The secretary of the Gosford Hospital (Mr. N. Boyce) announced last week that he hopes work will start soon on a kiosk in the hospital grounds.

Mr. Boyce had just accepted a cheque for $1400 from the Hospital Auxiliary at its annual meeting.

Mr. Boyce said that it was thanks to the efforts of the auxiliaries in the district that the kiosk would be able to go into operation.

Among the special guests who attended the meeting were Matron I: Inskip, the new Medical Superintendent of the hospital (Dr. N. Walters), Mr. and Mrs. E. Humphries and Cr. and Mrs. R. Vaughan.

Other local auxiliaries and organisations were also well represented.

In her report the president, (Mrs. Wicks) thanked Mr. Boyce, Matron Inskip and the members who had helped her during the past year, with a special mention for the Inner Wheel Club members, who had manned the hospital trolley.

The secretary (Mrs. Anderson) said that the auxiliary's profits had mainly come from regular street stalls and Mah Jong parties.

The main event of the year for members had been the opening of the new hospital extension, she said.

The auxiliary had presented gifts to patients and babies who were in the hospital at Christmas.

Two delegates had attended the annual State conference.

The treasurer (Mrs. Kirby) revealed that the auxiliary had had an excellent year financially enabling it to present the $1400 cheque to the hospital.

In congratulating the auxiliary, Mr. Humphries said that its value went further than its fund-raising activities — its best feature was “bringing the hospital closer to the public.”

Mr. Vaughan spoke on behalf of the Hospital Board and congratulations were also given by representatives of the C.W.A., O.E.S. Chapter, Ettalong Auxiliary, Red Cross, Christ Church Ladies’ Guild and Ourimbah and Hardy’s Bay Auxiliaries.

After presentations had been made to the guests of honour and officers, Cr. Vaughan chaired the election of officers.