

**Anti-Cancer Council
of Victoria**

**Report and
Accounts**



30th JUNE, 1938

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Report of the Council

As President of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I have pleasure in submitting the Second Annual Report for the twelve months ended June 30, 1938.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

In formulating its policy, the Executive Committee has been guided by recommendations which it has, from time to time, received from the Medical and Scientific Committee. It has decided to invest a sum of £30,000 in suitable securities and so ensure a permanent capital of at least £30,000 for the work of the Anti-Cancer Council. The balance of the fund available, approximately £30,000, together with the interest arising from the foregoing investments, is to be used to carry on the work of the Council. A plan has been prepared and is now being costed. It has been decided that this plan will provide for an annual expenditure which will ensure that the amount of money available will not be expended over a period of less than five years.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Medical and Scientific Committee it is hoped that this plan will include the following work:—

- (a) The installation and maintenance of treatment and follow-up records.
- (b) Increased facilities for diagnosis and treatment.
- (c) Liaison medical officers.
- (d) Hospice and Almoner Service.
- (e) Research.

It is proposed first to proceed with the installation and maintenance of proper treatment and follow-up records.

Metropolitan General Hospitals, Country Base Hospitals, the Victorian Institute of Hospital Almoners and other interested institutions, have been communicated with for the purpose of making a survey of the existing facilities in Victoria for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Much valuable information has been obtained from these institutions, and, at the present time, a sub-committee of the Executive Committee is interviewing representatives of each body for the purpose of explaining the ideals, aims and objects of the Anti-Cancer Council, ascertaining the manner in which the Council might assist these institutions, and soliciting their co-operation and help in connection with the work. At the conclusion of this work a report will be prepared enabling the Executive Committee equitably to allocate the funds at its disposal to the various objects of the Council in accordance with the urgency of the need for each section of the work and of each institution participating in the work.

On recommendations received from the Medical and Scientific Committee, the Executive Committee has made available to the University of Melbourne the sum of £6,500, or the actual cost of erecting an X-ray and Radium Laboratory in the grounds of the University, whichever be the lower. In addition, it has allocated to the Commonwealth Department of Health the sum of £1,984, being the amount of the Herbert H. Smith Remembrance Fund for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Laboratory.

Dr. R. Kaye Scott was appointed by the Executive Committee as the representative of the Anti-Cancer Council on the Advisory Committee in connection with the administration of the X-ray and Radium Laboratory at the University of Melbourne.

The Executive Committee recognises that it has an obligation to country subscribers to its funds, and it has, therefore, paid an amount of £50 to the Country Women's Association of Victoria for the purpose of defraying the cost of transporting indigent patients, who suspect that they are suffering from cancer, to the nearest diagnostic centre, i.e., to the nearest Base Hospital. The Country Women's Association of Victoria has been asked to provide a report concerning the expenditure of this amount so that the Executive Committee might be guided as to the best method of dealing with this matter in the future.

The British Empire Cancer Campaign has granted the Anti-Cancer Council the privilege of affiliation. As a result of this affiliation, the Anti-Cancer Council will be kept informed of all developments overseas in connection with cancer research and treatment. The Council will also have the benefit of the advice and experience of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

The Council appointed Professor P. MacCallum, Drs. T. Cherry, W. G. Cuscaden and L. J. Clendinnen as its representatives to the 9th Australian Cancer Conference. After attending the Conference the representatives submitted reports for the information of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee granted its Chairman, Sir Hugh Devine, leave of absence during the period of his absence from Australia. Professor P. MacCallum was appointed Acting Chairman of the Committee during the absence of Sir Hugh Devine.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Members of the Finance Committee have given earnest consideration to the permanent investment of £30,000 of the Anti-Cancer Council's funds in accordance with the decision made by the Executive Committee. It was thought that arrangements might be made with one of the public bodies to co-operate with the Anti-Cancer Council in connection with their loan requirements, and representatives of a number of institutions were interviewed. In addition, the Finance Committee has examined a number of investment proposals made to it, but considers the present time is hardly opportune for permanent investment, especially having regard to the amount of the annual income it is required to produce. The funds of the Council have, therefore, been temporarily invested until a favourable opportunity for permanent investment presents itself.

Regular meetings of the Committee have been held and from time to time audited Statements of Receipts and Expenditure have been placed before the Committee. All accounts for payment have been submitted to the Committee for approval.

A copy of the Council's audited Balance Sheet to June 30, 1938, together with a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the 12 months ended that date, is submitted herewith.

MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:

The Medical and Scientific Committee has completed its deliberations concerning the preparation of a plan to combat cancer in the State of Victoria. It gave very careful consideration to the report prepared by its Chairman, Professor P. MacCallum, and Dr. R. Kaye Scott, and after a full discussion decided to forward the report to the Executive Committee of the Council with a memorandum to the effect that it considered the report served as a basis for discussion for an ideal scheme, and although it did not approve of every item in the report, it considered that the outstanding urgent items in it were:—

Treatment and follow-up records.
Increased facilities for diagnosis and treatment.
Liaison Medical Officers.
Hospice and Almoner Service.
Research.

In expressing its opinion, the Medical and Scientific Committee stressed that it did not consider that the order in which the various items were set out was necessarily their order of importance.

The Medical and Scientific Committee has acted, throughout the year, in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee. The following recommendations made by it have been approved and adopted by the Executive Committee:—

- (i) That an amount of £6,500, or the actual cost of the building whichever be the lower, should be made available to the University of Melbourne for the purpose of financing an X-ray and Radium Laboratory in the grounds of the University.
- (ii) That the amount of the Herbert H. Smith Remembrance Fund, viz., £1,984, should be made available to the Commonwealth Department of Health for the purpose of equipping the Laboratory.

At the present time, the Medical and Scientific Committee is directing its attention to the investigation and consideration of a number of claims for assistance for research proposals and several applications to have preparations tested. These matters have been referred to it by the Executive Committee. A sub-committee of experts has been formed and each claim is being thoroughly investigated. Inquiries are being made concerning methods adopted in other parts of the world to—

- (a) ensure that the name of the Anti-Cancer organisation is not used by the proprietors of products submitted to the Council for testing purposes, or in any way connected with such products;
- (b) protect the proprietary rights of lay or academic people submitting preparations to the Anti-Cancer Council.

On receipt of advice of the practice overseas concerning these matters it is proposed to frame regulations governing financial grants and detailing the conditions on which products are accepted for investigation.

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

In its last report the Appeals Committee stated that approximately £60,000 should eventually be raised as a result of the public appeal for funds. It now has pleasure in reporting that the amount received by the Council as a direct result of the appeal was £66,190/12/5. This amount does not include certain legacies received from deceased estates, or interest received from the temporary investment of the Council's funds.

Although for the time being the Appeals Committee is not actively working, the organisation is being retained and is available to assist the Council in connection with its work at any time that its services might be required.

It is thought that the effect of the work carried out by the Appeals Committee during the period of the public appeal for funds will be of benefit to the Council for some considerable time to come.

The Appeals Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the interest shown in the work of the Anti-Cancer Council by Mrs. Herbert H. Smith and the members of the Herbert H. Smith Remembrance Fund Committee.

EDWARD CAMPBELL,
President.

ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS,

from 1st July, 1937, to 30th June, 1938.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.	
To Balance—1st July, 1937		£38,325	15 4	By Salaries, including reimbursement to the Victorian Lands Department of portion of the Organiser's salary	£363 14 6
Donations	£27,191 9 3			" Honorariums to Secretary and Organiser	255 0 0
Less refund of donations	22 3 6	27,169	5 9	" Travelling Expenses	38 13 1
Interest on Fixed Deposits		514	5 0	" Printing and Stationery	44 5 11
				" Advertising	125 13 11
				" Postages, Telephone, etc.	54 4 3
				" General Expenses	17 8 11
				" Insurance	7 17 4
				" Office Equipment	10 11 2
				" Lighting and Heating	13 2 5
				" Grants: Commonwealth Department of Health Country Women's Association of Victoria	470 0 0 50 0 0
				" Balance to Fund Account	
		£66,009	6 1		

FUND ACCOUNT.

To Balance	£64,558 14 7	By Fixed Deposits due	£19,000 0 0
		15/7/38	7,500 0 0
		20/9/38	9,000 0 0
		25/10/38	4,000 0 0
		23/12/38	5,000 0 0
		18/2/39	4,700 0 0
		25/3/39	
		" Current Account, National Bank of Australia Ltd.	
	£64,558 14 7		

(Sgd.) EDWARD CAMPBELL, President and Honorary Treasurer.
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 (Sgd.) H. G. WHEELER, Secretary.

Audited and found correct.
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 City Auditor.