

# **Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria**

(Affiliated with the British Empire Cancer Campaign)

## **Report and Accounts**



30th June - - - 1948

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# President's Report

As President of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I have pleasure in submitting the Twelfth Annual Report for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1948.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

### Proposed Radiotherapy Institute.

In its report for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1947, the Executive Committee reviewed the steps taken in an endeavour to provide a Radiotherapy Institute for the State of Victoria. The review included the detailed history of the proposal.

Since the date of the last report, a new Government has taken office. The new Minister of Health, Sir Albert Dunstan, appointed an independent Committee to report direct to him on the suitability of the former site of the Queen Victoria Hospital in Lonsdale Street, the buildings, equipment, etc., for the proposed Institute. The Committee was provided with secretarial assistance by the Government. This Committee is not a Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, although some of its members are members of the Anti-Cancer Council. It reports direct to the Minister on its own responsibility. If the Minister accepts the advice tendered by this Committee, its recommendations will probably become a part of the Government's policy for Hospitals in the State of Victoria. The Committee has been very active during the period under review, and it is hoped that its report will be submitted to the Minister in the near future. It is understood that the Government of Victoria is anxious to ensure the establishment of the Institute, and that the necessary funds will be made available for the purpose.

It will be remembered that, with financial assistance provided by the Cain Government, the Anti-Cancer Council purchased three deep therapy X-ray machines for installation in the Radiotherapy Institute which, at the date of purchase, was to be established at the present Central Hospital. With the abandonment of the proposal to establish the Institute at the Central Hospital, the machines were offered on loan for use at other treatment institutions. The Executive Committee has pleasure in reporting that the Royal Melbourne Hospital accepted the offer, and two of the machines have, for some time, been in operation at the Hospital. As a result, it is gratifying to note that the number of patients awaiting this form of treatment has been greatly reduced.

### Samaritan Funds.

The policy of assisting needy patients suffering from cancer and receiving treatment at public hospitals has been continued, and during the year under review, an increased amount has been spent in this way. The expenditure of these Funds is made through the senior almoners at the different treatment centres. The funds are principally used to provide travelling expenses, and accommodation for needy patients receiving out-patient treatment.

### G. F. Carden Bequest.

During the twelve months under review, the first payment of income from the G. F. Carden Bequest has been received. The Executive Committee has made enquiries in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America concerning the possibility of obtaining a research worker to undertake the type of research into the cause and cure of cancer envisaged by the late Mr. G. F. Carden, and in accordance with the terms of his will. Dr. R. A. Willis, of the Royal Cancer Hospital, London, has rendered valuable assistance to the Executive Committee by submitting a plan of the requirements which he considers necessary to undertake work of this nature.

The funds available to the Anti-Cancer Council for this purpose are not sufficient to meet the minimum requirements of the plan submitted to the Executive Committee, but it is considered not improbable that the Anti-Cancer Council might be able to obtain funds from other sources, and use portion of its own funds, to supplement the income available from the original Bequest. The immediate problem confronting the Executive Committee is to obtain a suitable research worker to control the work, and to obtain laboratory accommodation, etc. The possibility of establishing a research department at the proposed Radiotherapy Institute, or at another Institution, is receiving consideration.

#### **Bequest from the Estate of the late Henry Suetonius Officer.**

Since 30th June, 1948, advice has been received that the late Mr. Henry Suetonius Officer, who died on 3rd July, 1948, has bequeathed the sum of £5000 to the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria. The Testator did not impose any trust or legal obligation upon the Anti-Cancer Council, but gave it authority to exercise its discretionary power as to the purpose for which the legacy might be used within the scope of its constitution. The late Mr. Officer did, however, express the wish that, if possible, the sum might be used for or towards the establishment of a Hostel in Melbourne where persons suffering or thought to be suffering from cancer might be accommodated while undergoing treatment. Alternatively, he expressed the wish that if the foregoing proposal proved impractical, the amount of the legacy might be invested and the income derived used for the purpose of cancer research direct and indirect.

#### **Central Cancer Registry.**

The work of the Central Cancer Registry has continued under the direction of the Honorary Chief Registrar, Dr. Robert Fowler. From time to time the Executive Committee has sought specific information on individual problems from the Registry, and this information has proved of the utmost value in guiding the Executive Committee in matters of policy. The Executive Committee again desires to record its gratitude to Dr. Robert Fowler, the British Tabulating Machine Co., and the Victorian State Government Statist's Office.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

The Finance Committee submits the Council's Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1948, supported by the Revenue and Expenditure Account for the twelve months ended that date.

The total revenue received for the 12 months was £5,536/14/2. This included interest from investments, £1,860/17/4; and Bequests, £3,651/9/10. In addition, a Bequest for £500 was received from the Estate of the late E. L. MacRoberts. This has been placed at the credit of a special fund as the Testator stipulated that it was to be applied "for research into the cause and cure of cancer."

The first half-yearly payment, amounting to £1,261, has been received from the Trustees of the Estate of the late G. F. Carden, and this amount has been separately invested. The income from the Carden Endowment is to be devoted to specific research work in accordance with the terms of the Bequest.

For the past three years, the general administrative expenditure has remained practically stationary, the figure of £754/0/7 showing a slight increase over the figure for the previous twelve months, viz., £698/15/6.

The expenditure on the work of the Central Cancer Registry has increased from £890/8/6 for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1947, to £1,206/4/3 for the past year.

Grants have increased from £610 for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1947, to £910/9/2. This increase, viz., £300/9/2, is due to additional amounts having been made available to the Samaritan Funds at the various treatment centres.

These Funds are for the assistance of indigent cancer sufferers, in accordance with the policy of the Council in helping these patients through the medium of the Almoners at the Public Hospitals.

From time to time the Executive Committee has kept the Chairman of the Finance Committee informed of matters under consideration by the Executive Committee.

Official certificates verifying the existence of the Council's investments have been examined by members of the Finance Committee, and the Council's auditor, Mr. Herbert Taylor, of Messrs. Young & Outhwaite, conducts an audit at various intervals.

### MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

The Medical and Scientific Committee has met on three occasions during the twelve months under review. The principal business carried out by the Medical and Scientific Committee has been of an advisory nature.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee has kept members of the Medical and Scientific Committee informed of the progress made in the negotiations for the proposed Radiotherapy Institute.

In addition, the Chairman of the Executive Committee has sought the advice of members of the Medical and Scientific Committee concerning the manner in which the income from the Estate of the late G. F. Carden might best be used. Members of the Medical and Scientific Committee have made, and are still making, enquiries both in Australia and overseas concerning the probability of obtaining a suitable research worker to undertake research into the cause and cure of cancer, under the aegis of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, and in accordance with the terms of the Will of the late Mr. G. F. Carden.

Members of the Medical and Scientific Committee have also watched with interest the work of the Central Cancer Registry. From a Census conducted by the Central Cancer Registry, information was obtained which warrants an expression of opinion from the Committee that although at present there is still delay in the treatment of patients, the number awaiting treatment at the time of the survey was less than had been anticipated.

It is pleasing to note that two of the three Deep Therapy X-ray Machines purchased by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, with financial assistance from the Victorian State Government have been installed and are now in use at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. It is the opinion of the Medical and Scientific Committee that the installation of these machines has done much to reduce the list of cancer sufferers awaiting treatment.

JAMES S. DISNEY,

President.

**ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL OF VICTORIA BALANCE SHEET, 30th JUNE, 1948.**

**LIABILITIES.**

|  |               |          |          |
|--|---------------|----------|----------|
| Sundry Creditors .....   | 806           | 6        | 1        |
| Carden Endowment Income Fund .....                                 | 1,261         | 0        | 0        |
| E. L. MacRoberts Trust Fund .....                                  | 500           | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Anti-Cancer Fund—</b>   |               |          |          |
| Balance, 30th June, 1947 .....                                     | 58,283        | 2        | 6        |
| Add Balance transferred from Revenue and Expenditure Account ..... | 2,666         | 0        | 2        |
|  | <u>60,949</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>8</u> |

£63,516 8 9

**ASSETS.**

|   |              |                |             |
|---|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| National Bank of Australasia Ltd.—Current Account .....                         |              | 14             | 0           |
| Investments in Authorised Trustee Securities, at cost .....                     | 56,503       | 4              | 9           |
| <b>Carden Endowment Income Fund Investments—</b>                                |              |                |             |
| National Bank of Australasia Ltd. ....  | 1            | 0              | 0           |
| Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock, 3½%, due 15th September, 1957/60 ..... | 1,260        | 0              | 0           |
| <b>E. L. MacRoberts Trust Fund Investment—</b>                                  |              | 1,261          | 0           |
| Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock, 3½%, due 15th September, 1957/60 ..... | 500          | 0              | 0           |
| <b>Furniture and Fittings—</b>  |              |                |             |
| Balance, 30th June, 1947 .....  | 137          | 0              | 0           |
| Additions, at cost .....  | 48           | 18             | 8           |
|   | <u>185</u>   | <u>18</u>      | <u>8</u>    |
| Less Depreciation written off .....   | 18           | 18             | 8           |
|   |              |                | 167 0 0     |
| <b>Instruments and Equipment—</b>   |              |                |             |
| Dosemeter, at cost .....  | 223          | 0              | 0           |
| 3 Deep Therapy X-ray Machines, at cost .....                                    | 9,723        | 0              | 0           |
|   | <u>9,946</u> | <u>0</u>       | <u>0</u>    |
| Less Grant from Victorian State Government .....                                | 4,861        | 10             | 0           |
|   |              | <u>5,084</u>   | <u>10 0</u> |
|   |              | <u>£63,516</u> | <u>8 9</u>  |

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1948.**

|   |            |               |             |
|---|------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>DR. To Grants—</b>                                       |            |               |             |
| Commonwealth Department of Health re Physical Service ..... | 500        | 0             | 0           |
| <b>„ Samaritan Funds—</b>                                   |            |               |             |
| Royal Melbourne Hospital .....                              | 150        | 19            | 4           |
| Women's Hospital .....                                      | 189        | 9             | 10          |
| St. Vincent's Hospital .....                                | 50         | 0             | 0           |
| Alfred Hospital .....                                       | 20         | 0             | 0           |
| <b>„ General Expenses—</b>                                  |            | 910           | 9 2         |
| Salaries .....  | 475        | 9             | 7           |
| Printing & Stationery .....                                 | 87         | 8             | 3           |
| Postage, Telephone & Telegrams .....                        | 30         | 4             | 10          |
| Lighting and Power .....                                    | 14         | 5             | 1           |
| Advertising .....   | 37         | 11            | 6           |
| Sundry Expenses .....                                       | 11         | 17            | 5           |
| Insurance .....   | 27         | 14            | 10          |
| Depreciation .....  | 18         | 18            | 8           |
| Cleaning Expenses .....                                     | 18         | 12            | 6           |
| Scholarship Fees .....                                      | 14         | 9             | 11          |
| Audit Fee .....   | 10         | 10            | 0           |
| Pay-roll Tax .....  | 6          | 18            | 0           |
| <b>„ Central Cancer Registry—</b>                           |            | 754           | 0 7         |
| Salaries .....  | 827        | 13            | 3           |
| Printing & Stationery .....                                 | 63         | 5             | 8           |
| Postage .....   | 9          | 10            | 0           |
| General Expenses .....                                      | 5          | 15            | 4           |
| <b>Grants to Hospitals—</b>                                 |            |               |             |
| Royal Melbourne .....                                       | £100       | 0             | 0           |
| Alfred .....  | 100        | 0             | 0           |
| St. Vincent's .....   | 100        | 0             | 0           |
|   | <u>300</u> | <u>0</u>      | <u>0</u>    |
| <b>„ Balance, transferred to Anti-Cancer Fund .....</b>     |            | 1,206         | 4 3         |
|   |            | <u>2,666</u>  | <u>0 2</u>  |
|   |            | <u>£5,536</u> | <u>14 2</u> |

|                              |       |    |    |
|------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| <b>CR. By Interest .....</b> | 1,860 | 17 | 4  |
| „ <b>Bequests .....</b>      | 3,651 | 9  | 10 |
| „ <b>Donations .....</b>     | 24    | 7  | 0  |

£5,536 14 2

(Sgd.) P. MacCALLUM, Chairman of the Executive Committee.  
 (Sgd.) H. A. PITT, Chairman of the Finance Committee.  
 (Sgd.) H. G. WHEELER, Secretary.

I have audited the books and accounts of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1948, and certify that the above Balance Sheet is correct and in accordance with the books.  
 I have verified the existence at 30th June, 1948, of the funds and investments shown in the Balance Sheet and that all income due from investments during the year has been received.  
 (Sgd.) HERBERT TAYLOR, Auditor. YOUNG & OUTHWAITE, Chartered Accountants (Aust.),  
 8th July, 1948. 368 Collins Street, Melbourne.