Chairman appeals for support

Gosford District Hospital Board Chairman, Mr. R. G. Mathews, last week appealed for increased support from the community in providing urgent services at the hospital.

In his nine-page report to the board's annual meeting, Mr. Mathews stressed that increased membership was needed in the hospital auxiliaries, that there was potential for a community advisory committee that there was no committee to raise funds for the district nursing service and that voluntary assistance would always be welcome.

Mr. Mathews pointed out that with the hospital services consolidated and the growing district nursing service providing daily nursing care at home, the wide ranging service of the hospital would begin to have a deeper meaning to local residents.

It was to be hoped that the good people of the district would come to understand that the very real need for support the hospital needed to return (not necessarily financially), he said.

In other districts, many residents had a very clear personal identification with the hospital. Mr. Mathews referred to the Hornsby district nurses. 'There was potential for a community advisory committee of something similar, which would enable the real of the services clubs, licensed clubs and select organizations of all kinds to be represented.

"If so, and if my board, would be delighted to discuss the matter with interested parties.

'The need for such a committee may become even more desirable in the near future with impending compulsory legislation which in expectation to alter the pattern of hospital management through the State," Mr. Mathews said.

Auxiliaries

In a special report of auxiliary activities, Mr. Mathews said the auxiliary had continued their unflagging efforts to raise funds during the year and denominations of £936 had been received.

Mr. Mathews said that despite publicity and efforts to draw recruits to the ranks of the auxiliaries in the past two years, the number of ladies who were for the auxiliaries remained the same.

"Their achievement in raising almost £936 was the more meritorious and we extend our warmest thanks to these loyal supporters.

'Gosford auxiliary continued to maintain a Crosby service throughout the war which is greatly appreciated by the patients.

'A store will be needed when the war does cease, the patients to be supplied in accordance with the law of 1917.

"Local funds will have to be found for this project also. This will require some thoughts in the coming year.

"Meanwhile a great many more supporters are needed for the auxiliaries," Mr. Mathews warned.

Efforts Foil

In referred to the magnificent work of the voluntary district committees, which other efforts for the district nursing service, Mr. Mathews pointed out that all efforts to form a Gosford committee had failed.

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