Proceeds of “Starlight Ball,” held by staff of the Gosford District Hospital at the Dwyer Pavilion on Friday evening will go towards the fund for building a holiday home for nurses at Bateau Bay.

At a meeting of the ball committee held on Monday afternoon, it was announced that a profit of approximately $200 had been made. The Minister for Health, Mr. A. H. Jago, accompanied by Mrs. Jago, was guest of honour at the ball.

Representatives of hospital ladies’ auxiliaries from all over the district were also in attendance.

They included members from Gosford, Hardy’s Bay-Killcare, Ourimbah and Kin­cumber branches.

Gosford was represented by Mrs. A. Wicks, president; Mrs. Edmondson, secretary; Mrs. Kirkby, treasurer and Mrs. F. Miller, while Ourimbah was represented by Mrs. R. Brown, president; and Mrs. R. Preston, secretary.

Mrs. Rowe, the treasurer, represented Kin­cumber Ladies’ Auxiliary, while Mrs. F. Woods was representative of Hardy’s Bay-Killcare.

Most members of the Hos­pital Board attended the ball, including the only woman board member, Mrs. Muriel Westerwell­er.

Mrs. Westerwell­er wore a striking caf­feine dress of pale blue lace with flimsy long sleeves of matching crystal nylon.

Cr. R. M. Vaughan, Chair­man of the Board, acted as host to the large official party and officially opened the ball.

Mrs. Joyce Harpur made a charming com­pete for the proceedings, backed by the ever-popular League’s Club orchestra.

There were a myriad of beautiful gowns at the ball, enhancing the loveliness of the “Starlight” theme of the decor.

Mrs. Jago wore a graceful gown of midnight blue satin brocade, closely worked with clusters of alpine flowers in olive green, blue, silver and gold.

Mrs. E. H. Humphries, a Killcare Auxiliary, wore a white crepe evening gown, falling from a wide collar heavily beaded in white and silver. She was one of the finalists in the judging of “Belle of the Ball,” which was undertaken by Mrs. Les McCarthy, Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Kevin Hart­tas.

Mrs. W. B. Maxwell, wife of the State Member for Robertson, also in the official party, wore a semi­fitted gown of heavy pure silk, richly printed with an ombre rose design in rich red and grey tonings.

Also present was Mrs. Harry Jensen, wife of the State Member for Wyong, who wore a boudoir gown of royal blue tulle heavily em­broidered on the bodice and the upper part of the skirt with a white chiffon leaf design. Mesdames Walters and Boyce were judges of the best decorated table competition.

Mrs. Walters, wife of the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, was youthful­ly ele­gant in a high-waisted gown of heavy pink linen, made with cutaway shoulders and a slightly gathered skirt and scattered with white guipure lace daisies on the bodice.

Mrs. Boyce chose a high­necked, sleeveless gown of sky blue cloque, styled with a gently fitted waistline and a flat narrow row at the centre of the bodice.

SISTER LOWNDES

Sister Marie Lowndes, president of the ball committee, was a striking figure in a dress and finger-tip length coat of watermelon pink Thai silk.

The coat featured set-in sleeves and a high Mandarin collar enhanced by a fine design of crystal and pearl embroidery. Bands of the same embroidery were applied to the slimmer gown beneath, and her accessories, including sparkling drop earrings, were also silver.

A spectacular event was the judging of the Belle of the Ball.

Finalists included Miss Helen Gow, Miss Penelope Cannan, Miss Margaret Guthrie and the winner, Miss Pat Retford of Caroline St., Umina.

Helen wore a striking caf­feine gown in deep scarlet, and Penelope chose a fitted evening dress of gold bal­sam, finished with a deep flounce of sheer fabric falling from knee-level to the hemline. Margaret chose a graceful gown of pink satin and pink and silver brocade, made with a scooped neckline and a floating panel at the back of the skirt.

Pat’s delightful feminine gown was described in Mon­day’s issue of “The Express.”

Following a lavish three­course supper and coffee serv­ed at one o’clock in the morn­ing, the ball was brought to a close in the small hours.

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