

HOSPITAL BOARD REPORTS MORE BEDS NEEDED

Gosford Hospital Board has sent a report to the Hospital Commission stating its need for development from a 130-bed to a 250-bed base hospital.

Board members tabled the report at their last meeting on March 28.

Included in this development report is a request for a four-storey wing to be built on the north-western side of the hospital.

The hospital has recently received several worthwhile grants, including one from the Hospital Commission of New South Wales for \$3612 to be spent on the grounds surrounding the new building.

The grounds in this area will be landscaped and turfed and paths laid.

A new carpark will be set out at the north-

western end of the new building near the new Kitchen block with entry and exit from Stephen Street.

The Hospital Commission has also notified of a subsidy of \$10,400 to the District Nursing Service for 1965-1966.

The Commonwealth will match this amount to meet the salaries of the district nurses and establishment charges.

An extra \$1600 grant will buy a new car for the service.

The hospital will interview applicants for the

position of Medical Superintendent in mid-April.

The new Superintendent's home, being built with a special \$17,500 grant, should be finished in May.

Tenders will close on April 21 for the building of a combined Nurses' Training School and home in the hospital grounds and alterations and renovations to the existing hospital building.

Representatives of the board will attend the East Zone Regional Conference at Kurri Kurri Hospital on Saturday, May 21.