The Hospitals Commission has granted Gosford District Hospital an additional subsidy of $52,296 per annum to meet extra wage costs.

This follows the employment of more staff to cope with the additions recently built at the hospital.

The commission has also notified the board of the hospital that Mr. R. J. Brown, of Woy Woy, has been appointed to the board following the resignation of the Rev. I. Davidson recently.

Two members of the staff, T. Ellis and K. Cubis, will attend the residential school in hospital administration in Sydney this week.

Donations made to the hospital during July included: Mrs. Browne $40; Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary $400; Kincumber Auxiliary $286; Gosford Auxiliary $1400; the Women's Auxiliary to the proposed Wyong Hospital, $139 for the district nurse; Wyong branch RSSAILA $10.50; Lions Club, The Entrance, $296 for the district nurse; Mrs. Geddes $12.60; S. Freeman $40; CCD Women's Bowling Association $200 for the establishment of a blood bank; H. Bowen $10; C. Staples $10 for the district nurse.

Gosford Hospital treated 3653 patients during the year ended June 30.

This has been revealed in the annual statistics compiled by the hospital.

Babies born at the hospital during the year totalled 709 — 379 males and 330 females.