The Board of Directors
of
GOSFORD DISTRICT HOSPITAL
welcomes you to
The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting
of GOSFORD DISTRICT HOSPITAL
and
The First Annual General Meeting
of CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICES

Monday, 21st November, 1977
at 8pm

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Welcome: Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Mr. R. S. Newton

Apologies:

Minutes: Presentation, for adoption, of Minutes of the Annual General
Meeting held November 29, 1976.

Introduction of Guest Speaker:
Mr. R. S. Newton

Guest Speaker:
Professor Saxon White, Professor of Human Physiology
and Chairman of the Division of Clinical Practice at
The Faculty of Medicine, University of Newcastle

Vote of Thanks:
Dr. R. J. Kennedy, Medical Superintendent, Gosford District Hospital

General Business: * * * * * * * * * * * * *

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GOSFORD DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Held November 29, 1976 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: The Hon. K.J. Stewart, M.L.A. Minister for Health, Directors R.S. Newton (Chairman), M. Westerweller (Vice Chairman), N. Byrnes (Treasurer), R.M. Vaughan, M.B.E., A. Eagle, R. Dibben, A. Findlay, R. Eddy, L. Hannell, Dr. J. Lawson (Regional Director of Health), Mr. B. McGowan, M.L.A. and Mrs. McGowan, Mr. K. O'Connell, M.L.A. and Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Wallwork (Chairman, Ambulance Board) and Mrs. Wallwork, Miss M. L. Lowndes (Director of Nursing, Gosford District Hospital), Dr. R. J. Kennedy (Medical Superintendent, Gosford District Hospital), Councillor J. Laurenson, Mr. K. Herd (Superintendent of Ambulance Service), Mr. N. R. Boyce (Chief Executive Officer), together with representatives of the Medical Board, Hospital Auxiliaries, Service Clubs, local organisations and members of the community totalling some 250 persons.

APOLOGIES: Among apologies received were those from Mr. R. Beer, Deputy Regional Director of Health, Mr. B. Cohen, M.H.R., Mr. H. Jensen, M.L.A., Mr. T. Farrell, Wyong Shire President, Mr. N. Brooks, Gosford Shire President.

WELCOME: The Chairman of the Board extended a welcome to the Hon. K. Stewart, M.L.A. who was attending his first Annual Meeting of the Gosford District Hospital in the capacity of Minister for health.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Thirty-First Annual General Meeting, held November 19, 1975 were confirmed on the motion of Directors Dibben and Eddy.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman spoke of the progress and development which had taken place throughout the hospital complex and spoke of the escalating costs involved in running an institution that is continually called upon to provide augmented services to a growing number of people.

The Chairman spoke of the contribution which had been made by staff members of the various departments throughout the hospital, of the Pink Ladies and Hospital Auxiliaries and by members of the Board.

The Central Coast is doubtless an area to be considered as a whole, with future development taking place on this basis. This view, which is held by the Board of Directors, has the support of the Regional Office of the Health Commission and the Government.
Hospital and Health Services on the Central Coast give reason for both satisfaction and concern. The team spirit and co-operation which is most evident is reason to approach the future with confidence and the Chairman stated his belief that those associated with the hospital were working in the spirit of harmony with the aim of continuing improvement in the Health Care Service provided for the residents of the Central Coast.

The Chairman's Report was adopted on the motion of Directors Eddy and Eagle.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer outlined the finances of the hospital for the year 1975-1976, and highlighted the development of the hospital and the accompanying increase in costs. The Treasurer stated wages had exceeded $10,000,000 and the hospital now employed in excess of 1,000 people.

The Treasurer outlined the financial control which operated in regard to hospital affairs and made mention of both internal and external audit programmes. Particular thanks was extended to donors, and to Auxiliaries for their continued support in assisting not only the hospital but the health care system generally throughout the Central Coast.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted on the motion of Directors Eagle and Vaughan.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The Guest Speaker for the evening was the Minister for Health, New South Wales, The Hon. K. Stewart, M.L.A.

The Minister was introduced by Mr. Brian McGowan, M.L.A.

Mr. Stewart detailed his long experience in hospitals prior to his appointment as Minister for Health. He had served for 21 years on the Board of Directors of Canterbury District Hospital and hoped that this had given him some intimate knowledge of the workings of a hospital system at grass roots level.

Mr. Stewart applauded the Board of Directors for their efforts in providing hospital services and congratulated them on a well-prepared report. He realised the demands of a growing area such as the Central Coast and that services had in some instances been inadequate. Mr. Stewart highlighted the increase in the birthrate over the previous ten year period, from 600 to 1800. The Central Coast has a problem at "both ends of the spectrum", with a high birth rate and a high proportion of aged people.
The Minister commented on the 3.3 million dollar expansion programme at the hospital. He thanked the local Member for Gosford, Mr. B. McGowan, M.L.A. for his efforts in placing before the Minister the need for development of the Central Coast.

The Minister was happy to announce an allocation of $11,000,000 for hospital expenditure, with approximately $8,000,000 for Gosford and $3,000,000 for Wyong. The $8,000,000 for Gosford was for the provision of an additional 120 beds which would comprise the first stage of the ultimate 400 bed development. The $3,000,000 for Wyong would be towards development of the Wyong Hospital to be constructed at Kanwal.

Mr. Stewart thanked the Board of Directors and the local members of Parliament, Mr. McGowan and Mr. O'Connell, for their advocacy to the Ministry on the development needs of the Central Coast.

The Minister stressed that an enormous amount was needed for hospital development within the State of New South Wales, to meet ever-increasing demands. In two hospitals alone the expenditure was in excess of $200,000,000, consisting of $35,000,000 at Royal North Shore Hospital and, ultimately, $170,000,000 at Westmead.

The Board of Directors at Gosford District Hospital were invited to initiate a pilot programme for an integrated Health Care Service for the Central Coast, comprising Community Health Ambulance Services and Hospital Services. The Minister outlined the development of the Ambulance Services with the Health Commission.

It was hoped that the integration would give a lead to the rest of the State and to show how a close-working relationship could prevent duplication of services and provide greater interaction between these services.

The Minister complimented the Staff and the Board of the hospital on the progress made and on the team spirit which was evident.

The Vice Chairman, Director M. Westerweller, proposed a Vote of Thanks, and expressed the appreciation of the Board for the Government's contribution of $11,000,000 towards hospital services on the Central Coast.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman invited the assembled guests to adjourn for supper.