

Dr. L. V. Mackay

Dear Sir

ELLIOTT

C/o Melford Wors  
621 Elizabeth St.

Melbourne

Sept 2nd

I have just read an account of your address at the Annual meeting of the Austin Hospital on cancer. The case outlined by you is similar in all respects to that of my wife who is 34. I am therefore taking the liberty of writing you to solicit your advice & help to see if anything can be done to alleviate her suffering. The case is as follows. In June 1940 my wife was operated on for the removal of the left breast due to its cancerous condition. She had a number of treatments of deep therapy. The doctor assured me it was quite clean when the job was finished. However in January of this year she complained of numerous pains in the back and gradually they got worse. The doctor thought it may have been a rheumatic condition and he treated her for

However late in February she  
as doubled up in pain and could  
not endure it. She was X-rayed by  
Dr Stephens of Collins St and the  
report was to the effect that she  
had a bone condition similar to  
your report, that is at the seat  
of the spine and pelvis and the  
7th vertebra had collapsed and  
the secondary growths were very  
conspicuous. Dr Stephens and our  
doctor J. H. Boddy of Colsterworth  
both informed me that she only  
had a few months to live  
especially if it attacked the liver.  
I sent her to a private hospital  
because I could not get her into  
any of the larger hospitals  
other than the Austin without  
her knowing what she had.  
I did not send her to the Austin  
because of this reason as I did  
not want her to know as it would  
have broken her up completely.  
Anyway she did not get any  
worse at the hospital and  
she has now been home for  
5 weeks and now after 6 months  
apart from various upsets and

arts of pain she is to my mind  
no worse than when she went  
to bed. She has been on the  
hypodermic needle for 4 months  
once a day. Just prior to  
her coming away from the  
hospital I interviewed Dr  
Hembrow of Collins St who saw  
her with Dr Body but he  
could not offer me any further  
advice other than what I had  
been given. I must say that Dr  
Body wanted her to go to the Austin  
but he did not press me as he thought  
it was only a matter of time and  
she would be happier home with her  
children. I could not send her there  
at the time but now after 6 months  
if she was told what she had and  
that the Austin Hospital could do  
so much more for her I am sure  
that she would take it ever so  
much better. Would you therefore  
advise me or grant me an interview  
in order that I could do the  
right thing. Please communicate  
with me at the above address  
if you can do anything at all

for me for which I would  
be greatly indebted to you.

Yours sincerely

L Elliott

4th September, 1941.

L. Elliott, Esq.,  
c/o Welford Motors,  
621 Elizabeth St.,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

I have read your letter of the 2nd of September with much sympathy.

It is possible that rest in bed under good conditions with deep x-ray treatment daily might help your wife considerably. I should like to see you to discuss the whole aspect of the question.

Would you kindly ring me up and we can arrange an appointment suitable to both of us.

Yours faithfully,

10th September, 1941.

ELLIOTT Mrs.

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

Dear Sir,

It is with profound pleasure that I read your letter dated September 4th. sent to my son-in-law, Mr. Elliott. I cannot gather words to express my feelings for my little daughter. My life really has been one of tears, although there has been happiness connected with it. I am not really asking for special preference as I know there are hundreds of other poor sufferers.

I have a boy  $10\frac{1}{2}$  years old who has been under all the leading specialists during the last five years with asthma and bronchial trouble, together with the fact that he was in such poor condition no Doctor seemed to be able to put weight on him. I was advised by a German friend to get a goat, which I did and after six months treatment my boy had gained  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, the occurrence of the asthma was diminishing and after fifteen months he is now cured and is a fine stamp of boy, over the average weight. I then interested myself in these wonderful animals insomuch as I wrote to a friend in America who stated definitely that the scientists in Russia and America had proved that the blood taken from the goat and injected into the blood stream of the humbeing was an absolute cure for not only cancer but tuberculosis. I spent days in Sydney taking up this matter with the Cancer Research and other medical men, behind my mind was the fact of endeavouring to cure my little girl, but really nobody seemed interested they wanted journals and all sorts of matters appertaining to the case.

I know definitely that you are a very busy man, but I also know that you must have a heart and I sincerely trust that my appealing to you to do your best for Mrs. Elliott is not asking too much. I expect to be in Melbourne within the next fortnight and I would welcome indeed to meet you if it is possible, but of course you will understand I will not be disappointed if I cannot see you. I am sure my little girl has plenty of grit left and will help you fight.

I am enclosing a few photographs to allow you to know the interest I have taken in goats. Mrs. Hamilton is also keenly interested in these wonderful little animals. The photograph marked "X" is not my wife but a friend who has been permanently cured of gastric ulcers. She is that pleased with the goats' milk treatment that she insisted on having her photograph taken and I might mention she is a retired person.

C. V. MacKay,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
MELBOURNE. C.1. VICTORIA.

10th September, 1941.

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Now I sincerely trust that I am within my depth  
in writing you as I am but I am sure you will understand my feelings  
at this particular moment. I am endeavouring to do my best as a  
father for my little girl.

Yours very sincerely,

*W. J. Hamilton*

(W. J. Hamilton)

3 Rosebery Road,  
KILLARA. N.S.W.

11th September, 1941.

W. J. Hamilton, Esq.,  
3 Rosebery Road,  
KILLARA, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 10th September.

Mr. Elliott has informed me by telephone that Mrs. Elliott is going to Heidelberg House, which is an intermediate hospital attached to the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg - for special deep x-ray treatment to the secondary bone growths of cancer which have followed upon her cancer of the breast.

I have noted your observations with regard to the milk and blood of goats. The whole subject of cancer is terribly difficult and I regret that at present I am unable to arrange an interview on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

10th October, 1941.

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

Dear Doctor,

In the first instance I sincerely thank you for going along to see my little daughter, Mrs. Elliott, and I am extremely sorry that although I endeavoured very hard to contact you by 'phone I was unsuccessful.

I sort of feel, Doctor, that I have neglected the matter but somehow I lost all hopes and I know our meeting would just be from a friendly angle and that no hopes could be held out.

However, please accept my sincere thanks for the interest you have taken and if by any chance you are in Sydney I would be delighted to have some lunch with you.

There is no need for you to answer this letter as I know you are an extremely busy man.

Sincerely yours,



(W. J. Hamilton.)

3 Rosebery Road,  
KILLARA.

13th October, 1941.

W. J. Hamilton, Esq.,  
3 Rosebery Road,  
KILLARA.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 10th of October.

I am sorry that you were unable to establish telephonic contact with me in Melbourne.

My Council has discouraged personal interviews otherwise I should have been pleased to make an appointment. Your daughter is extremely ill and all that can be done is an attempt to make her comfortable.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

COPY

ARARAT & DISTRICT HOSPITAL

21/4/41

Dear Dr. Mackay,

The bearer of this note, Mr. B. Edwards, set 37, a baker by trade, had a growth removed from his lower lip 12 months ago by the late Dr. Joyce.

The specimen was sent to a pathologist who reported that it was non-malignant in spite of clinical appearances and he was not sent for deep therapy.

I saw him for the first time two days ago with the all too obvious growth on his jaw, and am sending him on to you at once as we have not the necessary facilities for his proper treatment here.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) FRANK J. BONNIN

Original letter attached to medical history.

11th August, 1941.

Dr. C. E. Eddy, D.Sc.,  
Physicist in Charge,  
Commonwealth X-ray & Radium Laboratory,  
University of Melbourne,  
CARLTON, N.S.

Dear Dr. Eddy,

I desire to read some of the recent literature on radiotherapy. May I come to your office and "browse a little" on your books without being too much in the way.

My report on the application from the Women's Hospital is not yet completed, and I may be asked for it at short notice.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

Sutherland Home  
Plenty P. O.  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1941

To the

Cancer Information Bureau,

Will you please send me  
Information about your Cancer Research  
Work.

I am troubled about a soreness  
in the left breast and would like to  
have it examined

Yours sincerely  
(Miss) C. M. Evans

1st July, 1941.

Miss C. M. Evans,  
Sutherland Home,  
PLENTY P.O.

Dear Miss Evans,

I am pleased to send you our booklet on cancer with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council.

If you desire to have your breast examined regarding the possibility of cancer I should prefer you to visit your local medical practitioner.

If there is not one available I shall be pleased to see you at my office at the above address any day between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

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

22nd July, 1941.

Dr. C. E. Eddy, D.Sc.,  
Physicist-in-charge,  
Commonwealth X-ray & Radium Laboratory,  
University of Melbourne,  
CARLTON, N.S.

Dear Dr. Eddy,

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks your letter of the 21st July containing references to the treatment of cancer of the cervix uteri by means of a combination of radium and x-rays.

I shall read the copies of the papers by Dr. Cuscaden and Mr. Oddie which you have forwarded to me and return them to you.

Again many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

17th June, 1941.

Dr. Harley J. Enniss,  
51 Nunn St.,  
BENALLA.

Re Ellen TREWIN

Filed under "T"

21st May, 1941.

Miss E. Edhouse,  
Reef Street,  
MALDON.

Dear Miss Edhouse,

I am very pleased to make arrangements for your appointment at the Out-patient Clinic on May 29th. If you find any difficulty with regard to the payment of your fares will you please see the Head Almoner (Miss Bethune) when you attend the Hospital.

We have a special fund for this purpose to be used in cases of necessity.

Yours faithfully,

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

21st May, 1941.

Mr. Robbie,  
Officer in Charge,  
Cut-patients Department,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Mr. Robbie,

Would you kindly do what you can to lessen the waiting time for this cancer patient to enable her to catch the return afternoon train to Maldon.

And oblige,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY.

*Letter passed on to  
Mr. Robbie*

CVM.BH

Howard Eddey, Esq., B.Sc., F.R.C.S.,  
The Clinic,  
28-32 Paisley Street,  
FOOTSCRAY, W.11.

Re LANDGREN Harold 2/5/41

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"COMBAT CANCER WITH CASH"

# Anti-Cancer Council

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CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

22nd April, 1941.

MR B. EDWARDS

Dr. F. J. Bonnin, M.D.,  
Ararat & District Hospital,  
ARARAT.

Dear Dr. Bonnin,

Mr. Syme saw the patient, Mr. B. Edwards,  
with me today. Arrangements have been made for an  
X-ray of the jaw, and I will let you know later  
what the developments are.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY

1st May, 1941

Mr. B. EDWARDS

Dr. F. J. Bonnin, M.D.,  
Ararat District Hospital,  
ALABAMA.

Dear Dr. Bonnin,

The following are further particulars relating to your patient Mr. E. Edwards.

He was admitted to Ward 5 under Mr. Syme the first day he attended the hospital.

The swelling attached to the mandible on the right side was found to be non-removable by operation, and was considered to be undoubtedly malignant. A specimen for section was taken. Further treatment is to be by means of Deep X-ray Therapy under Dr. Kaye-Scott's supervision.

The outlook as you will recognize is bad.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. HACKAY.

P.S. I observed the recent announcement in the "Argus" cabled from London with regret.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

16th April, 1941.

Mrs. P. Ellis,  
117 Williams Road,  
HAWKSBURN, S.E.1.

Dear Mrs. Ellis,

I have received your letter of the 11th of April and am sorry to learn that you have been very ill.

Please come and see me at any time convenient to yourself, but ring up for an appointment beforehand.

Yours faithfully,

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



CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

31st March, 1941.

Miss Helena M. Eldridge, S.R.N.  
~~Quantary,~~ *Quankong*  
VICTORIA.

Dear Madam,

I am returning your "cancer research  
work" as requested by you.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. Mackay, M.D.)  
EXECUTIVE MEDICAL OFFICER

Enc..

Quantong.  
March. 21st.

Dr. C. V. Mackay  
Dear Sir

Will you please  
forward back cancer research work  
and treatment.

Yours faithfully  
Helena M. Eldridge.  
S. R. N.

Quantong  
Jan 8th 1941

C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir

not acknowledged

Will you please let me know what remuneration the Government or your council will give for, Cancer is a disease of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the treatment of Cancer.

I have cured cancer in late stages, with prior operations for cancer.

Of course the experiment will have to be faithfully carried out and on your word that some remuneration will be paid me I shall forward down the information, not the cause of the disease, but which part of the body

Together with the full treatment  
of same. Will the council  
please forward a signed  
statement to the effect that  
the new cure for cancer will  
be mine. I intend that no  
one else shall have the  
honour even if I do not  
get any remuneration.

If these conditions  
are fulfilled I shall be  
only too glad to give my  
services to the country.

Yours faithfully  
Helena M. Eldridge  
S. R. N.

Quantong.  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1941

Dear Dr. Mackay Enclosed please  
find balance of treatment. I have  
given you every help in my power.  
Will you please correct any mistakes  
in spelling.

I remain  
Yours faithfully  
H. M. Eldridge.

P.S. It was no sacrifice to get better  
I was only 29 besides I was a  
nurse.

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INFORMATION BUREAU,  
C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

January 14th, 1941.

Miss H. M. Eldridge, S.R.N.,  
Quantong.

Dear Madam,

I shall bring your communication concerning a cure for cancer to the notice of the Chairman of the Medical and Scientific Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council at as early a date as possible. This Committee examines all questions of research into possible cures for cancer. Claims similar to your own are not infrequently made and the Council is always anxious to investigate each one carefully lest some valuable scientific discovery might possibly be overlooked.

Medical men, as distinct from lay investigators, are always anxious to give the sick and stricken of this world their discoveries without conditions. I might instance the treatment of diabetes by insulin, of pernicious anaemia by liver extract, of syphilis by an arsenical compound, etc. etc.

Yours faithfully,

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

per

*M. Dawson*

.MD

*Since the treatment of Cancer I  
may mention that medical men as distinct  
from lay investigators always exact the price of  
their services, even I have had to pay my 10/6.*

## X-Ray Voltage For Cancer Treatment

Cabled news that a 2,000,000-volt X-ray generator is being built for St. Bartholomew's Hospital, England, to fight cancer, has interested medical men here.

The executive medical officer of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria (Dr. C. V. Mackay) said today that the highest voltage used in Australia for treatment purposes was 400,000, while most machines were only 200,000.

Naturally the reports and results of treatment by these extremely high voltages would be watched with great interest by the Anti-Cancer Council and all specialists in Australia interested in the treatment of cancer by radiotherapy.

America had been using high voltages—up to approximately 1,000,000—he said, but these machines were not only very costly; great engineering skill was needed to produce them.

Will you please let me know as soon as possible if the treatment is accepted. Otherwise I shall forward it to England personally to the King. There are millions of his subjects waiting.

Of course you will have to go a little deeper into research work such as - Cancer of the kidney was formerly known as a tubercular kidney - Olive oil enema to be given for Cancer of the bowel before rectal feeding and last thing at night. Also that Syphilis is the disease picked up in cancer of the genital organs.

H. M. Eldridge.

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Yours faithfully,

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

per

CVM.MD

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

17th March, 1941.

H. S. Evans, Esq.,  
38 Glenhuntly Road,  
ELSTERNWICK, S.4.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in sending you one of our booklets on cancer.

It is somewhat difficult to advise you about an X-ray examination without any information concerning the type of disease or the particular portion of the body for which an X-ray is required. The usual procedure is for the local medical practitioner to arrange for an X-ray examination with an X-ray specialist in the Collins Street district, or to send the patient with a letter to a public hospital.

The cost of an X-ray at the hands of a specialist varies greatly with the part to be X-rayed.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

CVM:ND

38 Glenhastly Rd,  
Elsternwick, SA.

12-3-41.

Dear Sir

Could you please send me  
your booklets regarding Cancer and the  
procedure to get a x-ray and the  
probable cost.

yours faithfully.

H. S. Evans.

Prof Street  
Maldon

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Dear Sir

I am about to trespass on your time  
once more, you asked me in your  
last letter to let the clerk at the  
desk know of my next appointment  
and in my haste to catch my  
train at 2.35 I quite forgot my duty  
So please doctor forgive me and accept  
my apology for the error  
My next appointment is May. 29<sup>th</sup>  
Faithfully yours  
Ellen. Edhouse

SURGICAL FOLLOW UP DEPT.

20th February, 1941

Miss Ellen Edhouse,  
Reef Street,  
MALDON.

Dear Miss Edhouse,

I am pleased to be of assistance in the matter of your appointment with Mr. Burke for next Thursday (27th February).

If you show this letter to the clerk at the desk in the Out-Patients' Hall it will help you in the matter of waiting.

Please inform the clerk in the out-patients' hall of the date of your next appointment.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.

Reef Street  
Maldon

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Please return

Dr Mackay

Dear Sir

I am about to take your kindness and generosity once more. The date of my next visit to Royal Melbourne Hospital for examination at Mr Burke's outpatient clinic is Thursday Feb 27th, and would you kindly arrange an appointment for me as soon as possible after Mr Burke arrives. Thanking you in anticipation

yours faithfully  
Ellen Edhouse

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Home  
you will find  
✓  
21/2/41  
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SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

21st November, 1940.

Miss Ellen Edhouse,  
Reef Street,  
Maldon.

Dear Miss Edhouse,

I am pleased to be of assistance in the manner you request in your letter of the 17th November. If you show this letter to the clerk at the desk in the Out-Patients' Hall it will facilitate matters and probably save waiting. Please let her know the date of your next appointment with Mr. Burke.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. Mackay).

Keef Street  
Maldon  
17/11/40

Dr Mackay

Dear Sir

I am writing you re. my next follow up. visit to the Melbourne Hospital  
you, perhaps will remember. ~~the~~  
writing me on July 1st. asking me to  
attend Mr Burke's out patient clinic  
for an examination of the condition for  
which treatment was given in the  
royal Melbourne Hospital. I, in answer  
to that letter came to the Hospital on  
July 11th. I saw Mr Burke. and I  
returned to Maldon on the same day  
I took it for granted that you arranged  
for me not to be kept waiting. and  
this letter is purely a request that you  
will do the same for me again please;  
Mr Burke marked my card for the  
28th of November. and I am

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coming to Melbourne to visit the hospital on that date.

Will you please tell me if I am to see the same doctor and if the hours are the same

Yours faithfully

Ellen Edhouse

address

Miss. Ellen. Edhouse  
Reef. Street  
Maldon

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(AFFILIATED WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN)

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.I.

4th February, 1941.

748 EDWARDS

Dr. E. J. C. Hamp,  
Drouin, Vic.

Dear Dr. Hamp,

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Should this patient die and the cause of death be ascertained, I should be grateful for the information.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay

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

Died 6.2.41.  
Lower edge was palpable  
6" below R.C.M.  
(measured)  
P.M. not held.  
Expansion of  
liver was very  
rapid. NO  
umbilications  
could be felt.  
In my opinion  
death was due to  
presence of secondary  
malignant deposits  
in liver.  
no enlarged lymph glands could  
be felt any where, in neck, axillae  
or groins.  
Casoni Test: Negative  
CVM.MD  
Delayed

E. J. C. Hamp

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C. HAMP

DROUIN,

VICTORIA

ONE, DROUIN 13

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

1941.

Dr. G. V. Mackay.

R. M. H.

Melbourne.

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Dear Doctor,

re Mr. George Edwards

This patient has asked me to reply to your letter of Jan 21.

He is now in the West Gifford Hospital. His hair edge extends at least 6" below his right costal margin.

I assume that he has had a malignant growth removed from the right side of his face, & that the hair enlargement is due to the presence of secondary deposits. I can find no publications I am arranging to do a lesson shortly.

I am,

Yours sincerely,  
G. J. C. Hamphill

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 30th, 1941.

Mrs. M. Ellis,  
Box 8,  
Hawthorn P.O., E.2.

Dear Madam,

I am very pleased to answer your letter of the 3rd January, which has only just reached me, and to forward you one of our booklets on cancer.

We have no evidence that aluminium has any causative effect in producing cancer, and we can state confidently that cancer is not an hereditary disease.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

Enc.

(Postal Address) Box 8

Hawthorn Post Office

Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1941

Dear Sirs

In an article of Wednesday's Sun on Cancer. I would be very grateful if you would send me a copy of same on Cancer. & I am sure that everyone should have, also I wonder if you could honestly tell me if Aluminium is cause of Cancer. & if Cancer is hereditary.

Trusting to receive same at an early date

I am

Yours faithfully

Wm W. Ellis

R/10 311 Burnwood Rd

Hawthorn E2

TELEPHONE  
RINGWOOD 98

HOURS 8.30 -- 10 A.M.  
12.30 -- 2 P.M.  
6 -- 7 P.M.

WARRENDER,  
MITCHAM  
2nd December 1940.

CR 200  
EVANS

Dear Dr, Mackay,

In reply to yours of the 27th instant I have to inform you that Mr. Charles Evans of Lucknow Street, Mitcham, died on the 10th July last. There was nothing remarkable about the progress of his illness.

With regard to Mrs. Aitken, mentioned in the same letter, I cannot recollect having attended anyone of that name. If you would be good enough to send me a telephone message giving her address and approximate date of treatment I will make a hunt through my books.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

*Stanley Cochrane*

*re this -  
Dr Mackay spoke  
on telephone  
to Dr Cochrane.  
6.12.40*

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
MELBOURNE.

27th November, 1940.

Dr. Stanley Cochrane,  
Mitcham Road,  
MITCHAM.

Dear Dr. Cochrane,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, a Mr. Charles Evans of Lucknow Street, Mitcham. He was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 29th October to 4th November, 1939 and again from 8th to 22nd November, 1939 and was diagnosed as suffering from carcinoma 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. We do not inform the patients that their case is of interest to the Anti-Cancer Council, however, and act through the Hospital concerned when dealing directly with them.

I hope that you will be able to help us in the matter of Mr. ~~Aitken~~ Evans.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

362 Albee Street  
East North. C. C.

Dear Mr. Richards,

Would you please send  
me the same Booklet you mentioned  
last Thursday.

Thanking you in  
anticipation

I am,

yours truly

(Miss) E. Ellis

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29-11-40

INFORMATION BUREAU,

2nd December, 1940.

Henry Eickert, Esq.,  
8 Bishop Street,  
Box Hill, E.11.

Dear Mr. Eickert,

I have pleasure in answering  
your letter of November 28th.

I advise you to attend the  
Out-Patient Department of either the Royal  
Melbourne Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital  
or the Alfred Hospital for suitable treatment  
to be given to the sore on your lip.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

8 Bishop St  
Bosc Hill E11  
Nov 28 1940

Dear Sir.

Having read your book re cancer lent to me and noted its contents. I have a sore on my lip for quite a long time does not seem really bad also a little sore spot on my tongue. I am a returned soldier not able to do much, but I could contribute towards cost of examination hoping to hear from you I am yours faithfully

Henry Eckert

177 Williams's Road  
Dunstable DE 1.  
Friday 25. 40

Dear Dr Mackay I must get

Your letter until this evening  
I had to be at the hospital  
at nine by appointment with  
Dr Mitchell. They didn't charge  
me for + Ray. but I will  
ask for that gentleman and  
give it him as I am so  
stuffed about everything  
I bought the money and  
would rather they would take  
it as I don't like entire  
charity it makes me un-  
happy. And the sister is  
helping me if I truly  
yours  
E. L. L.

P.S. - I am sorry for the trouble on the hospital



177 Williams Road  
Frankston S.F. 1  
Wednesday 23.40

Dear Mr McKay. Will you

kindly let me know, what  
I will have to pay for  
treatment. I will ~~please~~  
as I do not wish to suppose  
but, am willing to pay what  
a woman supports herself  
would be expected to pay  
of a donation

my husband  
having reached 63 last  
birthday has failed to  
continue supporting me  
I do not understand the  
form I have brought away  
I think I would rather  
not fill in in

Yrs faithfully  
Mrs P. A. Ellis

2 COLLINS STREET,  
MELBOURNE, C.1

22 OCT 1940

Dear Dr Mackay

Mr Ellis's Rx is  
a mystery at this stage - I wish  
I had seen it earlier. I feel sure it  
will never see again, but am doubtful  
as to the pathology - I would have  
been for a week or two & suggest Dr  
Jones & Mr H for complete investigation  
- beginning in the eye dept

Yrs truly

Lennox Hutcheon

17th October, 1940.

Dr. Leonard Mitchell, M.D., B.S., Melb.; F.R.A.C.S.,  
2 Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Len,

ELLIS. M<sup>Ks</sup> P. D

I have made an appointment for a Mrs. P. D. Ellis, of 177 Williams Road, Hawksburn, S.E.1, to see you on Tuesday next at 3.15 p.m. I conduct a Cancer Information Bureau, and this lady wrote to me for advice. I enclose my reply to her communication. She came to see me last Tuesday although I discourage all personal consultations.

The information which she gave me was that she was gravely concerned about her eye and her duration of life. A malignant growth has been diagnosed to be present in her right eye, both at the Eye and Ear Hospital and by private practitioners. She still clings to a hope that the eye may be saved and states that she would prefer death to loss of the eye. The circumstances are tragic.

Would you be so kind as to see her for a reduced fee of one guinea, and to give her the benefit of your advice on this important question?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

INFORMATION BUREAU,

3rd October, 1940.

Mrs. P. D. Ellis,  
177 Williams Road,  
BAKESBURN, S.E.1.

Dear Mrs. Ellis,

I am pleased to reply to your  
letter of the 2nd inst.

I regret to say that we have as  
yet only been able to establish an Information  
Bureau, and we have no facilities for the inves-  
tigation and treatment of individual patients.

I would recommend you to visit  
a consultant in the Collins Street, area, or to  
attend the out-patient surgical department of  
one of the large public hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

177 William's Rd  
Lawton Okla 3 E 1

Wednesday 2.40

Dear Sir

I have reason to  
suspect there is a Cancer  
in my body but am  
not sure that such is  
the case I would be  
pleased if I could  
visit one of the many  
Bureau's Headquarters  
of which Sir Hugh Devine  
is Chairman

I trust to be  
advised

Yours truly  
W. J. P. O. Ellis

175. Balcombe St

Mentone  
Oct. 11 1940

Dr. Linn sent a letter  
14.10.40

I am a woman  
of 77 on Oct. 25. I feel very  
well have good health. One  
child 53 yrs old.

I late I do have a nasty  
dragging pain in my  
left side & a tick feeling  
after meals. I am very  
active & this pain is  
worse at night. I should  
be so much obliged if you  
would forward me your  
book on Cancer Symptoms  
I am on No. 40 P. A. Road.  
Appon St. like under time.  
Very very urgent  
yours really  
(Mrs) E. M. Carna

27th September, 1940.

T. J. Evans, Esq.,  
Merton, Vic.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have pleasure in answering your letter of the 23rd September and acknowledge the stamps to the value of sixpence which you enclosed.

I am forwarding, with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, ten copies of our recently published handbook on cancer, which is entitled "What every adult should know about Cancer." I hope that you may be able to distribute these in the Merton district.

The Anti-Cancer Council quite definitely has a subscription list to enable it to carry on its work, and any contribution would be gratefully acknowledged.

I am registering this letter as you have requested, and I enclose one copy of the handbook for yourself.

Yours faithfully,

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

Merton

23-9-40

To Secretary  
Anti-Cancer Council  
Victoria

Dear Sir

As I have quite a number of people here greatly interested in the efforts & work of your "Council" I shall be pleased to receive any "pamphlets or literature" relating to Anti-Cancer knowledge.

Trusting that you may feel pleased to assist us in this direction.

I am enclosing sixpence for registration of your reply as by some means some of my mail has gone astray of late.

Please inform if you have a subscription list as I will be pleased to forward a small contribution.

I am yours

Respectfully J. Evans

J. Evans  
Merton  
Victoria

SURGICAL FOLLOW UP DEPARTMENT.

12th August, 1940.

Mr. N. S. Draper,  
Baptist Manse,  
36 Victoria Street,  
COBURG, N.13.

ERWIN

Dear Mr. Draper,

Thank you very much for  
the courtesy of your reply to my enquiries  
re Mr. G. Erwin.

The information contained  
in your letter will be entered in the particular  
records concerning Mr. Erwin.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

CVM.MD

St Victoria I.

Coburg N. 13

6 8 10

Dear Dr Mackay, Replying to your  
letter of 5<sup>th</sup> with enquiries re Mr G  
Erwin.

I am glad to say he is still  
alive & well, & I should say he  
was before I went to bed when I  
have now been 3 months. When last  
I saw him he was at his work at the  
bakehouse. His address is now 63  
Shaftsbury St. W. Coburg. I will  
try & get a message to him urging  
him to see Mr Lawson. It is possible  
however that his shift hours may make  
it difficult to go on the days & at the  
times specified.

I am glad to write  
Yours sincerely  
N. S. Draper.

Baptist House

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT.

5th August, 1940.

Mr. Drake,  
Baptist Minister,  
Grandview Avenue,  
Pascoe Vale, W.7.

Dear Mr. Drake,

One of your parishioners, Mr. Gilbert Erwin, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 16th April to 5th September, 1939. His address was 62 Springhall Parade, Pascoe Vale, W.7.

Since his discharge he has only attended the out-patient clinic twice. He has been written to twice to attend again, but without response. As his was a very grave complaint it is doubtful if he is still living, and for this reason I hesitate to write again.

Would it be possible for you to let me know if he is still alive, and if so his condition of health? If he can, I would like him to attend his out-patient surgeon, Mr. Lawson, at this Hospital on any Monday or Thursday in August, at 12.30.

Hoping this does not inconvenience you, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

(A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply)

312

Reef Street  
Maldon  
7/7/40

Dr Mackay

Edhouse

Dear Sir

I cannot be grateful enough to you, for your kind interest in my case. I received your letter on Saturday, promising to arrange that I ~~my~~<sup>am</sup> not kept waiting, when I come to Melbourne to see Mr Burke; I expect to come to Melbourne next Thursday by the first train in the morning, and will be on

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me at the hospital and  
why I can get back the  
same day. It will mean a  
lot to me. Hoping all will  
be well on Thursday, the 11th  
when I see Mr. Burke.

Faithfully yours

E. Edhouse

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

5th July, 1940.

Miss Ellen Edhouse,  
Reef Street,  
MALDON.

Dear Miss Edhouse,

I received your letter today  
and am sorry to learn you have a severe cold.

If you will let me know which  
Monday or Thursday in July you are coming down  
to see Mr. Burke I will arrange with the Officer  
in charge of the Out-Patient Department that you  
are not kept waiting. It is anticipated that you  
will be able to catch the 5.40 p.m. train back -  
you may even be able to catch the 2.35 p.m.

Please show this letter at the  
desk in the Out-Patients' Hall.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. MACKAY, M.D.)

CVM.MD

Peef Street  
Maldon  
4/7/40

Dr Mackay

Edhouse - CR 312

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your memo  
of the 1st, requesting my  
attendance at the Royal Melbourne  
Hospital for examination.  
I will do my best to attend  
before July is out. but I have  
just recovered from a severe  
cold. I am not feeling the  
best I hope there will be no  
need to stay in Melbourne

the climate does not suit me  
in the winter.

anything should occur  
prevent my visit - I will  
let you know at once

faithfully yours

Miss Ellen Edhouse

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16th July, 1940.

A. V. Greenwood, Esq.,  
68 Prospect Hill Road,  
East Camberwell, E.6.

Dear Mr. Greenwood,

I am returning the  
two publications, which you kindly lent  
me, by this post.

I have been very inter-  
ested in dietary questions for some years.

Many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

CR 200 "Gravells"  
To Dr C V Mackay EVANS Bucknow St  
München

Dear Sir 2-7-46  
Your notification re Mr Evans  
attended at the Clinic to hand  
I wish to tell you that Mr Evans  
has been confined to his bed  
this last six weeks and is  
unable to get up or go anywhere  
leave alone travel to the  
Hospital. He can only take liquid  
nourishment & give him, tea,  
Bovril milk, orange juice and  
brandy & water when he feels  
famished. I have to do everything  
for him night & day & the  
bowel & bladder act and he  
has no control over it as his  
urine & fecal matter have to  
be changed frequently.  
His body has got so emaciated  
& he is so weak he cannot sit  
up in bed. The disease seems  
to be making rapid progress  
so I think the end is not far  
dist off. I am an invalid

myself suffering with fibros-intestis  
and ulceration of the lower bowels  
& Mrs Murray has been a great  
strain on my nervous system  
The last time Mr Evans attended  
the Clinic the doctor said they  
could do no more for him but  
just let him be continue

Two last 14 years.

Lately Parrish Gil.  
I had to get Dr Cochrane  
or Mitcham to attend him  
several times. He gave  
him something to make him  
sleep but it was only temporary  
relief. He seems to get  
worse every day.

So you will understand why  
Mr Evans cannot come up to the  
Hospital any more unless  
he were brought there in an  
Ambulance. We cannot afford  
that & I have only my Pension.

I am yours faithfully  
Mrs A Culbert  
(who is nursing)  
Mr Evans

JVM:NA

9th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

James W. C. Espie, Esq.,  
17 Avelin Street,  
HAMPTON. S.7.

Dear Mr. Espie,

I am very pleased to answer your enquiry  
of the 6th May.

I would earnestly advise you to attend  
the out-patient surgical department of the Alfred Hospital  
in Commercial Road, Prahran. You will receive an examination  
there which will determine whether a cancer is present or not.

Yours faithfully,

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

6-5-40

17 Arvelin St  
Hampton

Sir

On seeing a cutting in the paper  
re your cancer treatment well Sir I am  
in a quandary as to whether I have a  
cancer or not but all people I have spoken  
to seems to think I have got a cancer  
and I am getting quite worried and as I  
cannot afford much medical treatment  
I am writing you for your information  
as to what you would advise me to do  
and I would be obliged if you could  
give any information hoping to hear  
from you soon

I remain

Yr James. W. C. Espie  
17 Arvelin street  
Hampton S. 7

30th April, 1940.

L. Ellis, Esq.,  
3 Crisp Street,  
WEST PRESTON.

Dear Mr. Ellis,

There is nothing in your symptoms, as you have enumerated them to me, which is suggestive of cancer.

I think that you must, under these circumstances, trust the diagnosis of your own doctor. At the same time I would tell him of your family history of cancer, and ask him whether he thinks any special investigations of your stomach or bowel are necessary.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM:MD

3 Crespe Street

W. Preston

23-4-40

Dear Sir

Re Cancer notice in the Sun Newspaper.

My health is not the best, despite the fact that medical opinion is that there is very little wrong, & considering the following fact though it is well to eliminate any possibility of cancer being present.

I am 46 years, - work as a skilled mechanic, but I am beginning to find it difficult to concentrate, losing all ambition, & I am always exhausted, & tired, suffer with a perpetual weakness, that is only temporarily relieved by food or stimulants etc.

My Doctor is treating me for nerves, but both my parents died with cancer, so no doubt you will see I have some cause for anxiety.

While not wishing to doubt my Dr's opinion, I feel justified in writing to you because I have felt so completely run down for such a long time, & do not want to take unnecessary risks.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

S. Ellis

C. R.

Lucasnow St

200  
Chas. Evans

Mitcham V

1. 3. 190

Dr C. V. Mackay  
Follow-up Dept  
Melbne Hospital

Dear Sir

Your very nice letter of 29<sup>th</sup> ult  
received & many thanks for the  
Appointment card. All going well I will  
be at Mr King's room at 1.30 pm on Monday  
4<sup>th</sup> inst.

I was thinking of calling to try see Dr  
Henderson - Ward 8 - for a couple of minutes to get  
a little information concerning the Op. - which I  
foolishly failed to ask for when there, & which  
may be wanted by local Dr some day. I hope not  
both have pulled up & spoken to me re. Op. & result  
but have not had em in professionally. Can't pay em.

I attended Mr King's on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec but he was not there  
some other gent gave me medicine for violent pains  
occasionally in bowels.

Again thanking you

Yours sincerely  
C. J. Evans

Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
XX  
Lonsdale XXXXXX

31st January, 1940.

DR. C. V. MACKAY, EXECUTIVE MEDICAL OFFICER.

Travelling Expenses (Base Hospitals)  
December 1939 and January 1940.

TOTAL:	£21:15:2.
RECEIVED CHEQUE:	£20: 0:0.
" CASH:	£1:15:2.

Expenses, journey, Ballarat, Ararat, Hamilton & Warrnambool.  
12/1/40 to 19/1/40 inclusive.

Railway fares:	£2/13/4
Hotel expenses:	£7/ 8/6
Taxi fares:	17/-
Incidentals:	£1/ 4/6
	<u>£12/3/4</u>

Expenses, journeys, Bendigo & Mildura, 12/12/39 to 23/12/39.

Railway fares:	£4/13/4
Taxi fares:	12/6
Hotel expenses:& meals:	£2/16/6
sundries:	8/-
	<u>£8/10/4</u>

Expenses, journey to Geelong,

Fares:	7/6
Taxis:	9/-
Meals:	5/-
	<u>£1/1/6</u>

CVM.MD

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.



ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
XX  
Lonsdalexxxx

9th February, 1940.

R. Eymmer, Esq., Ph.C., M.P.S.,  
759 High Street,  
THORNBURY, N.17.

Dear Mr. Eymmer,

Thanks for your letter of  
enquiry of the 7th February.

I am enclosing a short  
statement about cancer which I have prepared.  
I have a pamphlet under consideration at  
present; when published I shall send you a  
copy.

Sincerely yours,

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

CVM.MD

ER, PH.C., M.P.S.

Resident Dispensing

Chemist



PHONE JW 1031

759 HIGH STREET

THORNBURY, N. 17

4-2-1940

Dear Sir,

Can you supply any literature  
on the recognition of early cancer?

Any other information you could supply  
in pamphlet form perhaps - would be  
appreciated.

yours truly

A. Bymer

9.10. }  
12.25 }

(94) phone - many things. (2)

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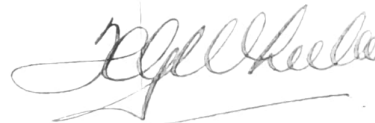
*Telephone:*  
J 2002 - J 4987

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I enclose herewith a letter from  
Mr. R. Eymer of Thornbury. I shall be grateful  
if you will kindly forward Mr. Eymer the information  
which he desires.

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,  
Secretary.

# Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

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Spring Street,  
Melbourne, C.1.

8th February, 1940.

R. Eymers Esq. A. C. M.P.S.

Dear Mr. Eymers

Thanks for your letter of  
enquiry of the 7th Feb.

I am enclosing a short  
statement about cancer which I have  
prepared. We have a pamphlet under  
consideration at present, when published  
I shall send you a copy.

Sincerely yours

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