

District nurses' big task

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The seven district nurses employed from the Gosford District Hospital will make at least 34,000 home visits this year.

The secretary of Gosford Hospital, Mr. Neville Boyce, revealed these figures during the annual meeting and election of officers of the Woy Woy Area District Nursing Service Association held in the Ettalong C.W.A. hall last Wednesday night.

Mr. Boyce said the Board of Directors and the staff of Gosford Hospital were extremely grateful to the local Nursing Association for its loyalty to the service and its continued support.

He pointed out that health service to the aged in the Central Coast was gradually improving thanks to the Nursing Service, the Housekeeping Service and the excellent Meals on Wheels service being conducted by the Umina Salvation Army.

He said the ultimate would be a complete district pro-

gramme of geriatric work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Boyce then took the chair for the annual election of officers which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Gloria Ferguson; vice-presidents, Mrs. Dot Anderson and Mrs. Lydia Whetton; secretary, Miss G. Hall; treasurer, Mrs. D. Gerard; social committee chairman, Mrs. Glad Miles, and publicity officer, Mrs. K. Geddes.

Matron Inskip of Gosford District Hospital agreed to act as the patron of the Association again this year.

About 60 people attended the meeting and this number included representatives of several local organisations which lend their support to the Nursing Association.

The president, Mrs. Gloria Ferguson, in her annual report, told the meeting that the Woy Woy Nursing Association had been in operation for the past eight years.

WELL SUPPORTED

"The support we have received from other organisations and clubs has been

outstanding and it would be impossible to find words to adequately express how much this help is appreciated by the Nursing Association," she said.

Continuing Mrs. Ferguson said, "While all members of these clubs help in some way I must say special thanks to the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and their past president Arch Newlands, president George Freeman and Bill Anderson senior, also to Ron Britten, president of Woy Woy Lions Club and his members and to past president Bill Anderson junior and Barry Langford of Woy Woy Apex Club and members.

"The Memorial Club of Ettalong is always ready to help us and it must be remembered they have many calls to meet for charity. I wish to especially mention the courteous reception extended to me by the president, Mr. Tom Hill, and the secretary-manager, Mr. Jack Scully.

"We are most grateful to Dr. and Mrs. N. Fox for allowing us the use of their

grounds for our yearly garden party which has been a big money raiser for the Nursing Service.

"The continued support of Ettalong Old Age and Invalid Pensioners' Association is something of which we are very proud indeed.

"The officer in charge of the Ettalong Ambulance Station, Mr. Brian Carroll, is always ready to help and co-operate and we thank him for allowing us to hold a social afternoon once a month in the Ambulance Hall.

"I must publicly thank our member, Lydia Whetton, who frequently makes her home available for social functions and the social committee under the chairmanship of Glad Miles.

MIGHTY JOB

"The Inner Wheel members have done a mighty job by donating and wrapping gifts for the patients' Christmas party and by visiting sick and elderly patients to bring a little happiness into their lives.

"The Business and Professional Women's Club of Ettalong is another group of people who help in this manner and the kind assistance of these ladies is gratefully acknowledged.

"The Ettalong CWA allow us to use this hall for our meetings free of charge and our Association acknowledges this gracious gesture with thanks.

"I must also thank Joan Campbell and the 'Woy Woy Herald' for publicity.

"Most clubs have a celebration night out together at Christmas time but instead of

doing this members of this Association invite as many patients as can come to a concert and supper party.

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Parking meters proposed for Woy Woy

Woy Woy and District Chamber of Commerce decided at the annual meeting last Thursday night to recommend to its committee that an application be made to have half-hour parking meters installed in part of the business area at Woy Woy.

The motion that this be done was moved by Mr. Jack Terrill and seconded by Mr. Harry Adams.

Mr. Terrill said the quick movement of traffic would allow people to do their business without having to wait long periods for parking space.

It was suggested by some members that owners and employees of business houses were the greatest offenders as far as parking was concerned.

The president, Mr. George Retford, agreed that parking meters were a good idea, but was a matter for the Shire Council.

PARKING AT UMINA

The matter of parking at Umina was raised by Mr. L. Gray.

Business people, he said,

parked their cars along the street and no one could get near their premises.

Mr. Gray suggested the possibility of angle parking being introduced for one side of the street, which would result in space being available for about five times as many cars as the case at present.

The president told the meeting that the Police attitude was that angle parking was dangerous and it was not intended to sanction it anywhere in the future.

Mr. Retford said there would be one-hour parking from Morris Street to Esplanade Beach Road.

One hour parking had been approved for Ettalong only awaited the preparation and erection of signs, it

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"Let me stress very definitely that all expenses for this night are paid for by members of this Association.

"It is our Christmas present to the patients and a small way of saying 'thank you' to all who help us throughout the year and DNS funds are never touched for this evening.

"No patient attends the party without the authority of a doctor and they are well attended to and closely watched by our two nursing sisters.

"Gifts from Inner Wheel, BPW and our members are distributed and gifts are also taken to bedridden patients by the two district nurses.

"Transport of patients, some very aged and some in wheel chairs, is undertaken by Rotary, Lions and Apex Clubs, and by members' husbands.

"To Mr. Andy Carney, Edna Whetton, Alf Foot, Jim Williams, Bob Button, Arthur Morante and Graham Jarvis, our many thanks for your help at all times.

"This party is the only outing a few of the patients have during the year, so you will understand how worthwhile it is and what tremendous pleasure the members feel in making it possible.

"As in all undertakings the workers behind the scenes do so much and yet are never seen, in the kitchen for instance. These 'behind the scenes' ladies work so hard

and willingly and I take this opportunity of saying many thanks for your good work.

"Also, to the very clever performers who give so much time to rehearsals and the preparation of costumes for their 'once a year' appearance on stage, our thanks.

"The Progress Hall was overflowing at last year's Christmas party and this year, due to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. John Bird, the evening will be held in the Pacific Cabaret. This will be closer for Constable Col Creswick and his wife Olga who are very good to us by helping in any way possible.

"The executive and members of this Association do not seek thanks for what they do whatever we do is done towards our worthy cause in helping the ill and aged of this district.

"However, to my secretary, Miss Hall, our treasurer, Mrs. Gerard, vice-presidents, Pat Gregory and Dorothy Anderson, social chairman, Glad Miles, past president, Kath Geddes, and every member goes my deep gratitude for having made my term as president so gratifying and enjoyable.

"I am pleased to see Mr. Boyce and Matron Inskip, of Gosford District Hospital, here and to tell you how eager they are to help in all our activities. Their presence at most of our

functions is very much appreciated.

"Now I would like to add my own personal thanks to two people who have been a great help to me during my year as president — firstly, my husband, Don, for his encouragement and criticism, and to my mother, who has held the fort at home so many times when I have had to be out in connection with the office I have held this year.

"In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for accepting our invitation to be present tonight and we look forward to another successful year ahead."

BANK BALANCE

The treasurer's report, read by Mrs. D. Gerard, revealed that the Association's present bank balance stood at \$2,164. Income for the year was \$2,716 and expenditure \$2,390.

Later, Mrs. Gerard informed the meeting that she had received that week a cheque for \$117.50 from the Memorial Club which was the result of a competition drawn on July 16 and, on the day before the meeting, a cheque for \$50 from an anonymous donor.

The social committee's report, compiled by the chairman Glad Miles, was read by Mrs. Joyce Britten.

She said that functions over the year had brought in \$593.63 for the Nursing Service, \$300 of which was the result of the 100 Club organised mainly by Mrs. Lydia Whetton.

Many fund raising functions, she said, had included house parties, competitions, garden fete, how afternoons, Tupperware parties, wig show, Melbourne Cup party, bus trip, stalls and fashion parades.

She thanked the Ex-Navalmen's Association for the use of their chocolate wheel and the Group Committee of the 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts for the use of their chairs.

During general business invitations to the Association were read from the Civilian Widows' Association to their birthday party on September 6 and from the Ettalong Hospital Auxiliary to their 12th birthday party on August 22.

Mr. Neville Boyce requested the Association's support for the Gosford Hospital Ball on Friday, October 6, and for the Police Ball on Friday, September 8, the proceeds of which, he said, would buy a TV set for the children's ward at the hospital.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Association invited its guests to join them at supper.