Many calls by nurses

Gosford District Hospital has the largest number of District Nurses outside the Metropolitan area.

This was revealed in the annual report of the hospital board president, Mr. R. G. Matthews. He said that representations have been submitted for another two district nurses in order to meet the demand.

Statistics indicate the tremendous growth of district nursing visits during the year. During 1964-65, a total of 26,764 visits were made by district nurses throughout the Central Coast, while in the corresponding period of the previous year only 19,743 visits were made.

Mr. Matthews added: "Voluntary district committees work in each area (except Gosford, where we have failed to gain support) to raise funds to support their district nurse. "The total collections by these committees amounted to £1,491 for the year. "This money is used to offset the cost of maintaining the cars driven by the district nurses. "Approximately £300 per nurse is required each year to meet this minimum target, and, with six nurses active, contributions fell short by £309, or the equivalent to the Gosford obligation"."