Auxiliary’s $1,400 for hospital

Mrs. M. Wicks was unanimously returned to the office of president for the eighth term at the 22nd annual meeting of Gosford District Hospital Ladies’ Auxiliary, held in the Nurses’ Home on Thursday, when $1400 was presented to the hospital.

Mrs. M. Anderson (secretary) and Mrs. V. Kirkby (treasurer) were also returned unopposed.

Other officers elected at the meeting were:
Vice-presidents, Maire C. Cox and L. Hodson and Mmes. K. Mistock and M. Mather; purchasing officer, Mrs. J. Templeton; honorary auditor, Mr. N. Boyce; public officers, Miss L. Hodson.
A new position, that of assistant secretary, was filled by Mrs. G. Edmondson.

Mrs. E. O. Mortimer, a long-time member of Long Standing, once again consented to lead her patronage to the Auxiliary.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Mrs. Wicks of two cheques to the value of $1,400 to the hospital secretary, Mr. Neville Boyce.

It bore witness to the devoted and consistent work of a relatively small group of women.

In thanking Mrs. Wicks, Mr. Boyce said that as auditor to the Auxiliary, he had known that $1,000 was to be presented to the Hospital Board, but that the extra $400 had come as a surprise.

Mrs. Wicks had explained earlier that the second sum of money had been voted to the board at the general meeting held on the same day just before the annual meeting.

When opening the Annual meeting, Mrs. Wicks welcomed Matron I. Inskip, Dr. N. Walters, the newly-appointed Medical Superintendent of the hospital, Mr. Boyce, Shire president Cr. R. M. Vaughan and Mrs. Vaughan, Mr. E. Humphries, M.L.A. and Mrs. Humphries, representatives of the Hospital Auxiliaries from Kincumber, Ourimbah, Hardy’s Bay and Ettalong, and from Red Cross, O.E.S., Inner Wheel, the churches and the C.W.A., as well as new members.

Mrs. Wicks, in her annual report, gave thanks to all who had assisted the auxiliary in its work of the last 12 months.
Among these were Mrs. Mortimer and Mrs. Stevens (who supervise the collection boxes on stall days), Matron Inskip, Mr. Boyce, Mr. Mistock (who readily provides transport for the street stalls), Mrs. Templeton (purchasing officer for the hospital trolley), members of Inner Wheel who man the trolley each Monday, and members who voluntarily work on the trolley.

Sources of income during the year were street stalls, mail...
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...jongg parties and collection boxes, as well as the trolley.

Mrs. A. Schwartz and Miss C. Fry had done a wonderful service in selling tickets, she added.

Mrs. Wicks concluded by thanking the public for its "wonderful support".

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In her report, the secretary spoke of the auxiliary's interest and pride in the new hospital extensions, and of their inspection of the premises on opening day.

Gifts had been provided for adult patients of the hospital, and babies, at Christmas-time while children's gifts were provided by the "Sun" toy fund.

The treasurer, Mrs. Kirby, stated in her report that the auxiliary had started the past year with $228.99, and finished with a balance of $1,691.26.

Congratulations were extended to the auxiliary by many of the guests; included were the following comments:

Mr. E. H. Humphries: "Congratulations on your work on behalf of the State Government. Apart from your fundraising activities, I feel that you give a special sort of service in bringing the hospital closer to the people in the community.

Matron Inskip: "I would like to thank all the Auxiliaries for the finance they bring into our hospital. Because of them we are often able to approach the Board for equipment not provided by the Hospitals Commission."

Cr. R. M. Vaughan, Shire President: "It is wonderful to see people of your calibre who have the interests of the hospital in mind".

Dr. N. Walters: "I have never seen anything like your enthusiastic attitude in Sydney. The Auxiliary's support for the hospital and the district nursing service is quite fantastic."

Representatives of the various organizations all added their congratulations and several presented the auxiliary with gifts.

Members of the O.E.S. from all over the district stood, to show how many members of that organization were also auxiliary members.

GUEST ARTIST

A brief musical interlude followed, presented by vocalist Mrs. M. Clark, who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. M. Miller.

The two songs chosen by Mrs. Clark were "Holding Your Hand", and "In the Garden of Tomorrow".

Mr. Boyce then addressed the meeting, telling of plans for the construction of a kiosk in the grounds.

He said that the Hospitals Commission had refused the board's request for such a building and that it had been decided to draw upon "auxiliary money".

At a later date, he added, it is anticipated that local service clubs will lend support to the building of a kiosk.

Miss I. Hodson then stepped forward to present Mrs. Wicks with a gift and posy in appreciation of her year of leadership.

Mrs. Humphries had previously presented Mrs. Wicks informally with a beautiful sheaf of mixed camellias from the famous garden on her property, "Kewita", at Somersby.

Others presented with floral...