



Cheque presented

The president of Umina Rotary Club, Mr Crawford Duncan (right), hands over his club's cheque towards Rotary Lodge to chief executive officer of Gosford District Hospital, Mr Neville Boyce. Rotary Lodge will provide accommodation in motel style units for relatives of seriously ill patients at Gosford Hospital.

The presidents of the Central Coast's 10 Rotary clubs met at Gosford District Hospital to hand over each club's cheque for the combined Rotary Lodge project.

The project, the first ever undertaken by all 10 clubs, will provide motel style accommodation for relatives of seriously ill patients.

The building of the lodge, first stage of which is almost completed, has been a combined project of Central Coast Rotary

Rotary's gift

Clubs and Gosford District Hospital.

It was undertaken by the clubs to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Rotary International on Saturday, February 23, the day it will be officially opened by the State Minister for Health, Mr Kevin Stewart.

Rotary's contribution to the project was officially handed over to the chief executive officer of Gosford District Hospital, Mr Neville Boyce.

Yesterday, the secretary of the 75th Anniversary Committee

representing Central Coast Rotary clubs, Mr Peter Turnbull, praised the ground work previously carried out on the project by Rotary past president, Mr Wal Griffin, and the co-operation extended to the Rotary clubs by Mr Boyce.

HOSPITAL BIRTHDAY

OCEAN Beach Private Hospital will soon celebrate its 10th anniversary under Matron Mary Shaw.

Situated on Ocean Beach Road, the hospital has existed for about 25 years but was taken over by Matron Shaw and Sister Karen McLennan on January 1, 1970.

"I thought it quite interesting that, with our 10th anniversary coming up, we have just admitted our 10,000th patient," Matron Shaw commented.

Before coming to the Central Coast, Matron Shaw had worked at Wollongong Hospital and for a team of doctors at a medical centre.

She was approached to take over the Ocean Beach Private Hospital by Sister McLennan who had been a long time friend.

Since taking over the hos-

pital, the two sisters have carried out major extensions and modernised the facilities.

ospital, which has both medical and surgical facilities, has 29 beds and is run with the support of local doctors.

It has a staff of nine nurses and eight sisters, many of whom have been with the hospital since Matron Shaw took it over.

"I have a wonderful staff," Matron Shaw commented. "I think they deserve a bit of recognition as we go into our 11th year."