

ETTALONG HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The general meeting and election of officers of the Ettalong Hospital Auxiliary for the next twelve months was held on June 8 at St. David's Hall, Woy Woy.

The returning officer, Rev. Davidson, occupied the chair and Mr. Boyce, Secretary of Gosford Hospital, was guest speaker.

The president's report, read by Mrs. Hoare, expressed great pleasure at the success of the past year.

Mrs. Hoare thanked all office bearers for their loyalty and support and advice given to her in her first year of office. She expressed her appreciation of all members and sincerely hoped the forthcoming year would prove successful and profitable.

Mrs. Hoare extended her thanks to the shopkeepers and the public who so generously supported our efforts in the past.

Mrs. Hoare and Mrs. Hook attended the hospital conference and found it very interesting and informative.

It was very pleasing to see Gosford Hospital's new additions nearing completion, Ms. Hoare said.

On behalf of the members and herself she thanked the Presbyterian Church for the use of their hall for meetings.

The president concluded her report by asking all members to hold high the motto of the United Hospital Auxiliaries.

The treasurer, Mrs. Gerard, reported on our financial position which was very encouraging.

Mrs. Hook, acting secretary, said the auxiliary owed much to the sincere leadership and guidance of the president.

The auxiliary ladies collected 85 dozen eggs from local schools for Gosford Hospital.

In between all these activities we have had bus picnics to Katoomba, Wollongong and Caringbah with an inspection of Parke Davis factory.

A word of thanks to everyone who donated gifts to be raffled.

The Regional Conference was at Newcastle and Mrs. Hook found it most interesting and enlightening and made her realise the great amount of work the auxiliaries are doing for the hospitals.

She wished to thank all and everyone who assisted her in the past twelve months as a vice-president and acting secretary.

The following office-bearers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. E. Hoare, unopposed; secretary, Mrs. Hillyer (unopposed), treasurer, Mrs. Gerard (unopposed); acting secretary, Mrs. Hook; publicity officer, Mrs. Minnens; vice - presidents, Mesd. Hook, Warby, Schultz, Downey, Laney; auditor, Mr. Stanton.

Mr. Boyce then addressed the meeting and gave a very interesting talk about the building of the new wing at Gosford Hospital and the cost and upkeep of the hospital.

As the auxiliary makes a donation each year to Gosford Hospital, he advised us to wait until the hospital was completed and to donate some article that was greatly needed by the hospital.

Mr. Boyce spoke highly of the assistance given by the St. Vincent De Paul Society and extended an invitation to the nurses graduation ceremony.

The president called for a vote of thanks to the Rev. Davidson and Mr. Boyce.

The afternoon concluded with a delightful afternoon tea.

—Grace Minnens,
Publicity Officer.