Cheques to the value of $1,200 were handed over to the Gosford District Hospital's secretary, Mr. N. Boyce, at the annual meeting of the Gosford Ladies' Auxiliary on Thursday.

The presentation was made by the president of the auxiliary, Mrs. A. Wicks.

The first cheque, representing money from the sale of war bonds which had been earmarked for use in the hospital, was for $500.

The remaining amount, of $700, was the result of the auxiliary's efforts. Mr. Boyce, in accepting the cheque, said that some of the money could possibly be used for a cardiac monitoring unit for the hospital.

Cr. R. M. Vaughan, shire president and chairman of the board of directors of the hospital, took the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

**ELECTIONS**

President, Mrs. A. Wicks; secretary, Mrs. R. Edmondson; treasurer, Mrs. V. Kirkby; vice-presidents, Miss I. Dodson and Misses F. Miller, V. Templeton, E. J. Mattocks; publicity officer, Miss I. Hodson.

In her annual report, Mrs. Wicks thanked all who had helped with work and donations, especially the public who had supported hospital auxiliary functions.

The secretary, Mrs. Edmondson, in the report said that street stalls, parties and the hospital trolley had been the auxiliary's main source of income during the year.

Mrs. Wicks and Miss Hodson had attended the United Hospitals' Auxiliary's annual conference in October.

During the year, the secretary had retired because of ill-health.

Christmas gifts for the hospital patients had been bought, wrapped and distributed.

At the January meeting, the members were shown over the new blood bank, and, later in the year, they attended the opening of the nurses' new training school.

Veils and certificates were presented to the graduating nurses at the graduating ceremony during June.

Upon the retirement of the U.H.A. State secretary, she was presented with a gift at Gosford branch.

Kean interest had been shown in the opening of the new kiosk at the hospital, which is now operating smoothly with an auxiliary member as its manageress. Other members had been rostered to assist her there.

In conclusion, Mrs. Edmondson gave some interesting facts on the auxiliary, which was founded at a public meeting in 1944.

The treasurer then read her report, and Mrs. Boyce, Matron, Dr. Walters (medical superintendent), Cr. Vaughan and Mrs. E. H. O. Mitchell congratulated the auxiliary on its efforts.

Presentations of flowers and other gifts were made to the executive officers and to all who had assisted the work of the auxiliary in special ways during the year.

Following the meeting, the afternoon tea was served in the nurses' dining room, and the auxiliary's 23rd birthday cake was made by Miss I. Hodson and decorated by Mrs. F. Miller, was cut by matron.