

**Anti-Cancer Council  
of Victoria**

**Report and  
Accounts**



30th JUNE -- 1940

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# President's Report

As President of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I have pleasure in submitting the Fourth Annual Report for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1940.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

**Treatment Facilities.**—In addition to the grants made to the Alfred, Austin and St. Vincent's Hospitals which were reported at the Third Annual Meeting of the Council, an additional grant of £2,500 has now been made to the Royal Melbourne Hospital to assist the hospital to finance the purchase of new deep therapy equipment. The Executive Committee is of the opinion that adequate provision has, for the present, been made at the metropolitan hospitals to ensure that patients requiring treatment are not kept waiting.

**Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory.**—The Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory continues to render a physical service to all hospitals using deep therapy equipment for the treatment of malignant cases. In addition, by arrangement between the Anti-Cancer Council and the Commonwealth Department of Health, a physical service is available to all members of the profession engaged in this method of treatment. The Anti-Cancer Council subsidises the Commonwealth Department of Health for these services to the extent of £500 per annum.

The Commonwealth Department of Health has sought the advice of the Anti-Cancer Council concerning applications received by it from members of the profession desiring to receive radon from the Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory. The Anti-Cancer Council has undertaken the responsibility of advising the Commonwealth Department of Health on these applications, and it has been empowered by the Commonwealth Department of Health to make any enquiries necessary before forwarding recommendations.

**Almoner Service.**—With the subsidy of £500 per annum paid by the Anti-Cancer Council to the Victorian Institute of Hospital Almoners the Institute has arranged, through the Victorian Council for Social Training, for almoners to be specially trained for work among cancer patients. The training of students has proceeded throughout the twelve months, and recently an almoner was temporarily appointed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital for the purpose of making detailed investigations concerning all patients suffering from cancer reporting at that Institution. It is considered that the report received as a result of this appointment will be of the utmost value to the Anti-Cancer Council in considering its future policy with regard to almoner services. Steps are being taken by the Victorian Institute of Hospital Almoners in conjunction with the Council to arrange for the provision of an almoner service for cancer patients, at hospitals which have not, at present, provided such a service.

**Central Cancer Registry.**—The work of the Central Cancer Registry has proceeded and developed during the twelve months under review. Registers have been installed at six general hospitals in Melbourne, viz., Royal Melbourne, Alfred, St. Vincent's, Prince Henry's, Women's and the Austin Hospitals, and these registers are conducted under the supervision of a Cancer Registrar appointed by each hospital. Conferences of the various Registrars have, from time to time, been held and statistical information is now being forwarded from each contributing centre to the office

of the Central Cancer Registry for coding, compilation and tabulation. The Executive Committee considers that the information obtained from this phase of its activities will, over a period of years, be of the utmost value to members of the medical profession and will, consequently, prove of great benefit to patients.

The Executive Committee desires to record its gratitude to the Honorary Chief Registrar, Dr. Robert Fowler, F.R.A.C.S., for his control of this work.

**Cancer Information Bureau.**—Under the control of the Council's Executive Medical Officer, a Cancer Information Bureau has been established. By means of announcements in the lay press, patients who may suspect that they are suffering from cancer are urged to communicate, in writing, with the Executive Medical Officer, who promptly advises them concerning their problems. The response received has been encouraging, and the Executive Committee feels that the number of enquiries made justifies the establishment of the Bureau.

**Inspection of Base Hospitals.**—During the period under review, the Executive Medical Officer visited all Base Hospitals in the country districts of Victoria for the purpose of surveying the facilities available for treatment of cancer at these centres. In addition, he arranged for suitable publicity in the country lay press concerning the work and activities of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

**Booklet Entitled "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer."**—The Executive Committee considers that one of its most important duties is to endeavour to ensure that patients who suspect they are suffering from cancer will report for medical advice at the earliest possible moment, as early diagnosis greatly increases the possibility of cure. With this object in view, a booklet entitled "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer" has been prepared and is shortly to be released.

Steps are being taken to see that the booklet is made available through channels which will ensure a wide range of distribution among the section of the population for whose benefit it is primarily intended. The co-operation of the Friendly Societies, Trade Union movements, Charitable organisations, Municipal Health Officers, Clergy, etc., will be sought in connection with the distribution of the booklet.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The Finance Committee submits the Council's Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1940, together with the Revenue and Expenses Account for the twelve months ended that date. During the period covered by the accounts, every care has been taken to see that moneys on hand not immediately required for use in the work of the Council were promptly invested to produce the maximum return available commensurate with security and with the necessary availability of the funds. As a result of this policy, the interest obtained from investments, viz., £2,150 14s. 7d., has been more than sufficient to meet the expenditure incurred, with the exception of grants to Institutions. The total ordinary expenditure for the twelve months was £1,614 18s. 8d., and grants to Institutions amounted to £4,050.

Realising the difficulties with which the Council would be confronted if it were necessary to make a public appeal for funds during the period of the war, the Finance Committee is carefully supervising the expenditure, so as to assist the Council in its desire to carry on its work with the greatest economy possible. It is the desire of the Finance Committee to husband the Council's financial resources so as to ensure the continuity of its work.

## **MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.**

As new problems of a purely medical and scientific nature have not confronted the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria during the twelve months under review, it has not been necessary for the Medical and Scientific Committee to meet. The medical and scientific work of the Council has proceeded along lines approved by the Committee during previous years. Members of the Committee, however, have watched with interest the work of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

During the period under review, Professor W. E. Agar forwarded to the Faculty of Science of the University of Melbourne his resignation as the representative of the Faculty on the Medical and Scientific Committee. The Faculty appointed Professor R. Douglas Wright as its new representative.

As Professor W. E. Agar was a representative of the Medical and Scientific Committee on the Council, the Committee has now appointed Mr. W. A. Hailes in his place.

## **APPEALS COMMITTEE.**

The Appeals Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has watched with interest the progress of the work of the Council during the twelve months under review, particularly the publicity obtained by the Council in the lay press.

Although the services of the Appeals Committee have not been required, members of the Committee will co-operate with the Council whenever the time arrives for further work to be undertaken by them.

Once again the Committee desires to inform the public, the legal profession, and trustees under wills, charitable endowments, etc., that the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has been specially created by an Act of Parliament of Victoria for the purpose of carrying on the fight against the scourge of cancer in this State. They have the utmost confidence in the work of the Council and recommend this work as worthy of assistance from those desiring to alleviate the lot of cancer sufferers and of improving the methods of treatment available for them.

A. W. COLES,

President.

## ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA—BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE, 1940.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Sundry Creditors .....	National Bank of Australasia Ltd.—
Anti-Cancer Fund—	Current Account .....
Balance, 30th June, 1939 .....	Fixed Deposits .....
Less Net Deficiency on maturity of	Investments in Authorised Trustee Securities, at cost .....
Investments .....	Furniture and Fittings—Balance, 30th June, 1939 .....
Balance transferred from Revenue	—Additions, at cost .....
and Expenses Account .....	Less Depreciation written off .....
3,126 2 1	120 0 0
3,128 13 11	£54,418 17 7
54,264 5 1	
£54,418 17 7	

### REVENUE AND EXPENSES ACCOUNT, FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1940.

DR. To Grants—	CR. By Interest .....
Austin Hospital for Cancer and Chronic	Bequests .....
Diseases—re Deep Therapy Equipment	Donations .....
Commonwealth Dept. of Health—re Physical	Balance transferred to Anti-Cancer Fund .....
Service .....	
Victorian Institute of Hospital Almoners	
Central Cancer Registry—	
Alfred Hospital .....	
Austin Hospital for Cancer and	
Chronic Diseases .....	
St. Vincent's Hospital .....	
Prince Henry's Hospital .....	
Women's Hospital .....	
500 0 0	
Royal Melbourne Hospital Samaritan Fund	
50 0 0	
Administrative Expenses—	
Salaries .....	
Printing and Stationery .....	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephone .....	
Lighting and Power .....	
Advertising .....	
General Expenses .....	
Insurance .....	
Audit Fee .....	
Travelling Expenses .....	
Cost of the Central Cancer Registry Office	
Depreciation .....	
Exchange and Bank Charges .....	
1,614 18 8	
4,050 0 0	
£5,664 18 8	£2,150 14 7
	375 0 0
	13 2 0
	3,126 2 1
	£5,664 18 8

H. B. DEVINE, Chairman of the Executive Committee.  
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Audited and found correct—(Sgd.) HERBERT TAYLOR, Auditor.  
(Young & Outhwaite, Chartered Accountants [Australia]),  
11th July, 1940. 388 Collins Street, Melbourne.