

Belong Hospital  
Correspondence  
re visit of after

2/12/40 . 11.25am

MESSAGE FROM THE GEELONG HOSPITAL

Cancer Cases treated since 1st January, 1940, to 30th November, 1940.

Alimentary Tract	8 cases
Female Genital	3 "
Male "	2 "
Breast	2 "
Prostate	<u>1</u> "
	<u><u>16</u></u> "

They were unable to write the letter in time for the mail so they telephoned the information.

*N. Andrew.*

Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
XX  
Lonsdale XXXX

23rd January, 1940.

Dr. Alan Kidd,  
Medical Superintendent,  
Geelong & District Hospital,  
G E E L O N G.

Dear Dr. Kidd,

Many thanks for your letter  
of the 11th January.

I am sending you four copies of each  
of our history sheets for your use and more can be  
obtained on request.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

*Geelong & District Hospital*

(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)

PHONE: 3435

DAK/BG.

BOX 110

Geelong 11/1/40.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council,  
Lonsdale St.,  
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst.  
I would like to state that we will be pleased  
to use your history sheets for cancer patients.

Enclosed is a summary of the cancer cases  
treated during the past twelve months at this  
hospital.

Yours faithfully,

*S. Alan Knud*

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Enc.



ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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Lonsdale XXXXX

January 8, 1940.

Dr. D. A. Kidd,  
Medical Superintendent,  
Geelong & District Hospital,  
G E E L O N G.

Dear Dr. Kidd,

Very many thanks for your kind reception at the Hospital on Friday last, and for arranging a meeting with Mr. Hooper and Mr. Hearne.

I am enclosing several samples of our history sheets for cancer patients. If you think of using them please let me know. "Yes" or "No" are used as abbreviations. We can always add a follow-up on the reverse side later on. I am bearing in mind your remarks about the microscopic sections and will let you know later.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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Lonsdale XXXX

January 8, 1940.

H. R. Hooper, Esq.,  
President,  
The Committee of Management,  
Geelong & District Base Hospital,  
GEE LONG.

Dear Mr. Hooper,

Very many thanks for meeting me at  
the Hospital in the morning with Mr. Hearne, and  
for arranging for publicity in "The Geelong Advertiser,"

I feel certain that we are doing work  
of great public importance.

Mrs. Mackay and I deeply appreciated  
your hospitality and kindness which, we are informed,  
is proverbial in Geelong. We greatly enjoyed our  
motor trip with you to see the improvements which  
have been made of recent years in your fine city.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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Lonsdale XXXXX

January 8, 1940.

V. C. Hearne, Esq., J.P.,  
Chairman,  
House Committee,  
Geelong & District Hospital,  
GEELONG.

Dear Mr. Hearne,

Many thanks for your attendance at  
our meeting on Friday morning last, your presence and  
questions about my work were of great assistance.

I feel certain that there is much  
scope for cooperation in the treatment of cancer,  
and that much can also be done, with the aid of the almoner  
service, to make the lot of the indigent cancer patient  
less difficult.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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Lonsdalexxxx

8th January, 1940.

W. Brownhill, Esq.,  
Editor,  
"Geelong Advertiser,"  
GEELONG.

Dear Mr. Brownhill,

Very many thanks on behalf of  
the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria for giving so  
much space to my visit to the Geelong Base Hospital.

Last Saturday's issue was an  
excellent example of what can be done outside the  
great metropolis, and I was very pleased to be  
included in its news. The publicity given is of  
great value in our campaign against Cancer.

I shall keep you posted up in  
anything of interest.

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

3rd January, 1940.

The Editor,  
"The Geelong Advertiser,"  
Geelong, Vic.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria -- incorporated by Act of Parliament, 1937 - I am visiting the Geelong Base Hospital on Friday next to meet representatives of the Committee of Management and the Medical Superintendent.

This visit is undertaken to explore the problems relating to cancer and to attempt to co-ordinate its treatment. It is one of a series being paid to the country base hospitals.

I shall be very grateful for any publicity you may be able to give to the cancer problem, and I will call after the meeting with a synopsis which I hope you may be able to insert in your Saturday's issue.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council  
of Victoria.

CVM:MD

3rd January, 1940.

The Medical Superintendent,  
Geelong Base Hospital,  
GEELONG.

Dear Dr. Kidd,

I am coming down on Friday morning next on behalf of the Anti-Cancer Council to explain the work the Council is doing, and to explore the field available for collaboration with you.

This is part of the policy of co-ordination of the treatment of cancer which was laid down in the Act of Parliament. Would it be possible for you to let me have some figures showing what you are doing at Geelong in the treatment of cancer?

The total number of patients in a year would be of assistance and, if possible, the differential diagnosis. Is any treatment given apart from surgery, and could you give any idea of the number of cases sent to Melbourne by you for treatment which is not available at Geelong?

Does your Almoner do special social work in connection with cancer patients? Have you any follow-up system to show the final results of treatment?

Would it be possible for you or for the Manager to inform the leading Geelong newspaper of my visit, so that I might get some publicity for the aims of the Council after our meeting? I

I expect to arrive as soon after 9.30 a.m. as possible and sincerely hope that this will be convenient for you.

Yours truly,

CVM.MD

Executive Medical Officer, Anti-Cancer Council

JWF.DAE

*Geelong & District Hospital*

(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)

PHONE: 3435

BOX 110

Geelong

28/12/39.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
Melbourne, C.1.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 27th. instant is to hand, and after consulting our Medical Superintendent (Dr. D. A. Kidd), I have pleasure in advising that it will be convenient for you to come on Friday, 5th. January, 1940.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

*B.R. Frenham*

BUSINESS MANAGER.

*for JWF*

*Replied  
1/1/40 -*

27th December, 1939.

The Business Manager,  
Geelong & District Hospital,  
GEELONG.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter of the 13th December.

Would you kindly inform me whether one of the following dates would be convenient to you for my proposed visit on behalf of the Anti-Cancer Council?

I could arrange to go to Geelong on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of next week - Tuesday being the 2nd of January.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,

Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

CRF.DAE

PHONE: 3435

*Geelong & District Hospital*

(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)

BOX 110

Geelong

18/12/39.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
C/- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
Melbourne, C.1.

Dear Doctor,

Your letter of the 15th. instant is to hand regarding your proposed visit.

The dates suggested by you, namely, 27/28/29/30th. December, are not suitable as our Medical Superintendent is likely to be away on or about that time. In the circumstances, I think the visit may have to stand over until the following week, providing, of course, that it is suitable to you.

Yours faithfully,



BUSINESS MANAGER.

CRF.DAE

PHONE: 3435

*Geelong & District Hospital*

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BOX 110

Geelong

15/12/39.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Anti-Cancer Council,  
C/- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
Melbourne, C.1.

*Recd 18.12.39*

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14th. inst. is to hand, and  
after consulting with our Medical Superintendent (Dr. D. A.  
Kidd), I have pleasure in asking you to visit us on Thursday  
next, 21st. December, in the morning.

Yours faithfully,

*C. H. Weecham*

15th December, 1939.

The Secretary & Manager,  
Base Hospital,  
GEELONG.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter written  
yesterday.

I have since received an invitation  
to visit Bendigo Base Hospital next week in  
conjunction with a visit to Mildura.

In these circumstances I should prefer  
to visit Geelong Base Hospital on the 27th, 28th,  
29th or 30th of this month, if convenient to your  
President and to your Medical Superintendent.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

CVM.MD

14th December, 1939.

The Business Manager,  
Geelong & District Hospital,  
G E E L O N G.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of  
12th inst.

If convenient to your Committee,  
I should like to come down on Wednesday,  
Thursday or Friday of next week, and either  
morning or afternoon, whichever day and time  
is most suitable.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

CVM:ND

# Geelong & District Hospital

PHONE: 3435

CF/BG.

(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)

BOX 110

Geelong

12/12/39.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
C/o Anti-Cancer Council,  
C/o Royal Aust. College of Surgeons,  
Spring St.,  
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Doctor,

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst.  
I am instructed by my Committee to say we  
would welcome a visit from you in connection  
with the treatment of Cancer cases at this  
hospital.

Please advise me when you are likely to  
make the visit.

Yours faithfully,

*C. R. Freuchau*  
BUSINESS MANAGER. Per *RS.*

7th December, 1939.

The Secretary,  
Geelong Base Hospital,  
G E E L O N G.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I am making arrangements to visit the various Base Hospitals of Victoria. Would you kindly inform me whether such a visit to your Hospital would be agreeable to your Committee of Management?

The objectives of my visit are, firstly to ascertain the number of cases of cancer which are treated during the course of the year and the special nature of the treatment which is given to cancer patients in your Hospital. Secondly, I should like to ascertain the views of your Committee of Management with regard to the question of the value of the work of Almoners in public hospitals. The Anti-Cancer Council is very interested in this particular question and I am enclosing for your information a small booklet showing the work done by Almoners in hospitals.

If possible, I should like to visit Geelong Base Hospital before the end of this year.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

CVM.MD

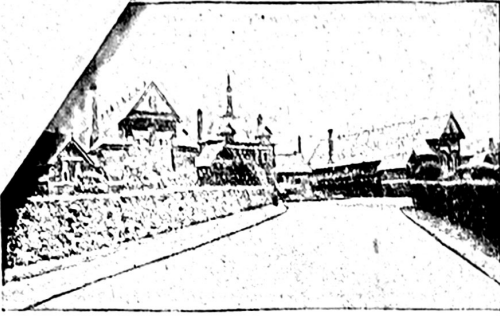
Hamilton Hospital

Correspondence

re visit & afterwards



# Hamilton & District Base Hospital



WM. HUGHES MATTHEW, A.I.C.A., A.A.I.S.,  
MANAGER AND SECRETARY

MATRON  
RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER  
FEMALE WARDS  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES BLOCK

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MCKELLAR MATERNITY HOSPITAL

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HAMILTON

HAMILTON, 23rd January, 1940.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
C/o Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Under separate cover I am forwarding four  
copies of your Anti-Cancer article together with **Leading**  
**Article** in the same issue.

As you will see these were published in  
Saturday's issue of the paper which of course has the  
widest circulation for the week.

Wishing you well in your great work.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

*W. Hughes Matthew*  
Manager.

Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
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Lonsdale XXXXX

January 22nd, 1940.

J. W. Tulloch, Esq.,  
President,  
Hamilton & District Base Hospital,  
HAMILTON.

Dear Mr. Tulloch,

On behalf of my Council I  
desire to express to you their sincere thanks  
and appreciation of your kind reception to me  
at the Hamilton Base Hospital.

The Anti-Cancer Council hope  
that this personal contact will result in that  
mutual cooperation in the treatment of cancer  
which they have so much at heart.

The publicity in "The Hamilton  
Spectator" will be of definite assistance.

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
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Lonsdale xxxxx

22nd January, 1940.

Wm. Hughes Matthew, Esq.,  
Manager & Secretary,  
Hamilton Base Hospital,  
HAMILTON.

Dear Mr. Matthew,

Many thanks for your kindness  
in making my arrangements at Hamilton to meet  
your President and some of the Honorary Staff  
of the Hospital.

I hope that my visit will be  
of mutual assistance.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
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Lonsdale XXXXX

22nd January, 1940.

The Editor,  
"The Hamilton Spectator,"  
HAMILTON.

Dear Sir,

The Anti-Cancer Council desires  
me to express to you its sincere appreciation  
of the publicity which you kindly gave to my  
visit to the Hamilton Base Hospital, and also  
to the work and aims of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,

Lonsdale dxxx

January 10th, 1940.

Wm. Hughes Matthew, Esq., A.I.C.A., A.A.I.S.,  
Manager & Secretary,  
Hamilton & District Base Hospital,  
HAMILTON.

Dear Mr. Matthew,

Many thanks for your letter of  
the 9th January.

Mrs. Mackay and I are coming to  
Hamilton by the evening train from Ararat on  
Monday the 15th. I propose to go on to Warrnambool  
by service car on Wednesday, so that Tuesday will  
be free for a meeting with the President of the  
Hospital Committee and the members of the Honorary  
Staff.

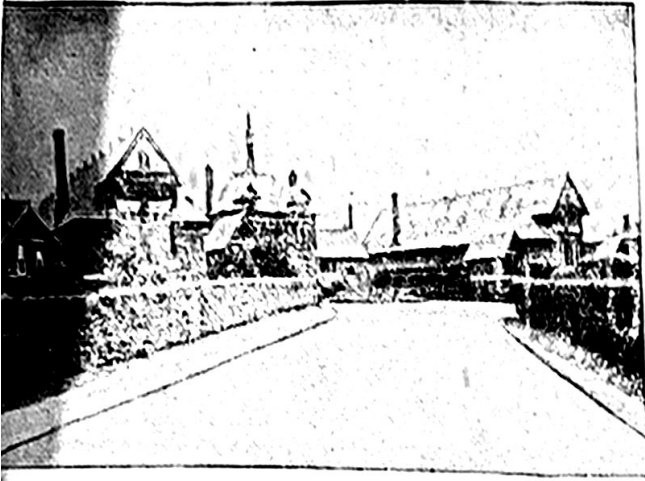
The enclosed press cutting from "The  
Bendigo Advertiser" will give you a good idea of the  
lines on which I am working. The Anti-Cancer Council  
would be grateful for any newspaper publicity in  
Hamilton of a similar character.

Would you be so kind as to reserve  
a double room at the Grand Central Hotel for Monday  
and Tuesday?

And oblige,

Yours sincerely,

CVM,MD



## Hamilton & District Base Hospital

WM. HUGHES MATTHEW, A.I.C.A., A.A.I.S.,  
MANAGER AND SECRETARY

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HAMILTON, 9th January, 1940.

Dr. C. V. MacKay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
9- Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE, C. 1.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th  
January. Your letter will be placed before the  
General Committee at its Meeting to be held tonight.

With regard to Hotel accommodation,  
either the Grand Central Hotel or the George Hotel  
would be the most suitable.

Yours faithfully,

*W. Hughes Matthew*  
Manager.

P.S. I know the Honorary Medical Staff will give you  
all the help possible.

*WMM*

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL?

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Lonsdale XXXXX

HAMILTON 14th December, 1939.  
4th January, 1940.

The Manager & Secretary,  
Hamilton & District Base Hospital,  
HAMILTON.

Dr. C. V. Mackay  
Executive Medical Officer  
Anti-Cancer Council  
170 Spring Street  
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 14th of December in reply to my enquiry of the 7th of December.

I propose to visit Hamilton on Tuesday the 16th of January. This will be one of a series of visits I am paying to Ballarat, Ararat, Hamilton and Warrnambool.

I shall be coming on from Ararat by train on Monday evening and shall be available all day on Tuesday and if more convenient to your Committee of Management, on Wednesday morning also.

My present intention is to leave Hamilton for Warrnambool by service car on Wednesday the 17th of January at 1.15 p.m.

The Anti-Cancer Council is anxious to arrange for as much co-ordination of the treatment of cancer in the State of Victoria as possible, and I shall be very grateful for the opportunity of explaining this policy to your President and to any members of the Honorary Staff of the Hospital.

Any newspaper publicity you may be able to obtain for the results of my visit would be greatly appreciated by my Council.

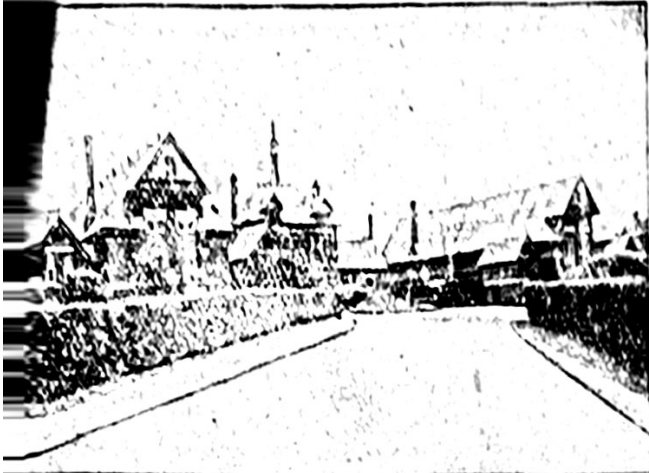
I should be much obliged for any recommendation for hotel accommodation at Hamilton.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM,MD



## Hamilton & District Base Hospital

WM. HUGHES MATTHEW, A.I.C.A., A.A.I.S.,  
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HAMILTON 14th December, 1939.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council,  
C/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE, C. 1.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th December.

My Committee would be quite agreeable for you to visit this Hospital and we would be pleased to give you any information we have available dealing with Cancer.

The question of Almoners in Public Hospitals could also be dealt with during your visit.

Yours faithfully,

*Wm. Hughes Matthew*  
Manager.

7th December, 1939.

The Secretary,  
Hamilton Base Hospital,  
H A M I L T O N.

Dear Sir,

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The objectives of my visit are, firstly to ascertain the number of cases of cancer which are treated during the course of the year and the special nature of the treatment which is given to cancer patients in your Hospital. Secondly, I should like to ascertain the views of your Committee of Management with regard to the question of the value of the work of Almoners in public hospitals. The Anti-Cancer Council is very interested in this particular question and I am enclosing for your information a small booklet showing the work done by Almoners in hospitals.

If possible, I should like to visit Hamilton Base Hospital before the end of this year.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

CVM.MD

Horsham  
Base Hospital.

all letters in  
connection with  
visit, including  
Lt. Felskadi's letters

6th December, 1939.

E. A. France Esq.,  
Acting Secretary,  
Horsham Base Hospital,  
H O R S H A M.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 4th December, with notes of special meeting held at the hospital on Saturday, 18th November last. May I make one or two minor corrections in your notes on my remarks? In paragraph 8 would you kindly eliminate the word "Caustics," in the treatment of Cancer, this method is not now in use.

In paragraph 17 - "Dr. Mackay said as far as he knew, the matter had not been discussed," but he added "The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria was gravely concerned with the treatment of cancer patients throughout the whole of Victoria and was anxious to facilitate that treatment in every possible way."

In paragraph 18, "had been given to the Council" should read "had been purchased by that Government for use in Australia."

Paragraph 19 should read - "Dr. Mackay advised that only a limited number of medical practitioners had been given permission by the Commonwealth Government to use this radium or radon. Dr. Felstead had the right at Horsham, and if he left this district the Hospital would not be able to obtain the use of Commonwealth radium or radon until another medical man on the hospital staff had also obtained this permission."

In paragraph 20 I should like to see an alteration made as follows: Instead of "The unit would have to be detached from the main buildings" I should like "It would be preferable if the unit were detached, etc."

Many thanks for your trouble over the notes.

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

C. V. MACKAY.

# HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

INCORPORATED

W. H. SHOEBRIDGE,  
SECRETARY

PHONE 29

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE  
ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY

HORSHAM, 4th December, 1939.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
C/o Royal Australian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the notes  
taken by me at the meeting held at the Hospital on the 18th  
ult.

These notes are open to correction if I have  
quoted any of the speakers incorrectly.

Yours faithfully,

*E. A. France*

Acting Secretary.

Enc.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL.

NOTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT THE HOSPITAL  
ON SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 1939 AT 2 P.M.

SENT. The President, Mr. Harold Smith; Messrs. T. E. Conroy,  
D. Anderson, W. C. Bolton, T. M. Sharry, J. V. S. Ward,  
A. L. Hutchesson and J. E. Menadue.  
Dr. Mackay and Dr. Felstead.

The object of the meeting was to discuss with  
Dr. Mackay the possibility of the erection of a Cancer Treatment  
Unit at this Hospital, the idea being, if it was practicable, to  
incorporate the unit in the projected New Hospital.

Mr. Smith opened the discussion by expressing his  
concern regarding the Cancer question, and expressed views as above.

Dr. Mackay asked how many Beds in the Hospital. He  
was informed that the New Unit, Sketch Plans produced, would have  
Private and Intermediate Beds, while the Old buildings had  
accommodation for 80 patients (125 patients have been in at once.)

Mr. Anderson said that everyone should interest them-  
selves and take part in such a scheme, and it was thought by this  
Committee that with such Medical Officers available, it would be  
a good opportunity to take action to establish such a Unit in  
Horsham. He went on to say that we had certain monies in hand  
which could perhaps be utilized in helping to equip the Unit if  
such was built in conjunction with this Hospital.

Dr. Mackay in replying to Mr. Anderson informed  
members that our present view would have to be reversed, as the  
Anti-Cancer Council was not taking the initiative in this matter.

The Council understood that the move for such a Unit was  
coming from Horsham, and it would be necessary for this Committee  
to first erect the Unit and then apply for Assistance from the  
Anti-Cancer Council.

Before doing this however, it would be necessary to  
understand the nature of the many difficulties which would arise  
in the event of the Unit being built.

Dr. Mackay informed those present that the treatment  
of Cancer today was carried out with Gausties, Radium and  
Deep X-Ray Therapy, as well as surgery. *corrects*

To run a Cancer Unit it would be necessary to have  
at least two surgeons for the treatment of Patients by Radium and  
Radon and also the necessary Technicians for operating the Deep  
Therapy Plant.

We were advised that the Anti-Cancer Council has certain  
Capital which has to be well looked after.

Dr. Mackay mentioned a number of Hospitals to which  
Grants had been made and for what purpose, and also other ways in  
which money was being spent.

Dr. Felstead, who had left the meeting sometime  
previously returned and was given details of Dr. Mackay's remarks.

Dr. Felstead mentioned a number of essentials, in  
regard to the correct working of a Cancer Unit, such as Medical  
Officers who were efficient in Surgery, Deep Therapy and Radium  
treatment.

Dr. Felstead also mentioned that there was a lot to

learn in regard to the above treatment before one could specialize in the treatment of Cancer by these methods - a lot of work was necessary to become familiar and efficient in these methods. There was a course available, and if necessary, time would be found to fit themselves for the task.

Dr. Mackay said it was a difficult matter to arrive at a concrete proposal, but if such a proposal was carried out it would be necessary to have an efficient staff.

Mr. Conroy asked if it was the Policy of the Federal Government to centralize the treatment of Cancer.

Dr. Mackay said as far as he knew, the matter had not been discussed.

No grant was received from the Federal Government, although Radium valued at £100,000 had been given to the Council, *urchased by the Gov. in Australia*

Dr. Mackay advised that only a few Medical Officers were given the right to use Radium, Dr. Felstead having the right at ~~this~~ *this* Hospital and if he left this district the Hospital would not be able to obtain the use of Radium until a qualified man was again resident in the Town. *it would be preferable if were*

We were informed that the unit ~~would have to be~~ detached from the main buildings, Dr. Mackay explaining the lay-out of the necessary buildings, which would cost approximately £6000.0.0.

It would also be necessary to have what Dr. Mackay called a "follow up Department" - a clerical staff to keep in touch with patients periodically - a period of five years being mentioned. A system in this regard would have to be instituted.

Social workers to keep in touch with each patient individually were a necessity.

Statistics regarding the admission and treatment of Cancer Cases in Metropolitan Hospitals were given by Dr. Mackay.

It appeared that the present time was not an opportune one to go into such a big question, and Dr. Mackay said that we could best help by helping the Medical Officers to carry out their present treatment as efficiently as possible. In the meantime the Medical Officers would equip themselves in the specialized treatment of the disease, and when the time is opportune ask for the equipment of a Clinic for the treatment of the disease.

Mr. Hutchesson, apologised for the absence of the Mayor, Cr. R. J. Wilmoth, and on his behalf extended the Hospitality of the Town of Horsham to Dr. Mackay, which was accepted with pleasure.

Mr. H. Smith passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Mackay, together with our own Honorary Medical Officers, for the very fine work that is being done in this matter.

The meeting then closed.

# HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

INCORPORATED

W. H. SHOEBRIDGE,  
MANAGER AND SECRETARY

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HORSHAM, 22nd November, 1939.

Dr. C. V. Mackay, M. D.  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
C/o Royal Australian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst.  
and wish to advise you that, as yet, my notes have not been  
transcribed. As soon as this is done, which will be in the  
next couple of days, I will forward you a copy of such notes.

Yours faithfully,

*B. A. Trance*

Acting Secretary.

21st November, 1939.

Dr. J. G. R. Felstead, M.D., F.R.A.C.S.,  
Lister House,  
H O R S H A M.

Dear Roy,

My wife joins me in expressing our most sincere thanks to Mrs. Felstead and yourself for making our visit to Horsham so enjoyable. For myself it was a very happy return to the Wimmera after many years and I was greatly interested in visiting once familiar places.

The high standard of your work and the resources of your clinic impressed me greatly, and as I said before, it would be difficult to find anything equally as good elsewhere in Australia. Horsham people are fortunate to have so much skill and knowledge available for their service. All your arrangements were excellently managed, my one regret was that I was not ready on Sunday morning to see the Infantile Paralysis cases.

I am sending to you two of each of our Cancer History Sheets for perusal. Should you like a supply for use in the Hospital please let me know. My visit should I think be mutually advantageous as it will stimulate my interest in the work of your Base Hospital and yours in cancer records and methods of treatment.

Later on I shall forward you details of the post-graduate courses in Radiotherapy and Radiotherapeutic Physics which it is hoped will be established in the near future. These should be of great assistance in the ultimate establishment of cancer clinics at Base Hospitals.

Dr. J. G. R. Felstead.

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Please let me have the promised records when available. Concerning work with Radon, I will endeavour to get any available literature for you.

With kindest regards and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

CVL:ND

President Horsham BHA

21st November, 1939.

H. Smith, Esq.,  
President,  
Horsham Base Hospital,  
H O R S H A M.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Very many thanks for your kindly welcome to me at your Base Hospital, and also for your courteous management of my interview with yourself and the Committee of the Hospital on Saturday afternoon.

I am making a report to my Council, and should be grateful for a copy of the shorthand notes taken at the meeting by the Acting-Secretary.

Personally I am very anxious that the treatment of cancer in Victoria should be of the highest possible standard, and I shall do all that I can to forward this ideal.

It is essential that the individual patient should feel that an organization exists for his personal benefit, and that is one of the reasons why I mentioned how much good can be done by a Hospital Almoner.

I am enclosing a booklet for your information on "The Work of the Hospital Almoner." My Council hopes that some day this service will be in action at the Base Hospitals in Victoria for all patients.

I was greatly impressed by your plans for the new hospital, and by the very high standard of medical and nursing work which is being done at present. You are very fortunate in possessing an honorary medical staff of such high calibre.

H. Smith, Esq.

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21/11/1939.

It is probable that you will find that although my visit has rather stressed the difficulties associated with the foundation of a special cancer clinic it will also stimulate efforts to overcome them.

Again thanking you,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. MACKAY),

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

CVM,MD

Act. Secretary, Horsham BH

21st November, 1939.

E. A. France, Esq.,  
Acting Secretary,  
Horsham Base Hospital,  
HORSHAM.

Dear Mr. France,

Would you be so kind as to let me have a copy of the shorthand notes taken at the meeting on Saturday afternoon?

I have already written to the President of the Committee, Mr. Harold Smith, asking him to give his permission.

I am to make a report on my visit to the Executive Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council, and your notes will refresh my memory as to what occurred at my meeting with your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY.

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

CVM.LD

Mackay, Horsham B.H.

21st November, 1939.

Miss G. M. Arthur,  
Matron,  
Horsham Base Hospital,  
HORSHAM, Victoria.

Dear Miss Arthur,

Very many thanks for your kindness in placing your sitting-room at our disposal on Saturday and in so kindly providing refreshments for us.

I am very sorry that you were not invited to attend the meeting in the afternoon as I feel certain that you would have been interested. The omission to invite you was an unfortunate oversight.

Please congratulate your staff on the excellent supper and coffee provided for the British Medical Association meeting.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. MACKAY).

CVM.MD

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

Mayor of Horsham

21st November, 1939.

Cr. R. J. Wilmoth,  
Mayor,  
Town Hall,  
H O R S H A M.

Dear Cr. Wilmoth,

On behalf of the Anti-Cancer Council and of myself may I express my sincere thanks for the hospitality so kindly extended to me at the Town Hall by Cr. L. Hutchesson on Saturday afternoon last.

I greatly regretted that I was unable to meet you personally in Horsham, but I understood that military duties supervened.

Please accept my sincere appreciation of your mayoral hospitality.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. MACKAY).

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Incorporated by Act of Parliament for the purpose of promoting, co-ordinating, and carrying out investigations in relation to the cause, prevention, and treatment of Cancer

C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

15th November, 1939.

HGW:NA

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Dr. Mackay,

As arranged, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which I received from the Acting Secretary of the Horsham Base Hospital, together with a copy of my reply.

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,  
Secretary.

P.S. I have just received the enclosed letter from Mr. John Coydon, and I shall be very grateful if you will kindly send a reply to him.



HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

Copy

13th November, 1939.

The Secretary,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
C/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 20th ult. and regret to say that owing to a serious accident our Secretary has not been able to reply to the same, but I understand our Senior Honorary Surgeon, Dr. G. R. Felstead, who is keenly interested in this matter, has replied to the letter.

At the same time, I am directed by my Committee to say that its members are also interested in the work of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, and as far as lies in their power, they will do everything possible to help along this worthy work.

When Dr. Mackay visits Horsham my President, Mr. Harold Smith, and some of the members of the Committee would like to meet him, including the Retiring President, the Mayor, Cr. R. J. Wilmoth.

Kindly advise when Dr. Mackay will arrive, and I will make arrangements for his accommodation.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. FRANCE.

Acting Secretary.

HGW:NA

14th November, 1939.

E. A. France, Esq.,  
Acting Secretary,  
Horsham Base Hospital,  
HORSHAM. Vic.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 13th November, 1939. On behalf of my Council, I desire to thank you and through you members of your Committee for the interest expressed in your letter in the work of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, and for your offer of co-operation and help which is very greatly appreciated.

Dr. C. V. Mackay has received a letter from Dr. G. R. Felstead and has arranged with Dr. Felstead to visit Horsham on Friday, 17th November, 1939. He will arrive in Horsham at approximately 8 p.m. and, I understand, that Dr. Felstead is meeting him and has arranged accommodation for him at the Royal Hotel.

Dr. Mackay has asked me to say that he will be very pleased to meet the President of the Horsham Base Hospital, Mr. Harold Smith, and members of the Committee, including the retiring President, the Mayor, Cr. R. J. Wilmoth. He will be in Horsham on Saturday and, if necessary, he will remain over the weekend.

Yours faithfully,



H. G. Wheeler,  
Secretary.

C O P Y

Lister House,

Horsham.

November 6th, 1939.

The Hospital possesses an X-ray unit for routine diagnostic work but lacks the services of a radiologist. I am the only officer of the hospital here again a record of the number of cases per annum is available but I would endeavour to have some record for his visit.

The Secretary,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

The Secretary of the Horsham Base Hospital referred to me some days ago your letter of October 20th concerned with a proposed visit of Dr. C. V. Mackay to Horsham in connection with anti-cancer activities. Since then we have been endeavouring to ascertain some facts which would be useful to Dr. Mackay in his enquiry but without much success as will be explained below. In the meantime the secretary of the hospital has suffered a serious accident and is critically ill and I have thought it best to reply personally to your letter.

Discussing your statements and questions seriatim, I would say first that the Secretary and Honorary Staff would welcome Dr. Mackay warmly and would consider it a privilege to help him in every possible way. A week-end would be very suitable to us for the occasion and in ordinary circumstances at a date that would suit Dr. Mackay. If we knew in advance in which week-end the visit would take place we would endeavour to keep it as free as possible from interruptions. In view now of the Secretary's being out of action for several weeks you may consider it advisable to defer the visit, but if not, the Honorary Staff will do all there is possible to fill the gap.

I regret greatly that we are not in a position to give detailed information as to the statistics of cancer patients and their treatment. Our hospital has a daily average of about 100. There are four Honorary medical officers and no Resident to look after this number and the records have suffered accordingly. In many cases there is no history at all, in others only a sketchy case report and no system of follow-up whatever. In any case all histories are filed alphabetically without any attempt at classification according to diseases. In the case of my own patients, I would endeavour to go through the files and make some sort of summary of the factors required but there could be no certainty of completeness about this.

There has been no special accommodation for cancer patients and no unusual facilities for diagnosis and treatment. One of our Honorary Surgeons is an expert pathologist but the hospital has not found it convenient to appoint him as Pathologist and indeed his time is so occupied now with clinical work that there is little opportunity for sustained work in the Pathology Department. There is an excellent new laboratory at the hospital but at present equipped only to a

minimal degree.

The Hospital possesses an X-ray equipment capable of routine diagnostic work but lacks the services of a competent radiologist. I am the only officer of the Hospital using Radon. Here again a record of the number of cases per annum is not readily available but I would endeavour to have some record for Dr. Mackay at the time of his visit.

I would point out that the Committee of the Hospital has decided on a scheme of re-building which will begin, I believe, within a few months from now. I do not think any provision is being made in the plans for special accommodation for cancer patients nor for the housing of suitable equipment, nor for the facilities of diagnosis and treatment which presumably are so necessary in an organized Cancer Clinic.

Personally I will be delighted to meet Dr. Mackay here and to make for him whatever hotel or other arrangements he may desire.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) G. R. FELSTEAD.

MD-8/11/39