The hard-working executive of the Ourimbah branch of the Gosford Hospital Auxiliary are pictured with the State Secretary, Mrs. E. J. McQuiggin, following the official opening of the garden fete at Ourimbah on Saturday afternoon. Left to right, Mrs. Vera Carroll (treasurer), Mrs. Phyl Preston (secretary), Mrs. McQuiggin and Mrs. L. Brown (president).—(Masters photo).

Mrs. E. J. McQuiggin, State Secretary of Hospital Auxiliaries, officially opened the Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary’s annual garden fete on Saturday afternoon.

Despite the very cold weather conditions prevailing on Saturday, the fete was well attended.

Net proceeds from the fete, which was held in the grounds of Mrs. Phyl Preston’s home in Pacific Highway, Ourimbah, were $134.85, a very gratifying sum.

President of the Auxiliary, welcomed those present and introduced Mrs. McQuiggin to the gathering.

Mrs. McQuiggin in turn congratulated the ladies who had stocked the stalls and put such a lot of work into the function.

She said how grateful the hospital were to the Auxiliaries for their magnificent contributions.

"I expect you will be all going to the opening of the new extensions next Saturday," she said, "and you will then appreciate at first hand how the hospital will be even more worthwhile working for in the future.

Mrs. McQuiggin was presented with a sheaf of chrysanthemums, together with a souvenir spoon.

Secretary of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Phyl Preston, extended an invitation on behalf of the hospital secretary, Mr. Boyce, to anyone who would be able to attend the official opening on Saturday next at 2 p.m.

Funds were augmented by the holding of several competitions. Results of these were: Dinner (Mrs. Thel Ferguson), bed lamp (Mrs. Loma Archbold), towels (Mrs. Marge Yarrell), doll (Nita Wellard).

The correct weight of the cake was 4 lb. 34 oz. with Mrs. Preston holding the winning weight. Mrs. Preston re-donated the cake for sale. Julie Richter most successfully panned the tail on the donkey. —(Masters Studios photo)