

District Hospital MEETING OF BOARD

At the February meeting of the district hospital board the following members were present: Messrs. T. Mack (chair), G. A. Ripley, V. C. Bradman, J. W. Bush, C. G. C. Jones, Rev. F. G. Standen, S. Cullen, J. J. Hackett, E. L. Brake, and A. P. Schofield. An apology from Mr. C. J. Ross was accepted.

House Committee's Report

The house committee's report stated that the new X-ray unit had been in use a month and was giving every satisfaction, and that the secretary had been authorised to sign the installing company's 12-month free service contract and to enquire what would be the company's charge for a maintenance service subsequent to the free period.

A Hospitals Commission circular, authorising payment of the interim nurses' award, retrospective to 13th December last, had been received, and the committee recommended that the resolution of 13th December, 1945, fixing the deduction for board and lodging at the same level as for the domestic staff, be reaffirmed.

Mrs. Napier had asked for the board's assistance in obtaining an increased ration allotment to enable her to provide light refreshments for hospital visitors. The secretary had been instructed to communicate direct with the Rationing Commission in support of the request.

It was recommended that the discarded bedside lockers be sold at 10s. each.

The report was adopted.

Blood Donors

Bowral Sub-Branch, R.S.S. and A.I.L.A., forwarded a list of volunteer blood donors, giving their respective blood groups, addresses, and telephone numbers. The secretary was directed to convey the board's appreciation of the spirit which had prompted sub-branch members to respond so readily to Dr. Sharp's appeal.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report showed receipts for the month, £897 16s. 5d., including—Legacy (late Mrs. Kilgour) £104 10s. 6d.; donations: Mrs. Carey £2 2s., Mr. W. Balmagne £1 1s. 6d., Mrs. Forbes £2 14s. 6d., Mrs. L. North £1, Mrs. McLean £3, Mrs. Hunt £2 10s., Mr. Capburn £7 10s., Mrs. C. Cullen £3 3s., Mrs. Brown £1, Mr. W. Street £10 10s. 6d.; patients' payments, £88 9s. 4d.; Government subsidy, £545 13s. 6d.; compensation, £5 7s. 9d.; sales of stores, etc., £6 9d. Disbursements, £1054 1s. 8d. Report adopted.

Accounts, £1855 16s. 7d., were passed for payment when certified.

No Money for Wages

It was stated that the credit balance in the current account was only £218, which was insufficient to pay fortnightly wages, and the secretary was instructed to approach the Hospitals Commission with a view to obtaining increased subsidy to meet the monthly accounts.

Matron's Report

Matron reported: Patients remaining in hospital on 31st December, 40; admitted during January, 138; total treated, 178; discharged, 123; died, 11; remaining in hospital on 31st January, 44; daily average, 42.9.

The report was adopted. It was decided to convey to Sister Winter, who had resigned, the board's appreciation of her services to the hospital, and its best wishes for her future happiness.

The secretary's action in writing to the Hospitals Commission for its ruling on clauses in the Commonwealth Hospital Benefit Scheme dealing with treatment of private and intermediate patients in public wards was endorsed.

Thanks

The board expressed thanks to the following donors of gifts in kind: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Christmas cheer—gifts of fruit to all the patients (omitted from last report); Mrs. Fiddell, beans; Mrs. N. Stephens, eggs; Mrs. Lawrence, marrow; Mrs. Randall, eggs, lettuce; Mrs. Arnall, flowers and eggs; Mrs. Hoey, vegetables; Mr. S. Cullen, beans and magazines; Mr. Viner Hall, flowers; Mrs. Gash, beans; Mrs. Nathan, flowers; Mr. Frost, vegetables; Miss Williams, case oranges; Mrs. Phipson, literature; Mr. Cupitt, flowers; Mr. Wunderlich, basket of fruit; Mr. S. Cullen, tomatoes, eggs; Kangaroo and Mittagong Harvest Festivals, fruit, eggs, flowers; Mrs. Martin, vegetables.

Local Repatriation Committee

GOOD WORK DURING THE YEAR

At the recent annual meeting of the Nattai-Bowral Repatriation Committee the report showed that it had done excellent work during the year. The president (Mr. T. L. Badgery) occupied the chair and there was a good attendance of members.

The following were elected to the executive committee: L. T. Badgery (president), Dr. N. S. Solomons (vice-president), E. W. Durrows (secretary), C. M. Lane (treasurer), A. J. Mead, J. J. Hackett, and B. Venn-Brown. Former members of the executive, Mrs. Lawson and A. P. Schofield and F. W. Scott-Fox, who did not seek re-election, were elected to the general committee, to which G. E. Hornabrook, C. H. Thompson, G. Topp and K. L. Westbrook were also elected.

The report of the president and secretary was as follows:

"The executive expresses appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by district committees in carrying out any duties allotted to them, and also of those members of the general committee who, though unable to attend meetings, render valuable service in making known to ex-servicemen in their respective areas the nature of assistance available to them."

During the year the local committee, from their own funds, have made loans totalling £135 to ex-service personnel, or to their dependents, where the nature of assistance necessary could not, under the Repatriation Act, be provided by the Commission, and it is extremely gratifying to note that in each case the member or dependent has fully honoured his or her obligation to repay the loan when due.

The executive held 36 meetings during the year, and in all 153 applications for assistance, covering almost the complete range of benefits available through the Repatriation Commission, were dealt with.

Some of the aspects of repatriation are not generally known. These may be judged from the following list showing some types of assistance rendered to ex-servicemen and women or their dependents by the Commission through Nattai-Bowral Local Committee:

Free Gifts of Tools of Trade.
Purchase of Machine Tools.
Loans to purchase an Established Business.
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Free Gifts of Furniture to War Widows.
Supplementation of Wages.
War Gratuity applications.
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War Service Homes.
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Professional, Commercial and Part Time Training.
Medical and Dental Treatment.
Medical Subsidies.
Agricultural Allowances and Loans.
Employment.
Tenancy of Plots and Cottages.
Refund of Fares and/or Removal Expenses.
War Service Leave Pay due to War Widows.

Representations were made by the committee with a view to having full repatriation rights extended to ex-members of the British Forces now resident in Australia.

The citizens of Mittagong combined during the year in what must be regarded as one of the finest gestures seen in the district for many years towards honoring, in a practical way, the obligations we as a community owe to the dependents of the fallen: to provide a dwelling for a war widow. The sum of £535 11s. 2d. was raised, and, showing an admirable spirit of service and co-operation, builders, tradesmen and others have combined in volunteering to erect the dwelling.

The committee acknowledges with thanks the donations received during the year to assist in its efforts in the re-establishment of ex-servicemen and women. The duty of giving every assistance to them and their dependents, in obtaining for them satisfactory employment and training, and interest in their personal welfare, must ever remain a duty also of all in the community. A circular from the Repatriation Commission was read, dealing with the benefits now available to members of the Allied forces discharged in Australia or settling in Australia. These benefits are not fully the same as those granted to Australian but give aid in many ways. (Details may be had from Mr. Burrows at the Bowral Town Hall—Ed.)

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