HUMIDICRIB FOR HOSPITAL

The maternity section of Gosford District Hospital has benefited by the donation of a humidicrib by members of the Ettalong branch of the hospital auxiliary.

The humidicrib was officially handed over to the Chief Executive Officer of the hospital (Mr. N. Boyce) last week by auxiliary president, Mrs. Edna Hoare.

Also present at the handing-over ceremony were the Matron of the hospital (Matron I. Inskip), Cr. R. Vaughan, representing the hospital board, Dr. I. Walters and Sister H. Holden, who is in charge of the maternity section.

The members of the Ettalong auxiliary worked for months to raise the $1060 needed to buy the humidicrib, which is of the very latest design. The money came from bus tours, card parties and various competitions.

Cr. Vaughan congratulated the women on what he described as their "magnificent gesture", and thanked them on behalf of both the Hospital Board and citizens of the Gosford Shire.

Sister Holden said the humidicrib would be a great boon to the maternity department.

It had already been instrumental in saving the life of one baby.

The Ettalong auxiliary is now working with another goal in mind — it has $700 in hand towards new anesthesia equipment for the hospital.

* Picture shows members of the auxiliary with Sister Holden, Matron Inskip and Cr. Vaughan, after the presentation.

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