

Maryborough  
Hospital.

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ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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Lonsdale XXXX

16th February, 1940.

Messrs. Jacobs & Mackay,  
Proprietors,  
"The Maryborough Advertiser,"  
MARYBOROUGH.

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of my Council I desire to express their grateful appreciation of the publicity which you so generously gave to my visit to Maryborough and to the work of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria in the columns of the "Maryborough Advertiser."

You will receive details of the inscription commemorating Mrs. Bucknall's bequest to the Council from our Secretary, Mr. Wheeler.

Yours faithfully,

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

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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16th February, 1940.

Dr. Maxwell Hoban, M.B.B.S.,  
Park-road,  
MARYBOROUGH.

Dear Dr. Hoban,

Would you kindly convey to Mrs. Hoban my sincere appreciation of her hospitality to me during my visit to Maryborough? I was very pleased that you came to see me at the hotel and that you also gave up so much of your valuable time to me. I sincerely hope that I didn't talk my particular brand of "shop" too much.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Enclosed is a newspaper cutting on viruses and cancer.

CVM.MD

PHONE 24  
DATE 197

# Maryborough District Hospital

(Incorporated)

CHAS. LEAN  
SECRETARY

MARYBOROUGH,  
(VICTORIA)

8 / 2 / 1940

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY, BOX 8, P.O., MARYBOROUGH

Dr C. V. Mackay M. D.  
Anti Cancer Council of Victoria  
Melbourne

Dear Dr,

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst to hand,  
our monthly meeting will be held  
on Tuesday afternoon next 13<sup>th</sup>  
inst meeting opens 4 p.m. we  
have a long business list but I  
think the Board of management  
will be able to spare you a few  
minutes to address them.

Yours faithfully  
Chas Lean



ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
XX  
Lonsdale XXXXX

6th February, 1940.

The Manager & Secretary,  
Maryborough & District Hospital,  
M A R Y B O R O U G H.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria I should like to pay an official visit to your Hospital at an early date.

My Council is anxious to co-ordinate the treatment of cancer in Victoria and to facilitate wherever possible attendances in Melbourne for specialist treatment which is not available in Maryborough.

If it can be arranged, I should like to have an opportunity to explain to your President and members of your Committee of Management, also to members of your Honorary Medical Staff, the work and policy of the Anti-Cancer Council.

Would you kindly inform me whether any of the following dates are likely to be suitable for you? Tuesday the 13th February, Wednesday the 14th, Thursday the 15th or Friday the 16th?

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM,MD

MASKELL

Hewlett Road  
Hally Ho  
Orion Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

To  
C. A. Mackay M.D.  
Medical Office  
Follow up Department

Dear Sir

Your kind letter reached  
me on Friday. It is indeed  
kind of Dr. Wetherhall to  
be so interested in my case  
I am unable to keep the  
appointment make for  
me. (Feb 12) but I shall  
go to Hospital on Thursday  
morn at 9 o'clock  
Thanking you all for  
your interest & treatment.  
Yours faithfully  
Ruby Maskell

24th November, 1941.

Dr. R. Kaye-Scott, M.D., M.S., F.F.R.,  
105 Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Dr. Kaye-Scott,

I desire to finalize my report "concerning a survey of the position regarding deep therapy plants in use in the public hospitals in the metropolitan area, etc."

If it were possible, I should like to arrange a meeting between Professor MacCallum and yourself, the members of a special sub-committee appointed to give the Executive Committee some information regarding the value of this report.

You indicated when I spoke to you at the meeting of the Almoners' Executive Committee that some further information should be produced. I am somewhat vague as to the details of the information required, but will endeavour to obtain it if you would be so kind as to specify what is lacking.

The letters from the Medical Superintendents, etc., give details of numbers of patients treated, etc., which are not mentioned in the report itself. I enclose for attachment, a short note from the Austin Hospital.

So far as I can judge, I have traversed the ground mapped out for me very fully, but I shall be pleased to remedy any omission before the date of a meeting with Professor MacCallum. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is on Wednesday, 10th of December.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,

Executive Medical Officer, Anti-Cancer Council.

Windsor Annex  
Spring St  
City  
13 / 10 / 40

Dr. E. T. Mackay  
Dear Dr.

Reading in  
days Argus a paragraph advising the  
Public to obtain early treatment of cancer  
etc -

I called at College of Surgeons &  
was informed that it was necessary to  
communicate with you -

Some two years ago  
I noticed sort of small skin eruption on  
nose - just where rim of glasses presses  
it is still there & on occasion I seem  
to notice a slight sting from it -

It appears to  
come to a pin head; which when washing the  
tip disappears, but comes again -

Some years ago I  
had Radium Treatment for Rodent Ulcer  
this may be similar trouble;

I would  
be glad of any advice you could give  
me

Yours faithfully  
W. Miller

15th October, 1941.

W. Killeen, Esq.,  
Windsor Annexe,  
Spring Street,  
CITY.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in replying to your enquiry of today's date.

Your previous history of a rodent ulcer on the face makes me suspicious of the present condition. I am ignorant of your financial circumstances and can only, therefore, recommend an early consultation at one of the special skin clinics at the public hospitals in Melbourne, or a consultation with a specialist in radium treatment in the Collins Street district.

The public hospitals which are most suitable are the Royal Melbourne, St. Vincent's Hospital and the Alfred Hospital.

If you do not wish to attend a public hospital, and if you have no family medical practitioner, I shall be pleased to give you several names from which to choose.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Anderson Annex

Spring St

Coley

16/10/41

Dear Doctor

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> will  
to hand for which I thank you -

Although I am not  
too strong financially (I am on  
\$3/10/0 for liver supplication) I have  
decided to consult a Collins & Jewell  
if you will kindly recommend one -

Yours faithfully

W. Telleen

17th October, 1941.

W. Killeen, Esq.,  
Windsor Annexe,  
Spring Street,  
CITY.

Dear Sir,

I would recommend you to consult one of the following specialists in the treatment of malignant skin disease.

1. Dr. R. R. Wettenhall, 14 Parliament Place, C.I.
2. Dr. John O'Sullivan, 49 Spring Street, C.I.
3. Dr. Keith Colquhoun, 2 Collins Street, C.I.
4. Dr. Frank Stephens, 12 Collins Street, C.I.
5. Dr. J. Kelly, 61 Collins Street, C.I.

Yours faithfully,

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

22nd Sept., 1941.

Dr. J. A. Kennedy,  
89 Maude Street,  
SHEPPARTON.

Re REYNOLDS Allen

Filed under "R"

18 Highbury Street,  
Wth. Balwyn, E9.  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1941.

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G. N. MacKay Esq.  
Medical Officer  
Follow-up Dept.  
Melbourne Hospital.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. enclosing appointment card, and requesting me to visit Mr. Paul Jones on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct., I have to inform you that I have been examined several times by Mr. Paul Jones since leaving the Hospital, and for my last visit at the beginning of August he told me not to come back for 6 months, that will be the beginning of February.

Will you kindly let me know if I should still come in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct., or if there has been some mistake.

+ oblige,

Yours faithfully,  
(Mrs) J. Kirjinski.

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SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

7th October, 1.

Mrs. J. Kinnish,  
18 Highbury Street,  
NORTH BALWYN, E.9.

Dear Mrs. Kinnish,

As you have seen Mr. Paul Jones on several occasions since you were an in-patient at this Hospital it will not be necessary for you to keep the appointment for the 23rd October.

The reason you were requested to see Mr. Paul Jones was that this department had had no record of your attendances in the Out-patient Department.

Apologizing for having unnecessarily troubled you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. JACKAY, M.D.,  
Surgical Follow-up Department,

Please make certain of keeping your appointment with Mr. Paul Jones in February of next year.

P.S.

"Herrossie"  
Bacchus Marsh

13-8-41

The Anti-cancer Council  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Sirs

Would you please send me; the Book  
"What every adult, should know about Cancer"  
Having a brother, who has been operated  
-ed on; in the bowel for this trouble; which  
now is said to be affecting his liver; we  
are told, not to let him know of his  
condition. I would please like you  
to tell me, if anything can be done for  
him.

I am  
Yours truly  
Mrs Alex Herb.

P.S.

Having seen the above notice  
in Tuesday Argus of the 12 inst  
F.M.H.

15th August, 1941.

Mrs. Alex. Kerr,  
"Kerrossie",  
BACCHUS MARSH.

Dear Madam,

I am sending you the booklet on the subject of Cancer with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

I greatly regret to inform you that, if the cancer of the bowel from which your brother is suffering is now affecting his liver, the outlook for recovery is very bad. We have no means of treating secondary growths in the liver.

Yours faithfully,

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

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

2nd August, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

Edward Kennedy, Esq.,  
Ellis Street,  
BENDIGO.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Would you please communicate with me at this Hospital and inform me of the present condition of your health? If possible, I should like this report to be obtained from your local doctor.

The above information is required as an essential part of the follow-up treatment of this department of the Hospital. It enables us, for your personal benefit, to keep a close watch on the progress of your case, and also to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

# Bendigo and Northern District Base Hospital

INCORPORATED



ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE  
ADDRESSED TO THE  
"SECRETARY."

PHONE 1200 (2 LINES)

9th August, 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Surgical Follow-up Department,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE.

re KENNEDY, Edward, Ellis Street, Bendigo.

Dear Sir,

For your information I supply the following:-

Transverse *caecocolony* 24.9.46

Prolapse " . Operative fixation 30-12-40.  
Has had several haemorrhages from nose and P.R.  
Blood pressure risen to 200. Very slowly retrogressing,  
but is still able to get about.

Yours faithfully,

*C. C. Stanley*  
(Dr. C. Stanley.)  
Medical Superintendent.

27th June, 1941.

T. Kent, Esq.,  
1 Thorn Street,  
ESSENDON, W.5.

Dear Mr. Kent,

I have received your letter of the 26th June.

I should be pleased if you would come and see me tomorrow morning between the hours of nine and eleven-thirty, or if this notice is too short please come any afternoon next week (except Thursday) not later than five o'clock. The enquiry office at the Lonsdale Street entrance of the Hospital will give you directions to my office.

Yours faithfully,

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

*seen 28/6/41*

1 Thorn St  
Essex

24/6/1941

The Executive Medical Officer  
Bankers Information Bureau  
Dear Sir

Because of a para that appeared in the Herald a few days ago, because my mother died from a cancer in the face & body, I am getting no peace at home here until I write the letter to you regarding a couple of matters that probably don't mean very much after all. The first is, that on my left cheek, about an inch below the centre of the eye, there is a small lump that sometimes gives me a little trouble. It is a very small surface lump, really, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch in diameter, but for no apparent reason it becomes tender & sore and there is a "drawing" feeling especially towards the "ear gland" causing it to overflow. I usually put a couple of dabs of strong iodine over the area & forget all about it. There is no regularity about the periods of soreness now, as I say, & there are any apparent cause such as irritation by rubbing.

The other point is that some months ago - when I have actually forgotten - an abscess developed on the right side of the cheek on my buttock. This broke down & for some considerable time a painful, slightly

blood stained discharge could be pressed out from an opening right at the top of the crease; if the pressure were continued blood would eventually appear. This remained open for some considerable time & then closed up. Later however a lump again formed & broke down on the edge of the buttock a couple of inches away from the original discharge opening. Actually a nasty blackish looking soft centred & painful swelling occurred, the pain being relieved by the breaking down & discharging of the abscess but the lump remained. This has occurred several times & apart from the discomfort for a day or two before the breaking down occurs it ~~is~~ <sup>hasn't</sup> ~~isn't~~ inconvenient in the least. I blamed the trouble in the first place on the use of newspapers as sanitary paper - in fact after the first trouble it cleared up & did not occur till I again used newspapers as sanitary paper.

I was told that it was a recto-rectal abscess & understood that it would clear up in time. A chemist friend however tells me that she may be tubercular or even cancerous - the presence of the lump supports today's notion that a sore is forming on the opposite buttock with the apparently same

symptoms of breaking down as an abscess.

Unfortunately though I earn about \$6-10 a week my large family & other heavy medical expenses as well as other financial troubles have prevented me from seeking specialist medical advice or attention.

If this comes within the scope of your work I would greatly appreciate your advice. If necessary could talk it over with you (after 4:30 only) Monday & Friday or any time of a Saturday.

Yours truly

J. Kents

June, 1941.

Dr. G. J. Kennedy,  
"Lisfarron",  
COBRAM.

Re BURRINGTON C. E

Filed under "B"

17th June, 1941.

Josephine KNYVETT

Mrs. Bothroyd,  
No. 2 "Morningside",  
Davey Street,  
FRANKSTON.

Dear Mrs. Bothroyd,

Many thanks for your transmission of the clinical notes concerning the two patients suffering from cancer.

I was very interested to learn of the progress of Mrs. Knyvett.

You and your husband must have made big sacrifices on account of the war and I cannot realize fully all the changes it must have caused in your lives.

I should be very pleased to see Dr. Bothroyd if he is ever in the city. The Royal Melbourne Hospital address or telephone will find me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. S. BOTHROYD  
M.D., M.S.  
DEAKIN AVENUE, MILDURA  
PHONE 299

to 2. Mornington  
Darcy S.  
Frankston.  
15/6/41.

Dear D. Mackay,

As John is away in  
the R.A.A.F. camp at Laverton,  
he asked me if I would let you  
know that Mrs. Turpet, is very  
well indeed. He closed her  
colostomy about three months  
ago, and it has completely  
healed. He saw her last about

four weeks ago, when she was  
feeling in the best of health  
and gave no indication of  
further trouble.

Yours faithfully  
Darcy Bothroyd

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

KNYVETT *Josephine*

Dr. John Bothroyd, M.D.,  
195 Deakin Avenue,  
MILDURA.

Dear Dr. Bothroyd,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Josephine Knyvett. Mrs. Knyvett, who lives at Twelfth Street, Mildura, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 23rd. May, 1940 to 4th August, 1940 and was diagnosed as carcinoma of the colon.

The information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. We are attempting to register and to follow up all cancer cases.

I hope that you will be able to comply with this request.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mr. William Kennedy,  
105 Roseberry Street,  
ASCOT VALE.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Would you please attend Mr. Burke'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. Burke 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. Burke visits this Hospital every Monday and Thursday at 12.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

P.S. Please present this letter at the Out-Patients' Department.

Enc.

21.5.41

Dear Mr Mackay,  
The reason why I have  
not been attending I had a bad arm & have  
not been too well. I will be in to see  
Mr Burke next Monday 26<sup>th</sup>.

Yours faithfully  
W. Kennedy.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

24th April, 1941.

Mrs. F. A. Kiall,  
"Woodlands",  
Durrants Post Bay,  
via Echuca, Vic.

Dear Mrs. Kiall,

I will endeavour to give you the information  
which you have requested.

The names of the following three doctors are  
submitted to you, and in my opinion, you may consult any  
one of them with complete confidence.

Dr. W. D. Upjohn, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Mr. A. Fay MacLure, 81 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Mr. Henry Searby, 14 Parliament Place, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

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

"Woodlands"  
Durrants P. Bay  
Via Ehusa - Valpara

Dr C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir,

I have been reading a  
little book on Cancer  
a hand book prepared  
by the ~~Antic~~ Anticancer Cancer  
Council of Victoria which  
says it will give without  
cost to any person who  
desires it information on  
Cancer & its treatment —  
Kindly tell me the Dr which  
you would recommend in  
Melbourne for that complaint)  
I am not at all well  
myself suffering from  
pyelitis & gall trouble  
in some time. The gall  
causes a lot of bitter  
bile to come away

enough vomiting & I always  
feel sore above the navel  
about three inches & my  
mouth always seems to be  
becoming hot & a bitter  
taste in it. I am under  
a doctor at present. I  
live on a farm & work  
very hard. I am 54 yrs  
of age & have three  
children the youngest 14  
& the eldest 24 now.  
For some time I have not  
been feeling well & seem to be  
getting tired & weak. I am  
going to Melbourne soon &  
would like advice where to  
go for examination as I would  
like another doctor's advice -  
We are only on a small  
farm & when  
I read your handbook  
I thought it wise to write

I wish from advice that stomach  
is chiefly feeling hot. I burn  
my water and I have a very good  
a hypericis - but I would like another  
African opinion also - although I  
I like the one I am going to  
make a visit from every way -  
I would give me advice and  
this I would be very grateful  
as I know very little about the city

Yours sincerely  
F. A. Smith

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

12th February, 1941.

Edward Kewley, Esq.,  
55 Ivanhoe Parade,  
I V A N H O E.

Dear Sir,

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

You should attend the nearest public  
hospital without delay. In your case this would  
be St. Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Street,  
Fitzroy, or the Royal Melbourne Hospital in Swan-  
ston Street, City.

The sore on your lip may or may not be  
cancerous, but expert opinion is required as early  
as possible to decide this point, and to determine  
the type of treatment required.

When you attend the Hospital state that  
you wish to consult one of the out-patient surgeons  
about a sore on your lip.

You may show this letter on your arrival.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.LD

55 Ivanhoe Pde  
Ivanhoe

Feb 6th 1941

Cancer Information Bureau,  
Spring St  
Melb.

Dear Sirs, I am taking  
advantage of enquiring  
about a sore I have  
on my lip. I have  
had this sore for a  
couple of months &  
it has not healed,  
& I feel it is spreading,  
I am wondering if it  
is cancer.  
I am 67 years  
of age.

(2)

am not in the financial  
position to pay much  
for treatment, as I am  
a pensioner.

I would be glad  
if you would advise  
me, the best thing  
to do in this case

Yours faithfully  
Edward Kewley

8th February, 1941.

KINNANE

Dr. C. S. Mallalieu, M.B., B.S.,  
541 Mt. Alexander Road,  
MOONEE PONDS.

Dear Dr. Mallalieu,

Many thanks for your clinical notes concerning Mr. William Kinnane. These will be filed for reference, and the present condition of the patient noted in Cancer Register installed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

As you probably know, a register is being kept at six of the metropolitan hospitals of all cancer cases or suspected cancer cases treated throughout the year.

Mr. Kinnane was treated by Dr. Kelly for a rodent ulcer and he should report once a year for observation by Dr. Kelly.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM:MD

MALLALIEU

TEL. FU 7257

CONSULTING HOURS:  
9 A.M. TO 10.30 A.M.  
2 P.M. TO 3 P.M.  
6 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M.

541 MT. ALEXANDER RD.,

MOONEE PONDS

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7-2-41

The Melle. Hosp

Dear Dr.

I have this day

examined Mr Wm Kinnane's face  
which was treated with radium by  
you last April. There is a  
healed papery scar on Rt cheek which  
shows no sign of recurrence - The  
left Ala nasae is also quite healed.  
He has a small perforation on left  
side of nose which I will watch -  
It may require some treatment later

Clifford M. Mallalieu M.D.

7-2-41

4th February, 1941.

KENNEDY

Dr. H. R. Catford, M.B., Ch.B.,  
"Thornton,"  
Church Street,  
EAGLEHAWK.

Dear Dr. Catford,

Many thanks for your clinical notes about Mr. Edward Kennedy. These will be of service to the Cancer Registry.

As you probably know, a Cancer Register is being kept of all cancer cases treated at six of the metropolitan hospitals.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

"Thornton,"

Church Street,  
Eaglehawk.

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Feb 3/91

Dear D Mackay

Re Mr Edward Kennedy  
68 St. Bondup

Yours of 20<sup>th</sup> ult to hand re above  
There is not much to report  
except that he is living good  
fairly rapidly: the colostomy  
wound opened a little & allowed  
some perianal protrusion of the  
bowel necessarily has when the  
Bondup Hospital again for treated  
he is still in Hospital: a small  
amount from P.R. some  
flatulency: bladder condition is  
just the same. He has lost  
weight and although has  
rejoined.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

A R Caspary

30th January, 1941.

Dr. H. R. Catford, M.B., Ch.B.,  
Church Street,  
EAGLEHAWK.

Dear Dr. Catford,

re Mr. Edward Kennedy,  
of Ellis Street, Bendigo.

I wrote to you last October about this man and you were kind enough to let me have a report on his condition then.

Would it be possible for you to give me another report on him?

He was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital during June, 1940 with a carcinoma of the rectum. When you wrote to me in October he had just had a transverse colostomy performed by Dr. Burke-Gaffney at the Bendigo Base Hospital.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

24th October, 1940.

Dr. H. R. Catford, M.B., Ch.B.,  
Church Street,  
EAGLEHAWK.

KENNEDY

Dear Dr. Catford,

Many thanks for your information  
about Mr. Edward Kennedy.

I am interested to learn that he  
is comparatively well after his colostomy at the  
Bendigo Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. Mackay).

Capthorn

Oct 22/40

Dear Dr Mackay

Yours of 21<sup>st</sup> wh I had  
re Edward Kennedy, 8115  
St. Bondage

The rectal condition present  
and caused almost complete  
obstruction. He was admitted  
to Base Hospital, Bondage about  
two weeks ago where a  
transverse colostomy was performed.  
He is doing quite well, feels  
well & looks well; lost  
a little weight at the start  
but is picking up now; no  
pain of any consequence on  
return. Operation performed  
by Dr Burke-Rafferty.

Yours faithfully

W R Capthorn

CR.  
595

21st October, 1940.

Dr. H. R. Catford, M.B., Ch.B.,  
Church Street,  
EAGLEHAWK.

Dear Dr. Catford,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, Mr. Edward Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy, who gave his address as Ellis Street, Bendigo, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from the 10th to 19th of June, 1940, and was diagnosed as a case of Carcinoma of the Rectum.

This information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed in the Royal Melbourne Hospital by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria. The Council is compiling a statistical survey over a number of years of all cases of cancer treated at the metropolitan public hospitals, and for this purpose a periodic assessment of the patients' health is necessary. 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. Kennedy. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. Mackay),  
Executive Medical Officer.

3rd February, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls, M.B., B.S.,  
BAIRNSDALE.

KILMARTIN

Dear Dr. Searls,

Many thanks for your clinical  
notes concerning the lip condition of your patient,  
Mr. A. Kilmartin. I am grateful for the information.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. Mackay),  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

BAIRNSDALE

31/1/41

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Dr C V Mackay  
Royal Melbourne Hospital

Dear Doctor

Re A Kilmartin  
Mossburn

This patient's condition is  
very satisfactory both  
primary area & gland area  
are quite free

I diathermised a keratotic  
plaque on the ~~inner~~<sup>upper</sup> side of his  
lip 8 months ago and it has  
remained healthy since

John R. Smith  
M.B. 35

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 31st, 1941.

P. S. Kentish, Esq.,  
4 Hustlin Terrace,  
Barkly Place,  
BENDIGO.

Dear Mr. Kentish,

Your letter of January 29th  
reached me today.

I have much pleasure in en-  
closing three (3) of the handbooks published  
and prepared by the Anti-Cancer Council on the  
subject of cancer, one for yourself and two to  
pass on to your friends.

I hope they find the booklets  
of benefit.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

Bendigo  
No 4 Hustler Terrace  
Barkly Place  
Jan 29-41

To The Anti Cancer Council  
Cancer Bureau  
To Royal Aust Coll of Surgeons  
Spring St Melbourne C1

Dear Sir, I saw in the Bendigo Paper  
An item, Re Help for Cancer Patients etc,  
and offering free Booklets entitled, "What  
every adult should know about Cancer"

As far as I know I am not a sufferer  
but some friends of mine are in diffidence,  
and doubt, and I would be pleased  
if you would send me a copy of the  
above mentioned Booklet.

Thanking you in anticipation

I Remain

Yours Faithfully

F. S. Kentish

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29th January, 1941.

Dr. J. S. Bothroyd, M.D., M.S.,  
Deakin Avenue,  
MILDURA.

KNYVETT

Dear Dr. Bothroyd,

I was away on my holidays when your letter with the result of your examination of Mrs. Knyvett arrived at my office. A formal acknowledgment was sent to you.

The case is an interesting one and I am very pleased to learn that progress is satisfactory, without any sign of recurrence.

You will have noticed that Mr. Hailes has joined the A.I.F. as consulting surgeon.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. Mackay).

6th January, 1940.

KNYVETT 738

Dr. J. S. Bothroyd, M.D., M.S.,  
Deakin Avenue,  
Mildura.

Dear Dr. Bothroyd,

Thank you very much for your report on Mrs. J. Knyvett. The information contained in your letter will be incorporated in the Register installed at the Melbourne Hospital by the Anti-Cancer Council.

An attempt is being made by the Council to register and follow-up all cases of cancer admitted to the metropolitan public hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,

Dear Dr MacKay,

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Re Mrs J. Knyrett of  
126 St Mildura - carcinoma of  
colon & pleurae operated on  
by Mr Charles.

Mrs Knyrett has very little to  
recount - she feels fairly  
well.

The colonomy has however not  
yet closed & some things will  
have to be done during of  
this.

As far as I can tell there is  
no suggestion of any recurrence,

Kind regards,

Yours truly,

HN S. Bothroyd.

3-1-41

30th December, 1940.

Dr. Louis C. Kress, M.D.,  
Director,  
Division of Cancer Control,  
Department of Health,  
State of New York,  
152 Washington Avenue,  
ALBANY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Kress,

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th November last, which dealt very fully with the work being done to elucidate cancer in New York State. I also received safely the various enclosures, including the excellent article by Dr. Godfrey on the New York State Program for Cancer Control.

I am greatly obliged for your courtesy and helpfulness, the literature which you have been kind enough to send me will be most useful in my work.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria is endeavouring to register all cancer cases in six of the metropolitan hospitals in Melbourne. The total is expected to be in the neighbourhood of two thousand yearly, and the punched card system of statistical reference has been adopted to digest the material thus obtained.

With sincere appreciation,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

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

ARD S. GODFREY, JR., M. D.  
COMMISSIONER  
PAUL B. BROOKS, M. D.  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



DIVISION OF CANCER CONTROL

LOUIS C. KRESS, M. D.  
DIRECTOR  
MORTON L. LEVIN, M. D.  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

152 WASHINGTON AVE.

ALBANY

November 12, 1940

Dr. C. V. Mackay  
Executive Medical Officer  
C/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
Spring Street  
Melbourne, C.I., Australia

Dear Doctor Mackay:

Your letter of October 1 to Dr. Godfrey has been referred to me for reply. I realize the position you are in because at times I find myself in the same quandry. Enclosed is a copy of an article by Dr. Godfrey which outlines the organization and the purpose of the Division of Cancer Control of the New York State Department of Health; also enclosed is a statement of reporting for the first six months of 1940 by counties and samples of the cards used for the reporting of cancer and for the keeping of records in the district state health offices as well as in the central office.

Cancer in New York State has been a reportable disease since January 1, 1940. In reporting we have many duplications but the total number of reports received at the central office from January 1, 1940 to August 31, 1940 is 33,192 of which 27,125 are malignant and 6,067 benign. The total number of malignant cases excluding duplications and unreported deaths is 14,877. This will give you an idea how successful reporting has been to date. The State of New York is divided into fifty-seven counties and, with one exception, each county has a medical society. The doctors in the counties are supervised by district state health officers of which there are twenty. These health officers represent the central office in their various districts and it is for this reason that we have such splendid cooperation in reporting.

The following is an explanation of the cards used in cancer reporting:

C.C. 1 is used by physicians and hospitals  
10 is maintained by the district state health officer  
11 is our master card  
20 is for new patients admitted to the Institute  
21 is for revisits of patients at the Institute  
65 is used for copying information from death certificates  
23 is for use by the laboratories

The State of New York has one State owned, maintained and operated

Dr. C. V. Mackay  
November 12, 1940

cancer clinic which is situated in Buffalo where research, diagnosis and treatment are carried on. Throughout upstate New York there are thirty-six tumor clinics which are owned and maintained by private hospitals. These tumor clinics provide adequate diagnostic and therapeutic facilities. They receive a little clerical aid from the State Health Department but on the whole are self-sustaining and self-supporting.

Professional education is also conducted by the Division of Cancer Control by means of institutes for pathologists, radiologists and general practitioners. The staff of the Division has the privilege of teaching in four of the upstate medical schools which brings the cancer program to the medical student at a time when he is most in need of it. Institutes which take up the subject of cancer from the nursing point of view are provided for nurses. Lay education is conducted by the Division through the Speakers' Bureaus of the various county medical societies by means of radio, newspapers, movies, lectures, exhibits, literature, etc. The American Society for the Control of Cancer also has a program in New York State and the Division cooperates fully with this organization in the conduct of their education. We are enclosing two of the latest pamphlets put out by this organization and a copy of the Division's periodical entitled "The Truth About Cancer."

This briefly outlines our activities and if we can be of any further aid to you in your program, do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours

*Louis C. Kress*

Louis C. Kress, M.D.  
Director  
Division of Cancer Control

LCK:D

INFORMATION BUREAU,

24th December, 1940.

W. J. Kelly, Esq.,  
1 Hawthorn Street,  
MORELAND.

Dear Mr. Kelly,

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Medical Superintendent of St. Vincent's Hospital and I hope that this may facilitate your early admission to that Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

24th December, 1940.

The Medical Superintendent,  
St. Vincent's Hospital,  
Victoria Parade,  
Fitzroy, N.6.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing for your information  
a copy of a letter received by me from a Mr. W.  
J. Kelly.

If you can expedite his admission to  
your hospital I should be grateful.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Enclosure.

36 booloongatta Rd  
E. Cumberwell  
E 6

Dear Sir

I have been under D<sup>r</sup> John O'Sullivan,  
at St Vincents hospital with a bad jawbone.  
He gave me a card to be admitted to have  
vaidum needles about four months ago, and  
since then he has given me another three entree  
cards, but I have not got a bed yet.

I am only 34 a married man with two children  
and unable to pay to get private treatment.

My motive in writing to you, is because I  
have read a couple of your articles in the  
daily paper, and I thought you might be  
able to help me to get treatment, as my face  
is getting almost unbearable.

Any ~~of~~ letters that you may have to send  
to me I would be very grateful if you send  
them to "No 1 Hawthorn St Moreland" as  
my wife is not aware of the trouble.

Trusting I will hear from you shortly

I remain

William John Kelly

6th December, 1940.

R. J. Kupsch, Esq.,  
94 Wilcox Street,  
Preston, N.18.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in sending you  
a copy of our handbook on cancer. It contains  
all the essential information on treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

94 Wilcox St  
Preston N.18  
5<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Sirs.

As a member of the local St. John's Ambulance division I am interested in the treatment of cancer and the way the treatment is being applied. Could you send to me full particulars of the treatment and also the hand-book which has just been issued.

Thanking you  
I am

Yours sincerely  
Mr. R. J. Hupsek.  
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84 Lakoko Terrace  
Western Beach  
Waialoa

Will you please send me "What  
Every Adult Should Know  
About Cancer"

M. A. Heane (Mrs)

Dec 19.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

18th September, 1940.

Mrs. D. Kirkland,  
Toomuc Valley Road,  
PAKENHAM.

Dear Mrs. Kirkland,

A copy of the handbook,  
"What every adult should know about Cancer,"  
is enclosed with the compliments of the Anti-  
Cancer Council of Victoria.

Cancer is definitely not  
contagious.

I would advise you to seek  
the opinion of your local medical practitioner  
with regard to the symptoms of pain and fatigue.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

- CVM.MD

Doomer Valley Rd.  
Pakenham

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The Principal  
Royal College of Surgeons  
Spring St.

Dear Sir.

Please would you forward  
the booklet on Cancer as advertised  
in 'the Sun'.

Is this disease contagious? Could I  
get it by getting a cancer patient's  
breath or doing her blood stained  
washing. I did both about three  
years ago & have pain in the lower  
part of my body & am continually  
tired for no reason. I thought it  
may only be kidneys but would  
like to make sure. I am 37 years old

Yours faithfully

D. Kirkland (16<sup>10</sup>)

13th September, 1940.

Mr. Kitson,  
Govt. Statist's Office,  
Queen Street, C.I.

Dear Mr. Kitson,

I am enclosing a note from  
Dr. Fowler concerning a revision of the cards  
in the "Treatment" section.

I shall be pleased to do  
this when you can let me have them at some  
later date.

Many thanks for your kind-  
ness re duty stamps.

Yours sincerely,

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

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CVM.MD

Surgical Follow-up Department.

19th August, 1940.

Dr. J. R. Searls,  
BAIRNSDALE.

Dear Dr. Searls,

KILMARTIN.

Thank you very much for informing  
me of Mr. Kilmartin's condition of health, and also  
for his correct address.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

BAIRNSDALE

15/8/40

D C V Mackay

Follow up Depar.  
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

Re Mr Kelmarin

Mossy (not Brithen)

lip & gland area free from  
any recurrence - tissues quite  
normal in every respect.

He did have an <sup>area</sup> of Leucoplakia on the  
upper lip 3 months ago - this was  
diathermied - no recurrence

Yours faithfully

J. H. Brown

W. S. Seal to be thanked.

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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16th July, 1940.

KEANE, Mr. John

Dr. R. J. Wright-Smith, M.D., F.R.A.C.P.,  
Pathologist,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Dr. Wright-Smith,

I should be greatly obliged  
if you could help me with the diagnosis of the  
cause of death of a surgical in-patient.

The following are the  
particulars:-

Mr. John Keane, aged 63,  
was operated upon by Mr. Hughes-Jones on the 14th  
September, 1939 at the R.M.H. for carcinoma of  
the lip. Death occurred within one hour of return  
to the ward, and the post-mortem was performed by  
Coroner's instruction.

Have you any histological  
confirmation of the diagnosis of carcinoma of the  
lip? Was this the cause of death?

Many thanks,

Yours faithfully,

CVM.MD

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

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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9th July, 1940.

Mr. Kitson,  
C/o Government Statist's office,  
295 Queen Street, C.I.

Dear Mr. Kitson,

I would be obliged if you would kindly tell me if you have any record of a Mrs. Rachel Monshing's death. She was admitted as an out-patient at this Hospital last September, when it was discovered that no treatment was possible owing to the extent of the disease. She was diagnosed as Cancer of the Uterus.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

10th June, 1940.

Information Bureau.

Mrs. C. Kay,  
15 Rolland Road,  
COBURG.

Dear Mrs. Kay,

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

It is not possible for me to  
attempt to diagnose the condition of your tongue  
by correspondence.

My advice to you is that you  
should see your local doctor as soon as possible,  
or failing that you should attend one of the large  
public hospitals - either St. Vincent's or the  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

15 Rolland St  
Brung

Dear Sir.

Wrs Kay 6/6/40

would be much pleased if you could enlighten me to a slight trouble I have had for years. I have had these red slightly risen spots on my tongue & then have never given me any trouble, only I have always got a bitter taste in my mouth. As I thought I would try the lemon juice gargle to remove them only 2 evenings I used the lemon & I noticed after one more spot came & gave me an irritation, so relieved that for some time. & the other spots I notice today have become smaller. I also get ulcers on bottom jaw, & bottom lip, am a sufferer to Nervous Dyspepsia if that has any bearing on the case so would be pleased to know what is the trouble if any & where to go for treatment if needed.

I remain yours truly  
B. Kay

6th June, 1940.

Dr. Alex. E. Lincoln, M.B., B.S.,  
Forest Street,  
WOODEND.

*Kennedy,  
Roderick*

Dear Dr. Lincoln,

Thank you very much ~~for~~ for  
your kindness in letting me know of Mr. Roderick  
Kennedy's death.

The information contained in your  
letter will be transferred to the Register dealing  
with all cancer patients admitted to the Royal  
Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

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ALEX. E. LINCOLN

TELEPHONE 30

CONSULTING HOURS  
10 A.M. TO 11 A.M.  
2 P.M. TO 3 P.M.  
7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.  
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
BY APPOINTMENT

FOREST STREET,  
WOODEND

4/6/40

Dear Dr. Macdonald,

Mr Kennedy died  
on 3/6/40. His frequency  
had become so marked  
that three weeks ago  
I inserted a supro-pubic  
drain. The growth on  
palpation was about  
the size of a large egg  
and was filling the  
whole of the bladder  
which was very much  
contracted. The outstanding  
symptom was intense  
pain in the penis.

Yours sincerely  
Alex. E. Lincoln

KENNEDY

22nd April, 1940.

Dr. Alex. E. Lincoln, M.B., B.S.,  
Forest Street,  
WOODEND.

Dear Dr. Lincoln,

Many thanks for your letter  
concerning Mr. Roderick Kennedy.

Having had your report, I do  
not think it is necessary for him to come to  
Melbourne on a special visit. Should you, however,  
desire Mr. Tait's further opinion, then the  
patient could attend the special clinic any Tuesday  
morning as soon after 9 a.m. as possible.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

E. LINCOLN

TELEPHONE 30

CONSULTING HOURS  
10 A.M. TO 11 A.M.  
2 P.M. TO 3 P.M.  
7 P.M. TO 8 P.M.  
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
BY APPOINTMENT

FOREST STREET,  
WOODEND

15/4/40

Dear Dr Mackay.

About the enclosed  
letter re Mr Kennedy.

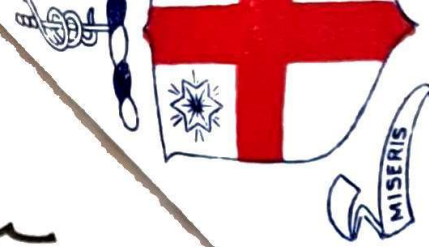
His condition is I.S.Q.  
I accept that he still  
has perineal pain, plus  
haematuria, and a foul  
cystitis. He is frequently  
passing small stones.

Has lost about ~~14~~ 14 lbs  
in weight. I have tried  
to keep the urine acid  
but it is not possible  
I have advised him that  
he should report  
to your Department  
and an receipt of

Hold on  
and return on

word from you  
he will go down  
for an interview.

Yours sincerely  
Chas. L. Hall



Royal Melbourne Hospital

MELBOURNE, C.I.



12th April, 1940.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Mr. Roderick Kennedy,  
Mayfield,  
WOODEND.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Would you please communicate with me at this Hospital and inform me of the present condition of your health since you were discharged from the Royal Melbourne Hospital? If possible, I should like this report to be obtained from your local doctor.

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

*C. V. Mackay*  
M.D.

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Medical Officer,  
Follow-up Department,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

*Reply to be held over until my return on*  
*[Signature]*

3rd June, 1940.

Mrs. Margaret Kettle,  
27 Hawthorn Grove,  
HAWTHORN, E.2.

Dear Mrs. Kettle,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry  
of the 1st of June.

The Anti-Cancer Council does not  
arrange for any examinations.

I would strongly recommend you to  
visit your local doctor and to ask his advice. It  
may be necessary for him to advise you to see a  
specialist or to attend a public hospital.

I shall be pleased to give any assistance  
which may be necessary.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

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causing me some  
trouble.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

(Mrs) Margaret Kettle.

27 Hawthorn  
Hawthorn E.  
1<sup>st</sup> June. /4

The Secretary,

Anti-Cancer Council,  
Spring Street,  
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

Referring to your  
notice in the press,  
I would be grateful  
for an appointment  
for examination of  
my tongue, which

29th April, 1940.

Dr. John Le M. Kneebone, M.S., F.R.C.S.,  
Hewlett House,  
Gray Street,  
HAMILTON.

Dear Dr. Kneebone,

There was some delay in the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. regarding Mrs. Bax. This was unfortunate, as further delay must result from Mrs. Bax's omission to sign and complete Form B for admission to the Austin Hospital. I am now sending this form back, and I would advise that to expedite matters as much as possible it should, when finally completed, be sent direct to the Manager and Secretary of the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg.

Personally I am unable to obtain the admission of patients to the hospital. This depends entirely on the state of the beds and on the suitability of the patient.

I have sent Form D to the Hospital authorities.

When Mrs. Bax receives notice that a bed is waiting for her, then a telegram should be sent to the Manager of the Austin Hospital asking him to kindly arrange that the Victorian Civil Ambulance Service should meet a certain <sup>train</sup> ~~train~~ from Hamilton arriving at Spencer Street station at an approximate time.

I gravely doubt whether deep X-ray therapy is likely to relieve Mrs. Bax, but in any case nursing and hospital attention will be necessary.

Greatly regretting this unfortunate delay,

Believe me, Yours sincerely,

From Dr J HIVEBONE

HEWLETT HOUSE,

GRAY STREET,

HAMILTON

23/4/40

The Executive Medical Officer

Dear Sir,

Re your letter  
of 20 April I think  
Mrn Banc should be met  
in Melbourne - her  
view is very defective  
and I do not think she  
would be able to find her  
way

Yours faithfully  
John. Linn. Kneebone

*If possible kindly send messages before 10.30 a.m.*

20th April, 1940.

Dr. J. Le Messurier Kneebone, M.S., F.R.C.S.,  
Gray Street,  
HAMILTON, Vic.

Dear Dr. Kneebone,

Your letter of the 17th April has been forwarded to me by our Secretary, Mr. Wheeler.

I shall do everything possible at this end to obtain admission for your patient, Mrs. Box, suffering from carcinoma of the right superior maxilla, to the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg.

In a recent conversation the Medical Superintendent expressed a hope that this type of cancer case would not be sent to Melbourne but would be treated at the country base hospitals.

I am enclosing forms for admission to the Austin Hospital. If there is a vacancy Mrs. Box will be notified. In the meantime arrangements could be made with the local station-master or, as is usually done, through the local State Member, for a free railway pass.

If Mrs. Box is unable to travel from Spencer Street to the Austin Hospital, or if you consider that she should be met on arrival, I will arrange with the Civil Ambulance to do this.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

*Copy of this & also  
of Kneebone's letter  
to Austin Hosp  
21. 4. 40*

CVM:MD

ENC. (Forms, Austin Hospital)

DR J. KNEEBONE

HEWLETT HOUSE,

GRAY STREET,

HAMILTON

17/4/40

The Secretary  
Anti Cancer Council,

Dear Sir,

I have just  
seen a M<sup>rs</sup> L. Base who  
apparently has an advanced  
Carcinoma of the Rt. superior  
maxilla.

She is an  
old aged Pensioner (71)  
and although physically  
fairly well otherwise has  
very poor sight and no  
friends who could meet

If possible kindly send messages before 10.30 a.m

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HEWLETT HOUSE,  
GRAY STREET,  
HAMILTON

in Melbourne.  
Would it be possible for  
you to arrange to have  
her met in Melbourne  
in addition to arranging  
for treatment. Probably  
she would be a suitable  
case for the Austin Hospital

Yours faithfully  
John Lur. Knellton

P.S. It seems to be advancing  
rapidly and I should be  
glad if early arrangements  
could be made

*If possible kindly send messages before 10.30 a.m.*

18th April, 1940.

Mr. C. T. Kemp,  
6 Evans Crescent,  
Westgarth, N.16.

Dear Mr. Kemp,

A pamphlet and a typewritten list are enclosed for your information about cancer, as requested in your letter received on 15th April.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

CVM.MD

6 Evans Crescent  
Wentworth  
(Northcote N.16)

Dear Sirs,  
Could you supply me with  
full particulars and information  
about "Cancer". I would be very  
pleased if you could

Thanking you  
in anticipation  
Yours Truly

Edw C.T. Kemp

Dear Mr Kemp

A pamphlet and a quantity  
of information about cancer are sent  
as requested.

19th March, 1940.

V. Kinchela, Esq.,  
144 Canning Street,  
CARLTON.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the  
15th March and am making enquiries about your case  
from the authorities of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

144. Canning St<sup>h</sup>

Carlton. Vic

15. 3. 40.

Dear Sir,

For months I have been in the most frightful agony. I attended the Melbourne Hospital for the past 8 or 9 months. Losing several days work & paying a wkly contribution. & Thinking I had a growth. I hoped for some relief. I was sent by Dr Mc Cutcheon, of Carlton for x ray examination which I never got. I kept getting worse & the doctors at the hospital had the audacity to say they couldn't see anything

wrong with me. & they  
saw me at the hospital  
rying out with pain. They  
starved me & drove the  
pain up in my head. To-  
day it has been terrible  
D<sup>r</sup> McButcheon sent  
me for a report. D<sup>r</sup>  
Robertson refused even  
to interview. They were  
very hostile because I  
told D<sup>r</sup> McButcheon I  
was worse than when I  
went. They subjected me  
to the third degree. If  
this is the treatment  
meted out to sick people  
such callousness will  
not encourage people to  
submit themselves for  
treatment. V. Kinchela

# Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

(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

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C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

28th March, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Thank you very much for your letter of  
27th March, 1940. I will send you a cheque in reimbursement  
of your travelling expenses for the last two trips in a few  
days time.

I am enclosing two letters which arrived by  
this morning's mail for you. You will notice that Miss Kinchela  
has again written. She called at the College yesterday and was  
rather difficult. I am afraid that she is a little unbalanced.

I am also sending a letter which arrived by  
the midday mail from Dr. J. B. Cole of Wangaratta. Will you  
kindly advise Dr. Cole of the procedure necessary for his  
patient to obtain treatment.

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,  
Secretary.

144 Canning St

Carlton, Vic

27.3.40

To College of Surgeons,

I am still waiting for an answer from you. I have named all the doctors in the case & Mr Butcheon as good as called me a liar! If I was like them I wouldn't waste my time writing to you because I might persuade myself like them that there is nothing wrong with me. I take it by your silence that you regard my life as not worth troubling about. My suffering purely imagination <sup>on my part</sup> & very well! My blood is on your hands. I have named my killers, yet you defend them by refusing me any relief. You'll know the cause of my death. So won't need a post-mortem. I tell you these people are determined to bound me to death. I have a letter

just received by an anonymous  
writer definitely threatening me  
with a living death. My appeal  
goes out to you in vain. Although  
you know my days are numbered  
you shall not touch my body  
if you did nothing to relieve  
my suffering. You could or  
might have saved my life but  
• you **prefer** to destroy it. Bassetts  
had a carrier working for them  
a few months ago. Named Walker  
Their sister Violet  
died. I recd. denly. From  
poison. A fellow  
named Russell got  
a sentence. Ask  
Bassett does he  
remember Violet Walker  
• how she died. What  
they put in the sea &  
made me sick. What  
happened to Violet  
Walker only a few months  
ago. I shall not trouble  
you any further.

What happened to Violet Walker

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# Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

(AFFILIATED WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN)

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

HGW:NA

27th March, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I am enclosing herewith four letters for your attention. I would suggest that it may not be prudent to reply to the letter from Miss V. Kinchella. However, I will leave the matter to you for decision.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,  
Secretary.

No  
Reply  
Miss Kinchella.

144 Canning St.  
Carlton  
Vic. 23.3.30

The College of Surgeons.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter, which I received I am at a loss to understand the attitude of the Doctors I claim the right to question them. Why did they torture me I went there for one specific purpose. I became ill at my work after drinking tea brought into me time after time. I am convinced something was being put into the tea I was determined to find out what it was. A Bassett & Son my late employer should be questioned. Ask them why they would never give me tea from the same teapot as them. Why they wanted a teapot brought in for the purpose of making one cup of tea. & that one was for me

why they insisted  
drinking a cup of  
specially prepared for  
When I found it was  
stateful & bitter & making  
me ill. Ask them why they  
laughed whenever I drank  
the tea. & became annoyed  
because I refused to take  
any more. Why did they  
become panic stricken  
When they knew the game  
was up. I am referring to

A Bassett & Son  
Manufacturers  
548 Bathdown St  
N<sup>o</sup>. Carlton  
Vic.

They should have been  
prosecuted.

Miss. T. Hatched

Feb. last. Just a month  
Bassett dismissed me  
saying. I'll see you never  
get another position. If I  
apply for a position. The  
first thing I'll be asked is!

Where did you work last

What hope have I. When  
people are so cowardly & spiteful

Bassett's are thereby robbing  
me of the right to live. Why!

I have given them five years  
faithful service. They gave  
me months of frightful suffering  
& this my reward. Who I  
wants to employ a sick woman  
anyhow. I say they ruined  
my health. Yet the doctors  
refused me any relief. It is  
hard enough to earn a living  
now at any time. But twice  
as hard when a person's  
health has broken down.  
Bassett's must answer for this.

8th November, 39.

Mr. A. Kilmartin,  
Bruthen.

Dear Mr. Kilmartin,

Thanks for your letter. I received a report from Dr. Searls which is quite satisfactory.

When you are in Melbourne next come and report to the Out-Patient Department to see Dr. Julian Smith. There is no hurry for a visit but it would be advisable not to delay later than some time in February.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. MACKAY),  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Follow-up Department.

CVM.MD

Brushen,

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1939.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter sent dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, to attend to the Royal Melbourne Hospital, or, see a local Doctor. I attended Dr. Searls of Bairnsdale, and presented the letter to him, when examined he said it was ok. and said he would report to the Hospital mentioned, and for me to attend again about Xmas

Yours Truly  
A. Kilmartin

Loorham

12th May, 1942.

*It is reported to me that*

Please see copy of letter of 27/5/41. ^ There has been no material change in Mrs. Loorham's physical condition since 27/5/41, but ~~it is reported~~ that her nervous condition has deteriorated considerably, and a fatal termination of the illness cannot be expected to be long postponed.

*Certificate  
concerning my  
mother given at my  
request. A. F. Thompson 27.5.41.*

27th May, 1941.

Mrs. Amy P. Loorham aged sixty-nine, or 28 Montague Street, Moonee Ponds, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from the 4th of June, 1939 till the 20th of July, 1939.

Since that time Mrs. Loorham has been followed-up by my department and her last attendance at the hospital was in March of this year.

When Mrs. Loorham was investigated in the hospital she was found to be suffering from a large carcinoma (cancer) of the stomach. A major operation was performed on the 23rd of June, 1939 which involved the removal of a considerable portion of the stomach.

Mrs. Loorham's health is in consequence very precarious, and under these conditions, which will probably continue now for only a very limited period, it is essential that she should not live alone nor be deprived of filial care and devotion.

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

Anti Cancer Council  
of Victoria

9 Ideal av  
Aspendale  
4/5/42

Some time ago a paragraph in "Letters to the Editor" appeared in the Herald suggesting that anyone who wished may have an X-Ray at a reasonable cost. I wrote to the Herald by the address as I had mislaid same. They have answered me & said they cannot trace the ad but I may get particulars by writing to the above address. Would you be kind enough to forward me particulars please as I am rather worried about myself at the present moment and I have my Father dying with this dreadful complaint. Thanking you very kindly for information

Yours faithfully,

Mrs G. Loady  
LOADY

7th May, 1942.

Mrs. G. Loady,  
9 Ideal Avenue,  
ASPENDALE.

Dear Madam,

I would suggest that you consult your local medical practitioner at Aspendale and explain your trouble to him.

If you do not wish to do this I recommend that you attend the out-patient department of the Alfred Hospital in Commercial Road, Prahran to ascertain whether an x-ray examination is required.

You may show this letter if you so desire.

Yours faithfully,

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

Avenel,

Tallangatta.

LAND Isabel

7.5.42

Dr. C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir,

Mrs Isabel Land consulted me today. She has gained weight since operation & is now two stone heavier. She still has some oedema of the right arm but not nearly so marked as it was six months ago. There is no sign of recurrence either locally or metastases.

Yours faithfully

HAC Hollander

MBS

10th March, 1942.

Dr. E. Littlewood, M.B., Ch.B.,  
Kepler Street,  
WARRNAMBOOL.

Dear Dr. Littlewood,

I was very pleased to receive your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer. I am now enclosing a copy of the original letter from the Chairman of our Executive Committee which you state you did not receive in April of last year.

I greatly regret to learn that you have sent patients to Melbourne who were unable to obtain treatment owing to the fact that no radium was available. If you will allow me to assist you in any similar case I feel reasonably certain that I can make satisfactory arrangements for all cancer patients requiring specialized treatment.

It is true that owing to war emergency conditions Commonwealth owned Radium has been withdrawn from service at the hospitals, but Commonwealth made Radon is still obtainable and is, I think equally effective in treatment.

Radon is a gas obtained from radium and its potency is exhausted in from five to six days. Special calculations are made the Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory for its use.

I shall be very pleased to help you in any possible way. We hope to establish a scheme for pathological examinations in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM-BH

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. Kelvin Lidgett, M.B., B.S.,  
BCORT.

Dear Dr. Lidgett,

Many thanks for your reply to our questionnaire and  
for your constructive suggestion concerning pathological facilities.

This question has evoked a considerable number of affirma-  
tive replies, and the whole subject is being carefully considered.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

4th March, 1942.

Dr. Percy V. Langmore, M.B., Ch.B.,  
BERWICK.

Dear Dr. Langmore,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire. I shall be very pleased to assist you with any cancer patients whom you may wish to send to a Melbourne public hospital for treatment. I may be able to shorten the waiting time for admission to hospital and I can also arrange for payment of fees.

Please let me know if you require my assistance at any time.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

4th March, 1942.

Dr. Leonard Langmore, M.B., B.S.,  
"Athol",  
BERNICK.

Dear Dr. Langmore,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire.

My Council is very anxious to assist the early diagnosis of cancer, and no restriction would be placed on the assistance given for travelling expenses to Melbourne to establish or to negative a diagnosis.

This assistance would be given through the almoner organization established at the public hospitals. We have subsidized a special Samaritan Fund at each hospital for this purpose. Please let me know whenever I can be of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

24th February, 1942.

Miss A. F. Larke,  
"Fernleigh",  
NILMA.

Dear Miss Larke,

I am very pleased to send you our booklet on the  
subject of cancer.

I regret to learn that you have had a good deal of  
trouble with your left breast. I would advise you to keep  
in touch with your local doctor. You may, if you like, show  
him this letter and I shall be very pleased to help him in  
any way if he considers that I can be of assistance.

It would seem to be very unlikely that your trouble  
is of a serious character, but all abnormal conditions in the  
breast have to be carefully watched.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.  
CVM.BH

Fernleigh  
Nilma  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1942.

To the Officer (Medical) of the council at the  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Dear Sir.

I have had a discharge at the nipple of the  
left breast, it started about 2½ to 3 yrs ago.  
I went to my local W<sup>o</sup> & thro him went to  
town, & Electrical Therapy treatment, then I  
had to put an ointment on it (Ung. Cycloform)  
I had an awful breast it became raw for about  
4" all round, a lot of watery fluid came from  
it, it was more like the colour of a light canary  
then I had compresses on it, to draw the puss  
away then my Town W<sup>o</sup> said to dry it up  
with olive oil, which I did, & it came again  
so went to town again & had a second treatment  
& just put the olive oil on, & now the fluid is  
coming again at times, there is no pain,  
About 6 mths ago I hung some sheets on the line  
there was a little colour came, so have not done it  
again on a windy day & don't feel any ill  
effects from it, but there are little red spots

coming round the underside of the nipple about  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  in distance, I have not been to my W<sup>ch</sup> about  
it again, But in the Sun I see the advertisement  
of a book free on cancer & would like  
same, if one is procurable.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly.

(Miss) A. F. Larkel

I am a single woman, 57 yrs.

24th February, 1942.

H. Littlejohn, Esq.,  
RED HILL.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding to you out booklets on Cancer. You may rest assured that a small lump on your ear would not have a detrimental effect on your heart. The only person who could form an opinion as to whether anything should be done to the lump is your local doctor.

I should be very glad to help him in any way if he considers that it requires special treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.  
SVM.BH

Red Hill

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1942

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
Spring St.  
Melbourne,

Dear Sir,

Your note in today's Sun has interested me very much and I would like you to forward me booklet on cancer.

In winter time I suffer from chilblains which also get on my ears and get very sore and later on in the Spring I have a hard job to get them to heal and as long as I can remember I have had to have a very soft pillow at night on account of the sores up till now I have never worried about them putting it down to the after effects of the chilblains but now I can feel a small lump between my fingers as I press the ear. So I would like your advice - after working in the Sun on a hot day it gets very itchy

I would also like to know if a growth  
there would affect the heart as a doctor  
18 months ago told me my heart was not  
good enough to give me a life insurance  
policy in but he said for me not  
to worry as he said it was not  
bad enough to worry about

I am a married man of 35.

I am  
Faithfully yours  
H Littlejohn

20th February, 1942.

C. W. Lucas, Esq.,  
16 Renwick Street,  
GLEN IRIS, S.E.6.

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to send you our booklet on cancer.

You appear to have had an unfortunate experience with the trouble on your right ear. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BE

16 Kenwick St

Glen Iris SE6

17 Feb 1942.

The Medical Officer

Dear Sir.

Seeing your article in today's *idge*  
I wish to have booklet sent to me  
about cancer.

I would also like to state my own  
case.

About twelve years ago, a small scab  
formed on my right ear. A Collins &  
doctor treated it with radium, & later  
with some freezing treatment, which  
was not effective. I attended  
another Collins & specialist who cut  
a V out of my ear, this operation had  
to be done again, six months later.  
After twelve months a kind of scab  
broke out. The same doctor sent me  
for a "diathermy" treatment; which seemed  
successful for a while. At present it is  
giving much trouble; but it is  
I cured.

Yours truly  
D. D. P.

18th February, 1942.

Edgar Law, Esq.,  
18 Westminster Street,  
OAKLEIGH.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in acknowledging your letter of the 17th of February. I regret to say that the Anti-Cancer Council itself has no facilities for the examination of patients.

I would recommend you to visit your local medical practitioner. If he would like me to give him any assistance at a later date with regard to the arrangements for a special examination I should be pleased to do so.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

19: II. 1942

18 Westminster Street.  
Gableigh.

Executive & Medical Officer  
R.A.C.S. Spring Street. Melbourne.

Dear Sir.

Am uneasy about a tightness of the stomach. So far no actual pain. Mother and sister both died from effects of cancer. Am a man in my 44th year. Some 14 stone in weight. Bowels have become irregular in action. Appetite good.

You urge taking cancer in time. Might I suggest an examination by yourselves. Could call at your convenience. Of course it may be nothing to worry about, and should be sorry to waste your time. But it is for you to advise.

Faithfully yours  
Edgar Law.

TELEPHONE 43.

~~CONSULTATION HOURS:~~  
~~9.30 TO 10.30 AM~~  
~~1.30 TO 3 P.M.~~  
~~7 TO 8 P.M.~~

"Sari Bair,"

Kyneton.

Feb 11, 1942

Executive Medical Officer

Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that Dr. H. G. Loughran died last November.

I cannot say for certain if he received any correspondence re anti-Cancer, but am certain that if he did he would have replied

My son, Dr. Gerald Loughran who entered into an agreement to purchase his father's practice from me -- at least in my interest - was ordered back to camp a month after his father died. A wonderful tribute to a returned soldier.

Am sorry to have digressed thus but am very distressed. Yours faithfully

*Florence M. Loughran*

12th February, 1942.

Mrs. H. G. Loughran,  
"Sari Bair",  
KYNETON.

Dear Mrs. Loughran,

I thank you for your letter of the 11th of February.

I knew your late husband when he was a medical student. I greatly regret that owing to my ignorance of his death I have bothered you with this correspondence on behalf of my Council.

Please accept my sincere regrets and my sympathy with you in your bereavement, and also in the grave difficulties connected with the practice which have been occasioned by the calling up of your son for military service.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

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

18th February, 1942.

Mrs. E. Lyons,  
59 Beresford Road,  
EAST KEW, E.5.

Dear Madam,

I am very pleased to send you our booklet. I have spoken to your daughter in Ward 16 at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and I know that she is having the best available treatment. I sincerely hope that she will make favourable progress.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

59, Peelford Road  
East New E 5  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 42.

Dear Sir,

I would like you  
to send me the special  
leaflet. What every Adult  
should know about  
Cancer. I never bothered  
about it before, but I have  
a daughter in Ward 16 at  
the Melbourne Hospital  
with eye cancer in the  
inner part of her foot. It first  
about 12 months ago since  
she felt it first. But of course  
none of us ever thought  
it could be a growth.  
So I would be very pleased  
to get the leaflet.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs E. Lyons.

Dunlop  
10/11/11

Dear Sir,

LANCASTER

Your friend Mr  
Lancaster died in  
the Devon Hospital -  
Lafite & Secordans  
in the wing. The hospital  
could not give you further  
particulars. Death occurred  
some six weeks ago

Yours truly  
George

Dunlop  
10/11/11

# Royal Melbourne Hospital

TELEPHONE:  
CENT. 9001

## SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

7th November, 1941.

Dr. W. A. Fleming, M.B., B.S.,  
BURNIE, Tasmania.

Dear Dr. Fleming,

In June last you were kind enough to furnish this department with a clinical report on the condition of Mrs. Winifred Lancaster.

It would be most helpful if you could let us have a similar report for inclusion in the Cancer Register installed at this hospital by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

per *Banna*

'Phone 46

LOWE • M

Noorong St.,

BARHAM

G.R. 806

9.8.41

Morris have been refuted  
come today. He is  
apparently perfectly cured  
as there is no sign of the  
original growth.

D Gellay  
Secretary

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27th November, 1941.

Dr. Gellay,  
Noorong Street,  
BARHAM.

Dear Dr. Gellay,

Many thanks for your clinical note concerning Mr. Maurice Lowe. He had a giant-celled tumour of the left lower alveolus and will require to be watched. I am glad to know that his present condition is satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Avenel,

Tallangatta.

16. 10. 41

LAND Isabel

Dr C. V. McKay

Dear Sir,

Mrs Isabel Land saw me today.

The wound is quite healed & no evidence of recurrence locally, no enlarged glands & no signs of metastases are apparent.

The patient has put on weight over 1 stone since leaving the R.M.H.

Her general condition has quite definitely improved.

There is some enlargement of right arm as compared to left, & some slight oedema of the right upper arm.

Yours faithfully

C. V. Halloran

M.B.B.S.

21st October, 1941.

Dr. H. F. C. Hallowes,  
TALLANGATTA, Vic.

Dear Dr. Hallowes,

Many thanks for your clinical notes concerning the present condition of Mrs. Isabel Land.

I am glad to hear that she has done so well since leaving hospital. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you at any time with an indigent cancer patient.

Yours sincerely,

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

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

7th November, 1951

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BURNIE, Tasmania.

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A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

per

15th May, 1941.

Mrs. J. Le Broc,  
9 Genoa Street,  
PARKDALE.

Dear Mrs. Le Broc,

In answer to your letter of recent date, I shall be glad if you will ring and make an appointment to see me at my office at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

My office is on the first floor and the Enquiry Office at the main entrance in Lonsdale Street will direct you to it.

Yours faithfully,

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

May

The Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sir,

On reading your article in the Herald on cancer I am interested as I have pains in my breast, caused, I think by a small lump. While attending the Women's hospital while pregnant I asked the doctor about it and he said it was a gland, but I had it before being pregnant which I don't think I told him and it hasn't worried me again until recently. It may not be serious but I realize that to have it seen to now I may be saved a lot of trouble later on. Several people I know who had cancer didn't know until it was too late, so I would like to know about your method of treatment etc also fees if any.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J. Le Broc  
9 Genoa St  
A Parkdale

To the  
Anti Cancer Council.

The Cottage  
Tremont  
9/10/41

Dear Sirs

Would you please give me some information re. The Cancer Clinic my sister & myself desire some treatment or (rather we think we do). My sister has a dark brown crust on her face & she thinks it is giving her some gland trouble.

And I have a small sort of boil come just inside my nostril it has no pain but was rubbed off once & bled freely - went away for a week or two. & has now appeared again.

At present I am under an eye specialist with serious eye trouble & cannot talk about much or thought perhaps you would tell us where to go, & what hours and days, it would be very helpful to us if you would.

We are both over 60 years. & as you can see by the above address we live out of the city which makes it more inconvenient for us.

Thanking you in anticipation  
Yours

Sincerely

(Mrs) Margaret Loring

11th October, 1941.

Mrs. Margaret Laing,  
"The Cottage",  
TREMONT.

Dear Mrs. Laing,

I have pleasure in answering your letter of the  
9th October.

I regret to say that there is no special cancer  
clinic in Melbourne. Each of the public hospitals has a clinic  
which is mainly, but not entirely, devoted to cancer, and there  
are several specialists in Melbourne who see many cancer patients.

If you should require any further details I  
shall be pleased to supply them.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

CEFN GWYN.

LEWIS Ethel

BEAUFORT

7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1941

Dr. C. V. Mackay

Anti-Cancer Council of Brit.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Your letter of enquiry regarding Mrs Ethel Lewis came some days ago & I am sorry to be late in replying. I haven't seen Mrs Lewis for the year until about 4 wks ago she came in - pale & drawn from pain & lack of sleep. Her left Elbow was spindle shaped & the skin was stretched to breaking point. She had been going to a "masseur" in Ballarat for 8 weeks - for "rheumatism"! Screening showed that the lower end of humerus was enlarged & rarefied. It fractured spontaneously while she turned in bed a day or two later. She then consented to amputation which was done at junction of upper & middle thirds just three weeks ago. She made a splendid recovery & walked down (about half a mile) to see me yesterday. I trust this information may be useful. While I am writing I should like to ask your opinion

said it was throbbing, I  
her as a placebo some ichtlyol  
collodium.

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I saw her in a fortnight. She had not seen her  
doctor. I insisted on examining & found marked  
retraction of the nipple - & a very round hard  
large breast.

She said that her brother had bumped her  
breast a few days previously & that the  
nipple had "immediately" retracted!

I insisted on her doctor seeing it at once.

Breast was amputated <sup>that week</sup> - an axillary glands showed  
invasion - from beginning to end - about 3 months.

All the doctors who saw it said it must  
have been there for 12 or 18 months and  
that the ultraviolet erythema was "co-incidental" only.  
The pathologist reported that it was "rapidly growing"  
but was "of scirrhous type" - which I thought was  
contradictory rather.

I am definitely of opinion that the treatment (ultraviolet)  
had something to do - with releasing or stimulating  
the embryonic forces! Is it impossible?

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I shall be glad of your opinion about this  
if you could spare the time to drop a line.  
This a curious thing - but at the present time  
I am happening to come into contact with  
a number of cancer cases - chiefly secondaries.  
Cancer has been rather rare in my practice  
until this year.

Yours sincerely,  
H. E. Humphreys

CEFN GWYN.

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the following.

May of this year I gave (for frequent colds) a treatment with ultra-violet ray to a family friend who was visiting us. She is aged 34.

owing to shyness, she did not fully expose her chest - with the result that on the following day she had a well-marked erythema - which was in a definite line of demarcation across the breast. She showed it to <sup>me</sup> <sup>next day</sup> because the

area shaded was lumpy & hard & enlarged

I thought of it as some curious lymphatic reaction. She & her husband assured me there had been no thickening there before.

I told her to show it to her dodder when she went home; - & he ~~was~~ laughed & advised her as I had - to expose both sides! - (as she

was always conscious of the smallness of her breasts) In about six weeks I saw it - & was surprised to know it had increased in size & involved all of the breast.

I told her to show it to her dodder again; she said she would, but wanted something to put on it.

LEWIS Ethel

2nd October, 1941.

Dr. Humphreys, M.B., B.S.,  
Havelock Street,  
BEAUFORT.

Dear Dr. Humphreys,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Ethel Lewis. Mrs. Lewis, who lives at Waterloo, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 29th September, 1940 to 16th October, 1940, and was diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the oesophagus.

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. Lewis, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

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

14th October, 1941.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys,  
BEAUFORT.

Dear Dr. Humphreys,

Many thanks for your clinical note concerning Mrs. Ethel Lewis.

I am not forgetting your enquiry about the patient who responded so strangely to ultra-violet light treatment. I am making some enquiries before sending along my opinion.

Yours faithfully,

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