

# £500,000 Hospital Extension

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try hospital. Without the wonderfud work done by these sisters, matters would have reached seriou proportions. The District Nursing Service keeps people at home where they would rather be. The number of In-patients at the hospital is greatly reduced, and in-patients can be discharged early for attention at home.

"We are seeking two more District Nurses to meet the great demand. This year, the District Nurses will attend 25,000 cases, or approximately 96 per day.

● "I have mentioned, we do not have any resident doctors. All of our medical services are provided by our honorary panel. These doctors have a roster, and they attend and are called according to that roster. Theirs too, I might say sir, is the kind of service that demands respect of the highest order. The people of this district owe them a great deal more than is generally realised. We receive the greatest co-operation in all matters, and we acknowledge publicly the good work they do, day and night at this hospital, purely as an honorary service.

● Your board of directors at this hospital represents a sound cross

section of the community. They form a well balanced and vigorous team. They have an ideal relationship with our very industrious and co-operative secretary. You can rest assured, in the knowledge that the management of this hospital is in good hands and that the search for progress, for efficiency and for humane care goes on."

## 200 BEDS ULTIMATE AIM

Mr. K. H. Gain, a member of the Hospitals' Commission of New South Wales, said the new additions to the hospital would increase the number of beds from 60 to 130. The ultimate increase would be to 200 beds.

A contract had been let for the new buildings to be erected at a cost of £421,000, but the total cost when certain amenities were provided would be in the vicinity of £500,00.

Mr. H. E. Jackson, M.L.A. for Gosford had the honour of introducing the Minister.

## FEEDER HOSPITALS

Mr. Jackson took the opportunity of stressing the need for feeder hospitals at Woy Woy and Wyong.

He agreed however that it was essential to develop Gosford District Hospital up to base hos-

pital standard with all facilities for specialisation.

As indicated in the beginning of this report, Mr. Sheahan's address was mainly concerned with his determination to rationalise hospitalisation to a stage where every citizen could enjoy the benefits of successful advances in surgery and medicine.

## TEAM-WORK

Referring to the teamwork that now featured many operations, Mr. Sheahan gave one instance of three doctors and four nurses being occupied during the operation on a child.

No person of ordinary means could afford the cost of such an operation, he said.

During his address, Mr. Sheahan said the standard of nursing in New South Wales was such that it was worthy of our esteem and administration.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. John Goodings, representing the architects, presented Mr. Sheahan with a silver trowel as a souvenir of the occasion.

An additional gift to the Minister was presented by Mr. Mathews in the form of a book — J. B. Priestley's "Man and Time".

"We believe Mr. Sheahan is the man and now is the time," commented Mr. Mathews.

Mr. Ray Maher, M.L.A., Member for Wyong, and Mr. Bill Maxwell, M.P. for Robertson, also spoke briefly at the gathering.

Mr. Maher reminded the Minister of the need for a hospital at Wyong.

"All we need is a matron, nurses and £500,000," he said.

The speeches over, the gathering moved to the site of the new extensions where Mr. Sheahan carried out his official task of setting the foundation stone.

All who attended the function were treated to afternoon tea served buffet fashion in the hospital grounds.