

Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

(Affiliated with the British Empire Cancer Campaign)

Report and Accounts



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President's Report

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As President of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I have pleasure in submitting the Ninth Annual Report of the Council for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1945.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the Anti-Cancer Council Act 1936, the Executive Committee submits this report of the work of the Council for 1944-45.

As stated in last year's report, the activities of the Council have been very much restricted because, on account of the war, there has been almost a complete absence of trained personnel.

This year, however, sees the beginning of a revival of the activities of the Anti-Cancer Council. Dr. Robert Fowler, who was Honorary Chief Registrar of the Central Cancer Registry, has been released from the Army and has almost completed arrangements to begin again the work of the Registry, which was such an important clinical research in regard to the cause and treatment of cancer.

During the year a great deal of work has been done by the Executive Committee through a Sub-Committee which comprised Sir Hugh Devine, Professor P. MacCallum, Dr. R. Kaye Scott and Mr. C. B. Hearn, to bring about the establishment of a Central Radiotherapy Institute which would be based on those principles which were advocated by Dr. Ralston and Dr. Edith Paterson. This work has involved obtaining the co-operation of the various metropolitan and base hospitals, negotiations with the Government, Charities Board of Victoria and Radiotherapists in Victoria and Tasmania. Many difficulties have been encountered, but most of these have been overcome and it can be assumed that a Central Radiotherapy Institute will be set up in the near future.

This Central Radiotherapy Institute will be housed in the Central Hospital, which was the old Royal Melbourne Hospital building; will be open to the poor, the intermediate and the rich; will be partially self-supporting; and will be governed and staffed much in the same way as any other metropolitan hospital. It will, however, be different to the other hospitals in this respect, that it will function on the principles of a community hospital and its governing body will include representatives of the co-operating hospitals.

During the year funds have been distributed to the various hospitals' Samaritan Funds to make the way of the cancer sufferer easier. These funds have been applied for this purpose through the various hospital Almoners, who have used them to pay for transport and necessities required by cancer patients under treatment.

The Anti-Cancer Council has continued to subsidise the physical service which has been so valuable to hospitals and private radiotherapists.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee submits the Council's Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1945, together with the Revenue and Expenditure Account for the twelve months ended that date.

The total revenue received for the twelve months was £6,950, which included a bequest of £5,000, and the interest from investments amounted to £1,721. The total expenditure for the year, including grants, amounted to £901. Present-day expenditure is, therefore, much less than current income.

The Finance Committee is continuing its policy of investing all available money 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 period under review, it has only been necessary for the Medical and Scientific Committee to meet on two occasions.

The Committee has given further consideration to the proposals for establishing a Central Radiotherapy Institute at the Central Hospital. It has forwarded recommendations to the Executive Committee in this connection.

No applications were received for grants for assistance in the research of cancer.

Professor P. MacCallum was unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Medical and Scientific Committee for a further term of office.

APPEALS COMMITTEE.

During the period under review, it has only been necessary for the Appeals Committee to meet on one occasion.

The Committee is pleased to report that the following bequests have been made to the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria during the year:—

Estate of the late Mrs. M. Turnbull	£201
Estate of the late Mrs. A. M. White	£5,000

Members of the Committee again appeal to the general public, the legal profession and trustees under wills, charitable endowments, etc., to support this important work in our community.

The Committee intimates with regret the resignations of Sir Edward Cunningham and Mr. Russell Grimwade, and records its appreciation of the valuable work rendered by these gentlemen.

Mr. B. T. Zwar was re-appointed Chairman of the Appeals Committee for a further term of office.

25th September, 1945.

F. R. CONNELLY,
President.

ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA—BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE, 1945.

LIABILITIES.

Sundry Creditors	£132 2 5
Anti-Cancer Fund—	
Balance, 30th June, 1944	£47,646 10 0
Add Balance transferred from Revenue and	
Expenditure Account	6,048 14 1
	53,695 4 1
	£53,827 6 6

ASSETS.

National Bank of Australasia Ltd.—		
Current Account		£219 6 6
Fixed Deposit at 1¼%, due 29th October, 1945		1,000 0 0
		£1,219 6 6
Investments in Authorised Trustee Securities, at cost		52,250 0 0
Furniture and Fittings—		
Balance, 30th June, 1944		£150 0 0
Less Depreciation written off		15 0 0
		135 0 0
Instruments and Equipment, at cost		223 0 0
		£53,827 6 6

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

DR. To Grants—		
Commonwealth Department of Health re		
Physical Service		£500 0 0
Samaritan Funds—		
Royal Melbourne Hospital		£64 9 3
Women's Hospital		25 0 0
		89 9 3
		£589 9 3
General Expenses—		
Salaries		169 0 0
Printing and Stationery		31 3 10
Postages, Telephones and Cables		24 13 9
Lighting and Power		24 14 7
Advertising		17 17 6
Sundry Expenses		4 9 10
Insurance		6 3 7
Depreciation		15 0 0
Cleaning Expenses		17 5 0
Scholarship Fees		1 10 0
		311 18 1
Balance transferred to Anti-Cancer Fund		6,048 14 1
		£6,950 1 5

CR. By Interest		£1,721 2 0
„ Requests		5,201 10 11
„ Donations		27 8 6
		£6,950 1 5

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1945, and certify that the above Balance Sheet is correct and in accordance with the Books. I have verified the existence at 30th June, 1945, of the funds and investments shown in the Balance Sheet, and that all income due from Investments during the year has been received.

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

HERBERT TAYLOR, Hon. Auditor (Young & Outhwaite, Chartered Accountants [Aust.]).
1st August, 1945. 368 Collins Street, Melbourne.