

# **Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria**

(Affiliated with the British Empire Cancer Campaign)

## **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 Eighth Annual Report for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1944.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

During the year under review, the Executive Committee, working in conjunction with the Medical and Scientific Committee, has been active in regard to the establishment of a Central Institute for the radiation treatment of cancer.

In the year 1937, a plan was drawn up by Professor P. MacCallum and Dr. R. Kaye Scott, the design of which was to put the radiation treatment of cancer on a sound basis. This plan was based on the principle of centralisation of radiotherapy, and had for its ultimate aim a Central Cancer Institute. It conformed to the accepted teaching in other parts of the world. The plan was approved by the Executive Committee and adopted as a policy. But there has been little possibility of following this policy until last year, when the Executive Committee was able to take advantage of the advice and help of Dr. Ralston Paterson and Dr. Edith Paterson, world authorities on the radiation treatment of cancer.

In June, 1943, the Committee learned that Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson were to visit Australia, at the invitation of the Government of New South Wales, to report and advise on a proposal to establish an Institute for the centralisation of the radiation treatment of cancer. The Committee advised the Victorian Government to take advantage of their visit to Australia and to request them to make a survey of the facilities for radiotherapy in Victoria, and, acting in collaboration with the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, advise the Government in this respect. The Government accepted this advice.

At the end of last year, Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson visited Melbourne. They inspected hospitals, conferred with Hospital Committees and Hospital Staffs, with the Medical and Scientific Committee and the Executive Committee and with the Charities Board of Victoria, interviewed radiotherapists and radiologists in private practice, and inspected the Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory.

The outcome of Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson's investigations was a report to the Premier of Victoria, the main points of which were as follow:—

The creation of a Central Institute in which all radiation treatment would be carried out. The Institute to treat public and private patients, to be staffed mainly by full-time radiotherapists, to collaborate with the other Hospitals in the State, and to be temporarily housed until a permanent new structure could be erected.

The scheme to create a Central Institute was approved by the Government, which reserved part of the old Royal Melbourne Hospital for its temporary housing.

A great deal of work has been done by the Executive Committee, through its Sub-Committee, to bring about co-operation with the various Hospitals and private radiotherapy clinics, and much success in this respect was attained. The stage has now been reached when it has been decided by the Government that the Central Institute for radiation treatment will be housed in one section of the old Royal Melbourne Hospital, the other sections being occupied with the care of tubercular cases, with emergency accident cases and with venereal disease cases. This composite Hospital will be under the direction of the Minister of Health, and will be managed by the Inspector of Charities.

The Executive Committee feels that the Anti-Cancer Council should record its gratitude to the Victorian Government for arranging and paying for Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson's survey of the radiotherapy facilities in Victoria, to Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson for prolonging their visit to Australia and undertaking this survey, and to the Board of Management of the Holt Radium Institute in England for freeing Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson from their duties at the Institute to undertake this survey.

During the twelve months under review, the Anti-Cancer Council has made the following grants: £2,500 to the Women's Hospital towards the purchase of deep X-ray Therapy equipment, grants to the Samaritan Funds at the various Hospitals in Melbourne, and the Council has continued to subsidise the Department of Health in regard to the Physical Service which is carried out by the Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

The Finance Committee submits the Council's Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1944, together with the Revenue and Expenditure Account for the twelve months ended that date.

The total revenue received for the twelve months was £3,049, which included £1,737 from interest on investments. Grants amounting to £3,058 have been made, and the administrative expenditure amounted to £346.

All available money, not already invested, has been placed in the Commonwealth War Loans.

Official certificates verifying the existence of the Council's investments have been examined by members of the Finance Committee, and the Council's auditors, Messrs. Young & Outhwaite, have made an audit of the books at various intervals.

### **MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.**

During the twelve months under review, the Medical and Scientific Committee has met on two occasions.

A combined meeting between the Executive Committee and the Medical and Scientific Committee was held during the visit to Melbourne of Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson, at which meeting Dr. Paterson presented the case for the centralisation of cancer treatment in Victoria. Following this combined meeting, the Medical and Scientific Committee was requested to make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning the centralisation of cancer treatment. Members of the Medical and Scientific Committee unanimously agreed that recommendations should be forwarded to the Executive Committee approving of the scheme as outlined by Dr. Paterson.

The Research Sub-Committee of the Medical and Scientific Committee met, at the request of the Executive Committee, to report on a proposal for Research, which was not recommended for assistance.

### **APEALS COMMITTEE.**

The Appeals Committee is pleased to report that the following bequests have been made to the Council during the past year:—

Estate of the late Mrs. M. V. Fielding . . . .	£500
Estate of the late Mrs. E. L. MacKay . . . .	£20

Members of the Committee would again remind the general public, the legal profession and Trustees of the importance of the Anti-Cancer Council's work.

T. S. NETTLEFOLD,  
President.

27th September, 1944.

## ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA—BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE, 1944.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Sundry Creditors .....	£125 0 0	National Bank of Australasia Ltd.—	
Anti-Cancer Fund—		Current Account .....	£148 10 0
Balance, 30th June, 1943 .....	£47,945 19 1	Fixed Deposit at 1¾%, due 29th October, 1944 .....	1,000 0 0
Add Surplus on conversion of Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Inscribed Stock .....	56 0 6	Investments in Authorised Trustee Securities, at cost .....	46,250 0 0
	48,001 19 7	Furniture and Fittings—	
Less Balance transferred from Revenue and Expenditure Account .....	355 9 7	Balance, 30th June, 1943 .....	£166 0 0
	47,646 10 0	Less Depreciation written off .....	16 0 0
	£47,771 10 0		150 0 0
		Instruments and Equipment, at cost .....	223 0 0
			£47,771 10 0

### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

<p><b>DR. To Grants—</b></p> <p>  Commonwealth Department of Health re</p> <p>    Physical Service .....</p>	£500 0 0	<p><b>CR. By Interest .....</b></p>	£1,737 8 5
Women's Hospital re Provision of Deep Therapy Equipment .....	2,500 0 0	„ Requests .....	1,294 12 1
„ Samaritan Funds—		„ Donations .....	17 3 0
Royal Melbourne Hospital .....	£50 0 0	„ Balance transferred to Anti-Cancer Fund .....	355 9 7
Women's Hospital .....	8 8 0		
	58 8 0		
	£3,058 8 0		
„ General Expenses—			
Salaries .....	169 0 0		
Printing and Stationery .....	9 17 4		
Postages, Telephone and Cables .....	43 1 7		
Lighting and Power .....	27 17 10		
Advertising .....	17 1 0		
Sundry Expenses .....	20 13 10		
Insurance .....	6 2 0		
Depreciation .....	16 0 0		
Cleaning Expenses .....	7 2 6		
Travelling Expenses .....	29 9 0		
	346 5 1		
	£3,404 13 1		

H. B. DEVINE, Chairman of the Executive Committee.  
H. A. PITT, Chairman of the Finance Committee.  
N. C. ANDREW, Secretary.

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1944, and certify that the above Balance Sheet is correct and in accordance with the Books. I have verified the existence at 30th June, 1944, of the funds and investments shown in the Balance Sheet, and that all income due from investments during the year has been received.

HERBERT TAYLOR, Hon. Auditor (Young & Outhwaite, Chartered Accountants [Aust.]).  
2nd August, 1944. 368 Collins Street, Melbourne.