

5th March, 1942.

Dr. Robert L. Fulton, M.B., B.S.,  
Ryrie Street,  
GEELONG.

Dear Dr. Fulton,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer.

I am sending you the enclosed copy of the personal letter sent last April by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council to extra-metropolitan practitioners.

If at any time I can be of assistance to you in the treatment of your cancer patients, I should be very pleased if you would avail yourself of the services placed by my Council at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

4th March, 1942.

DR. David I. Fitzpatrick, M.B., B.S.,  
55 Cunningham Street,  
S A L E.

Dear Dr. Fitzpatrick,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer.

The question of the establishment of Pathological and Bio-chemical laboratories at every base hospital is one for discussion as soon as the present compelling circumstances will permit. Several practitioners have expressed their anxiety to see diagnostic facilities increased at base hospitals. Of course, this is more a general question than purely one related to cancer.

I am at present concentrating on some method of improving the facilities for the examination of doubtful malignant pathological specimens from patients who cannot afford a fee for this examination.

The question of an expert opinion on a difficult x-ray film is one which has not previously come to my attention.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. Wm. J. Flanagan,  
Woods Street,  
DONALD.

Dear Dr. Flanagan,

Many thanks for your replies to our questionnaire. I shall be very pleased to assist you at any time should you desire to obtain an endoscopic examination for a patient whom you suspect to be suffering from cancer. Should the occasion arise please let me know details.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

20th February, 1942.

Mrs. N. Friday,  
901 Skipton Street,  
Redan,  
BALLARAT.

Dear Madam,

I am pleased to send you our booklet on Cancer. You have very skilled doctors at Ballarat who attend the Ballarat Hospital, and you can accept their opinion of the non seriousness of your trouble on your face with every confidence.

At the same time, I would make a point of going at least once every six months for an opinion. These skin conditions change from time to time and sometimes demand serious attention.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

10th June, 1943.

Dr. Joseph H. Downing,  
Inverugie,  
Baynton Street,  
KYNETON. VIC.

De Dear Sir,

I am replying to your two letters of 7th and 8th June, 1943, addressed to Dr. C. V. Mackay. Dr. Mackay left the staff of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria last year to take up duty with the Department of the Army.

I am very grateful to you for forwarding replies to the questionnaire sent out by Dr. Mackay. I have filed your letters with the other replies already received, for future reference by my Council.

Again thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Acting Secretary.

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8<sup>th</sup> June 1943

Dr C. V. Mac Kay

President Anti Cancer Council

Dear Sir,

I regret that by inadvertence I enclosed your covering letter instead of my reply now herewith

Yours faithfully

Horace Downing

To Dr. Joseph H. Downing, M.B., B.S.,  
Kyneton.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Did you receive the personal letter from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, posted last April, outlining the assistance which the Council was prepared to give to any indigent cancer patient in your district for whom you might recommend specialised treatment in Melbourne?  Yes
2. If you received this letter did you regard the offer by the Council to arrange for free travelling expenses, and to provide accommodation in Melbourne during a course of treatment which might not necessitate admission to hospital, as likely to be of material assistance to you in your management of indigent cancer patients?  Yes
3. Is the Anti-Cancer Council, in your opinion, able to assist in any way with the general problem of cancer diagnosis and treatment as it affects your personal practice?  Yes
4. Do you experience any difficulty in sending indigent patients who require radio-therapy to appropriate centres for treatment?  *Not after diagnosis is made, prior to this yes as are neglectful, some fearful, some wait certainly. However, usually*
5. Can you make any suggestions to the Council with regard to the improvement of the treatment of cancer patients in country districts?
6. Have you any problems concerning the diagnosis and treatment of cancer which you might desire to discuss with the Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council?
7. Are the radio-diagnostic and endoscopic facilities available in your district sufficient for the possible early diagnosis of cancer of the lung, stomach, colon, and other deep-seated malignancies?
8. Does the question of expense sometimes prevent a verification by a competent pathologist of your diagnosis of malignancy?  No
9. Have you experienced any avoidable delay in obtaining treatment for your indigent cancer patients?  No

Any special comments on the subject matter of these questions would be welcomed.

*Downing*

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**Dr. Joseph H. Downing, M.B., B.S.,  
Baynton Street,  
KYNETON.**

24th January, 1942.

Dear Doctor Downing,

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria begs to submit the following questionnaire to country medical practitioners in Victoria for favour of an early reply.

The necessity for any intrusion during the war upon the time of busy individuals is regretted, but the Council considers that the importance of co-ordinating the facilities for the treatment of cancer justifies this action.

It, therefore, wishes to ascertain by direct contact with practitioners, whether any assistance is required to improve diagnostic methods and treatment facilities, among indigent patients, in country districts.

Simplification in the method of answering the questions has been attempted. The insertion of a "Yes" or a "No" in the small square to the right of the question is all that is required. Suggestions amplifying the replies may be asked for at a later date.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

*C. V. Mackay*

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

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D. C. V. MacKay  
Executive U. O. Anti-Cancer Council

7<sup>th</sup> June 1943

Dear Sir,

(Q576) While not being complacent about the cancer problem and general situation, I feel that in this town with diagnostic X-Ray and test-meal facilities, cancers of the stomach are missed infrequently. However (realizing the difficulties) I make the following suggestions:—

1. For the general practitioner —

(a) enumerate TB as a cause of loss of weight or underweight by means of a travelling diagnostic (small-film) clinic universal and, perhaps, compulsory.

(b) Annual post-graduate classes emphasizing early symptoms and early treatment. Where loss of weight is a symptom it is usually too late for treatment to do much good.

Such courses, to be attractive, would have to

deal, in part, with other subjects and my suggestions are (though not all in one course)

- i Fractures open and closed
- ii Blood transfusions, difficulties and incompatibilities
- iii Shock
- iv The sulphouamide drugs

The lecturers should emphasize their personal failures rather than their successes as more is learnt from the failures while Nature often assists greatly in the successes.

(c) Difficulties include those of locum tenentes; a bus-man's holiday is all that can often be afforded so relaxations must enter in to the programme; some credential of efficiency might be considered, say after three courses attended.

For the general public — continued instruction. This is admittedly a difficult problem. A printed slip in Income Tax returns would cost little compared with its benefit but cancer neurosis is by no means negligible. So many people

develop by imagination every symptom set down in a newspaper advertisement or a 50 year old "medical" book. I am not aware that either the State or Federal Health Authorities are willing to assist.

Q 7. Are these if early capable of diagnosis or just capable of differences of opinion. I cannot answer this question but we do our best

Q 9. I cannot speak too highly of the help I have received from the Melb. Hosp. Radiological Dept.

Forgive my verbosity.

No answer appears necessary

Yours faithfully

Horace Downing

Best wishes personally

HD.

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Dehradun,

FOSTER.

14/4/42

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I venture to take advantage of the kind suggestion made in your letter of March 3rd last, and write on behalf of John Duggan of Foster, an old age pensioner who 15 years ago had an epithelioma of the lip, involving the glands, successfully removed at the M.H., two or three years ago had an epithelioma of the left forearm treated with radium, also at the Melbourne, has always large crops of ugly warts and now has a fungating epithelioma near the right ear. He has at last graciously consented to accept treatment. He possesses nothing but his pension, and he has no friends in Melbourne on whom he can inflict himself. If you could make any arrangement through the almoner at the Royal Melbourne for his accommodation anywhere, you would greatly oblige me and might even obtain mild affectation from the patient.

Yours sincerely,

See letter from Almoner <sup>22/4/42</sup>  
(filed under "Almoner RMH") (Signed) H. C. WILSON.

"I have sent an application for a free rail pass for this patient & offered to arrange accommodation in the city for him while he is attending hospital. I will attach Dr. Wilson's letter to this patient's medical history in the Radium Dept."

16th April, 1942.

Dr. H. Campbell Wilson,  
"Dehradun,"  
FOSTER.

Dear Dr. Wilson,

I shall do my best to get further treatment at the Royal Melbourne Hospital for John Duggan who seems to specialize in the development of malignancy.

The almoner will write to him to your care if you will kindly forward the letter.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. BUCKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

16th April, 1942.

The Cancer Almoner,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Miss Haste,

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. H. Campbell Wilson of Foster. Would you kindly get into touch with this patient, John Duggan, and make the usual arrangements for his railway pass and for his accommodation in Melbourne while he is attending Dr. Kaye-Scott's radiotherapeutic clinic. The best address for a letter would be care of Dr. Wilson.

The letter with the clinical information from Dr. Wilson could be attached to the medical history when Dr. Kaye-Scott first sees the patient.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

A.  
DB/MJ

Royal Melbourne Hospital

PHONE:  
ENT. 9001

ALMONER DEPARTMENT.

4th May, 1942.

Dr. C.V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council,  
C/o Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

re Mr. DUGGAN,  
FOSTER.  
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You were interested in this patient and wished to know whether or not he reported for treatment.

I am pleased to tell you that Mr. Duggan came to hospital on 30.4.42 and has been attending daily for dressings in Casualty. He is to see Dr. Kaye Scott tomorrow

Yours truly,

Letter from Almoner 7/5/42  
Dorothy Bethune  
"Mr. Duggan has now been transferred to St. Vincent's Hospital for chaul therapy. He is at present staying at Labroche St. & seems quite content to remain there during his treatment."  
Almoner.

8th May, 1942.

Dr. H. Campbell Watson,  
"Dehradoon",  
FOSTER.

Dear Dr. Watson,

I received the following information re your patient,  
Mr. John Duggan, from the Head Almoner this morning:

"Mr. Duggan has now been transferred to St. Vincent's Hospital  
for chaoul therapy. He is at present staying at Latrobe St.  
and seems quite content to remain there during his treatment."

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
per

Executive Medical Officer.

27th April, 1942.

Dr. Keith McK. Doig, M.C., M.B., B.S.,  
Manifold Street,  
COLAC.

Re Mrs. Watts.

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Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

15th April, 1942.

Dr. Keith McK. Doig, M.C., M.B., B.S.,  
Manifold Street,  
COENAC.

Dear Dr. Doig,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer. I notice that you have experienced difficulty in sending indigent patients, who require radiotherapy, to appropriate centres for treatment, and that you have experienced avoidable delay in obtaining treatment for them.

I should be very pleased if you will give me the opportunity of helping you on any future occasion. The war is certainly creating difficulties, but the treatment of cancer is usually regarded as being an urgent problem, and admissions can be arranged without much delay.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

P.S. Stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

CVM.BH

151 Macquarie Street,  
Hobart

Re Mrs Hazel Dobson

I have had this patient under observation since Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 1941. Her general condition shows a steady improvement. There is still some shortness of breath on exertion but this appears to be lessening. Pulse rate is about 90. There is no rise in temperature & no sweating. Her weight has increased to 7st 10lbs but is now stationary. She stood a gas oxygen anaesthetic in October without trouble

14/4/42.

J. Shields

12 Springvale Ave.  
Newtown  
14-4-42.

Dr. Mackay,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter asking me to communicate with you concerning my state of health at present, I am enclosing a report from my Doctor.

I am sure I am progressing very well, the only trouble is I seem to catch colds very easily and I have a rather troublesome cough at times.

Thanking you for your interest in me,

Yours sincerely

Hazel M Dobson

16th April, 1942.

Dr. J. S. Reid, M.B., Ch.M.,  
51 Macquarie Street,  
ROBART.

Dear Dr. Reid,

Many thanks for your clinical notes concerning Mrs. Dobson.  
I shall pass these on to Mr. Henry Searby who did the pneumectomy for  
Carcinoma in May of last year.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACRAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

Surgical Follow-up Department

16th April, 1942.

Mrs. H. Dobson,  
12 Springvale Avenue,  
NEWTOWN, Tasmania.

Dear Mrs. Dobson,

Many thanks for the information concerning your present state of health, contained in your letter and in your enclosed report from Dr. Reid.

I saw you several times when you were in the Hospital, and I am very pleased to learn that you are now progressing well after your serious operation and long convalescence.

I shall inform Mr. Searby of your present state of health.

With my good wishes for the future.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Medical Officer.

14th April, 1942.

Dr. Louis V. Darby, M.B., B.S.,  
Grant Street,  
INGLEWOOD.

Dear Dr. Darby,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer. I regret to learn that you have experienced difficulty in sending indigent patients requiring radiotherapy to appropriate centres for treatment.

Please let me know if at any time I can be of assistance to you in making arrangements for this treatment.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

11th April, 1942.

Dr. George V. Davies, D.S.O., M.D.,  
29 Docker Street,  
WANGARATTA.

Dear Dr. Davies,

We were pleased to receive your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer.

Any suggestions which you can make with regard to the improvement of the treatment of cancer patients in country districts will be welcomed.

I am unlikely to be in Wangaratta again for some time, but I should be very pleased to give any assistance in my power concerning problems connected with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Owing to the centralization of deep x-ray therapy treatment in Melbourne, my Council is very anxious to assist country medical practitioners to obtain treatment facilities of this character for their indigent patients.

Yours faithfully,

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

P.S. Stamped addressed envelope for reply is enclosed.

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Enquiry by correspondence  
only

Reply  
sent  
24/3/42

21. 3. 42

41 Mary Street  
New E. 4

To Dr. C. V. Mackay  
Executive Medical Officer  
of the Anti-Cancer Council

Dear Sir

017 would it be convenient for me to make  
an appointment to speak to you about  
a matter connected with a  
Relative of mine.!

(A Country Cancer Patient.)

I have been advised by Mr A. F. Cameron  
Austin Hospital

to write to you, to whom I wrote  
first. Thanking you

I remain

Yours obediently  
Martha E. Dawson

(addressed envelope for reply)  
enclosed

I can arrange my time to suit yours, by  
letter, as I am not available by Telephone.

27th March, 1942.

Miss M. Dawson,  
41 Mary Street,  
KEW, E.4.

Dear Miss Dawson,

I have received your second letter of the 25th March and have read it carefully.

It is probable that I shall see Mrs. Vagg at the Austin Hospital during the course of my weekly visit to that institution.

The only chance of obtaining a refund of the money paid to the Mordialloc Civil Ambulance, for the service rendered to Mrs. Vagg in taking her to the Austin Hospital, would be a direct application to the Mordialloc Town Council on sympathetic grounds.

If the matter had come to the notice of the Anti-Cancer Council in the first instance it is probable that suitable arrangements for transport would have been made with the Victorian Civil Ambulance.

I regret that I can be of no further assistance to Mrs. Vagg at present.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY  
Executive Medical Officer.

LH.

## Jr Cancer Patients

A questionnaire on cancer was sent to all medical practitioners in country districts. The objective was to ascertain to what extent indigent cancer patients required assistance to enable them to obtain in Melbourne the special diagnostic and treatment facilities not already available to them. The response proved to be very satisfactory, and the replies received should be of considerable assistance in helping the council to implement its considered policy.

Free railway travel can be obtained for such patients through the agency of the council. The public hospital almoner organisations, with the financial assistance of the Anti-Cancer Council, can also guide them during their stay in Melbourne. Whenever required, free accommodation is obtained for patients waiting for admission or for those who attend the out-patient department for special radio-therapeutic treatment.

#1 Mary Street  
Kew E. u

25.3.42

key - Dear Sir

I have received your reply 24.3.42

+ I thank you. also Booklet; many thanks.

I am sorry I did not

submit my question by correspondence at first.

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Alfred Hospital)

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to Austin Hospital & a fee of £3.19-0 was  
paid by her Daughter who accompanied her.  
— from her Home at Bonbeach. Please, turn over.

— (The writer is Aunt to the Patient.)  
The Patient is, Mrs Stella Vagg, 44 years, widow of Cobden (war widow)  
Her (Cobden) Doctor Barratt, who has known her for some long time. (1914. 1918)

— Cancer of the Bowel.

— Treated at - women's Hospital, Spworth Hospital, &  
Aston Hospital.

A brave sufferer, nearing the journey of Life's end.

A refund if possible would be very  
acceptable to her.

Stamped envelope for reply  
if needed enclosed  
(and)

(Receipt held by me at present)

Copy of Receipt for Ambulance  
from Phone Sheltonham SPP

No 299 - Mordialloc Binel  
5-3-1942 Ambulance

Received from Mrs Loehland

The sum of three Pounds, twelve shillings  
£ 3. 19-0 for ambulance

5. 3. 42

N. J. Gerry Per drive

Remain yours faithfully  
M. D. Alveston.

Her Daughter: 411 Mary Street  
Kew F. 4

Mrs A. Loehland  
55 Loehland  
Rooney Pond

10<sup>th</sup> 1942  
8 Pilgrims Street  
Footscray

Dear Sir

In Reply to your letter asking  
about Marguerite Donaldson I'm very  
sorry to tell you she died on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb  
1942. her Doctor was Dr Epstein Barkly  
Street Footscray she had a bad time for  
a good while but she died without any  
pain whatsoever, I will ask Dr Epstein to  
give you a report on her case,  
Thanking you for asking about her health  
I remain yours faithfully

Jan Donaldson

9th March, 1942.

Dr. George R. Davidson, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.,  
16 Victoria Street,  
BALLARAT EAST.

Dear Dr. Davidson,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer.

If you are ever in Melbourne with half an hour to spare I should be very pleased to discuss cancer problems with you. Recently my mind has been running on the benefit to be obtained from operation in cancer of the stomach or rectum, even when it is recognized that operation is only a palliative procedure. The temporary relief may be very definite.

The treatment of carcinoma of the bladder is progressive and I have hopes that we are making advances there with differing methods of operative technique.

If you can find time to give me the benefit of any suggestions with regard to the improvement of the treatment of cancer patients in country districts I should be most grateful for your help.

Yours faithfully,

C..V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

Literature sent:

Cancer Booklet.  
Public Address by Dr. J. A. Maguire, F.M.G., DSO (N.Z.)  
New York City Cancer Committee. Information Bureau.  
Annual Report & Balance Sheet year ended 30/6/41  
(Austin H.)  
"The Conquest of Cancer" by D. C. C. Little.

4th March, 1942.

J. D. Desmond, Esq.,  
William Street,  
BACCHUS MARSH.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry I am sending you our special booklet on cancer and also other literature on the same subject.

I should be glad to have the copy of Dr. Maguire's public address returned, the others you may keep with the compliments of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

H. D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

William St.,  
Racine Park  
28/2/42

The Executive Medical Officer  
Anti-Cancer Council of Vic.,  
Spring St.,  
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,  
I would be glad if you  
would send me a copy of  
"What Every Adult Should Know  
About Cancer" and any other  
literature, <sup>which may be available,</sup> on this or other such  
subjects.

Yours faithfully  
J. D. Desmond

Proches York  
27/4/42.

The Secretary.  
Anti Cancer Council of Vict.,  
Spring St.,  
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,  
I am returning, herewith, the  
leaflet containing report of address by  
Dr. Maguire and thank you for  
this and other information  
forwarded to me.

Yours faithfully,  
J. O. Demand.

26th February, 1942.

Dr. K. McK. Doig,  
COLAC.

Re Mrs. WATTS

Filed under "W"

21st February, 1942.

Mrs. L. J. Davenport,  
25 Rundle Street,  
ARARAT.

Dear Madam,

I am very pleased to send you our free booklet on  
Cancer.

If you have a bad family history of cancer it is  
advisable for you to see your local doctor at least once a  
year for a good overhaul.

In this way you will probably be able to take in  
time any development which may occur during the next ten years.  
You have some very good medical men in Ararat and it would be  
wise to have a physical examination at regular intervals.  
Once in six or twelve months should be at sufficient interval.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

M.BH

25 Rundle St

Ararat

19/2/42

Please forward me your free  
 book. "What every adult  
 should know about  
 cancer. I do not imagine  
 I know it, nothing like  
 that, I am 59 but  
 as my mother died of it  
 in the stomach I think  
 to be forewarned is to  
 be forearmed. Sixty or  
 so to the cancer age.  
 I find no books or papers  
 etc, but one nurse can  
 tell hereditary  
 in 12 men.  
 Is Wolones' taking  
 a good presentation?

I would rather  
die from a bomb  
hit than that  
dreadful disease,  
my history is bad, my  
account - dying of cut-  
fever of. On the 15th  
I was called 7 15 at the  
time.

Yours sincerely  
Awaiting the book

(W<sup>ts</sup>) L. J. Laverne

9th July, 1941.

*Mr. DAY*

The Medical Superintendent,  
The Austin Hospital for Cancer & Chronic Diseases,  
HEIDELBERG.

Dear Dr. Uhd,

I have recommended a Mrs. Day of 28 Rose St., Bentleigh to seek admission for her husband to the Austin Hospital.

He is, I understand, suffering from an inoperable Carcinoma of the Stomach which was operated upon by Mr. Balcome Quick at the Alfred Hospital about two years ago. He is now going down hill, losing weight and strength and his abdomen is distended. I have confirmation of his diagnosis from the Repatriation Department.

The question at issue is whether Mrs. Day can nurse her husband satisfactorily when he is forced to take to his bed. This is always a hard problem.

No relief would appear to be possible for the condition itself by any therapeutic means at our disposal.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY.

20th February, 1942.

Mrs. Day,  
28 Rose Street,  
BENTLEIGH.

Dear Mrs. Day,

If you can do any shorthand as well as typewriting please come to see me as I may be able to assist you to obtain a job in this hospital.

Yours sincerely,

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

20th February, 1942.

Dr. John R. Searls,  
BAIRNSDALE.

Dear Dr. Searls,

Mrs. Dowe attended the hospital yesterday, the 19th of February, and saw Mr. Turner in the out-patient surgical department.

The clinical notes show a polypoid mass on the posterior wall of the rectum. Provisional diagnosis is Carcinoma. I shall let you know what happens to your patient.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM. BH

Mrs. DOWE

14th February, 1942.

Dr. J. R. Searls,  
BAIRDFIELD.

Dear Dr. Searls,

I have made arrangements with the Medical Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital concerning your patient, Mrs. Dowe.

He would like her to attend as a surgical out-patient for investigation before admission. If she comes to see me at the Royal Melbourne Hospital any week-day, except Wednesday and Saturday, when there are no out-patient surgeons, I shall arrange for her to see a surgeon and I shall also see him beforehand and show your letter.

I would recommend her to attend on a Monday or a Thursday morning between 11.30 and 12.30. Later on I shall be pleased to let you know what happens to her.

Sincerely yours,

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

CVM.BH

DR. D. G. ALSOP  
DR. L. E. CLAY  
DR. J. R. SEARLES

BAIRNSDALE

11th. Feb. 1942.

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Vic.,  
C/- Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Dr. MacKay,

I have just seen a female patient, Mrs. W. Dowe ~~also~~. She has complained of bright red bleeding P.R. for twelve months off and on and a feeling of tenesmus for the past few weeks. O.E. large polypoid growth just inside the sphincter of rectum or the posterior wall.

She is in moderate circumstances only and unable to pay private or intermediate fees for the type of treatment necessary - a pathological examination has not been made but the diagnosis is almost certain to be carcinoma. Could you arrange admission to a suitable hospital for me.

The patient has friends in Melbourne where she could stay for a few days if out-patient investigation was thought necessary. If you let me know when to send patient I will. There will be no need to provide free travelling in this case.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



Copy.

Women's Hospital,  
Swanston Street, Carlton.  
Melbourne. May 21st, 1941.

# DEEP THERAPY

The Secretary,  
Anti-Cancer Council.

Dear Sir,

I am desired by my Committee to submit an application to the Anti-Cancer Council for assistance in the purchase of a new Deep Therapy Plant.

In support of this request, I enclose herewith a copy of a report received from Dr. C. E. Eddy, Physicist-in-Charge of the Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory in the Melbourne University. For some time past, treatments have been suspended owing to the fade out of the deep X-Ray tube. The cost of a new tube is very considerable, and my Committee feel that expenditure on an obsolescent plant is most uneconomical. Further, the cost of repairs and maintenance is rapidly rising and Commonwealth regulations relating to radio interference will necessitate the screening of the plant and generator. Under the circumstances, my Committee feel that further expenditure on this out-of-date plant is not justified.

Taking into consideration the volume of the therapeutic work done at the Hospital, it is hoped that favourable consideration may be given to this application.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J. G. BUTLER.  
Secretary.

*Estimated cost £3,500*

Copy.

Women's Hospital, Swanston Street,  
Carlton. June 9th, 1941.

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

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 2nd, and in reply have pleasure in supplying the following information:

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Patients.</u>	<u>Treatments.</u>
1939	21	289
1940	48	571

1941 to March 3th - at which point all treatments had to be discontinued for the reason that the plant broke down - there were 36 patients and 414 treatments. In this emergency, we approached the Melbourne Hospital, but they were unable to treat or accommodate our patients as their equipment and staff were working to full capacity. Arrangements were then made for patients to be treated at the Austin Hospital, and this is now being carried out with considerable inconvenience and expense to the patients.

Over the past two years, patients from the Queen Victoria Hospital have been referred to us for deep X-ray therapy for the reasons that they themselves are without such equipment and also that the other general hospitals are unable to take them.

There are 160 cancer patients hitherto not receiving treatment on account of the obsolete equipment. These are for the most part in-patients and attached to Dr. Cuscoaden's Clinic. A proportion of these cases require deep therapy treatment which they in the past have been unable to obtain. The majority of them are in-patients and it would be impossible for them to be treated other than in the hospital. The addition of these latter cases to the ones that are at present being treated by deep therapy would mean that a new X-ray equipment would be fully employed.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J. G. BUTLER.

Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD  
ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY

TELEPHONE F 3611

J. G. BUTLER  
SECRETARY

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL  
SWANSTON STREET, CARLTON

*Melbourne, 25th July, 1941.*

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Following on our conversation of last week there are certain points in our discussion which I would like to again bring forward.

Firstly, on the question of the use of x-rays in combination with gamma therapy, there are a series of articles in the May number of "Radiology" to which I would like to direct your attention. It now appears to be generally conceded that for the treatment of cervical cancer combined deep x-ray and gamma therapy is necessary and I know that you are acquainted with the recent work and views expressed by the Manchester Radium Centre, which is now considered to be the best English opinion.

The question has been raised of the possibility of the purchase of a suitable machine and I am informed by Dr. Eddy that it would be possible for us to have the choice of two suitable machines, which could probably be delivered within a reasonable period.

This is, as you know, the largest women's cancer centre in Australia and the statistics recently produced by Mr. Fowler will bear this out. There are approximately 160 cases of cervical cancer alone for treatment each year at the present time and our figures show a steady increase in numbers. These would require about 20 deep therapy treatments per patient or, say, 3,000 treatments in the year, not taking into account the number of other types of cancer that could, and would be treated; so that even from the beginning the machine could be guaranteed a substantial turnover.

All our cases are hospitalised for treatment and a great number of them are too sick to be transported backwards and forwards to any other institution. This means that, although some of the less sick patients

might be transferred to other institutions by ambulance for treatment, a large proportion of them would be seriously prejudiced by this.

During their treatment all patients have haemoglobin estimates, urea and blood urea tests taken, and a great number of them require blood transfusions, which necessitate their being in-patients.

Yours faithfully,

*W. S. Caden*

Alfred Hospital, Commercial Road, Prahran, N.S.W.  
27th May, 1941.

A  
R. G. Wheeler Esq.,  
Secretary, Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Dear Sir,

Further to your letter of 13th May, 1941, and my formal acknowledgment thereof of 15th May, 1941, I now have to advise that your letter was considered by my Board of Management and I have been instructed to say that on the advice of the Honorary Radio Therapist it has been decided to purchase from Watson Victor Ltd. a Watvic "Maximar" 220" Oilmerst Therapy X-ray Unit for operation at 200/260 volts 50/60 cycles.

Dr. Frank Stephens in recommending the purchase of this apparatus states that by installing this machine the Department could handle approximately three times the number of patients it is possible to treat with the present apparatus.

This machine is the only suitable one at present available and Watson Victor Limited advises that this particular unit has been installed at the following Hospitals - Perth Public (W.A.); Austin (Vic.); St. Vincents (N.S.W.); Brisbane General (Queensland); Dunedin General (New Zealand); Wellington General (New Zealand); Christchurch (New Zealand).

This standard "Maximar" will be available for delivery and installation within from eight to ten weeks' time.

Trusting this is the information you require and thanking the Council for its co-operation.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J. H. P. BAKER.

Manager and Secretary.

TELEPHONE:  
WINDSOR 4942  
(10 lines)



COMMERCIAL RD.  
PRAHRAN, S.I.  
VICTORIA

# ALFRED HOSPITAL

7th August, 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
Cancer Information Bureau,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
M E L B O U R N E C.1

Dear Dr. Mackay,

In reply to your letter of 2nd August, I would inform you that the present Deep-Therapy Machine now in use at this Hospital has been installed for seventeen and a half years and the Tube now in use (a Metalix Water Cooled giving 150 K.V.P. 4 M. A.) about eight weeks.

We have only been giving an average of 90 minutes treatment per day with this Tube, so the following was the normal routine used since the installation of the Machine and up to the time of using the present Tube.

- (1) A Victor Snook mechanically rectified machine -  
Out-put 200 K.V.P. 6 M. A. continuous running.  
Tube - Philips Metalix Water Cooled - 200 K.V.P. 6 M.A.  
Tube was used below rating, 180 K.V.P. 6 M.A. continuous running.
- (2) The average number of hours worked per week was 29.
- (3) On an average, the number of patients treated weekly was 14.
- (4) Total number of treatments given per week was 44.
- (5) The average duration of treatments is 40 minutes.
- (6) Over a month of 52 cases treated, 30 have been malignant -  
22 non-malignant, which would take 83 hours actual treatment for malignant and 33 hours for non-malignant cases.

Trusting this is the information you require.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,

*C.C. Dyte*  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.  
(C.C. Dyte)



1st August, 1941.

FJMcC/EO'S

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

Herewith the information concerning the  
Deep X-ray Plant for which you enquired this week.

1. Number of hours daily the Deep Therapy  
Plant is working :  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours Deep  
Plant and 2 hour Contact.
2. The number of patients treated daily :  
25 Deep, 18 Contact.
3. Average length of treatment : Deep 4 mins.  
Contact 2 mins.
4. Proportion of cancer patients to non-cancer  
patients :  
  
Deep 19 Malignant.  
6 Non-Malignant.  
  
Contact 13 Malignant.  
5 Non-malignant.
5. How many more patients could be treated if  
the plant were working full time : 20 Patients.

Yours faithfully,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

# Royal Melbourne Hospital

MELBOURNE, C.1

12th August, 1941.



ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED  
TO THE MANAGER  
TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiries regarding the new Deep X-Ray Therapy Plant for this Hospital, I have to inform you that on 28th December, 1940, Watson Victor Ltd. were advised that their tender for a special shock-proof tube-in-head type 220 K.V. Unit had been accepted subject to certain conditions. These conditions, including finality of specifications, were not fulfilled until May 1941.

The Committee then had to decide whether the Unit was to be installed at the new Hospital or here. The latter was not favoured because it would have involved extra installation charges and the possibility of damage during transfer to Parkville. On the other hand, we held no spare tube for the existing Sanitas Equipment so, if a breakage were to occur, the Hospital would have been placed in a most difficult position. Watson Victor Ltd. were, therefore, instructed to secure a spare tube. After some delay they obtained and tested two tubes, but both proved to be faulty. In view of this the Committee considered it essential to provide treatment facilities other than the Sanitas Machine without a spare tube and working at high pressure.

On the 30th July, 1941, Watson Victor Ltd.'s were requested to expedite delivery of the Unit as the matter was one of urgency. The construction of the equipment is now proceeding and the contractors state that delivery is expected within two or three months.

With the existing plant, 50 treatments per day are being given; but this necessitates working the machine continuously for two overlapping shifts between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. This makes no provision for contingencies such as breakdowns or gas gangrene cases. The addition of the new 220 K.V. Unit will make it possible to give 60 treatments

Dr. C. V. Mackay.

- 2 -

12th August, 1941.

per day under much better conditions and without unduly increasing the output of the machines. This will be in accordance with the Radiotherapist's opinion that for technical reasons a low output should be used as a routine as this places less strain on the equipment.

Yours faithfully,



(A. F. Tweedie)  
ACTING MANAGER.

HNA.MH.

9th March, 1940.

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ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL - DEEP THERAPY EQUIPMENT

Tenders are invited for the supply, installation and maintenance for one year after installation of deep therapy equipment for the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The high tension generator will be supplied with 50 cycle 3-phase 400 volts alternating current, and shall be capable of operation from 140 to 220 K.V. pulsating potential, with tube currents up to approximately 30 milliamperes. The X-Ray Tube shall be shock-proof, of the tube-in-head design, and permit operation when required at short focal skin distances. The installation shall be fitted with full safety devices, a radiation shutter, and built-in dosage measuring equipment. A table type control stand is required.

Tenderers are required to give technical details of the equipment they submit, and to supply full lists of accessories recommended for a complete working installation giving itemised costs.

A full list of necessary replacement parts (e.g. tube insert, valves, shock-proofing cables, etc.) and the individual prices shall be submitted, and availability of stocks of these in Australia indicated.

Tenders shall indicate the amount of duty (if any) included in each item, and shall state time of delivery.

It is expected that all parts of the equipment excluding vacuum devices and shock-proof cable will be guaranteed for a period of twelve months.

# Royal Melbourne Hospital



MELBOURNE, C.I.

15th August, 1941.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED  
TO THE MANAGER  
TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL.

Dear Sir,

In 1935 the hospital decided to replace the existing Deep Therapy machines with new units and a contract was let to Sanitas for the supply of a 350 KV generator, energising two heads. As no satisfactory tubes working at voltages in excess of 300 KV could be obtained for routine use, tubes of this variety were specified of American origin. This plant has been working satisfactorily for some four years but recently the American manufacturers discontinued the manufacture of the 300 KV tubes now in use. The apparatus is not shock proof and is unsuitable for transfer to the new hospital in its present state. This but emphasises the necessity for a change in the present heads.

Investigations have been carried out for some time and it has been decided to instal a new 400 KV tube, to be energised by the existing transformer. This was made to work at 400 KV in spite of specifications requiring only 350 KV. But it is proposed to work at this lower level for purposes of safety margin. This head will embody factors equivalent to shock proofing and will fulfil requirements of the new Hospital. The higher voltage will give a relatively greater output dose and will, therefore, enable deep-seated lesions, such as pelvic or thoracic tumours, to be treated more effectively.

The Medical Superintendent, Dr. J. L. Frew, stated ~~that~~ on investigation that he was satisfied that two-thirds of the present cancer cases treated here would be more adequately treated. Converting these rates to absolute numbers it means that about 30 out of the 50 cases treated each day will be dealt with more efficiently. It is not possible to say whether the one 400 KV Head will treat more or less patients per day than the present two 220 KV. Heads.

Yours faithfully,

(A. F. Tweedie)  
ACTING MANAGER.

AFT.MH.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

CEE/JL.

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE  
ADDRESSED TO THE  
PHYSICIST IN CHARGE.

TELEPHONE No. F4363.

COMMONWEALTH X-RAY AND RADIUM LABORATORY,  
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

A / 8

CARLTON, N.3, VIC., 21st July, 19 41.

Dear Dr. McKay,

Following our conversation last week, the following references to the literature will indicate that it is customary for cancer of the cervix to be treated by a combination of x-rays and radium. In many cases you will find that the statement of the combined use is accepted implicitly as many authors do not consider it now necessary to advance reasons as to why both methods should be employed.

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9. W. G. Cuscaden and T. H. Oddie, Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 46, 289, 1939.

I trust that these references will give you the information you wish.

I am forwarding under separate cover copies of the papers which have been published dealing with the methods of radon treatment of the uterus as developed by Dr. Cuscaden and Mr. Oddie.

Yours sincerely,

*W. G. Cuscaden*  
Physicist-in-charge.

Dr. McKay,  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

AUSTIN HOSPITAL

- Question No. 1      Number of patients treated for 12 months ending  
30 June, 1941 - 257
- No. 2                Number of individual treatments - 4021
- No. 3                Average length of time of treatment -  $10\frac{1}{2}$  mins.
- No. 4                Number of hours x-ray machine in use - 740
- No. 5                How many gynaecological cancer cases sent from  
the Alfred Hospital for treatment and returned  
to or referred back to that institution.

Sub answer No. 1 - Admitted 19

2 - Died 8

3 - Referred back 11

Of those in subanswer No. 3, readmitted and  
subsequently died - 5.

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11th November, 1941.

*re Hazel DOBSON*

Dr. C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Medical Officer,  
Surgical Follow-up Department,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE. C.I.

*Wrote sister  
13/11/41*

Dear Sir,

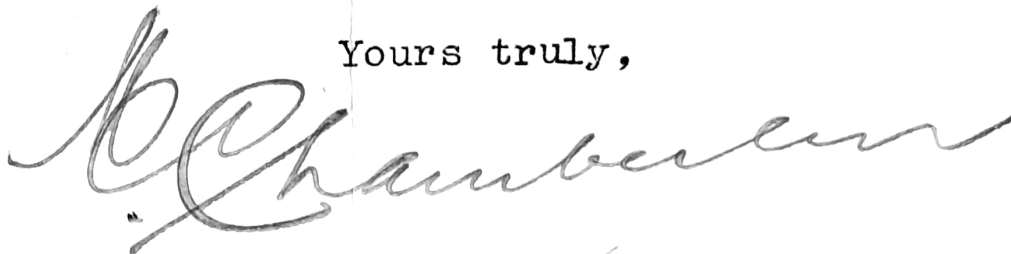
re Estate of H. J. WILLIAMS dec'd.

Your letter of the 7th November has been handed to us.

We regret to advise of the death of Dr. Williams which occurred about twelve months ago.

Dr. Beresford is the purchaser of the late Dr. Williams' practice and perhaps if you contacted him he would be able to help you.

Yours truly,



Manager.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

7th November, 1941.

Dr. H. J. Williams, D.S.O., V.D.: M.B., B.S.,  
21 Blyth Street,  
BRUNSWICK, N.10.

Dear Dr. Williams,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Hazel Dobson. Mrs. Dobson, whose address is 12 Springvale Avenue, Newtown, Hobart, Tasmania, was an in-patient at this hospital from the 28th December, 1940 to 20th June, 1941, and was diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the lung.

This information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The Council is attempting to register, and to follow up after their discharge from hospital, all cases of cancer treated at the metropolitan public hospitals.

I hope that you will be able to help us in the matter of Mrs. Dobson, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Medical Officer,  
Surgical Follow-up Department.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

30th October, 1941.

The Editor,  
"The Digest of World Reading,"  
174 Little Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Mr. Lee,

I have a meeting of the Executive Committee of my Council on Wednesday the 26th of November.

At this meeting I wish, if publication has taken place, to present each member of the Committee with a copy of the Digest containing my article on cancer. It will be good for them to read it, and may help the Digest.

Please, therefore, take a personal order from me for ten (10) copies of the Digest for December, 1941.

I sincerely hope that publication can be managed by the 26th of November.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

24th October, 1941.

H. N. Dickson, Esq.,  
131 Thomas Street,  
BROKEN HILL, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

So far as I am able to judge from the short note sent by Dr. Panting, it would not be too long to wait for treatment until the 18th of December next.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Ante-Excentric Council of Victoria.

MR E. PANTING  
A.B., B.S., B.Sc.

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TELEPHONES:  
SURGERY 620  
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BROKEN HILL  
NEW S. WALES

H.M. DUBSON

small area at upper  
margin not healing  
advise further treatment  
of same nature

A. Panting

20 OCT 1941

as that is when I get m  
Hoping to hear from

131 Thomas St.  
Broken Hill.  
N. S. W.  
20/10/41.

Dr Mackay.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter yesterday so I went along to see my Dr hear, and he has given me a report to send to you. My ear has a little sore on it, and I am still putting the ointment on night and morning.

My Dr hear has told me that he thinks that I should have further treatment.

Would you please ~~let~~ me know if the treatment is necessary, now, or would it be too long to wait until about 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. as that is when I get my holidays. Hoping to hear from you.

Yours Faithfully,  
H. N. Dickson.

Reply.

Dear Sir  
So far as I am able to  
judge from the short note sent  
by Mr Panting, it would <sup>not</sup> be  
too long to wait for treatment  
until the 18<sup>th</sup> of December next.  
Yours faithfully,

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C/o. ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS,  
Spring Street,  
Melbourne, C.I.

25th September, 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay, M.D. F.R.A.C.P.  
Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council,  
U/- Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Mr. George Dalton handed me the enclosed letter written on behalf of Dr. John O'Sullivan this morning. I understand from Mr. Dalton that he is to report back for observation in six months' time and it is desired that railway concession vouchers should be obtained for him. Evidently the authorities at St. Vincent's Hospital are unaware of the procedure to be adopted for indigent patients to obtain travel vouchers. I would suggest that you might explain to the Sister in charge of the almoner work at the Hospital, how the voucher might be obtained. If, for some reason, such a voucher cannot be obtained and the patient is without means, I would suggest that the almoner funds at the Hospital should be used for this purpose and, if necessary, the Anti-Cancer Council should subsidise the funds. I do not think that the patient should suffer providing the case is one necessitating financial assistance.

I shall be very grateful if you will kindly attend to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



H. G. Wheeler,

Secretary

*Almoner at St. Vincent's  
Hospital seen & arrangements  
made. 8-10-41*

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

26th September, 1941.

H. E. Wheeler, Esq., J.P., A.I.C.A.,  
Secretary,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
c/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

I shall take the opportunity of seeing the Sister in charge of the Alconer Work at St. Vincent's Hospital and arranging a satisfactory method of obtaining concession railway fares for Mr. George Dalton.

Previously I have asked this Sister to allow the Council to assist the Samaritan Funds for this purpose without response.

Yours faithfully,

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

22nd September, 1941.

Dr. G. R. Davidson, F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S.  
16 Victoria Street,  
BALLARAT.

Re Mrs. Ethel ELSUM

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CONNOR STREET,  
COLAC.

16/9/41

After Hours :

Dr. BROWN. 96.

Dr. DOIG. 209.

*Mrs. H. A. DICKASON*

Dear Dr McKay,

Many thanks for your help in the matter of Mrs Dickason. I gave her husband your address this morning, and he will call on you while he is in Town. In view of the fact that there is a sister living in Heidelberg, I think they would be pleased if their luck took Mrs Dickason to Heidelberg House; but they will be quite content with any arrangement you make.

The piece of tumour is going down to you by this post. I may be a bit over hardened, having been in 10% formalin for a fortnight.

Yours sincerely

*Arthur Brown*

T E L E G R A M

To DICKSON,  
Wilson St.,  
Colac.

BED RESERVED LUMEAH PRIVATE HOSPITAL ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT  
FLINDERS LANE SUNDAY NEXT WRITING PARTICULARS.

From MACKAY.

~~1/8~~ 1/3

17th September, 1941.

Dr. A. E. Brown, M.B.C.S., Eng., F.R.A.C.S.,  
Connor Street,  
C O L A C.

Dear Dr. Brown,

On receipt of your telephone message yesterday I saw Dr. Kaye-Scott, Honorary Radiotherapist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, to ascertain whether he could obtain a bed at his private hospital at intermediate rates for Mrs. Dickason.

Today he has informed me that a bed will be available on Sunday next and that treatment will commence on Monday. If Mrs. Dickason feels well enough in a week or so then she could live with her sister or elsewhere and attend the hospital for treatment as an out-patient.

The treatment by radiation could not be in better hands as Kaye-Scott is extremely good at his job.

The specimen arrived this morning.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

17th September, 1941.

--- Dickason, Esq.,  
Wilson Street,  
COELAC.

Dear Sir,

I sent you a telegram this morning informing you that a bed had been reserved for Mrs. Dickason on Sunday next at intermediate rates - at "Lumeah" Private Hospital, 108 Flinders Lane, Melbourne between Russell Street and Exhibition Street.

Mrs. Dickason will be under the care of Dr. Kaye-Scott while she is in Melbourne and he proposes to give her the first radiation treatment on Monday. After about a week it may not be necessary for Mrs. Dickason to stay in hospital, and she could then attend for treatment as required while living elsewhere.

Much will depend upon how she reacts to the treatment, and on Dr. Kaye-Scott's opinion.

I should be pleased to see you at my office at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The bed is ready at any time on Sunday next. It would be advisable for you, however, to write to the Matron of the hospital giving her some idea of the time you expect to arrive.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVH.BH

24th September, 1941.

Dr. A. E. Brown, M.R.C.S., Eng., F.F.A.C.S.,  
Connor Street,  
COLAC.

Dear Dr. Brown,

Your patient, Mrs. Dickason, went into the private hospital on Sunday. Dr. Kaye-Scott gave her her first treatment by deep x-ray therapy on Monday. I saw Mr. Dickason yesterday and he seemed to be very well satisfied.

I received a report today on the specimen which you sent me. Dr. Wright Smith, of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, informs me that this is a case of "Active Adeno-carcinoma of the Breast". The prognosis would appear not to be good.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

Tel. 114.

CONNOR STREET

COLAC

6/9/41

After Hours :

Dr. BROWN, 96.

Dr. DOIG, 269.

Dr Chas McKay  
Cancer Bureau  
Royal Melbourne Hospital

*Best 5h  
approved at  
Lunnah*

*Available Sun  
for M.M.*

Dear Dr McKay,

A patient of mine, Mrs H.A. Dickason has had a breast tumour for nearly twelve months, and last Monday I removed it. It was an evident carcinoma, but in view of sorry results previously obtained I did not do a radical Halstead, but removed the breast, fat and pectoralis fascia pretty widely. No large glands are palpable in the axilla, though there are some fairly small to be felt. I feel that her best chance for her after this long time is that procedure followed by radiation, and would be glad to know what you can do for her, and how soon you would like her to come down if you can help her. I can if you wish send you a piece of the tumour, though unfortunately owing to the sudden departure of our technician I can't send you a mounted section.

Her husband is in a position to pay some sort of fees, and I think would be prepared to do so.

Yours faithfully

*Arthur Brown*

9th September, 1941.

Dr. A. D. Brown, F.R.A.C.S.,  
Connor Street,  
COLAC.

Dear Dr. Brown,

I am very pleased to have the opportunity of being of some assistance to you.

I quite agree with you that deep x-ray radiation to the axilla is an essential prophylactic measure for the case you have referred to me. It should be begun within four weeks of the operation if the patient is fit to travel.

It is necessary for me to know Mrs. Dickason's address and whether she is a public hospital patient, or whether she can be treated privately at intermediate rates.

The only hospitals which could give radiation at present are the Royal Melbourne Hospital and St. Vincent's as an out-patient, and the Austin as an in-patient. The Austin would really be my choice as the complete rest is of considerable assistance.

If private treatment at intermediate rates is desired I could obtain this from Dr. Frank Stephens, Dr. Kaye-Scott, Dr. John O'Sullivan, or Dr. Colin MacDonald.

If the patient is indigent, I can arrange for a railway pass to Melbourne and return, and for free accommodation and free treatment.

Would you kindly let me know how you would like me to proceed.

Dr. A. E. Brown, F.R.A.C.S. - 2 -

9th September, 1941.

If you can send me a piece of the tumour, I can probably get it examined at the University or at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

I have read a very interesting article by Dr. Brown of Colac on the future of the Medical Profession in Australia which provoked some interesting correspondence. I also noticed that you, like myself, were in the R.A.M.C. in 1914.

Yours faithfully,

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

CV1.BH

DD66A. E. Brown, F.R.A.C.S.

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Yours faithfully,

DONALDSON  
Marguerita

No 12 Princess St  
Leddon  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1941

Dear Sir

I am very pleased that you wrote to me asking after my sister Mrs Marguerita Donaldson she has been very ill since the 18<sup>th</sup> August for over a week the Doctor was coming twice a day he said she was dying but she has rally round again but is very weak if you keep in touch with me I will let you know how she ~~is~~ getting on it is no good writing to her as she does not know what is a matter with her.

I am  
yours faithful  
Mrs H. C. Major

P.S. if you get in touch with Dr & his wife  
the will tell you.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

September, 1941.

DUNSTAN

*Marian*

Dr. T. W. Vorrath, M.B., B.S.,  
107 Guildford Road,  
SURREY HILLS.

Dear Dr. Vorrath,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Marian Dunstan. Mrs. Dunstan, who lives at 1 Surrey Avenue, Surrey Hills, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 3/10/40 to 26/10/40, and was diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the colon.

This information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The Council is attempting to register and to follow-up after their discharge, from hospital, all cases of cancer treated at the metropolitan public hospitals.

I hope that you will be able to help us in the matter of Mrs. Dunstan, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.  
Medical Officer,  
Surgical Follow-up Department.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

CVM:BU



DUNSTAN  
Marian

OFFICERS' MESS,  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE,  
LAVERTON.

10/9/41

Dear Dr Mackay,

I regret to say that Mrs Marian Dunstan about whom you inquired in your letter, died about three months ago. I cannot tell you the exact date of her death as I have no records here but if you want that date you could get it from Dr Carrington's nurse at the surgery 174 Union Rd Sney Hill. The patient kept fairly well to within a few months of her death, the permanent colostomy functioning quite well and then she began to lose weight and her general condition gradually deteriorated up till the time of her death. Her death was gradual, preceded by mental changes and marked difficulty in feeding and I should say that it was eventually due to toxæmia from the growth itself. There was no evidence of peritonitis and as far as I can remember she had no clinical evidence of liver secondaries.

Yours faithfully

I. W. Korrath M.D.

9th September, 1941.

Dr. T. W. Vorrath, M.D.,  
Officers' Mess,  
Royal Australian Air Force,  
LAVERTON.

Dear Dr. Vorrath,

Many thanks for your trouble in letting me have some clinical notes about the last few months of Mrs. M. Dunstan's illness.

The information obtained from private practitioners is of considerable value to the Anti-Cancer Council.

Yours faithfully,

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

26th June, 1941.

L. G. De La Rue, Esq.,  
cr. Bay and Bluff Roads,  
SANDRINGHAM, S.8.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in sending you a copy of our  
booklet on cancer.

If you will come and see me at the Royal Melbourne  
Hospital I shall be very pleased to advise you as to treat-  
ment for your lip. There is no charge for this service.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVS.BH

Please would you forward  
your Brochure "What every  
adult should know about  
Cancer" also advise how to  
obtain treatment re same  
mine is on the lip but still  
very small, just beginning to give

a little bother, this cold weather  
As my means are limited I  
want to try & arrange for  
treatment.

G. G. De la Rue.  
c/o Bay & Bluff Rds.  
Sandringham.  
8.8.

7 Taylor St.,  
Moonee Ponds. W.4.  
25th June, 1941

*Alice DOBSON*  
Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Anti-Cancer Council,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
Melbourne. C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay:

Following on my conversation with you on Monday last, relative to Mrs. Alice Dobson of 68 Bloomfield Road, Ascot Vale, I am glad to advise that she is quite agreeable about returning to the Austin Hospital for further treatment.

Her condition has worsened since I saw you, and she is suffering considerable pain in her groin, so Doctor you will see it is imperative for her to return as early as possible.

I wish to thank you very sincerely for the help you have given in making arrangements with the Hospital.

Gratefully yours,

*Inez M. Dobson.*

24th June, 1941.

Mrs. Caroline Dohrmann,  
37 Stanley Grove,  
CANTERBURY, E.7.

Dear Mrs. Dohrmann,

I have carefully read your letter describing your operation and subsequent deep x-ray treatment.

So far as I am able to judge from your letter the treatment which you have received has been eminently suitable for your condition. It is quite possible that the specialist in radiological treatment may recommend a further course of deep x-ray treatment after your examination in August.

It would appear that everything possible is being done to bring relief.

I regret to learn that you have had so much indigestion, etc., this may possibly be the temporary result of the treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

37 Stanley Cwce  
Banbury E7

The Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sir

I am attending two doctors me who operated on me and when this did not prove successful sent me to hospital to have X-Ray treatment by a radiologist.

He informed me that I had a cystic lump in the region of the left ovary this was removed and later same pain returned and doctor refused to operate again, attending radiologist who informed me that I had mastitis (pelvic) after fifteen treatments of ten minutes duration last August I have been examined twice and

I am very much improved.  
treatment brought on change of  
when 35 years old.

I have had two bad attacks of  
pain the beginning of this year but  
was told they were the dying kicks  
of the trouble; since then I have  
been <sup>with</sup> ~~troubled~~ severe indigestion,  
nausea on rising, abdomen enlarged  
with gas and generally not as I  
should feel, in fact if I do any  
work calling for much exertion  
find myself in pain with my  
back my relief is hot water bottle  
and a PC & Profia doctor has given  
me.

I am due for another examination  
in August but my husband worries  
me to get in touch with you; he  
has been told that mastitis is a  
form of cancer.

I have very faith in the medical  
men I am attending but have decided  
to write to you so as to ease his mind  
Yours sincerely, Barbara G. Bohman.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Miss Marjorie Damon was employed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria in a clerical capacity at the office placed at my disposal by the Committee of Management of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

This office was under my jurisdiction as Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council, and functioned mainly as the office of the Cancer Registrar of the Hospital, and of the Cancer Information Bureau set up by the Council.

Miss Damon began work with me soon after the office commenced to function, and remained with me for nearly two years, eventually leaving her employment on medical advice.

Her duties during this period were mainly typewriting, longhand entries in a Register, attending to telephone enquiries, interviewing patients and visitors, and keeping a general check on the routine of the office, which was principally concerned with a special follow-up system for cancer patients.

Miss Damon is a very good typiste and has had many years' experience of office work, her knowledge of English is sound. Dictation and shorthand were very little used by me, but I have had reasonable evidence that Miss Damon is proficient in this aspect of clerical work.

Her routine office work was good, but was sometimes marred by inaccuracy with regard to detail. My experience was that her work required supervision, and I felt unable to give her full personal responsibility for correspondence.

Miss Damon is mentally active and energetic, she can work solidly and cheerfully when the necessity arises for a special effort.

I have spoken seriously to Miss Damon about an abruptness of manner which I found somewhat displeasing, I have every reason to believe that she has been sensibly responsive to my advice.

To sum up, I can definitely say that I found Miss Damon capable, well trained, and trustworthy. She is well equipped for clerical work in any office, and I wish her every possible success in any future position.

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

At Melbourne 16/5/41.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

5th May, 1941.

URGENT - REPLY REQUESTED

DALTON

*Wm.*

Dr. J. N. Burgess, M.B., B.S., D.D.R., Melb.,  
27 Mitchell Street,  
BRUNSWICK.

Dear Dr. Burgess,

Can you give me any information about a  
Mr. William Dalton of 10 Blyth Street, Brunswick.

When he was an in-patient at the Royal  
Melbourne Hospital from 5/8/40 - 13/8/40 under  
Mr. Paul Jones for removal of a salivary gland  
neoplasm he gave you as his family doctor.

We have been unable to obtain a report  
or an attendance from him since December of last  
year.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

10th April, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Wm. Dalton, Esq.,  
10 Blyth Street,  
BRUNSWICK.

Dear Mr. Dalton,

Would you please attend Mr. Paul Jones's out-patient clinic at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in order that an examination may be made of the condition for which treatment was given here?

This examination enables us, for your personal benefit, to keep a close watch on the progress of your case, and is an essential part of the follow-up treatment of this Department. It also enables us to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital for you.

An appointment card is enclosed marked with an attendance date and time. When you have seen Mr. Paul Jones make sure that the next appointment is marked on it. Please let the clerk in the desk in the Out-patients' Hall know the date of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc., from attending, please let me know as soon as possible when you can attend. Mr. Paul Jones visits this Hospital every Monday and Thursday at 12.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. NACKAY, M.D.

P.S. Please present this letter at the Out-patients' Dept.

Enc.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

5th March, 1941.

Mrs. Ivy Dunque,  
40 Austin Street,  
FAIRFIELD.

Dear Madam,

I have received your letter of the 3rd March and am somewhat at a loss how to advise you further.

Your hospital doctor evidently thinks that there is no danger of cancer, otherwise he would have recommended an X-ray examination. This is an expensive procedure and is not undertaken unless all the factors in the case have been carefully considered.

I think that you must accept the hospital diagnosis, but if your condition has become worse recently I would certainly advise you to return for further examination.

In time of war it is very difficult to avoid overcrowding in the out-patient departments of public hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM:MD

40 Austin St  
Fairfield

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1941

To Mr Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer  
Dear Sir

I have your letter of the

19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1940 before me, in answer to enquiries I sent to you on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, for which I thank you, I have, <sup>as</sup> ~~has~~ previously stated, been treated with a strict ulcer diet by doctor of a public hospital, well, I took your kind advice i.e. I saw the doctor & asked him if he thought I should have an x-ray, but he didn't seem very interested, <sup>& I had no x-ray -</sup> in fact there was such a high waiting list of out patients that I formed the opinion, the main thing was to get them all through. However, I feel very worried & down, I seem to have an awfull colour, & after 5 months treatment (the diet I kept very strictly to) I am only improved in this way, I don't get the noisy belching nearly so much, but at times my stomach seems to be very sour, & heart palpitation sets up, with often giddy turns. My house work is more often an effort than a pleasure, I might mention that I have not had good health, practically ever since the birth of my only child now (nearly 21) 9 years ago.

after much treatment, I had the uterus removed.  
& I am told the neck was not removed. I have a fair  
amount of discomfort in that respect. I am aged  
41, & my mother was a victim of cancer of the  
stomach at the age of 47. I have the handbook  
prepared by the Anti-Cancer Council, & reading it  
thoroughly, especially Cancer of Stomach & what it says  
in ref to unexplained indigestion. I, of course  
feel concerned. Would you mind letting me know  
any thing further that I should do. I would  
feel very relieved if I could possibly have an  
x-ray, as I naturally feel concerned.

Thank You.

Yours Res  
(Mrs) Ivy Dungee.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

19th October, 1940.

Mrs. Ivy Dunque,  
40 Austin Street,  
FAIRFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Dunque,

I have much pleasure in answering your letter of enquiry of the 16th October.

I would strongly advise you to return to see the doctor at the public hospital where you are being treated for an ulcer of the stomach. Ask him whether he considers that there is any possibility of cancer and whether a special X-ray examination is necessary.

If you require any further advice later please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

40 Austin St  
Fairfield

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1940

To Sec, of Executive Medical Officer  
of Anti Cancer Council of Vic  
Dear Sir

I have received the handbook  
"what every adult should know about cancer"  
for which I thank you. Do I understand  
your council will assist, in satisfying  
any would be sufferers, I have had  
indigestion for many years. I am aged 40  
& have one child 20 years of age,  
however, I attended one of Mel Public  
Hospitals on 3 occasions, & they have  
me on a very strict ulcer diet, but  
they dont seem very interested, of course  
I understand the numbers of patients  
they have to handle. Now I am feeling  
very concerned about my self. & feel  
I would like some satisfaction in the  
way of an Xray etc. Would you kindly  
let me know, I am working at  
hour duties, & of course dont feel up to it  
at times. Yours Very Sincerely  
(Mrs) Dey Dungee,

I would gladly pay for an Xray.

Reply sent 28/2/41  
advising

1) Local med. prof.  
2) District Nurse

3) Austin Hosp

4) appoint. Offend. Mon. 3/3/41

9-12 am.

DR C. V. McKay.

"Booninda"

49 Gore St

Fitzroy

DALTON

Dear Sir:

In pursuance of advice noticed in daily press, to get in touch with your Council, ~~on~~ which you are Executive Officer, I do so on behalf of Mrs Lena Dalton. I spoke to your Secretary at Hospital Tuesday. I was unable to see you, & advised to write. The history of her case is on record at Hospital, X Rays & etc. Mrs Dalton recently collapsed at Camden N.S.W. while on holiday, but rallied sufficient strength to see her back home in Melbourne. Drs. Jeffries of Camden N.S.W. says the cursed thing has pierced to her left lung. Mrs Dalton is ignorant of her true malady & is strongly opposed to going to Hospital. So Doctor you see my dilemma, what possible in case of emergency for a doctor to call, I have a trained nurse in attendance. Mrs Dalton was for 11 years at Princes Hill Solid Centre as daily cleaner on meagre salary of 25/-, so whatever is done is essential to be under the aegis of your Council, please give urgent advice I am

under great stress of mind.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am Sir: Mrs Datto's very close friend,  
Mfr. R. Innes

P.S. is it possible for another X-Ray to be arranged  
I would bring her in taxi to Hospital, it would  
be impossible for her however to do any waiting  
which is unfortunately so characteristic of our  
public hospitals. Save her Dr McKay if humanly possible  
R. Innes.

TEL. SEA LAKE 126

"PERONNE"

SEA LAKE

11/2/41

Dr C.V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council,  
Melbourne,

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Re Mr William Date.

I am writing in reply  
to your letter of 6th February, re the above man.

I saw him at Ultima on Friday last.

He has a small Pterygium of the inner  
angle of the right eye, barely encroaching on the  
cornea. It appears to be in a stationary stage.

He had not had any previous medical  
advice about it but had just got the wind up.

I will keep an eye on it and send him  
to an Oculist should it show any growth. It is  
certainly not malignant.

Yours sincerely,

*J. H. Gleeson*

M.B. B.S.

6th February, 1941.

Dr. J. M. Sleeman,  
Sutcliffe Street,  
SEA LAKE.

DATE, Wm

Dear Dr. Sleeman,

Copies of correspondence with a  
Mr. William Date of Ultima are enclosed for your  
information.

If you consider that treatment in  
Melbourne is essential for this patient, and that  
his financial circumstances are such that the Anti-  
Cancer Council should make all necessary arrangements  
for this purpose, I shall take immediate steps for  
this purpose.

I should be grateful for this  
information and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

Ultima  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1941

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Dr. J. M. Sleeman of Sea Lake is going to have a look at my eye next Friday.

He usually visits Ultima every Friday but the last couple of Fridays he did not turn up so I rang him on the phone and he promised to be at Ultima next Friday and see me. Please write to him and give him all instructions

Yours Faithfully

William Lute.