



BALLARAT BASE HOSPITAL

COMMUNICATOR

NO : 9 MARCH - APRIL '89

FROM THE CEO'S DESK

I would like to address a number of issues which have become topical since my last report to you.

REDEVELOPMENT

The first visible sign of the redevelopment program to construct new wards on the hospital site is now quite evident with the demolition of the old nurses quarters, which are located on the corner of Mair and Drummond Streets. The design process is all but complete, and final user group meetings are being held to fix the design in place to enable tenders to be called once the Government has given the final okay. This decision is expected at any time.

When building commences, a certain amount of disruption will be caused by the advent of cranes and the siting of construction sheds, etc. A great deal of effort has been put in to minimise this disruption and the likely impact of car parking. When the new building gets to the first floor, we expect most of the construction sheds and associated materials will be located in the ground floor area.

By now, many staff will have become involved in visiting the full scale "mock-ups" located in the old laundry building and the basement of Jessie Langham House. These "mock-ups" reproduce particular ward and staff environments. It is hoped that the experience gained from this activity will promote optimal standards of occupational health and safety for staff, and more importantly, improve the environment for patients.



SMOKING POLICY

After further negotiations with staff groups and unions in the hospital, it has been decided to relocate the Ante Natal facilities to Jessie Langham House and provide the vacated space for staff smokers.

In making provision for this undercover environment for the benefit of smokers, I should point out that Government Policy has determined that smoking is a health hazard and a risk to workers. Statements have been issued by the Workcare organisation to this effect.

Accordingly, it must be stated that staff who use the smoking facility are doing so at their own risk. Appropriate signs, to this effect, and in accordance with Government Policy, will draw these risks to the attention of all staff.

In making provision for undercover smoking, it is necessary to advise that this arrangement was reached on the basis that there be no smoking in external walkways or corridors connecting various buildings on the site. Staff will, however, be permitted to smoke in the patient garden area adjacent to Speech Pathology and other open spaces. We would ask staff not to smoke near entrances as this affects the environment of patients, visitors and staff using those areas to move in and out of the buildings.

LAUNCH OF HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

As an alternative to the running of regular community appeals for capital funds, the Hospital has decided to establish a Hospital Foundation as a separate entity. This Foundation is a permanent organisation with the purpose of raising funds from a variety of sources to establish a capital base, the interest from which will assist the Hospital in the provision of much needed equipment and other services, which cannot, for various reasons, be funded from Government sources. The target of the Foundation is to raise the capital sum equivalent to \$10 million over a ten year period.

One benefit from the Foundation, is the objective that the funds will be clearly targeted to specific areas within the Hospital, and this information will be made known to all contributors by way of a special annual report. Contributors will therefore see quite clearly how the funds from this new venture have been raised and how the income from the capital sum invested is subsequently expended.

The Foundation will enable the hospital to extend its services in a much better way than having to rely on the ebb and flow of annual donations, which has been the only method available for raising capital, other than Government grants, to the present time.

The Foundation was officially launched on the 3rd. May, 1989.

E.D. MACAULAY,
Chief Executive Officer



GENERAL SERVICES



ACCREDITATION REVIEW

During the month, Divisional Heads commenced a review and consideration of the Accreditation recommendations. Divisions are working through the report, and I will be reporting to the Chief Executive Officer on a regular basis on implementation of basis on implementation of the recommendations and also the preparation for the next Accreditation Survey.

HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENT

On the 26th. April, the Hospital Working Party met to consider the 1989/90 Hospital Agreement. At that meeting, it was decided to invite the Regional Office representatives to address the Working Party as to their requirements, and also to see what progress is being made with our Funding Submission.

SECURITY

On Wednesday, 26th. April, John Armstrong of Cuthberts, gave a talk to members of the Security staff. They were able to have any queries on the law answered. This was a worthwhile exercise and has reinforced guidelines previously issued to the Security Staff.

STAFF

Mr. Rod Beaumont, the Assistant Accountant transferred from the Finance Department to the Personnel Department as Personnel Officer during the month. The position of Assistant Accountant

has been filled by Mrs. Joy Robson, who is undertaking her accounting studies through the Gippsland Institute of Technology. I wish them well in their new positions.

SENIOR STOREPERSON

The Hospital is currently interviewing for the position of Senior Storeperson as a result of Mr. Darren Gladman resigning from the Stores post.

ASSISTANT CATERING OFFICER

Mr. Martin Wilmshurst, the Assisting Catering Officer resigned on the 10th. April. He is leaving at the end of this week to take up a position as Catering Manager at Bairnsdale Hospital. Best wishes Martin in your new post.

REGIONAL SUPERANNUATION OFFICE

The Hospital has negotiated a contract with the Superannuation Board, and it is expected a Regional Superannuation Office will be operating from this hospital later this month. This is a pilot project and the first such office to be established in the state.

INSTITUTE OF HOSPITAL CATERING COMPETITION

Lee-anne Pickford and Joanne O'Loughlin from the Catering Department, recently competed in the Apprenticeship competitions held at Ballarat. Lee-anne was awarded first prize as the top 1st. Year Apprentice Cook. Congratulations, and and well done!

J.R. BRIDGER
Director of General Services



CATERING

It is now three months since the introduction of the Sandwich Bar in the Staff Cafeteria on 23rd January, 1989. Reaction to this has been very positive.

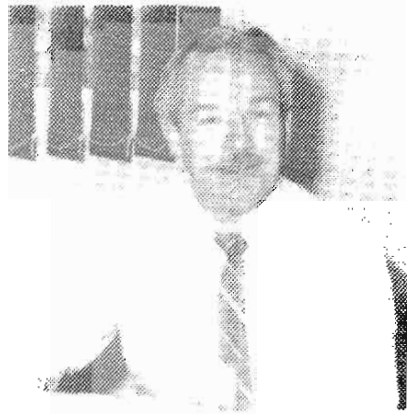
Perhaps it is time for me to make a few comments about the service and reply to some of the comments I have heard and answer some queries which people may not be aware of.

Firstly, the prices of the sandwich fillings will vary as the market prices fluctuate, but I assure all that they will still get good value for money.

The fresh fruit salad may have to be discontinued for the winter months as availability of enough soft fruits decreases, but there will still be plenty of fresh fruit available for purchase.

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION

Here we are at 3/4 time in the current financial year. If I was a football coach I'd already be looking to next year's competition as we are unlikely to win the flag this year. Without trying to depress anyone - we have record waiting lists which are continuing to grow, we have beds closed all around us and evidence of growing demands for the lesser number of beds we have.



With the economic situation as it is and with many other hospitals in the State in the same position as ourselves, it is difficult to see our resourcing problem being relieved quickly. Certainly the delegation to the new Minister for Health, Mrs. Hogg was well received and the hospital was complimented on its submission. Informed opinion is that we will receive some extra funding for 89/90 but the extra will be absorbed in meeting current deficiencies in staff and non-salary expenses.

If we are to meet our destiny as the major referral hospital in Western Victoria we must increase our throughputs to meet demand. We must find innovative ways to achieve this without increasing our costs other than marginally.

Dr. C. B. E. DAVIS,
Director of Medical Services

Chris Bennett

Chris Bennett has been promoted to the position of Chief Medical Records Administrator. Chris has been Assistant Medical Records Administrator for 18 months prior to this promotion and will be replacing Janet Mitchell as Chief Administrator of St. John of God Hospital in New York, New York.



KIM STEVENSON

Kim commenced at E.B.H. on 3/4/89 and previously worked at Prince Henry's Hospital in Melbourne as an Assistant Medical Records Administrator. Kim completed her Bachelor of Applied Science at the Lincoln Health Sciences Institute and we wish her well in her new position as Assistant Medical Records Administrator.



NURSING



I take this opportunity to welcome new members to the nursing staff

Mrs. Martine Monck has taken over as Associate Director of Nursing, Night Duty as of March 27th, 1989, and I wish her well in this position

Mrs. Caroline Barrie has taken over as Charge Nurse, Labour Ward and Ante Natal as of February 6th, 1989 and I wish her well in this position

Mrs. Leanne Booth will take on the position of Charge Nurse, Y3 following the relocation of the Urology Ward to Y3.

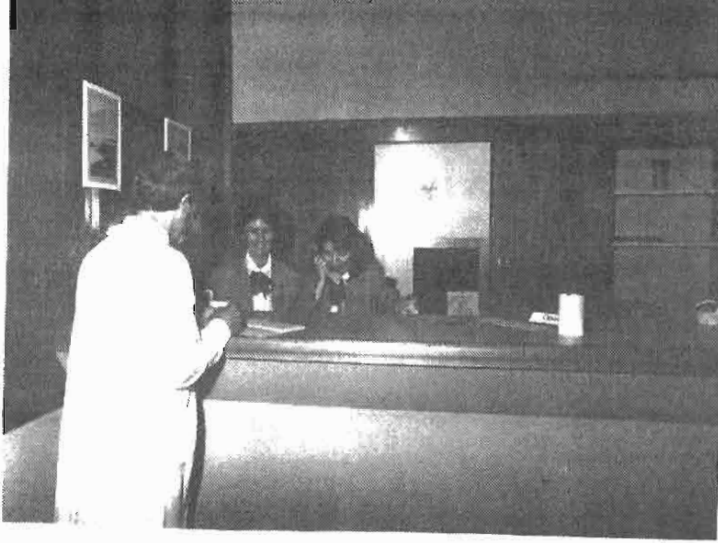
MISS E. A. BRADY,
Director of Nursing.

CREDIT UNION

Notice is given that effective from 7th April, 1989 the Credit Union will be operating from new facilities situated adjacent to the Foyer, ground floor of Jessie Langham House (Nurses Home).

The relocation has become necessary due to the overcrowded conditions in the pay office and the Board of Directors believe that the new facilities will be an ideal environment in which to conduct our activities.

P. A. DUGGAN,
Secretary



NEW INTEREST RATES

EFFECTIVE FROM 16TH FEBRUARY, 1989

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| TERM DEPOSITS | - 6 MONTHS, NOW 14.5% |
| | 12 MONTHS, NOW 13% |
| CHRISTMAS CLUB | 10% |
| ON CALL ACCOUNTS | 10% |

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR CHEQUES AND THE
CO-OP PAYS ALL BANK AND GOVERNMENT CHARGES.

INTEREST ON LOANS REMAINS AT 1.25% PER MONTH
OR 15% PER ANNUM.

SAVE WITH THE CO-OP SO THAT YOU AND YOUR
WORKMATES MAY BORROW AT A REASONABLE INTEREST
RATE.

LOANS - PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO MEMBERS
WHO SAVE WITH THE CO-OPERATIVE.

NOTES FROM THE ENGINEER'S DESK



Hey hey: It's Saturday and Sunday.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Thursday and Friday
Segment: Energy Watch - BBH.
One of the objectives of the
Engineers Department is to "
minimise energy consumption and
cost while retaining comfortable
environmental and working
conditions."

Over the years, we have devised several energy saving systems to help reduce our energy consumption, and excluding the upgrading of various facilities (eg: new CCU, air conditioning of Yuille House, new lifts in Yuille House and Nurses Home, etc.) we have reduced our energy consumption in this hospital by an estimated 15% since 1981 when we first took accurate consumption details. Even including the upgraded facilities listed above, we are still using marginally less energy than in 1981.

However, this year has seen a definite increase in the amount of electricity we are using, to the extent that our SEC accounts over the last few months have been approximately \$18000 per month, (and I get upset when my SEC bill at home exceeds \$200 in three (3) months.

The best energy saving technique we could have would be to **Switch Off when lights** and appliances are not being used. This is where we require your help. Please take care with your use of electricity - every \$ saved on our energy bill is a \$ less out of our own (taxpayer) pocket. **Switch Off And Save.**

Don't be an Ossie Ostrich with your head in the sand over energy use, otherwise we may have red faces when it comes to ask for the extra dollars needed to run this hospital's energy requirements. We may even have to run a chook lotto to pay for it.
(With apologies to DAS productions).

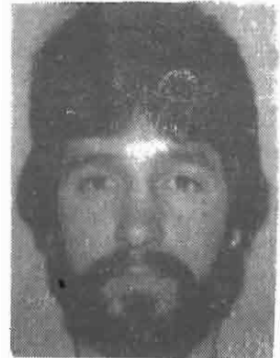
Leigh D. Grigg,
Chief Engineer

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Age: 38 1/2
Years of Service: 10
Height: 170 cm.
Build: Below average
Sex: Got 2 children but still dreams.
Likes: Anything produced by G.M.
Reading 56 Chev Parts Catalogue.
Dislikes: Custom agents.
Favourite Saying: "My floppy disk is whining."
Department: Engineer's
Name: Somewhere else.

IAN COLLINS Mr. Conscientious

Talk about loyalty. Ian Collins from engineer's department is so conscientious he came to work on a public holiday!



REDEVELOPMENT

We are into the nail biting time awaiting the Cabinet approval to proceed to construction. Around the hospital, they may be seen as a lull in the proceedings, but below the surface, there is feverish activity to have the project ready to call tenders as soon as the approval is received.

The planning team required for a project of this size is staggering. As many as 60 people may be involved at some stage in the varying specialist fields.

The whole planning process is co-ordinated by the Project Manager, Mr Robert Dunster. Reporting to him he has: -

- * Architects (Bates Smart and McCutcheon)
- * Engineers for Mechanical Services, Electrical Services, Hydraulics, Fire Protection and Lifts (Bates Smart and McCutcheon)
- * Civil and Structural Engineers (Maunsell and Partners)
- * Building Certification (Derek Hendry Pty. Ltd.)
- * Quantity Surveyors (Padgham and Partners).

Within the architectural team, separate teams are planning interior design, furniture fittings and equipment and landscaping, as well as the normal architect role of design.

The principal consultants, Bates Smart and McCutcheon alone have about 40 people dedicated to planning our new and renovated facilities.

This team is finalising the drawings and documenting all the details which will enable a tenderer to make an accurate assessment of the cost of turning the planners ideas into reality. The Quantity Surveyor would have already estimated the cost so that the Hospital is assured that the planning is within the budget allowance, but each tenderer must make his own assessment and submit his quote to the Hospital.

The tender documents to facilitate this process are being drawn up this month. Every detail concerning every aspect of every room, corridor, foyer, work station, office, treatment room, operating theatre, etc. will be included. The documents are being checked and re-checked for accuracy and completeness, which takes time and patience.

At the Hospital, the demolition of Hutton Jones/McDonald wing commenced on 15th March, 1989 and is due for completion in mid May, 1989, the work being performed by Knowles Earthmoving of Sebastopol. Staff are reminded that the area bounded by the contractors fence is out of bounds until further notice.

Helen Robinson is busy co-ordinating the Hospital input to the tender documents. The hospital is required at this stage to state their preferences for fixed items so that the architects and engineers can ensure that sufficient space has been allowed and the correct services provided. The type of floor covering in patient areas is still under consideration, and further inspection of facilities recently installed at other hospitals are being planned.

When the other fittings such as room lights are being decided, a sample installation will be provided for staff comment.

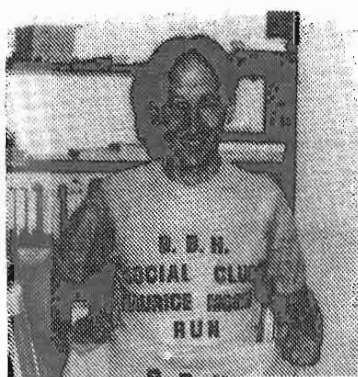
The mock-ups are awaiting input from the architects on fittings and finishes, and bed and furniture manufacturers will provide samples of items which meet the hospital specifications. Staff will be requested to provide detailed input to further design development based on an objective questionnaire which is to be completed by all people inspecting the mock-ups. But more about this in later articles.

Bill Wallace & Helen Robinson
Project Team



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee has declared June 1989 Fire and Emergency Procedures Awareness Month.



All staff have a responsibility to know how to act in emergency situations, e.g. your discovery of a fire and the hospital has comprehensive documented emergency procedures which staff must be familiar with.

The awareness month will allow all staff an opportunity to update their knowledge and for some, put their knowledge into practice.

A series of fire lectures will be conducted for all staff and the month will culminate with a major evacuation exercise.

In preparation for the fire and emergency procedures awareness month have one of you memory jolting questions you can ask yourself - Who knows, it may be your area we decide to evacuate!

1. What is the hospital's emergency phone number?
2. What are the basic steps taken upon discovering a fire?
3. What type of fire extinguishers are located in your area, what fires will they put out and how they are operated?
4. The hospital has five emergency respond codes, what are they and what colour corresponds to each code?
5. Who is the area warden for your area, what is their role?
6. List five evacuation techniques you could use to evacuate people out of a building?

Hopefully most staff will find these questions easy to answer, perhaps too easy? Remember, although you may have "heard it all before," familiarity does breed contempt. It is worth keeping in mind these points.

Patients have not heard it all before, they will be relying on you for informed actions in the event of an emergency. Maybe at a different time in a different place you could be the patient!

DAVID BORYS
Occupational Health & Safety Officer

ODD SPOT

Judy (Reliever) was asked, "Who are you today? She replied "I'm Leonore today." Who's Leonore? Leonores Gwen. Who's Gwen? Gwen's on an A.D.O.

WANTED

Umpires for the Richard Roper v. Shaun Murphy grudge tennis matches due to conflicting reports on the results.

DID YOU KNOW

Alan said to Rob Nicholls: "I can smell something electrical burning." Rob said, "Sorry I'm on my tea break!"

David Borys was heard to say on 5/4/89 "I'm on drugs."

Phil Lozogo missed a second hole in one by only two inches!

There have been quite a few upsets in the B.B.H Pool tournament, but nothing more upsetting than the draw.

Heard Martin singing *I am on the Road from Misery to Happiness*.

See Leigh Ditchfield picking keys up of the floor the other day. Got slippery fingers Leigh?

The credit union is now located on the ground floor of Jessie Langham House. Looks like another hospital empire.

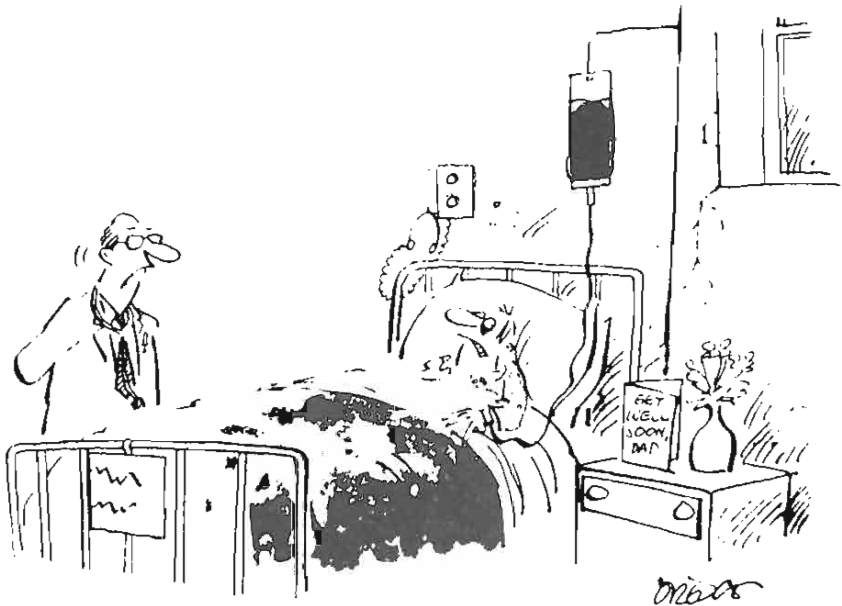
Don Taylor has given up smoking nine times now but has taken it up ten times.

HOSPITAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Gossip

The longer I live, the more I feel the importance of adhering to the following rules, which I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters:

1. To hear as little as possible what is to the prejudice of others.
 2. To believe nothing of the kind until I am absolutely forced to.
 3. Always to moderate, so far as I can, the unkindness which is expressed towards others.
 4. Always to believe that, if the other side were heard, very different accounts would be given of the matter.
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"We'll soon have you up and about, Mr Pycroft — this ward is closing down tomorrow"

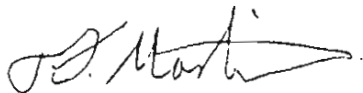
WELL DONE Q1

Director Of Nursing
Ballarat Base Hospital
SturtSt, Ballarat.

1. On 18.3.89 I was admitted to Ballarat Base Hospital Ward Q1. I was discharged some three weeks later on 6.4.89. This report is merely to express my appreciation for the professional, courteous and individual manner I was treated by all levels of hospital staff throughout my stay. I honestly regard the treatment I received as first class in all respects.

2. In particular the Nursing staff deserve special mention. Being a policeman I tend to be professionally interested in procedures and rules. I was genuinely impressed by the way important procedures, such as checking the patient identity before intravenous drugs, were strictly adhered to, even when the patient and staff were on an established first name basis. Such continuous and widespread attention to detail is summed up in one word: professional.

3. I remain impressed.



P. J. MARTINA
Senior Constable 22272

SOCIAL CLUB

New Social Club Committee

Newly elected social club committee members for 1989 are listed below for the information of staff and members. Please do not hesitate to contact a member if you have an enquiry, or an idea. The new committee will be again extremely active, so please support us. We hope you enjoy the activities organised for you.

The New Committee is:

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| President | Gary Greville (Gen. Administration) |
| Vice President | Mike Tucker (Domestic Services) |
| Treasurer | Christine Oram (General Reliever) |
| Secretary | Nola McCormack (Q. G.) |
| Committee Members | Robert Walters (Security) |
| | Jenny Muir (Aboriginal Liaison Officer) |
| | Paul Nandlal (Pharmacy) |
| | Helen Robinson (Commissioning Officer Re-development) |
| | Dennis Waight (Laundry) |
| | Ron Bowen (Engineering) |
| | Fred Richard (Yard Staff) |
| | Heather Johnston (Annex Hospitals) |
| Honorary Members | Sue Louey (Pathology) |
| | David Mercer (Pharmacy) |
| | Marg Blackshaw (Domestic Serv.) |

HOSPITAL FETE

Sunday, 2nd April saw the staging of the first (in many years) annual hospital fete. The idea to stage a fete came from observing a similar activity at a smaller country cousin hospital, which apart from being a financial success for the organisers, was a good relaxing day out for the families that attended.

The first step was to try and come up with a format - craft market, games, food stalls. By incorporating the craft market, it was thought that people from outside the hospital environment would be more likely to attend. Including a celebrity dunk and baby show would also attract the masses. The dollar signs were flashing in my eyes.

First step. Send out letters to major companies and sporting bodies for donations of goods. 95% of replies were negative.

Second Step. Track down the dunking machine and approach local identities to participate in the fun - 99% of replies in the negative (Steve Bracks the only one brave enough to volunteer). Why not approach department heads with challenge to participate, and fine the defaulters? We had four volunteers out of 60 challenges, although some of the excuses were classic. (Pregnant - Hey Gwen?)

Third Step. Have our own stall with total proceeds for the social club. Send out Memos asking for a **white elephant** goods. Thanks to the three people who donated.

The day arrived, overcast and windy, loaded up the car and headed off

to the hospital at 10.00 a.m. to begin setting up. 11.30 arrives and we are way behind schedule. Grab some of the workers to help bring the tressles down (Thanks Fellas). Stall Holders start arriving with most wanting to go under cover to keep out of the weather. People are beginning to arrive before 12.00 to spend their money. Help???

There is only six inches of water in the dunker. 12.40 and Dr Pilbeam arrives to participate as a dunkee. Suggests that we ring the fire brigade to assist in filling up the machine. Thank God for the other boys in blue. By 1.30 we are ready for our first victim. Dr Ed. Davis arrives in his speedo;s and away we go. I did notice that hardly any hospital staff tried to dunk our Director of Medical Services. Perhaps next year the people throwing might have to wear masks to remain anonymous? Congratulations and thank you to our Department Heads - Dr Pilbeam, Dr Davis, Bob Harrison and Jenny Muir and also to Dennis Waight for being Dunkees. Next year when we run the fete earlier more bosses might participate. Speaking from experience it was great being dunked. Plenty of Sausages were sold at the sizzle and we also had several spins of the wheel. Talking to the 18 stalls that participated, most of them had a profitable day.

Although our profit for the day was \$200.00 which was way short of my expectations the experience and feedback we received on the day will be put to good use at our next fete and Family Fun Day.

To finish off, I am sure that most people who attended and participated in the day's activities had a good time. Thanks to those members of the committee and others who helped in the running and the setting up of the day.

Refusal To Be Dunked

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your kind invitation which I regretfully advise I will be unable to accept due to the following reasons:

- a) It is a known historical fact that a method of testing **witches** was similar to this practice. I have no wish to reveal my religious beliefs.
- b) Being of English parentage I have an "aversion" to water.
- c) Having had a mis-spent youth pursuing "indoor" activities, I have never learnt to swim.
- d) The way my social and love-life is at the moment, who needs any more "chills"?
- e) The staff of my department (after much threatening) have prior commitments and are therefore unable to attend which makes my presence, as a boss, unnecessary.
- f) Medical advice sought on this matter has suggested that Shock Ward is not large enough to handle the audience.
- g) Wet t-shirt competitions are sexist and besides it would be a conflict of interest if the sponsors for my next event found out I did it here for "nothing."

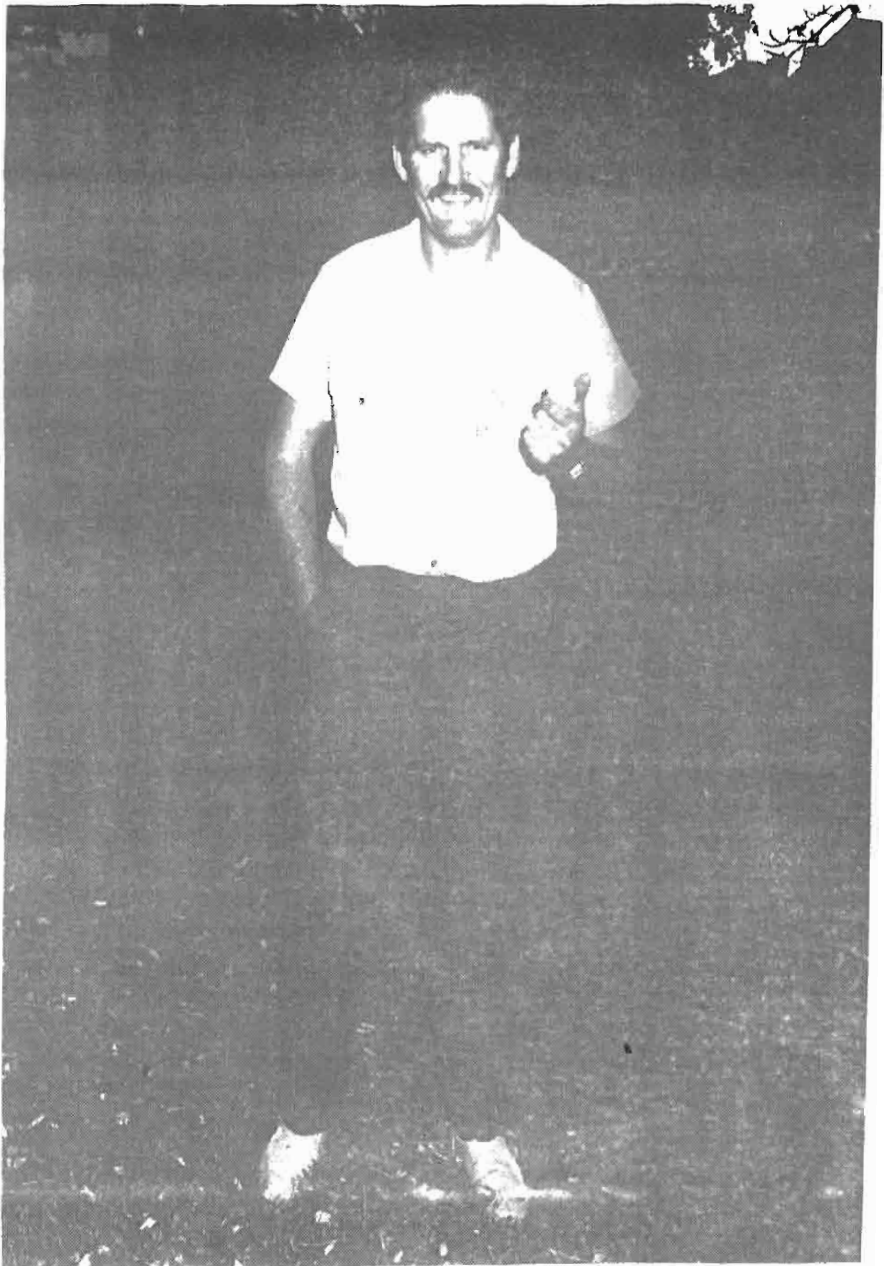
And, totally apart and incidental to the above, I have no wish to allow someone else to make a fool of me, I am quite proficient at doing that myself.

Yours faithfully,

BARBARA J. MORRISON
Officer-In-Charge
Outpatient Reception

LUCKY PHIL!

Phil Fozogo (pictured) scored an ace on - The Par 3 14th hole at the Mt. Xavier Golf Club on Tuesday, 4th April. Well done lucky Phil!



GREEN THUMB

When you are going to use any of the following species, the choice of saw is important. Good choices are the following: those which you use. If they should be used, you can find them in most tool shops, even going to the extent of dipping into parts in Lyson and Co. catalogue. Oil saws are made with a fairly stiff lubricant and will operate smoothly. They are better than most, especially if you are using them as the following are described. They will need regular cleaning during the pruning season, but especially if worked with a lot of sap, and will be most satisfactory if you use a good quality saw. They are very well designed, ergonomic tools, and some have a handle for your wrist, and some are not equipped with a blade guard. When the blade is down when the cut is complete, parts will be cut off, and will result, especially in a senior or young tree, in a large wound. They are reasonably good, but do not get into the pruning. A very average pair will set you back about \$500. A pruning saw is a necessity for all cuts the large trees, at least. It should have a deep gullet after every four or five teeth and a thick blade. There is a curved saw designed to cut into a deep stroke, and it can be recommended.

CANS WANTED

"World Vision" is building homes at the cost of \$206 each in Bangladesh, for families who are homeless and left out in the extreme weather as a result of the floods.

If you desire to help "World Vision" to raise the necessary money for these homes, please place your drink cans into the container in the Social Club room.

Staff will be notified of the amount raised in this worthy project.

Remember: Every can can help.

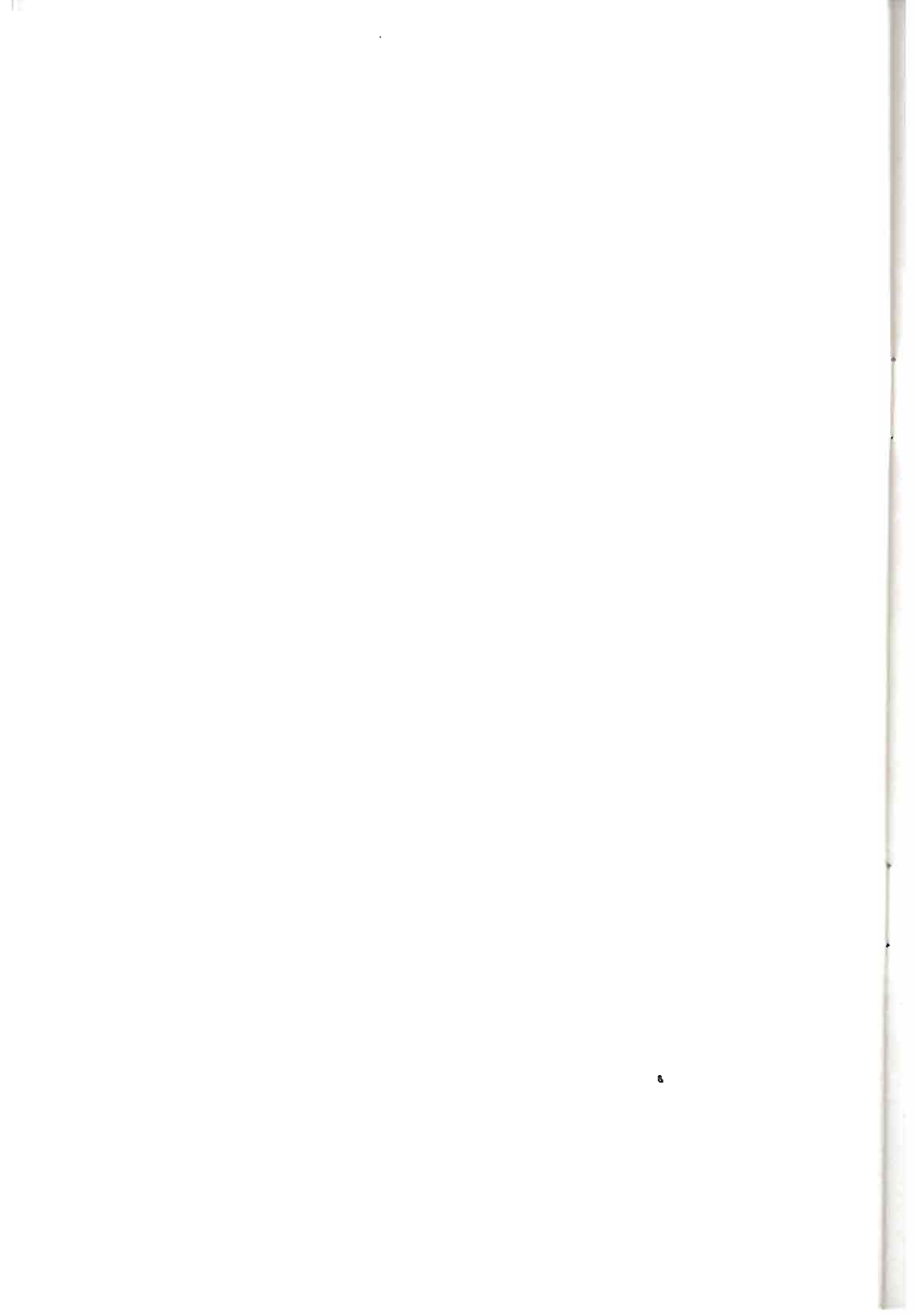
Thank you.

SMILE AWARD

The smile of the month award goes to **Bruce Young**, Q1 who is always courteous and happy

Anon.





FANTASTIC OFFER!

To all those required to wash their hands frequently while at work.

Are your hands dry and chapped from frequently exposure to soaps and disinfectants?

You **have** been "doing the right thing" wetting your hands before applying the soap. This help a bit but your skin is still drying out.

What to do?

This advice is -

**YOURS
FREE!**

* Rinse your hands well **after** washing. Soap and detergent detergent residues may be present on your hands leading to dry skin. Your handwashing routine should be:

1. Wet hands thoroughly;
2. Apply soap or disinfectant;
3. Wash hands;
4. Rinse **thoroughly**;
5. Dry hands and apply hand lotion if desired.

Infection Control - March '89.

ON THE GRAPE VINE

As we are indeed fortunate to live within easy travelling distance of some of Australia's most highly regarded wineries, I thought I would write a series of articles concerning these areas. In this issue I will write about the areas along the Calder Highway, known as the Macedon, Kyneton and Bendigo wine districts.

At the Southern end, closest to Melbourne, the Craiglee Winery at Sunbury is worth a visit. This is a recent re-activation of the original Craiglee which flourished in the area from the 1860's through to the turn of the century. The wines are not cheap but they are good. Try an excellent Chardonnay, and a very good Shiraz (might be labelled Hermitage).

Travelling north detour to Romsey Vineyards where Gordon Cope - Williams and his son make their wine from grapes grown locally and at Mount Macedon. This business commenced operation in the early 1980's and is now making particularly good white and sparkling wines. In some years their Pinot Noir (Red) is worth a look but they are best known for an excellent Chardonnay, and a great sparkling wine made from a Chardonnay/Pinot Blend.

Lancefield Vineyards on the Daylesford - Lancefield road just west of Lancefield make a range of wines from grapes bought throughout Victoria, although they are developing a vineyard adjacent to the winery.

in the Kyneton area, Virgin Hills has been for many years the producer of one of Australia's best reds, simply called *Virgin Hills*.

This is a specialist winery producing only the red wine each vintage, but they do it well. The winery is open by appointment only, and the wine represents good value for money at about \$15.00 per bottle.

Flynn and Williams are ex-employees of Virgin Hills, now producing several red wines under their own label. Their Cabernet Sauvignon is excellent and Shiraz better than most.

Knights Granite Hills Vineyards, aptly named due to its location amongst the rocky outcrops in the hills near Baynton just south of Kyneton area is a recognised producer of quality wines. The Rhine Riesling (very dry) and Shiraz produced from locally grown grapes are outstanding, but there is a full range of wine styles at a slightly cheaper price made from grapes grown throughout the cooler areas of Victoria.

At Bendigo there are two outstanding wineries. On the highway just south of Kangaroo Flat, Chateau Le Amon is one of the best small vigneron in Australia. They produce only from 10 hectares of vines around the winery, and are noted for their outstanding reds. The chateau Le Amon Cabernet Sauvignon is consistently rated amongst the best red wines in Australia, although it is rarely entered in wine shows due to the limited quantities available. The Hermitage produced is a full bodied style which will take a few years in the cellar. During vintages in which the yield is poor, a blend may be produced which is often superb. Rhine Riesling and Semillon are also grown, and may be bottled separately, or blended depending on the quantity available.

Wines are in the upper to medium price bracket, but are excellent value for something to serve at a special dinner party.

No trip to Bendigo would be complete without a trip to Balgownie, just west of the city. Now owned by the Mildara Group, the wines are still made by the founder, Stuart Anderson, previously a Bendigo Pharmacist. Wines were once only available on subscription, and that is still the most certain method of being able to purchase the superb range bottled under the *Balgownie Estate* label. These are all made from grapes. The Cabernet, Hermitage, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Rhine Riesling are all worth a look. The Chardonnay has been described as being as close as any Australian wine to French White Burgundy. It is capable of being cellared for many years. The reds will also cellar well, but are very acceptable when 4-5 years old. There is a cheaper range bottled under the *Balgownie Private Cuvée* label, where the grapes are purchased from other cool climate areas in Victoria, and from the Coonawarra in South Australia. These are blended with local grapes to produce a very acceptable commercial wine which normally retails about \$7 - \$8. The Estate wines will normally be \$12 - \$15.

Next Issue: A trip to the Pyrenees and Great Western.

WANTED TO BUY

2-Seater couch and 2 chairs in good order. May be a cane lounge suite, but must be 2 seater.

Ph: 39 4766.

COMPETITION WHO IS IT?

Alan Bath (Medical Administration) was our cheeky "Cute Kid". It was great to see plenty of interest in this competition. We had 10 correct entries submitted and the prize of a counter meal for two at the Foundry Hotel went to Geoff Gladman (above) from A. & E.



If you think you know this "Cute Kid" who is currently working at our hospital just put the name together with yours onto paper and send it to Gary Greville in **General Administration**. The winner will receive a \$20.00 counter meal for two at the Foundry Hotel compliments of B.B.H. Social Club.

So - Be In it to win It!

Clues

CMF-Ex-Army Nurse
Served under Matron Bulwinkle
Ex-Melbourneite.



4-SALE

Mazda 1988 'Shades 121" 10,000 km, still has a two year warranty. 12 months reg., blue, air cond., 4 speaker, excellent sound system, many other extras, unmarked cond., suit new car buyer.

\$12,750.

Ph: 41 3214 (after 6 pm).

3 male Brittany Spaniel pups. \$60 each. 6 weeks old on the 6th May. Ph. 34 7529.

Diesel/Petrol Pump (hand-operated). Suit 44g drum. C/W hose & nozzle. Good condition. \$50 or best offer.

Roller Skates & Boots complete. Size 10-11. Worn once only. \$60 or best offer.

Heatane Gas Bottles. Each Nett 45 kg. Two only. Best Offer.

Ph: 30 1887.

917 Full Membership - Expires Sept. 1990 - \$350.

Ph. 32 6281.

Boots: Men's leather "Laredo" handmade, Size 7, hardly worn. \$60.

Ph: 39 6728.

Window Aluminium, bronze, Trim, 2 yr. old, 8 ft. x 5 ft. \$190.

Ph: 32 1960.

B.B.H. CENTENARY GIFTS

Only a few items left in stock. Note reduced prices.

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| Hospital Diaries | \$2.00 each |
| Wine Glasses | 1.50 each |
| "Studs" Glasses | 1.50 each |
| Sherry Glasses x 2 | 2.00/pair |
| Spoons | 3.00 each |
| Coasters | .50 cents each |

Picture booklet BBH

Aim in View

3.00

Available from Menadue Office Ground Floor, QG.

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH: Answer - Leigh Grigg,
Chief Engineer

GOSSIP

Yes it is true that Leigh Ditchfield and his new office girl Julie Kocet, were seen arriving at work together one morning last week. (Leigh is a firm believer in establishing good boss-worker relationships)!!!

INPUT

The *Communicator* is produced every two months for the staff at our Hospital. Input by staff from all areas within the Hospital would be most appreciated and should be addressed to Gary Greville, General Administration.

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