The memory of former district charity doyen, the late Mrs. Doris Wallwork, will be perpetuated at Gosford District Hospital.

This follows the donation of a $256 ripple bed to the hospital on Monday by Mrs. L. Frazer, on behalf of the Gosford branch of the Crippled Children's Association.

Mrs. Frazer, the branch president, officially gave the expensive equipment that will benefit many of the district's crippled children, to Hospital Board chairman, Cr. Bob Vaughan.

"This is both a very great pleasure and also a sad occasion for me", Mrs. Frazer told the gathering.

"The equipment will serve as a memento of our beloved President of so many years who started this little project to purchase the ripple bed."

Cr. Vaughan also spoke in glowing terms of the late Mrs. Wallwork.

He said: "As chairman of the Board I am pleased to thank you for this wonderful gesture which I am quite sure will result in the alleviation of much suffering."

"The late Mrs. Wallwork was a marvellous charity worker not only on behalf of the crippled children but also for other district organisations and I am sure the memory of her many charitable efforts will live on in the minds of not only our Association members but those of the whole district."

"We owe a great debt to her."

A plaque on the machine bears the following simple message: "Presented to Gosford District Hospital by the Central Coast Branch of the Newcastle Crippled Children's Association to perpetuate the memory of the foundation president, Mrs. Doris Wallwork, chairman from 1946-66."

The bed is designed to alleviate pressure sores for bed-ridden patients.

Also present for the presentation ceremony were Mrs. G. McKenzie (branch secretary), Mrs. E. C. Grenfell and Mrs. W. R. White.

Mr. Neville Boyce, the hospital secretary and Matron Inskip welcomed the ladies.

Pictured above at the presentation ceremony in the children's section of Gosford District Hospital on Monday are Shire President and Hospital Board Chairman, Cr. Bob Vaughan, with Mrs. L. Frazer, president, Mrs. G. McKenzie and Mrs. Grenfell, all branch members. On the other side of the bed are Matron Inskip and Mrs. W. R. White.

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