

**Anti-Cancer Council  
of Victoria**

**Report and  
Accounts**



30th JUNE, 1937

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MELBOURNE, C.1.



# Report of the Council

The Anti-Cancer Council was incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of Victoria on 23rd December, 1936. In accordance with the terms of the Act, it now submits its first report, covering the period, 23rd December, 1936, to 30th June, 1937.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the period under review, the Executive Committee has devoted its attention to work of an administrative nature.

It has held regular meetings and has rendered to its subsidiary committees, viz., the Finance, Medical and Scientific and Appeals Committees, any assistance which they have required.

As the work of the Executive Committee will depend a great deal on the detailed work of the other committees of the Council, it will not be able to give consideration to a complete scheme of organisation until such time as the Medical and Scientific Committee has been able to prepare suggestions and give consideration to the various aspects of the problem.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The work of the Finance Committee has been administrative in nature.

All accounts in connection with the conduct of the Appeal and of the activities of the Council have been submitted to the Committee, and have been passed for payment.

Regular meetings have been held, and monthly audited statements of receipts and disbursements have been received.

At the date of closing the accounts, the Finance Committee has invested the sum of £18,700 on fixed deposit, pending the final result of the Appeal and the preparation of a scheme for the use of the money raised by the Appeals Committee. Additional sums have since been placed on deposit. Advantageous terms have been received from the Council's bankers for these temporary investments.

A copy of the Council's audited Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1937, accompanied by a statement of receipts and expenses for the period from the date of the original constitution of the Council to 30th June, 1937, is submitted herewith.

## MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

Since the date of incorporation of the Council, the Medical and Scientific Committee has directed its attention to the preparation of—

- (a) An ideal scheme of organisation to combat cancer in Victoria, prepared on the assumption that £100,000 will be available to finance the organisation.
- (b) A modified scheme which will be suggested as an alternative in the event of the Appeals Committee's objective of £100,000 not being reached.

The preparation of these schemes has meant the consideration of the problem from a number of different points of view, and has engaged the attention of specialists in their own particular departments; e.g., Research workers, statisticians, radiologists, pathologists, and surgeons.

The following sub-committees of the Medical and Scientific Committee have been formed:—

- (a) Research
- (b) Statistical
- (c) Pathological
- (d) Radiological
- (e) Surgical

The personnel of these Committees consists of members of the Medical and Scientific Committee and, in addition, experts co-opted by the Medical and Scientific Committee. The sub-committees are now engaged preparing suggestions concerning their own specialties for the consideration of the full Medical and Scientific Committee. These suggestions will be co-ordinated and formed into a complete scheme of organisation for submission to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

It is hoped to submit the suggested scheme prepared by the Medical and Scientific Committee to the Executive Committee at an early date.

## APPEALS COMMITTEE.

Both prior to and since the incorporation of the Anti-Cancer Council by Act of Parliament, the Appeals Committee has been very active.

A large number of meetings have been held at frequent intervals, and a great amount of detail work has been carried out in the conduct of the public appeal for funds.

An objective of £100,000 was fixed for the Appeal, and, although this amount will not be reached, the Appeals Committee reports that a very satisfactory sum of approximately £60,000 should eventually be raised. The cost of collecting this amount is approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. of the sum received.

In reporting the result of its work, the Appeals Committee wishes to point out that a great deal of propaganda and publicity, which will be of value to the Council in future years, has been carried out.

In addition to the sum immediately in sight, the Secretary has been advised by a number of Melbourne solicitors that the objectives of the Anti-Cancer Council are viewed with favour by the legal profession, and that a number of people have made bequests in their wills to the Council.

In carrying out the Appeal, the Committee has, at all times, endeavoured to avoid terrifying propaganda, and the Appeal has been conducted with dignity. Members of the Committee realise that more money might have been raised had other methods been adopted, but they are also conscious of the fact that a good deal of harm, which cannot be measured in terms of money, would have resulted.

The Appeal has been allowed temporarily to remain open. In making this decision, the Appeals Committee was guided by the knowledge that a number of municipalities, particularly in the country, had expressed the opinion that they had not had sufficient time to complete the work commenced on behalf of the Appeal.

The Committee wishes to express its great appreciation of the co-operation afforded by the Women's Committee, the metropolitan and country municipal councils, and many sections of the community.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the very able and conscientious work carried out by the Secretary, Mr. H. G. Wheeler; the Organiser, Mr. A. Morcom, and all those helping in connection with the Appeal.

A. G. WALES,

President.

# ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE,

24th JUNE, 1936, TO 30th JUNE, 1937.

<p>To Donations received . . . . . £39,585 8 8</p> <p>Less amount received in error, paid to the Lord Mayor's Hospital and Charities Fund . . . . . 6 10 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£39,578 18 8</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£39,578 18 8</p>	<p>By Salaries, including reimbursement to the Victorian Lands Department of portion of the Organiser's salary . . . . . £576 10 0</p> <p>„ Travelling Expenses . . . . . 39 13 3</p> <p>„ Printing and Stationery . . . . . 386 16 3</p> <p>„ Advertising . . . . . 85 16 9</p> <p>„ Postage, Telephone and Telegrams . . . . . 107 8 2</p> <p>„ Office Equipment . . . . . 43 7 1</p> <p>„ Insurance . . . . . 1 18 4</p> <p>„ General Expenses . . . . . 11 13 6</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">1,253</p> <p>„ Balance Carried to Fund Account . . . . . 38,325</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£39,578</p>
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### FUND ACCOUNT.

<p>To Balance brought down . . . . . £38,325 15 4</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£38,325 15 4</p>	<p>By Fixed Deposits with the National Bank of Australasia due 23rd December, 1937 . . . . . £4,000 0 0</p> <p>25th March, 1938 . . . . . 4,700 0 0</p> <p>2nd June, 1938 . . . . . 10,000 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£18,700</p> <p>„ Balance at credit of Current Account with the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. . . . . 19,625</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£38,325</p>
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A. G. WALES, President and Honorary Treasurer  
H. A. PITT, Chairman of the Finance Committee  
H. G. WHEELER, Secretary.

Audited and found correct.  
8th July, 1937.

E. WILSON, F.C.A. (Aust.),  
City Auditor