SALE OF HOME LEFT AS ESTATE FOR HOSPITAL

The largest ever single donation to Woy Woy Hospital - a cheque for $19,700.64 - was presented to Gosford District Hospital's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Neville Boyce, at a recent meeting of Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary.

The cheque represented the proceeds from the sale of a cottage in Parks Bay, Woy Woy, which was left to the former Woy Woy Hospital War Memorial Committee in the estate of the late Vera and Albert Ward of Parks Bay.

Mr. Bill Clark, executor of Mr. Ward's estate, handed over the cheque to Mr. Boyce.

The donation brings the Woy Woy Hospital Committee's total contribution to Woy Woy Hospital to approximately $70,000.

The money, which had been held in fixed deposits in the name of the Woy Woy Hospital Committee, was transferred this week into Gosford District Hospital's account.

KIOSK

Mr. Boyce told the meeting that the money raised through public subscription, and the cheque for $19,700.00, would be used to help furnish the Nursing Home at present under construction next to Woy Woy Hospital and to provide a kiosk which would serve both the hospital and the nursing home.

He quashed rumours that the money raised by the old Woy Woy Hospital Committee (which disbanded when the hospital opened) was in a trust account and could not be touched because of legal formalities.

Mr. Boyce said the Health Commission had given approval for the money to be used to provide a kiosk in hospital grounds but added that the kiosk would not be built until the nursing home was completed.

Mr. Boyce commented that the Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary was the largest hospital auxiliary on the Central Coast. (Many of its members were staunch supporters of the Woy Woy Hospital Committee).

Mr. Boyce and other visitors to the meeting, including former Auxiliary president, Mrs. M. Darby, were welcomed by the president, Miss I. Juleff.

$4,100 EQUIPMENT

In the three years of its existence the auxiliary has spent over $4,100.00 on equipment for Woy Woy Hospital.

This amount is made up of the following: Equipment for new nursing home, $3,000; private hospital ward furnishings, $250; Gestetner for office, $250; croquet equipment, $150; nurses' scholarships, $165; fogmaster for hospital, $150; garden equipment, $50; Christmas decorations for hospital, $50; occupational therapy equipment, $50; garden umbrellas for patient's outdoor patio, $80.

In addition to this the Auxiliary has provided patients with knee rugs, woollen capes and rugs, and coat hangers.

The members are now working towards stock in the Auxiliary, and will be held on the official opening day of the nursing home.

DELAYED

The date of completion of the nursing home has been delayed due to shortage of labour and building materials but it is expected to be completed well before the end of this year.

At the recent Regional Conference of the U.H.A. a resolution put forward by Woy Woy Auxiliary, calling for the services of a resident doctor and an assistant at all N.S.W. Hospitals over weekends, was carried and will be forwarded to the Health Commission for consideration.

Woy Woy's delegates to the Conference, Miss Juleff and Mrs. L. Hillyer, used Woy Woy Hospital as an example when they stressed the need for such weekend medical services.