

# **Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria**

## **Report and Accounts**



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# President's Report

As President of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I have pleasure in submitting the Fifth Annual Report for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1941.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

**Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory.**—The Anti-Cancer Council's Agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Health, under the terms of which a physical service is rendered to all hospitals using deep therapy equipment for the treatment of malignant disease, expired in February, 1941. As the Executive Committee of the Council is entirely satisfied with this service, and as it realises the benefit which cancer patients attending public-treatment institutions receive as a result of the service, the agreement has been renewed for a further term of three years.

The Executive Committee continues to advise the Commonwealth Department of Health concerning all applications received by the Department from members of the profession desiring to receive radon from the Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory.

It is important to note that, in addition to the physical service rendered to public-treatment institutions and members of their staffs, research work into problems related to radiotherapeutical methods of treatment is carried on continuously at the Laboratory.

**Almoner Service.**—The Executive Committee has assisted the almoners' work at some hospitals by making available small grants to supplement the Samaritan Funds under their control and used to help deserving indigent patients.

**Central Cancer Registry.**—The work of the Central Cancer Registry has proceeded along the lines laid down by the Honorary Chief Registrar, Dr. Robert Fowler, F.R.A.C.S., and approved by the Executive Committee. Dr. Fowler forwards regular reports to the Executive Committee, and the information revealed in these reports completely satisfies the Committee that this work is a most important piece of statistical research and that it will be of the utmost value.

The Executive Committee again desires to record its gratitude to Dr. Fowler for the enormous sacrifice of time which he is making.

**Cancer Information Bureau.**—Through the medium of the Cancer Information Bureau, the Chairman of the Executive Committee forwarded a letter to all members of the medical profession practising outside the metropolitan area. The letter brought under the notice of practitioners the service which the Anti-Cancer Council is making available to indigent cancer patients whose doctors desire that they should receive treatment at public institutions in Melbourne. The object of the letter was to facilitate the early treatment of cancer at public hospitals in the metropolitan area, and to inform members of the profession of the organisation which the Anti-Cancer Council has placed at the disposal of their patients.

**Publicity.**—A restrained, but effective, publicity campaign has been carried out during the last twelve months, both through the medium of the booklet entitled "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer" and through the lay press. The Executive Committee realises that during the period of the war, and as a result of paper-rationing regulations, it is difficult for the press to make space available, and it desires, therefore, to express its gratitude to the press for the assistance it has received in connection with this work during the past twelve months.

**General.**—The Executive Committee felt that the time had arrived to review the work undertaken by the Council and to assess its value. For this purpose a special Sub-Committee was appointed and every phase of the Anti-Cancer Council's work has been thoroughly investigated. In addition, consideration was given by the Sub-Committee to aspects of the work which, although not actually undertaken, might receive the attention and consideration of the Committee in the future. A comprehensive report was prepared by the Sub-Committee, and as a result the Executive Committee is of the opinion that much useful work, in the interest of cancer sufferers, has been carried out. It proposes regularly to review the work of the Council in this way.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

During the period now under review, the Finance Committee has carefully performed its duties within the limited powers delegated to it. In particular, it has taken care to see that moneys on hand not immediately required for use under the arrangements made by the Council have been kept invested. Interest obtained during the year from investments amounted to £1,935 7s. 11d., an amount nearly sufficient to meet the total expenditure, which amounted to £1,949 10s. 5d., excluding grants to institutions which amounted to £1,525.

When reviewing the Statement of Accounts for the year, the Finance Committee felt that, pending the determination of the definite and final programme to achieve the object for which the Fund was instituted, there was danger that a scale of administrative expenses, being unduly high in proportion to the total expenditure, might be established. The Committee, therefore, arranged that its Chairman should discuss with the members of the Executive Committee of the Council some general questions relating to the finances of the Council, and the particular question of the Council's policy in regard to the use of the Funds as affecting their expenditure or their conservation and investment, as the case may be.

### **MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:**

It has only been necessary for the Medical and Scientific Committee to meet on one occasion during the twelve months under review. The medical and scientific work of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has proceeded in accordance with the advice tendered by the Committee during previous years.

Members of the Committee have been particularly interested in the work of the Central Cancer Registry which has been conducted on behalf of the Council by the Honorary Chief Registrar, Dr. Robert Fowler, F.R.A.C.S. The Medical and Scientific Committee looks upon this work as an important piece of statistical research.

No applications have been received by the Medical and Scientific Committee for financial assistance for research into problems relating to cancer.

## APPEALS COMMITTEE:

Although the services of the Appeals Committee have not been required during the past twelve months, members of the Committee retain a keen interest in the work being carried on by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Members of the Appeals Committee realise that, during the period of the war, the public has many calls to meet in connection with patriotic and national appeals. At the same time, the Committee desires to take this opportunity of recommending the work of the Anti-Cancer Council to the public, the legal profession, and trustees under wills, charitable endowments, etc., as a work worthy of support. It should be remembered that the needs of the civil population have to be met, even in time of war, and that there is no greater need than that of the patient suffering from cancer.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has improved, and is improving, the facilities available to cancer sufferers, and is also rendering directly and indirectly a beneficial service to the indigent patient. It is with confidence, therefore, that members of the Appeals Committee recommend this work as deserving of support.

FRANK BEAUREPAIRE,

President.

4th September, 1941.

## ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA—BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE, 1941.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
Sundry Creditors .....		£65	7	National Bank of Australasia Ltd.—			
Anti-Cancer Fund—				Current Account .....	£741	0	7
Balance, 30th June, 1940 .....	£54,264	5	1	Fixed Deposits .....	7,000	0	0
Less Net Deficiency on maturity of				Investments in Authorised Trustee Securities, at cost .....	45,223	13	8
Investments .....	£8	3	3	Furniture and Fittings—Balance, 30th June, 1940 .....	£120	0	0
Balance transferred from Revenue				—Additions, at cost .....	27	6	0
and Expenses Account .....	1,231	15	0		147	6	0
	1,234	18	3	Less Depreciation written off .....	17	6	0
		53,029	6	130	0	0	
		£53,094	14	£53,094	14	3	
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### REVENUE AND EXPENSES ACCOUNT, FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1941.

<p><b>DR. To Grants—</b></p> <p>Commonwealth Department of Health re</p> <p>Physical Service .....</p>	£500	0	0
Victorian Institute of Hospital Almoners .....	500	0	0
<b>„ Central Cancer Registry—</b>			
Alfred Hospital .....	£100	0	0
Austin Hospital for Cancer			
and Chronic Diseases .....	100	0	0
St. Vincent's Hospital .....	100	0	0
Women's Hospital .....	100	0	0
Prince Henry's Hospital .....	50	0	0
<b>„ Samaritan Funds—</b>			450
Royal Melbourne Hospital .....	50	0	0
Women's Hospital .....	25	0	0
<b>„ Administrative Expenses—</b>			75
Salaries—			1,525
Executive Medical Officer .....	791	13	4
General .....	764	14	2
	1,556	7	6
Printing and Stationery .....	236	15	6
Postage, Telegrams and Telephone .....	82	5	2
Lighting and Power .....	9	10	5
Advertising .....	22	15	0
General Expenses .....	9	4	1
Insurance .....	6	15	10
Travelling Expenses .....	4	18	5
Depreciation .....	17	6	0
Cleaning Expenses .....	3	12	6
	1,949	10	5
	£3,474	10	5

<p><b>CR. By Interest .....</b></p> <p>„ Requests .....</p> <p>„ Donations .....</p> <p>„ Balance transferred to Anti-Cancer Fund .....</p>	<p>£1,935</p> <p>7</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p> <p>1</p> <p>0</p> <p>295</p> <p>6</p> <p>6</p> <p>1,231</p> <p>15</p> <p>0</p>
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H. B. DEVINE, Chairman of the Executive Committee.  
H. A. PITT, Chairman of the Finance Committee.  
H. G. WHEELER, Secretary.

Audited and found correct—HERBERT TAYLOR, Honorary Auditor.  
(Young & Outhwaite, Chartered Accountants [Australia]).  
17th July, 1941. 368 Collins Street, Melbourne.