

Regional hospital committee formed

Future district needs were discussed at length at a recent meeting to which representatives from interested bodies were invited by the Board of Directors of Gosford District Hospital.

Among those present at the meeting were Messrs. Dwyer and Cornish, from the Woy Woy Hospital Committee, Messrs. Wicks and Chalmers, from the Long Jetty Community Hospital Committee and Messrs. Moody and Roberts, from the Wyong Hospital Committee.

A Regional Committee was formed, to provide a forum for the purpose of an interchange of

ideas on hospital matters generally, and local needs in particular.

The Regional Committee will not be a decision-making body, which will allow local committees to pursue their own activities and policies as in the past.

A very satisfactory amount of ground was covered at this meeting, and all who attended are looking forward to regular discussions on hospital matters.

Results of the first meeting are to be conveyed to the Hospitals Commission of NSW.

The formation of the Regional Committee is the second move of this kind by the Gosford Hospital Board, to co-ordinate the hospital system in this district.

Earlier this year the organisation was established to provide for a Regional Advisory Committee on Hospital Auxiliaries with the same general purpose of providing a forum for discussions as a means for co-ordinated planning.

In accordance with plans to provide for future needs, the Gosford Board is making efforts to acquire additional land adjacent to the hospital, for expansion which will quite obviously be required some years hence.

The land in question at present belongs to the Army, and the Board is perturbed at the lack of progress in its efforts to procure same.

The Board is currently negotiating with the Crown Lands Board to secure a parcel of land at Bateau Bay suitable for a site for a holiday cottage for the hospital's nursing staff.

A committee has been formed of hospital staff and board members, to discuss means of raising funds, and other matters relevant to this project.

Tenders have been called for the construction of a three-bedroomed brick residence for a Medical Superintendent within the hospital grounds.

The old nurses' quarters are being renovated and refurbished to provide accommodation for the new trainee nurses, whose classes start on June 21.

A graduation ceremony will be held at the nurses' home on June 25, when certificates will be presented to the nurses who have completed their training at the hospital.