PATIENT FEES RAISED			
Hospital — Inpatients	289,600	250,108	370,368
Hospital — Outpatients	8,207	20,467	38,321
Nursing Home Patients	434,456	396,833	420,415
Pathology and Radiology	98,828	83,667	86,266
Total Income	3,249,503	3,470,218	4,082,381
Deficit	128,544	293,896	202,899
TOTAL.	\$3,378,047	\$3,764,114	\$4,285,280
EXPENDITURE	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87
Salaries and Wages.	\$2,243,955	\$2,488,327	\$2,901,973
Salaries paid to other institutions	24,709	51,918	63,772
Superannuation.	34,134	48,075	60,089
Payments to Visiting Medical Officers.	151,921	162,506	149,216
Food Services	110,066	108,593	102,410
Medical and Surgical Supplies	74,803	82,197	94,457
Special Service Departments	42,851	41,825	48,899
Drug Supplies	40,398	39,921	38,396
Fuel, Light and Power	56,012	55,420	67,249
Domestic and Laundry Charges	139,241	141,065	147,117
Repairs and Maintenance	135,125	135,270	178,671
Administration Expenses.	170,341	212,359	176,358
Ambulance Services	40,955	39,282	43,358
Provision for Doubtful Debts	17,171	(6,047)	13,421
Bad Debts Written Off.	—	—	—
Provision for Depreciation.	80,758	87,134	101,395
Subsidized Wage Scheme S.A.A.S.	15,607	29,361	33,964
Workcare Premium	—	46,908	64,535
TOTAL EXPENDITURE.	\$3,378,047	\$3,764,114	\$4,285,280

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

OPERATING FUND BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	1985/86	1986/87
Cash at Bank and on Hand	5,830	\$ 5,330
Patient Fees Outstanding — Hospital	65,875	106,361
Patient Fees Outstanding — Nursing Home	36,617	48,703
Patient Fees Outstanding — Pathology	9,932	13,882
Patient Fees Outstanding — Radiology	11,576	14,501
LESS: Provision for doubtful debts	(30,067)	(43,488)
Stores on Hand	40,293	44,962
Perry Wing Cash Deficit	45,064	1,647
	<u>\$185,120</u>	<u>\$191,898</u>
LIABILITIES	1985/86	1986/87
Bank Overdraft	\$230,945	\$105,574
Creditors	91,808	81,129
Accrued Salaries and Wages	48,374	62,616
Accrued Annual Leave	137,606	191,003
Provision for Long Service Leave	71,442	104,136
Accrued Days Off	9,222	8,020
Depreciation Provision Transferred to Capital Fund	87,134	101,395
Prior Year (deficit)/Surplus brought forward	(295,379)	(491,410)
Prior Years Adjustments	80,757	87,134
Health Commission recall of prior year Cash Surplus	(9,789)	(90,800)
Health Commission payment of prior year Cash Deficit	26,896	236,000
Current Year (deficit)	<u>(293,896)</u>	<u>(202,899)</u>
Accumulated (deficit)	(491,411)	(461,975)
	<u>\$ 185,120</u>	<u>\$ 191,898</u>

AUDITORS REPORT

We report that we have examined the accounts of both the Stawell District Hospital and the Stawell and District Elderly Peoples Home Society for the year ended June 30, 1987.

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

In preparing their financial statements the Hospital and Nursing Home Society have 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, but is in accordance with Health Department guidelines.

The accounts are properly drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Health Department of Victoria so as to give a true and fair view of the respective institutions financial affairs as at June 30, 1987 and of the results of their 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 Department of Victoria's Cost Centre Accounting and Budget System Procedures Manual.

DATED this 27th day of August, 1987.

GREEN, TAYLOR, AINSWORTH & RYAN
Chartered Accountants,
Horsham, Vic. 3400
M. W. RYAN, F.C.A.
Partner

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT JUNE 30, 1987

Liabilities

Assets

CAPITAL FUND

	Cash at Bank	\$ 4,825	
	Investments	216,340	
	Assets under construction		
	Stage 1	1,307,335	
	Assets under construction		
	Stage 2	29,150	
	Land and Buildings	987,033	
	Detached Temporary Buildings	30,070	
	Sundry Debtors	6,181	
	Plant & Equipment	1,244,682	
	LESS: Provision for		
	Depreciation	(448,551)	796,131
	Motor Vehicles	49,615	
	LESS: Provision for		
	Depreciation	(7,981)	41,634
Fund Balance	\$3,418,699		\$3,418,699

SPECIFIC PURPOSE FUND

Pathology Fund	\$105,792	Cash at Bank	\$ 13,895
Patients Trust Fund	8,983	Cash at Bank — Ryan Prize	911
Nurse Education Fund	1,429	Investment	105,000
Medical Report Fund	550	Investment (Radiology Equip.	
Ward Equipment Funds	940	Fund)	5,000
Radiology Fund	5,984		
Ryan Prize Fund	911		
Physiotherapy Fund	70		
Cardiology Fund	147		
	\$124,806		\$124,806

ENDOWMENT FUND

Fund Balance	\$ 1,205	Investment	\$ 1,205

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Balance Sheet, statements of Income and Expenditure, Statements of Receipts and Payments and Explanatory Notes of Stawell District Hospital and Nursing Home Society to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Health Department of Victoria so as to give a true and fair view of the Institution's financial affairs as at June 30, 1987, and of the results of its financial operation for the year ended that date.

We also certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief all Government funds have been used solely for the purpose of the grant and have not been transferred to other funds or accounts for non approved purposes and that cash receipts have not been used to offset cash payments except where specifically authorised.

By resolution of the Finance Committee at meeting held August 24, 1987.

Mr N. R. ILLIG
Hon. Treasurer

Mr J. D. McCracken
President

**STAWELL AND DISTRICT ELDERLY
PEOPLES HOME SOCIETY**

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1987

OPERATING FUND

Income		Expenditure	
Patient Fees	\$294,716	Salaries and Wages	\$212,321
		Food Supplies	19,767
		Medical & Surgical Supplies	9,886
		Pharmacy Supplies	3,297
		Fuel, Light & Power	6,594
		Domestic and Laundry Charges	9,886
		Repairs and Maintenance	3,160
		Administrative Expenses	1,410
		Provision for Depreciation	8,520
		Surplus	19,875
TOTAL	\$294,716	TOTAL	\$294,716

BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities		Assets	
Monies owing to Stawell District Hospital — Bank Overdraft	\$1,647	Patient Fees outstanding	\$ 20,019
Accrued Salaries and Wages	4,526	Balance of Funds	16,502
Accrued Annual Leave	13,055		
Accrued Days Off	185		
Provision for Long Service Leave	17,108		
	\$ 36,521		\$ 36,521

CAPITAL FUND

Liabilities		Assets	
		Cash at Bank	\$ 1,489
		Investment	48,000
		Building (Perry Wing)	481,805
		Plant & Equipment	129,254
		LESS: Provision for LESS: Depreciation	(16,060)
Fund Balance	\$644,488		113,194
			\$644,488

STAWELL DISTRICT HOSPITAL

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of this hospital are as follows:

- (a) The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1987 relating to the operating fund have been prepared on the accrual basis and in accordance with the Hospitals and Charities regulations of 1983.

The financial statements relating to the Capital Fund and Special Purpose Fund have been prepared on a cash accounting basis.

Assets, Liabilities and related revenues and expenses have been segregated into Operating Fund, Capital Fund, Specific Purpose Fund and Nursing Home Society as provided in the Hospitals and Charities Regulations 1983. Unless otherwise directed by the Health Department, money received otherwise than a gift for specific purpose is paid into the Operating or Capital Fund and used as follows:

- (1) Government subsidies are used as directed by the Health Department.
 - (2) Unconditional gifts are paid into either the Operating or Capital Fund as the committee directs.
 - (3) Money derived from fees for service or from any other source not mentioned in (1) or (2) above is paid into the Operating Fund.
- (b) Investments held by the hospital are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost.
- (c) Income from Investments.
- (1) Income from investment of Capital, Specific Purpose or Nursing Home Society Funds have been credited directly to the relevant fund.
 - (2) Income from investments has not been brought to account in determining the years operating result. This is consistent with prior years.
- (d) Stock on Hand.
- Stock on hand includes 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 have been brought to account in the years operating result.
- (e) Property, plant, machinery and equipment are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost.
- (f) Depreciation of plant and equipment is determined on the basis of the straight-line method, taking into consideration the anticipated economic usefulness of the asset.
- No provision has been made for the depreciation or revaluation of buildings in accordance with Health Department instructions.
- (g) Provision for Long Service Leave has been calculated at employees current rates of pay. Entitlements have been calculated with reference to relevant awards which recognise the liability from the date of legal entitlement which is generally after 10 years of service.
- (h) The amount expected to be paid to employees for their pro-rata entitlement to annual leave is accrued annually at current pay rates.
- (i) In calculating provision for doubtful debts all amounts due to the institution for a period of 90 days or more have been brought to account.

MANAGER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Michael Bernard Delahunty, being the officer responsible for the preparation of the accompanying Accounts comprising Balance Sheets, Statements of Receipts and Payments and Explanatory Notes for the year ended June 30, 1987 state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, such Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Health Department of Victoria so as to give a true and fair view of the institution's financial affairs as at June 30, 1987, and of the results of its financial operations for the year ended that date.

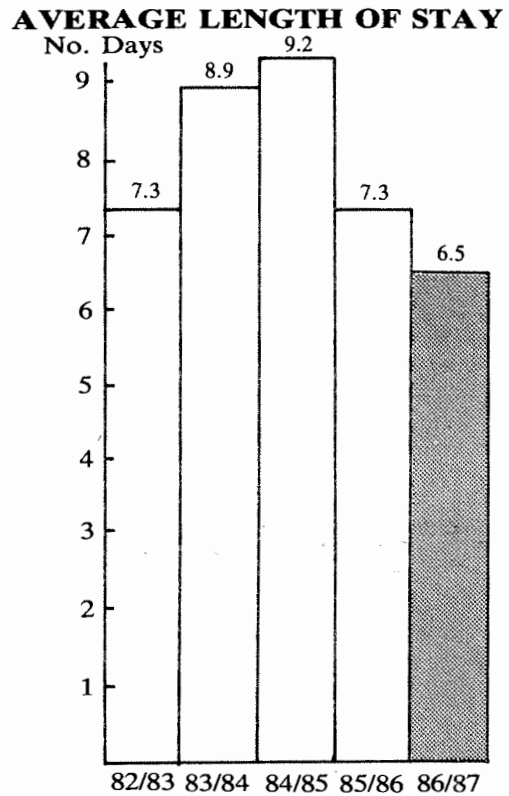
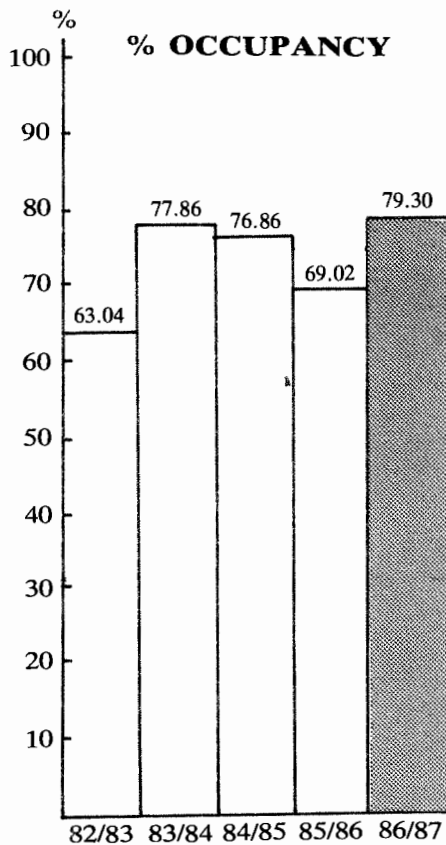
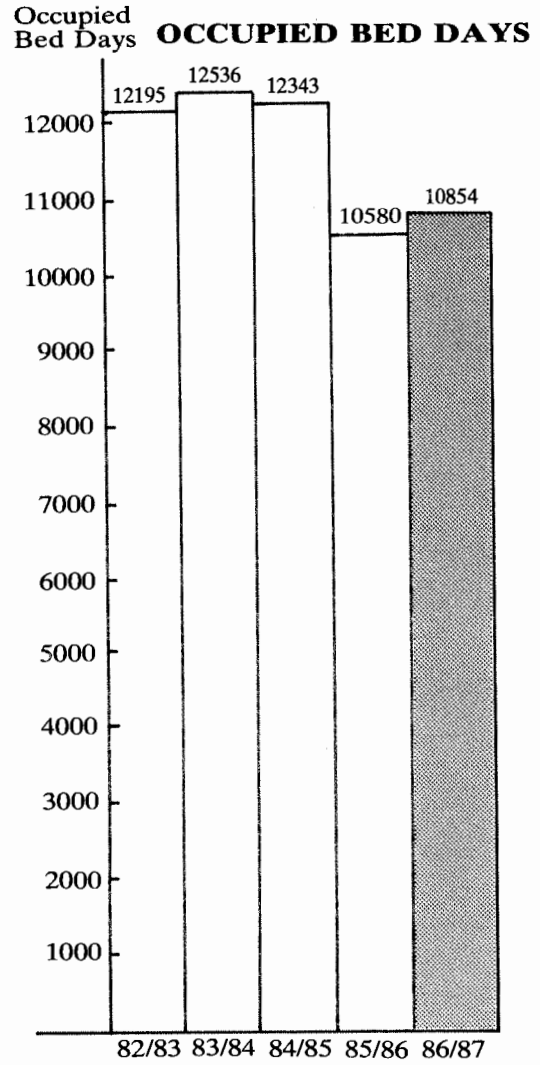
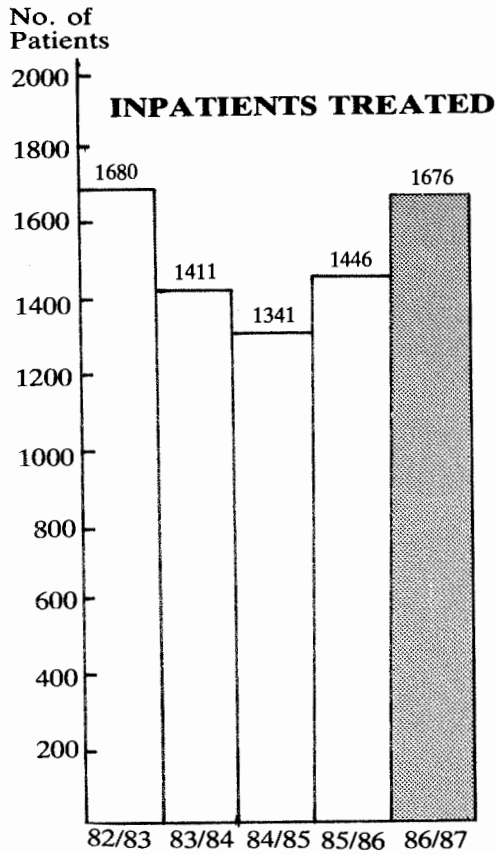
August 20, 1987

M. B. DELAHUNTY, B.Ec., A.A.S.A.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	1986/87	1985/86	1984/85	1983/84	1982/83
HOSPITAL					
Inpatients Treated	1,676	1,446	1,341	1,411	1,680
Outpatients	8,483	5,875	5,347	5,716	5,983
Bed Days	10,854	10,580	12,343	12,536	12,195
Daily Average	29.74	28.99	33.82	34.26	33.41
% Occupancy	79.30	69.02	76.86	77.86	63.04
Average Length of Stay (Days) . .	6.5	7.3	9.2	8.9	7.3
Births — Total	114	106	111	103	101
Births — Female	50	51	55	47	46
Births — Male	64	55	56	56	55
Operations — Total	497	512	499	551	—
NURSING HOME (Combined)					
Inpatients Treated	66	32	24	46	36
Bed Days	10,920	8,255	6,911	6,914	6,983
Daily Average	29.92	29.96	18.94	18.89	19.13
% Occupancy	99.73	96.11	99.68	99.43	100.69
MAINTENANCE Requisitions	720	636	782	666	—
BLOOD BANK Donations (Units) .	571	530	537	551	547
CASUALTY Attendances	4,180	3,341	3,325	3,710	4,981
DAY CENTRE Attendances	2,752	3,043	3,850	5,956	4,745
DISTRICT NURSING —					
Home Visits	10,284	9,027	6,962	6,696	4,780
PHYSIOTHERAPY Attendances . .	7,201	5,126	4,637	5,398	5,891
SPEECH THERAPY Attendances . .	—	87	403	265	232
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY					
Attendances	3,806	2,153	1,078	183	906
PATHOLOGY Attendances	5,089	4,251	4,302	4,576	3,288
RADIOLOGY Attendances	2,066	2,009	2,175	2,524	1,854
WELFARE OFFICER Attendances .	—	519	270	153	—
COST PER DAY OF MAINTAINING EACH PATIENT					
Hospital	\$261.54	\$258.13	\$196.68	\$187.33	\$177.30
Nursing Home	\$112.52	\$105.04	\$95.46	\$86.80	\$76.80
CATERING (Meals)					
Patients	73,378	68,557	60,371	60,362	52,937
Staff	10,513	12,478	11,011	10,966	10,478
COST PER PATIENT TREATED					
Hospital	\$1,693.77	\$2,041.06	\$1,810.30	\$1,830.37	

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE - 1986/87



HOSPITAL PROFILE

Hospital Name:	Stawell District Hospital
Address:	Sloane Street, Stawell 3380 Victoria
President:	Mr J. D. McCracken
Originally Established:	Pleasant Creek February 1859 Relocated to Sloane Street June 1934
Approved Expenditure Budget:	(Operating) \$4.3 million
Accreditation Status:	Fully Accredited to 1989
Employees:	Full Time 69 Part Time 108
Approved Beds:	Hospital 40 Nursing Home 30