

Geriatric ward at Woy Woy

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A geriatric ward unit and frail-aged units to be built at Woy Woy, possibly within the next two years, are part of a three-point hospital improvement plan just announced.

Also proposed is a 20-bed rehabilitation section at the Gosford District Hospital.

The geriatric ward and frail-aged units will be built on land, held in trust by the Gosford District Hospital Board, in Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy.

The three-point scheme was announced on Thursday following a top level conference.

The conference was held between Health Minister Mr. A. H. Jago and the Hospital Commission chairman Dr. Selley, and the chairman of the Gosford District Hospital Board Mr. R. M. Vaughan, the Hospital's chief executive officer Mr. Neville Boyce and the resident medical superintendent Dr. Ian Walters.

Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Boyce and Dr. Walters were introduced to the Minister and Dr. Selley by Mr. Ted Humphries, MLA.

This conference followed immediately upon discussions with representatives of the Woy Woy and District War Memorial Hospital Committee by the Gosford Hospital Board on the previous Tuesday night.

It is estimated, from information available at present, that both the Geriatric Ward Unit and the Frail Aged Units could be built within two years.

COMMITTEE'S \$27,000

Mr. Neville Boyce, in a comprehensive report on the geriatric problem on the Central Coast, presented several suggestions to Mr. Jago and Dr. Selley for their consideration.

The three fold plan agreed to is as follows:

- Construction of Frail Aged Units at Woy Woy.

These units to be built with the \$27,000 raised by the Woy

Woy Hospital Committee, plus a two for one subsidy from the Commonwealth.

A public meeting will be called early next year at which a representative committee of district citizens will be elected to administer the units.

A move is now being made by Gosford Hospital Board for the transference of a portion of the land in Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy, to this special committee for the purpose of building the Frail Aged Units.

The value of this land, plus the \$27,000 raised by public subscription, should bring the total amount contributed by the Committee to approximately \$30,000.