Auxiliary's donation to hospital

Mrs. Vera Carroll, honorary treasurer of the Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary, presented a cheque for $400 to Matron I. Inskip at the Auxiliary's annual meeting last Tuesday afternoon.

Matron Inskip accepted the cheque on behalf of the Gosford District Hospital, which was also represented by the secretary, Mr. N. Boyce.

In acknowledging the very generous gift, Matron said she considered it to be a very good effort indeed from the Ourimbah Auxiliary and said how much pleasure it gave her to be able to come to Ourimbah.

Matron congratulated the Auxiliary on concluding a very successful year.

Mr. Boyce addressed the gathering of ladies present at the annual meeting and expressed his thanks on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Boyce made reference to the rapid development of the Hospital with the latest acquisition of a Resident Medical Officer.

He referred to the opening of the new wing at the hospital and alterations which are still in progress in the main administrative block.

The donation from the Ourimbah Auxiliary had not been earmarked for any particular purpose and it was suggested that it be used to purchase and install a television set for convalescent patients at the hospital.

Mrs. Carroll also presented Matron with a beautiful arrangement of camellias, made by the president, Mrs. Lil Brown, together with a souvenier teaspoon which featured the emblem of the Ourimbah Auxiliary.

OFFICE-BEARERS
All retiring members of the Executive of the Auxiliary were re-elected for a further term. They are:
- President, Mrs. Lil Brown;
- Vice-presidents, Mesdames G. Compton, E. Robson, M. Brander, B. Richter, M. Yarnall;
- Secretary, Mrs. Phyl Preston;
- Treasurer, Mrs. Vera Carroll.

This year's donation of $400 to the Hospital compared very favourably with last year's donation of £175.

A report submitted by the secretary, Mrs. Phyl Preston, revealed that the Auxiliary had enjoyed a very active year, which included street stalls, two tennis afternoons, a garden fete as well as the usual social afternoons which follow the monthly meetings.

Mrs. Preston remarked that the two tennis afternoons were responsible for the increase in the Auxiliary's income and expressed gratitude to the people of Ourimbah who helped to support these functions.

During the year the Auxiliary had been represented at various local functions and several members had attended the opening of the extensions at the Hospital and also had been present at the annual ball.

Mrs. Preston made presentations of flowers to her fellow executive, the president, Mrs. Lil Brown and the treasurer, Mrs. Vera Carroll, in appreciation of their support throughout the year.

Mrs. Brown in turn presented both Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Carroll with novelty handkerchief posies as a token of gratitude.

MEMBERSHIP
The Auxiliary has a membership of 27.

Visitors to the annual meeting included Mrs. Wicks, president of Gosford Auxiliary, accompanied by Miss Ivy Hudson, together with representatives of the Church of England Guild and the Ourimbah Girl Guides Local Association.

An invitation was extended to the Auxiliary to attend Gosford's annual meeting on Thursday, July 21.

A pretty cushion, the prize in a competition, was won by Mrs. Beryl Richter.

Lucky door prize winner was Mrs. Maggie Richter.

The afternoon was brought to a conclusion with the serving of a very delicious afternoon tea.