

The Board of Directors
of
GOSFORD DISTRICT HOSPITAL

welcomes you to

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 29th November, 1976
at 8.00 pm

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- Welcome: Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. R. S. Newton
- Apologies:
- Minutes Presentation, for adoption, of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held November 19, 1975
- Reports: Presentation of the Chairman's Report
Presentation of the Treasurer's Report
- Introduction of Guest Speaker: Mr. Brian McGowan, B.A., M.L.A., Member for Gosford
- Guest Speaker: Hon. Kevin Stewart, M.L.A., Minister for Health
- Vote of Thanks: Mrs. N. Westerweller, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors
- General Business:

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GOSFORD DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Held Wednesday November 19, 1975, at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Directors R. S. Newton (Chairman), M. Westerweller (Vice-Chairman), N. A. Byrnes (Treasurer), R. Eddy, R. Dibben, A. Eagle, L. Hannell, A. Findlay; Mr. R. Beer, (Deputy Regional Director, Northern Metropolitan Region, Health Commission of N.S.W.); Mr. B. Cohen, M.H.R; Gosford Shire Councillors G. F. Gibson, R. J. Tarbox, J. M. Laurenson; Dr. E. A. Freeman (Medical Superintendent); Miss M. Lowndes, (Director of Nursing); Mr. N. R. Boyce (Chief Executive Officer); representatives of the Honorary Medical Board, Hospital Auxiliaries, Service Clubs and other local organisations and members of the community, totalling some 170 persons.

APOLOGIES: Among apologies received were those from Dr. J. Lawson (Regional Director of Health); Cr. M. Brooks, M.L.A. (Gosford Shire President), Mr. K. O'Connell, M.L.A; Mr. H. Jensen, M.L.A; Cr. F. N. Farrell (Wyong Shire President), Director R. M. Vaughan, M.B.E.

WELCOME: The Chairman of the Board extended a welcome to Mr. R. Beer (who was attending his first Annual Meeting of Gosford District Hospital in the capacity of Deputy Regional Director) and to assembled guests.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting, held November 20 1974, were confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting, on the motion of Directors Eagle and Eddy.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman, Director R. S. Newton, spoke of the regret which was felt at the absence from the meeting of Director R. M. Vaughan, M.B.E. Good wishes were expressed for Director Vaughan's early recovery from his recent illness. Director Newton paid tribute to the enormous contribution which had been made by Director Vaughan in the development of the hospital and he said that under the leadership of Director Vaughan, as Chairman, the involvement of the community had been preserved and fostered.

Director Newton thanked the Board of Directors for their continuing assistance to the Hospital, and Director Westerweller for so capably filling the position of Acting Chairman during his own absence overseas.

The Chairman's Report was adopted on the motion of Directors Findlay and Byrnes, and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S
REPORT:

Director N. A. Byrnes, Treasurer, outlined the finances of the hospital for the year 1974-75 and highlighted the total net expenditure increase of over 60% on the previous 12 months.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted on the motion of Directors Eagle and Eddy.

GUEST
SPEAKER:

The Guest Speaker, Miss M. Lowndes, Director of Nursing, gave a most interesting and enlightening address on the development of the Hospital over many years. Miss Lowndes spoke of the personal involvement of the people concerned in the hospital's growth and of the difficulties encountered by staff in the early days, when compromise and improvisation had been the order of the day.

Recognition was given to the role which had been played by the Honorary Medical Officers, and the co-operation and dedication which was forthcoming in helping to establish the hospital service. Some of the doctors who were with the hospital in its early days have maintained an association with the hospital over the intervening years.

There is an increasing need to develop all levels of staff to function at their full potential and to assume additional responsibility in meeting the demands made by rapid changes in medical technology. Miss Lowndes expressed the belief that the Central Coast can look forward to a complex of hospitals, including a very sophisticated modern referral hospital, with care available to every family where care is needed. The provision of care, in all its aspects, will be shared by well qualified health and welfare personnel, both in the hospital and in the community.

VOTE OF
THANKS:

Director Eddy thanked Miss Lowndes for her address, which had been an interesting resume of the history of the hospital.

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At the close of the meeting, the Chairman invited the assembled guests to adjourn to the Cafeteria for supper.

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