

22nd November, 1939.

H. J. Huxtable,
P.O. East Brunswick, Vic.

Dear Mr. Huxtable,

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been forwarded to me for answer.

May I give you the following advice with regard to the pain "in the stomach" about which you have written to us.

Please see your local doctor and ask him to give you a letter of recommendation to either St. Vincent's Hospital in Victoria Parade, or to the Royal Melbourne Hospital in Lonsdale Street. If you have no local doctor attend the Hospital without recommendation.

At either of these hospitals you will receive a thorough investigation without necessarily having to be admitted to the wards.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council Information Bureau.

CVM.MD

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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

C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

21st November, 1939.

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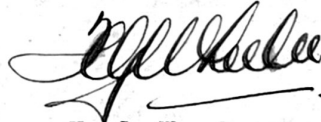
Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I am sending you a letter from
H. J. Huxtable of East Brunswick which arrived
this morning. I shall be grateful if you will
kindly forward an answer to this letter.

I do not envy you your task in
answering some of these letters.

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,
Secretary.

P. S. Since writing the above the enclosed two
letters have also been received for you.



East-Brunswick

18. 11. 1939

Dear Sir

i have been suffering with a pain
in the stomach for 7 or 8 years
it is between the navel and the lower
rib on the left side it come on in
the day time when i am working hard
but during the night - it goes away
i have been to 3 or 4 Doctors but
none of them seems to do me any
good what would you advise me
to do

I am yours

H J Hunttable

P O East-Brunswick

Victoria

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Spring St Melbourne

Dear Sir

Would you kindly
send me a book on Cancer I read
in this morning's age where there
were books to be given out on the
Symptoms of Cancer. As I am a victim
to the complaint and have to go to
hospital on the 12th inst for operation.
I would like to learn a bit more
of its symptoms before having the
operation of which I dread

yours etc
Mrs M. Grant

15 Carnarvon Str
Brunswick
Vic

3. 12. 40

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sent
5/2/40

Tarnajulla
19/10/40

Dear Sirs

Would you kindly forward me
your free hand book in "What every
Adult should know about Cancer"
Thanking you in anticipation of same

I Remain

Yours faithfully
L. Garlick

Sent
22 10 40
(1)

INFORMATION BUREAU,

19th October, 1940.

Mrs. J. Gordon,
Timms Avenue,
Woodland Park,
Hull Road,
CROYDON, Vic.

Dear Mrs. Gordon,

I have much pleasure in sending to you, with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, one of the handbooks on cancer which have been recently published by the Council. You will find most of the symptoms of cancer detailed in the handbook. If you will kindly give me some information about your state of health, and your financial position, I will be able to give you the further advice which you have requested.

In my opinion, however, your best plan would be to seek the advice of your local medical practitioner before again communicating with me. If he is in doubt about your case I shall be pleased to give any assistance in my power.

Thanks for the enclosed postage stamp.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

16. Oct 1940

Dear Sir

Please send me information
about the symptoms of cancer. etc
and where I can go to be
examined for same

Mrs J. Gordon
Timmis Avenue
Woodland Park
Hull Rd
Croydon
Vic.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

15th October, 1940.

G. J. Greig, Esq.,
216 St. Kilda Street,
MIDDLE BRIGHTON, S.5.

Dear Mr. Greig,

I have pleasure in answering your second letter of the 10th October.

It would seem that your most suitable public hospital would be the Alfred Hospital, in Commercial Road, Prahran, near the junction with St. Kilda Road. You could see a physician there on a Monday or Friday at 9 a.m. or on a Tuesday or Thursday at 2 p.m. and receive an examination with respect to your symptoms.

It is more than possible that there will be no suspicion of malignancy, but the possibility cannot be entirely ruled out. "Middle age" is a conventional term, but if we take seventy years as the accepted life-span, then thirty-six is a half-way stage.

The charges at public hospitals for outpatients are very moderate and you may take this letter with you.

Yours faithfully,

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

216 St. Kilda St.
Middle Brighton S.S.
10/10/40

Dr C. T. Mackay
Executive Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. to hand,
thank you for the same.

I am sorry if the symptoms as I
described them were too vague to be of any
help, but I would like to say that I
definitely do not think it is digestive
trouble. Furthermore I have not yet attained
to middle-age being only 36 years old, and
only a working man on a small salary, so
am not in a position to afford a specialist.

Your assistance for attention at a public
hospital I would be glad of and hope that
could be arranged as near to Brighton as
possible.

I am always free Saturday mornings but
am sure there would be no difficulty in getting
time off during the week

Yours sincerely
A. J. Gray

16th October, 1940.

The Secretary,
Victorian Civil Ambulance Service,
217 Lonsdale Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

re Miss Casey, Geelong hospital patient.

I received a letter this morning from the
almoner at the Geelong Hospital informing me that
the above patient collapsed and died in the ward
during the week-end.

Thank you very much for your offer of help
in this case.

Yours faithfully,

Executive Medical Officer.

CVM:MD

All Communications to be
addressed to the
Business Manager.

Geelong & District Hospital

(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)

GEELONG & DISTRICT HOSPITAL
(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)
ALMONER DEPARTMENT
BOX 110

PHONE: 3435

Geelong 14. 10. 40.

Dr. G. V. Mackay.
Anti Cancer Council.
Spring St
Melbourne. V.I.

Dear Dr. Mackay.

re Miss Teresa Casey.

Thank you for your prompt offer of assistance,
in providing transport for this patient.

Unfortunately she collapsed during the
week-end and died in the ward.

I am sorry to have worried you unnecessarily
but hope to be able to avail myself of your assistance for
some future patient.

Yours faithfully,
Jean Falconer. Almoner



Victorian Civil Ambulance Service

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Supt.-Secretary:

FREDERICK RAVEN, J.P.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED TO THE SUPT.-SEC.

CHEQUES, ETC., TO BE MADE
PAYABLE TO VICTORIAN CIVIL
AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Telephones:

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AMB. DEPOT: 121

HEADQUARTERS:

217 Lonsdale Street,

Melbourne, 11th October, 1940.

*Geelong Hosp
(Austin)*

The Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/o. Royal Aust. College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

re Ambulance Transport from
Geelong to Austin Hospital.

I acknowledge your letter of confirmation
re the transfer of a Miss Casey from Geelong Hospital
to the Austin Hospital.

Our switchboard attendant has been
instructed that this call may be expected about the
18th inst.

Yours faithfully,

Frederick Raven

Superintendent-Secretary.

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11th October, 1940.

Miss Jean Falconer,
Almoner,
Geelong & District Hospital,
(Kitchener Memorial),
GEELONG.

GEELONG
HOSPITAL
(almoner)

Dear Miss Falconer,

I am very pleased to have the opportunity of helping you with your work for cancer patients in the Geelong Hospital.

The Medical Superintendent of the Austin Hospital informs me that he is unlikely to be able to provide for the admission of Miss Casey until about the 20th of this month.

I have arranged for the Victorian Civil Ambulance, 217 Lonsdale Street, C.1, Central 121 and F9144, to take Miss Casey to the Austin Hospital at a special price rate, and to send the account to the secretary of my Council.

Would you kindly communicate with the Victorian Civil Ambulance as soon as you receive a notification from the Austin Hospital of the vacancy for Miss Casey? Please ring the secretary, or in his absence, the switchboard operator; both have been informed of the arrangements which I have made. Would you please let me know also when the patient leaves the Geelong Hospital?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Executive Medical Officer.

Geelong & District Hospital

(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)

GEELONG & DISTRICT HOSPITAL
(KITCHENER MEMORIAL)
ALMONER DEPARTMENT
Box 135

Enc: 3435

Geelong 9. 10. 40.

£4:10/-

The Secretary,
Anti Cancer Council,
Spring St. G.

Dear Sir,

re Miss Teresa Casey, 60.
85 7 years old.
S. Geelong.

This patient has been recommended for admission to Austin Hospital for radium treatment, and is at present in one of our wards, waiting until a vacancy is available.

Her doctor states that she will have to travel by ambulance, and, as she is in receipt of a pension, she will be unable to meet the cost of this £5. 10. herself. Her relatives are unable to assist, as her sister draws a pension, and her brother is in receipt of sustenance.

I am wondering, therefore, if your Council would kindly consider helping her, by meeting the cost of her transport? I should be most grateful if this were possible, and shall be interested to receive your reply.

Yours faithfully,
Jean Falconer.

Almoner.

11th October, 1940.

The Secretary,
The Victorian Civil Ambulance,
217 Lonsdale Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation this morning, the Medical Superintendent of the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, informs me that Miss Casey, who is a cancer patient in the Geelong Hospital, is not likely to be admitted to his hospital until the expiry of another seven to ten days.

The call for your ambulance from the almoner at Geelong for the transfer of this patient is therefore not likely to eventuate until about the 18th or 20th of this month.

Many thanks for your kindness in arranging a fee of £4/10/- for this service to my Council.

Yours sincerely,

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

CM.MD

INFORMATION BUREAU,

8th October, 1940.

G. J. Greig, Esq.,
216 St. Kilda Street,
MIDDLE BRIGHTON, S.5.

Dear Mr. Greig,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 7th inst.

The symptoms which you have enumerated are so indefinite that it is impossible to form a precise opinion of the real nature of your trouble. It is recognized, however, that vague symptoms of indigestion in middle-aged persons must always be regarded as possibly caused by a cancerous growth.

Modern methods of diagnosing digestive complaints include X-ray examinations of the stomach and bowel. These examinations are carried out by radiologists in their professional chambers or at the respective public hospitals on which they serve in an honorary capacity.

If you let me know whether you wish to consult a specialist or to attend a public hospital I will send you full particulars of procedure.

Yours faithfully,

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

216 St. Kilda St-

Secretary & account of the Middle Brighton S.S.
Anti-Cancer Council, 7/10/40

Spring St. I am to have the complaint
City to complaint card

Dear Sir, please accept

I have heard that your Society
solicits enquiries from any ^{person} having symptoms
of a nature suggestive of a malignant growth
and that assistance is given in diagnosing
and treating any such cases.

My symptoms are mostly in the stomach
with periodical attacks of a feeling of extreme
fullness like as though I were blown up, and
of a weight being within, at times accompanied
with soreness. But another very distressing
symptom is the loss of my sense of taste and
sense of smell and that for days on end,
being quite unable to taste or smell anything
offered.

This complaint I have suffered for about
2 years or more now and am getting a little

anxious on account of the attack, becoming
a little more frequent, but trust with your
assistance soon to have the trouble diagnosed
and the complaint cured.

Thanking you in anticipation

(W^m) G. J. Greig

Address:

G. J. Greig

216 St. Kilda St.

Middlebury, Vt. U.S.

sent 8.10.40

CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY
GISBORNE,
VICTORIA

7th October
1940

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secretary
Anti-Cancer Council
College of Surgeons
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,
Please send me
the booklet "What Every Health
should know about Cancer".

Yours faithfully

John. M. Gibbons.

Sent 8.10.40

INFORMATION BUREAU,

4th October, 1940.

Mrs. Florence Greig,
52 Brougham Street,
ELW.

Dear Mrs. Greig,

I am pleased to have the opportunity of answering your enquiry of the 2nd October.

It is impossible to form a diagnostic opinion on your case from the information which you have given me. As, however, you are 62 years of age and your symptom of vomiting has returned, I would strongly advise you to have a further medical examination at an early date.

The most satisfactory procedure would be to report back to St. Vincent's Hospital for a stomach and bowel examination.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

52 Brougham St
New.

2.9.40.

Anti Council of Cancer.

Dear Sirs.

Noting your advce. for inquiries re. Cancer =
I would like advice =

Last February. I was vomiting and went to Dr.
N. Kennon. she ordered an X Ray. for Gall trouble. which
I had. but she said there was nothing wrong with
the Gall. or kidneys. Now. I have a feeling of
vomiting again. and would like advice =

I am 62 yrs of age. and compelled to work.
2 yrs ago I was under Dr. J. Williams. for nervous break.
down. at St. Vincent. Hosp.

Thanking you.

M^{rs} Florence Greig

AUSTRALIA.

1st October, 1940.

Dr. Edward S. Godfrey, Jr., M.D.,
New York State Department of Health,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Godfrey,

A statement regarding your News Service and Cancer Reporting system in an American journal of May 27th, 1940 has aroused my interest. I am wondering if it would be possible for you to let me have some information about it?

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has been formed with the idea of public education of cancer and the necessity for early treatment, and to this end we have fortnightly statements released through the principal metropolitan newspapers. After a time it becomes difficult to dress the same theme up sufficiently to interest the general public and hold attention, as you have probably found at some time.

Any details of your methods would be most gratefully studied.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical
Anti-Cancer Council.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

30th September, 1940.

Gordon Gash, Esq.,
17 William Street,
Balaclava.

Dear Mr. Gash,

I have much pleasure in answering your enquiry about cancer. I enclose a copy of the handbook recently published by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria on the subject.

I think that you are very wise to have the swelling on your lower lip examined by a specialist at an early date. With regard to any treatment which may be considered to be necessary, I feel sure that this can be arranged at a very reasonable cost at one of the large public hospitals of Melbourne, either the Royal Melbourne, St. Vincent's or the Alfred Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Enc.

17 William St
Balclutha S.2
Melbourne.

D. C. V Mac Kay
College of Surgeons
Spring St. Melbourne C.1.

Dear Sir,

I have noted with interest through the Press the wonderful & timely work undertaken by your good counsel re Cancer. In stating my case I trust I do not bore you unduly. Twelve months ago I had ^{rather} a cold sore type of affection on my bottom lip which had been there quite a while without healing. A Dr. same attended to & I was given 3 treatments by Electric Ray & I was assured there would be no further trouble. However of late there has developed a twitching nerve feeling which becomes hitchy at times & the skin feels hot similar to a sun burn. A slight inflamed swelling half inch below where lip was effected which I first noticed one wk. after first Electric Treatment. Apart from that there appears no swelling though I have had a sore throat for some time.

As sore throats are common these days maybe there is no connection, at the same time I am very worried I would prefer an examination. I note Sir Hugh Devine is chairman of your Committee. I would very much like his services I could afford his advise but should same require treatment unfortunately I could not afford the expense. I own my own little home valued at app £600 I have £40 in Bank. I have wife & three little children to keep I receive £3-10-0 per wk as a retainer to develop a Patent on which I'm working. It takes every penny of my income to feed & clothe them thus this letter to you Sir trusting you favour me with your advise in the near future

I am
Yours most sincerely
Jordan Ash.

Age 46 years.

Cancer Reporting

New York State Dept
of Health

Albany, N. Y.

News Service

May 27, 1940

Edward S. Godfrey, Jr.

M. D. Commissioner

Cancer of Large Bowel

David

Archives of Surgery. Aug. 40

July 40

(Ca. Breast.)

25th September, 1940.

Mrs. Greenwood,
457 Bridge Road,
Richmond, E.1

Dear Mrs. Greenwood,

I greatly regret that I am
unable to come and visit you at the present time.
I am making full enquiries about your present
condition from Sister Anstey, of the District
Nurses' Association.

Hoping that your condition has
not become any worse since my visit,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

INFORMATION BUREAU.

12th September, 1940.

Mrs. M. Galvin,
72 Sevan Street,
West Footscray.

Dear Mrs. Galvin,

I have pleasure in answering
your enquiry of the 10th September.

Please do not hesitate to be
examined by a doctor without any further delay.
It is quite likely that you are not suffering
from cancer, but the symptoms are such that only
by a careful examination can a correct diagnosis
be made.

You should attend your local
medical practitioner if you have one, or the
Footscray and District Out-Patient and Welfare
Centre, at Eleanor Street, Footscray, or the
out-patient department of the Women's Hospital
at Carlton.

Yours faithfully,

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

P.S. I am enclosing our handbook on cancer for
your information.

CVM.MD

272 Swan St
West Footscray
10.9.40

Dear Sir

I would like advice about my self I am 52 years of age and have had a large family, during the last two years I have had irregular bleedings lasting for a week they are coming more frequent lately, I know it is not right letting my self go any further.

Yours
Obliged
Mr. Galvin

12th September, 1940.

Mrs. L. Grigg,
Drysdale.

Dear Mrs. Grigg,

I am forwarding to you one of our recently published handbooks, "What every adult should know about Cancer," which contains a great deal of useful information on this subject.

I have enquired from the Medical Superintendent of the Queen Victoria Hospital, which is wholly staffed by lady doctors, for the information required by you. The names and addresses of two of these doctors who do a considerable amount of the treatment of patients suffering from cancer at that hospital are as follows:-

Dr. Florence Cooper, 107 Collins Street, Melbourne;

Dr. Ann Macleod, 71 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Dr Florence Cooper -
Dr Ann McLeod.

Drysdale
9th 9-40

The Secretary

Dear Sir

I have read that literature is available on application, re Cancer I would be glad if you would send me some. I have lately had radium for an ulcer on the face.

I would also be glad if you could give me the names of a couple of lady Drs. who specialize in cancer as I would like an examination elsewhere.

Thanking you I am

Yours truly
(Mrs) L Grigg

10th September, 1940.

F. H. Green, Esq.,
LINTON P.O.,
Victoria.

Dear Mr. Green,

I am pleased to send you
a copy of our handbook on Cancer.

No charge is made for these
booklets.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

Enc.

Sinton P.O.
Victoria
Sept 7th 41

To Secretary
Dear Sir,

Reading in the Press, what your
Society have, or are producing a
booklet, what every adult should
know about Cancer,

I would like to have a copy
of same. ~~If~~ ~~you~~ a charge for
same kindly let me know.
Yours faithfully

G. H. Green.

There is a gentleman in this
district who has a growth near the
ear, although painless & no discharge
it seems to be slowly getting
larger or spreading.

G. H. Green

INFORMATION BUREAU,

7th September, 1940.

Mrs. Dora Gates,
29 Fitzwilliam Street,
K E W, E.4.

Dear Mrs. Gates,

I am very pleased to forward
to you a copy of our handbook on Cancer.

You will find the first
symptoms of cancer in the breast and womb
carefully mentioned but not unduly elaborated.
Should you desire any further detailed inform-
ation I should be glad to supply it.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

29 Fitzwilliam St
Dublin.

4. 9. 40

Dear Sir,

In reference to
the booklet I noticed you
mentioned you had to
distribute to the public
"What every adult should
know about cancer" I would
be grateful if you would
forward me a copy.

Thanking you.

Yours truly
Dora Gates.

P.S. I would like to know
first symptoms of cancer in
the breast, it would. —

INFORMATION BUREAU.

3rd August, 1940.

Mr. W. B. Gladstone,
8 Richard Street,
WILLIAMSTOWN, W.16.

Dear Mr. Gladstone,

Your request re cancer is a very comprehensive one and I shall do my best to answer it.

In the first place, I am enclosing a list of some of the common symptoms and signs of cancer.

The treatment of cancer varies greatly with the type of cancer and with the stage of the disease which is present when the patient consults the doctor.

Medical practitioners who specialize in the treatment of cancer may use one of the following three methods, or they may combine the methods. These are:

(a) treatment by surgery (removal of the growth);

(b) treatment by radium;

or (c) treatment by deep X-rays.

In radium and deep X-ray treatment an attempt is made to destroy the cancer cells by radiation without injury to the healthy cells of the body.

The facilities for treatment are provided by consulting specialists at their rooms in the Collins Street district, or by the large metropolitan public hospitals. Treatment by specialists is necessarily expensive. Treatment at public hospitals is charged at a very low rate, and patients without means are not charged. Patients who cannot afford tram or railway fares are specially assisted to obtain their treatment, without expense, by the Almoner Department of each hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

8 Richard St
Williamstown W16

July 31-7-40

To Information Bureau P.A.B.S.

Dear Sir

Will you please
send to the above address all information treatment &
facilities regarding cancer and oblige
W.P. Gladstone

Garden.
C.R. 517

Old Colonist Home
N. H. H. H.
4-7-48

W. Mackay M. W.
Dear Sir, I will not be
able to attend Hospital on Friday
5th July, as I am in Hospital here
with a fractured arm. Will come
in as soon as possible. Thanking
you kindly.
Elizabeth Garden

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
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25th June, 1940.

Dear Dr. Hodge, GRACE, Mrs Amy.

I am enclosing a copy of
a letter I received this morning from the
Queen Victoria Hospital re Mrs. Amy Grace.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. MACKAY).

Dr. Hodge,
Ward 022,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.



TEL.: CENTRAL { 1184
1185

QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

For WOMEN and CHILDREN

MINT PLACE, MELBOURNE

CR. WILLIAM & LIT. LONSDALE STS.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY.

24th. June, 1940.

Dr. C.V. Mackay,
Anti-Cancer Council,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Lonsdale Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Doctor,

Re Mrs. Amy GRACE.

The diagnosis of carcinoma of the rectum was made on the result of rectal palpation, when an annular mass was felt at the tip of the finger in the rectum, in association with symptoms of increasing constipation and blood in the stools.

Colostomy without laparotomy was performed on 18th. April, 1935.

The patient has not attended hospital since operation.

Yours faithfully,

L. Lloyd-Green

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

23rd May, 1940.

Information Bureau

John J. Gill, Esq.,
42 Disraeli Grove,
Pascoe Vale.

Dear Mr. Gill,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 20th of May.

In my opinion you should obtain further treatment for the sore on your face.

As Mrs. Gill is an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital I would advise you to attend the out-patient department of that hospital for this special treatment.

You may show this letter at the out-patients' desk and explain your financial circumstances. The authorities, I am certain, will show you every possible consideration.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

42. Disraeli Grove.

Parade Vale. S.

The Anti-Cancer Council
of Victoria. Melb.

2/5/40

Dear Sir

About 10 years ago, a small sore came out on my face, a little higher than the eye and more to the side of the face. It was treated by a doctor at D^o. who applied as he stated a Radium block. This had no effect. He then treated it with a hot electric needle. This left a small scar, which has extended very slowly.

It gives me no trouble, except that it is more or less active and now measures about $3/4$ " I am 60 years of age, and outside of Active Service wounds. I have always been healthy. I shall be grateful if you would advise me. As I am only a War pensioner I cannot afford medical treatment.

My wife is at present in the Melb. Hospital, and is not expected to recover. And what little money I had, is nearly all gone.

So I am writing to ask your advice

Thanking you. I remain

Yours faithfully John J. Gill (over)

Dear Mrs. Gill

I am pleased to answer
your enquiry of the 20th of May.
In my opinion you should
obtain further treatment for the
sore on your face.

As Mrs. Gill is ^{an in.} a patient
at the Royal Leeds Hospital I
would advise you to attend the
Out-Pat. department of that hospital
for this special treatment.

You may show this letter
at the out-patients' desk and
explain your financial circumstances.
The authorities ^{I am} ~~of~~
certain will show you every
possible consideration.

patients letter returned
to him

CVM/HA

6th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

W. M. Glass, Esq.,
c/o Post Office,
SPOTSWOOD.

Dear Mr. Glass,

Your letter is very obscure, but I presume that you desire a consultation about some form of cancer. I would recommend you to attend the surgical out-patient department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital or the Footscray and District Clinic at Eleanor Street, Footscray, W.11.

Yours faithfully,

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

20th April, 1940.

Miss E. Grover,
Flat 6,
12 Maryville Street,
St. Kilda, S.2.

Dear Miss Grover,

I am pleased to reply to your
letter of 18th April.

It is difficult to state the
signs of cancer of the breast. The presence,
however, of any painless lump or swelling in
the breast, ulceration of the breast, with-
drawing of the nipple, or any marked change
in the size of the breast, should arouse suspicion.

If any of these signs are present,
then I should advise a medical examination as
soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

18th: April

Dear Sir

Would you please tell
me the symptoms of Cancer
of the breast

Yours faithfully

Miss E Grover
Flat 6

12 Manville St
St Kilda

The signs
of the
following

all the presence
Any painless lump or swelling
in the breast, ulceration of
the breast, withdrawal of the
nipple or any marked change
in the size of the breast.

12th April, 1940.

Mrs. Olive Grant,
29 Barry Street,
KEW, E.4.

Dear Mrs. Grant,

I am very pleased to answer your enquiry of 18th April.

You should certainly consult your own local doctor as soon as possible. Only a careful examination would make it possible to give you the information which you desire.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

29 Barry St
New. E4.

18/4/40

Dear Sirs

Reading in the Argus.
of last Saturday 13 inst that
anyone who has had a
malignant growth. may apply to
you for further examination, or
advice.

Some two & half years ago. I had
portion of the bowel removed
& at the present time there is
a feeling that all may not be
right I would be a tremendous
relief to know just what may
be causing that feeling
May I hear from you soon.

Telephone.
14. 5592. (Mrs) Olive Grant.
Yours truly.

2nd April, 1940.

Mrs. M. H. Garrett,
Flat 8,
236 Canterbury Road,
ST. KILDA, S. 2.

Dear Mrs. Garrett,

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria is very anxious that the early signs and symptoms of cancer should be well known.

I am enclosing a list which summarises the most common. Unfortunately, in certain parts of the body, such as the stomach and the bowel, cancer may exist without giving rise to any definite symptoms.

The most common mistake made by patients is the delay between discovery of a painless lump and consultation with a doctor. Only a proportion of lumps or swellings are cancerous, and only a careful medical examination can decide this point.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Information Bureau,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

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Flat 8.

234 Canterbury Rd.

St Hilda. Sz.

April 1st

Vic

To the One in charge of the Information Bureau.

Seeing your notice regarding the treatment of cancer in the Argus lately I am writing to ask for any information you can give me. Are there any definite symptoms by which one can tell if one has a cancer? I am enclosed for reply.

yours faithfully

(Mrs) M. H. Garrett.

20th March, 1940.

Mrs. G. Goble,
27 Highbury Street,
WEST RICHMOND, E.1.

Dear Mrs. Goble,

I am pleased to answer your letter of enquiry of the 18th inst.

I would recommend you to attend the Out-Patient Surgical Department of St. Vincent's Hospital in Victoria Street, or of the Royal Melbourne Hospital in Lonsdale Street,

The growth you wish to have examined would then be carefully inspected and the appropriate treatment recommended to you.

Should you be in a position to consult a specialist I would be pleased to supply several names on application.

Yours sincerely,

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

P.S. You may take this letter with you.

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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

C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

19th March, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I am enclosing a letter from Mrs. G. Goble
of 27 Highett Street, West Richmond. Will you kindly write
to Mrs. Goble.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,
Secretary.

27 Highgate St -
West Richmond
E1

18.3.40 Secretary
Anti-Cancer Council of Vic

Will you kindly supply me
with particulars of how to have
a nasty growth inspected +
treated + oblige

Yours &c
J. C. Cable

14th March, 1940.

Mrs. L. Gilbert,
8 Balmoral Street,
SOUTH YARRA, S.E.1.

Dear Mrs. Gilbert,

Your letter of the 11th March
has been sent to me for reply.

I regret to learn that you have
had two apparently contradictory opinions about the
lump in your breast.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
is very anxious that all cases of cancer should be
seen and diagnosed as early as possible, so that
treatment can be early and effective. I must candidly
admit, however, that it is sometimes a most difficult
matter to decide whether a lump in the breast is
innocent or malignant. Your experience bears this out.
Surgeons always hesitate to remove a breast unless
they are satisfied that the complete operation is
absolutely necessary.

My advice to you would be to regard
this lump as being a cancer until it is proved innocent.
The only method to be adopted is to see a surgeon,
either privately or at one of the large public hospitals,
and ask him to make his final diagnosis on the operating
table. This is the usual procedure, and in my opinion
the only satisfactory one.

The lump itself is removed, carefully
examined by the surgeon, and his experience - sometimes
assisted by a rapid examination under the microscope -
enables him to decide whether complete removal of the
breast is necessary.

Mrs. L. Gilbert.

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14th March, 1940.

The question you have raised in your case is at present one of the major problems in cancer treatment, and the usual solution is the one I have indicated.

Any of the senior honorary surgeons on the medical staff of the large metropolitan hospitals would be the doctors for your purpose.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you when you have made your decision.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

8 Balmoral St

Stk Yarra SE1

11-3-40

Dear Sir:

I have had a lump in my breast for the past six months, with no pain attached to it, but decided I would have it seen to, so I went to my doctor. He told me he was not sure whether it was a cancerous growth but advised me to go to a public hospital.

At the hospital they told me it was definitely a cancer and that the breast would have to be removed.

I received a letter of introduction from a friend of mine, to be examined by a Collins St Specialist at another hospital, & he told me that he was almost sure it was not a cancer.

The reason I am writing to you is find out if you could tell me definitely one way or the other, as at present I don't know where I stand.

Please Oblige

Mrs. L. Gilbert

11th March, 1940.

Mrs. L. Good,
15 Scott Grove,
Glen Iris, S.E.6.

Dear Mrs. Good,

I shall attempt to reply to your enquiries concerning cancer of the kidney.

Question: "If a person had a cancerous growth on a kidney and necessitated the kidney being removed would another growth start when that kidney was operated on, and if so, if taken in time could another operation be performed if the patient was strong enough?"

Answer: The question involves such a great deal of supposition depending on each individual case that it can only be answered in very general terms.

Speaking generally, it is very difficult to diagnose a cancer of the kidney at a sufficiently early stage to enable the operation to be done with every prospect of success. If at a later stage another growth develops the prospect of a second operation being successful is not good.

Question: "How long do cancerous growths take to mature on kidney or for that matter, any cancerous growth?"

Answer: In spite of much investigation and research, no one is able to answer this question.

Question: "Why a cancer starts on kidney and if taken in time could it be cured?"

Answer: Here again we simply do not know at present, but we hope to find out.

If a cancer of the kidney, like a cancer of the breast, could be operated upon at an early stage the percentage cure rate would be reasonably high.

The treatment of all types of cancer has greatly improved during the past 25 years, there is definite hope of continued improvement in the future, and also of discoveries being made as to the nature of cancer which will enable us at long last to feel that we are beginning to understand what underlies this terrible disease. Medical scientists are constantly at work on this problem in most civilized countries.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

you are answering
which daily paper
don't wish my name
published

15 Scott Grove
Elen Iris S.E.C.

To
Cancer Information Bureau
dear Sir

Would you kindly inform
me re the following
If a person had a cancerous growth
on a kidney & necessitated the kidney
being removed, would another growth
start when that kidney was
operated on, & if so, if taken
in time, could another operation
be performed, if the patient
was strong enough. also how
long do cancerous growths
take to mature on kidney, or
for that matter any cancerous
growth, trusting I am
making this plain
also if possible, tell me why a
cancer starts on kidney & if taken
in time, could it
be cured

(Mrs) J. H. Wood

8th March, 1940.

Mrs. H. E. Graham,
10 Webb Street,
CAULFIELD, S.E.8.

Dear Mrs. Graham,

Your letter to Mrs. Solly has been forwarded to me. I am the medical officer in charge of the Cancer Information Bureau formed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

May I beg of you to have the lump in your breast examined by a medical practitioner as soon as possible?

The doctors who see most cases of cancer, and who are skilled in the diagnosis between cancer and simple lumps, are the senior honorary surgeons attached to the large metropolitan hospitals.

My advice to you would be to see your local doctor at once and if he is doubtful about the lump, to ask him to recommend one of these surgeons whom you could consult in the Collins Street district. If you are unable to afford this examination you should attend, without delay, the out-patient surgical department of your public hospital, which in your case would be the Alfred Hospital, in Commercial Road, Prahran.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM:MD

I hope
Mrs. Magne
address
may find
you

10 Webb St
S.E. 8.
Caulfield
15-

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Dear Mr. Jolly

Should it be asking
too much for the address of
the Doctor. Re-cancer -

I was struck by your letter
in today's age -

as I am anxious over
a lump in my breast. &
would like to know what
the lump means;

Thanking you in anticipation
Truly - yours.

(Mrs) H. E. Graham -

Stamped addressed envelope
enclosed -

For reply
H. E. G.

GARLAND - THOS

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Alexandria 19.2.40

Mr G V Mackay

Dear Sir

in answer to your letter of the 8.2.40
I am sorry to say that I only got your letter
a few days ago I have been travelling
about in different parts of the country
and did not have any particular address
your letter went to Benalla via
was sent on to Alexandria and I was
at the Rubicon in regards to attending
the hospital on the date of your card which
you sent to me it is out of the
question as I have been out of work
for a long time and I have just got
a job and can not get away just
now for I have not got the means to
get so to Melbourne just at present
But as soon as I can find a way
of going down to the Hospital I will
do so as I think that it is necessary
to do so my neck is not too good
it is very sore but is healed up alright
But I think that it would be advisable
to see my Doctor Mr Symes and I will
come down as soon as I possibly can

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Thanking you for your interest in my
case I remain yours faithfully

J E Garland
Ailken Street

Aliscandra

Gippsland Hospital.

PHONE 15.

SALE. 16th. December 1939

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

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 7th. inst., was laid before the recent meeting of my Committee.

I was directed to inform you that your visit to the Hospital would be welcome. I was directed to add that the number of cases of cancer treated here does not warrant other than surgical treatment.

My Committee appreciates the value of the almoner service in Public Hospitals, but does not think there is scope for an Almoner in small centres like Sale, where most of the patients come from 20 to

Gippsland Hospital.

PHONE 15.

SALE.....193.....

Dr. G. B. Mackay

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60 miles away.

However this can be discussed on the occasion of
your visit.

Yours faithfully,

W Macdonald

SECRETARY & SUPERINTENDENT.

7th December, 1939.

Gifford
The Secretary,
Sale Base Hospital,
S A I E, Victoria.

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

7th December, 1939.

Gippsland
The Secretary,
~~Sale~~ Base Hospital,
S A L E, Victoria.

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

CVM.MD

1st November, 1939.

Mrs. G. Gardiner,
210 Clarendon Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2

Dear Madam,

I am very pleased to give you some information about early symptoms and signs of cancer as requested in your letter of the 28th October.

If you are in any doubt you should seek advice from your local doctor or hospital.

The question of treatment by X-rays, if this is necessary, would be considered sympathetically by any of the metropolitan hospitals, such as the Royal Melbourne, St. Vincent's, the Alfred Hospital, etc. If you have no doctor I should be pleased to give you a card to one of the hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. MACKAY),

Executive Medical Officer,
Cancer Information Bureau.

CVM.MD

Mrs. G. Gardiner
210 Clarendon St.,
East Meb. C.2.
Oct. 28th.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Cancer Information Bureau,

Dear Sir,

Having read an article in this
evenings Herald re. Cancer, I would be
very grateful if you could send me full
information of signs of Cancer etc.. as I am
at present, financially embarrassed & cannot
afford xrays etc.. which I have a suspicion
I may need, but I am not sure & would
deem it a great favour if you can furnish
me with some details etc.. regarding this
disease,

Thanking you in anticipation
I am

Yours faithfully
Mrs G. Gardiner

Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Lonsdale XXXX

24th August, 1939.

The Government Statist,
295 Queen Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1

Dear Sir,

Would you be so kind as to inform us whether the three individuals whose names are enclosed have died from cancer of the lip? We have been unable to trace them at their addresses.

And oblige,

Yours faithfully,

CVM.MD

Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Lonsdale xxx

24th August, 1939.

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|----|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | BARRY, Thomas, | Narbethong. | Cancer of lip. |
| 2. | WESTBURY, John, | 22 Menty Street,
Brunswick. | " " " |
| 3. | WALSH, John, | 7 Buncle Street,
Nth Melbourne. | " " " |

10th July, 1939.

Mr. Kitson,
Government Statist's Office,
295 Queen Street,
Melbourne, C.I.

Dear Mr. Kitson,

I am enclosing the list of the
names of the patients whom you have kindly promised
to investigate for me. We presume a high percentage
of these have died. We should be glad of your confirmation.

Yours sincerely,

CVM.MD

(33) 275 Grace Street, Port Melbourne.
 Rodent ulcer in eye. Last heard 10/1/37 -? dth. 19/6/37
 (35) 40 Strevors St. North Melbourne.
 Epithelioma lower lip. Last heard 11/11/38 -? dth. 19/6/37
 (37) 42 Robertson Street, Scoresby.
 7 months disease. Last heard of 1/1/37.
 (74) 81 Charles Street, **Melbourne Hospital,**
 Carcinoma of eye. Last ~~heard of 11/11/38~~
Lonsdale Street
 (82) 126 Newmarket Road.
 Carcinoma of breast. Last heard of 11/11/38.
 (95) 23 Maresfield Street, Carlton.
 Epithelioma. Last heard of 10/2/38.
 (38) 14 Green Street, Camberwell.
 Carcinoma of lip. Last heard of from Alfred Hosp., 22/1/38.
 (41) 150 Albert Street, Port Melbourne.
 Carcinoma of cervix. Last heard of 22/11/38.
 (7) 22 Sticks Street, Flemington.
 Carcinoma of breast. Last heard of 11/11/38.
BOOTH, James (79) 121 Newry St. Nth Carlton
 Carcinoma of neck. Discharged from Austin H. 3/1/36.
BROWN, Wm. J. (47) 57 Roseberry Avenue, Preston
 Rodent ulcer, left ear. Last heard of 26/7/38.
BURNS, James (73) C/o Mrs. Phillips, 262 Adderley St., W. Melbourne;
 Epithelioma of upper lip. Last heard of on 17/4/34.
CLARKE, Gertrude (63) 27 Moorehouse Street, Camberwell.
 Carcinoma of Oesophagus; Last heard of 13/9/38.
CRAWFORD, Annie (39) 53 Bridge Street, Northcote.
 Carcinoma of Breast. Last heard of 30/3/37; ?dth 19/6/37.
DEVERS, Wm. (69) Sole Street, Rutherglen.
 Epithelioma of Tonsil, Palate, etc. Last heard of 5/7/35.
NEEN, Ann (87) Port Arlington. Rodent ulcer l. cheek. Last heard
 of 5/7/35.
DUNNE, Julia (42) 166 Mills Street, Albert Park.
 Carcinoma of breast; last heard of 27/9/38 -?dth 10/11/38

6th July, 1939.

P.T.O.

- MEY, James (82) 216 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.
Rodent ulcer L. eye. Last heard 17/7/37 -? dth Beechwort
Benevolent Home, Sept
- FORBES, John (59) 88 Stevedore St. North Williamstown.
Epithelioma lower lip. Last heard 11/10/38 -? dth Mar. 1
- FOWLER, Patrick (57) 44 Robertson Street, Moonee Ponds.
? Hodgkins disease. Last heard of 8/1/37.
- GELSTON, James (74) 81 Charles Street, East Richmond.
Carcinoma of eye. Last heard of 26/4/38 - ? death Aug. 1
- GRIBBLE, Edith (62) 139 Kambrook Road, Caulfield.
Carcinoma of Breast. Last heard of 11/12/36.
- HILL, Thomas (46) 83 Faraday Street, Carlton.
Syringomyelia. Last heard of 18/2/38.
- HODGETTS, Wm. (55) 14 Rowan Street, Wangaratta.
Sarcoma of ilium. Last heard of (from Alfred Hosp.), 22/1/35.
- KELLY, Nancy (40) 180 Albert Street, Port Melbourne.
Carcinoma of cervix. Last heard of 25/10/35.
- KENNEDY, Bridget (?) 28 Shiels Street, Flemington.
Carcinoma of thyroid. Last heard 13/10/38 (? dth at Sister
of Mercy Convent, Clifton Hill, 8/11/38.
- KINGDON, Wm. (76) 12 Normanby Place, Richmond, E.1.
Epithelioma lower lip. Last heard 31/5/38 (? dth 16/9/38)
- KNEALE, Nellie. (38) 55 Ormond Road, Elwood, S.3.
Carcinoma of rectum. Last heard 22/9/36 (Discharged from
Queen Victorian Hosp. on this
date)
- MORTIMER, Jane (80) 7 Stewart Street, Wonthaggi.
Rodent ulcers Nose & Cheek. Last heard of 15/2/38.
- McDONALD, Ebenezer (71) ? Address. Last heard of 29/6/37.
- McGROTTY, George (77) 30 Law Street, South Melbourne.
Epithelioma of R. zygomatic region. Last seen 2/2/37.
(?dth 23/2/37)
- NEILSON, Hans (62) 21 Pendle Street, Box Hill.
Carcinoma of parotid. Last seen 1/6/38. (?dth 18/5/38).
- O'DEA, Annie (79) 107 Kay Street, Carlton.
Epithelioma of cheek. Last heard of 19/3/37.
- ROBERTS, Mary (39) 40 Phillips Street, West Coburg.
(carcinoma of breast) Last seen 15/1/37.
- SCANLAN, Patrick J. (59) Cobden P.O.
Epithelioma pyriform fossa. Last heard of 4/6/38.
(? death August 1938.)

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Ernest Walter (80) ? Royal Park Hospital
Epithelioma of lip. Last seen 26/4/38.

SMITH, James (41) 189 Dover Street, Richmond.
? Angioma, back of head. Last seen 20/9/38. ?dth 18/10/38

SODERSTROM, Theresa (74) 89 Victoria Road, Northcote east.
Epithelioma of forehead. Last seen 13/7/38. " 23/11/38

STARLING, George (92) Diamond Creek.
Epithelioma of ear. Last seen 5/7/38. ? dth 21/7/38.

TODD, Joseph (69) 93 Charles Street, Abbotsford.
Epithelioma of lip. Last seen 8/11/38. ?dth early 1939.

WILSON, Charles (77) 3 Groom Street, Clifton Hill.
Epith. of tongue. Last heard of 14/12/36. ?dth May 1937.

WRIGHT, Isabella (73) South Dudley, via Wonthaggi.
Rodent ulcer, nose. Last heard of 9/7/37. ? dth.

Salthayton,
Brisbane Street,
Hannoverton.

27th May, 1942.

C.V. Mackay, M.D.,
Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1....Victoria.

Dear Sir,

Re Mrs. Joyce Ride, 4 Knight Street

This patient has reported to me following your request for a report. She has complained of considerable pain in the sacral region, and states that she has recently lost several pounds in weight. She looks well, however, and ordinary clinical examination shows no abnormality. The colostomy is working satisfactorily. Dr. Holman's report on the X-Ray of the pelvis reveals no bony changes.

Yours faithfully,

John P. Grove

JLG/BD

Acknowledged 29/5/42.

Crown NW- 22/4/4-

Re J. L. Harvie

8/4/42 Weight 125 lb. 5 lbs

Feeling looking well.

Most faeces evacuated thro' Caecostomy
which opening has now enlarged - takes very
first finger easily - everts to about 2 ins.
(I have five Mr Harvie, a colostomy belt
that in my surgery.) Op Scar firmly healed
Mr Harvie is rather worried about his Caecostomy
not closing.

Ronald A Fairley.



Royal Melbourne Hospital

Surgical Follow-up Department

MELBOURNE, C.I.

6th April, 1942.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

James Harvie, Esq.,
OAKLANDS, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Harive,

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.,
per *B. Hanna*

Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department.

Enc.

15th April, 1942.

Dr. Horace I. Holmes, M.D., F.R.A.C.S., M.L.C.,
Liebig Street,
WARRNAMBOOL.

Dear Dr. Holmes,

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

Please let me know if at any time I can help you to obtain radiotherapeutic treatment in Melbourne for any of your indigent cancer patients. A railway pass can be obtained from the State Treasury, and if necessary we can obtain accommodation during out-patient treatment for those who cannot arrange it for themselves.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

12th March, 1942.

E. J. R. Taylor, Esq.,
Manager & Secretary,
Mildura Base Hospital,
MILDURA.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 10th March concerning a rail voucher for Mr. Holland to come to Melbourne for treatment for cancer of the larynx.

Would you kindly ask Dr. Kenny, the physician in charge of the patient, to communicate with me directly at the Royal Melbourne Hospital giving me particulars of the disease and where the patient is going for treatment.

In the case of indigent patients I arrange with the almoners at the public hospitals to obtain a railway pass from the State Treasury. To save time it might be possible for you to do this at your end through your local station-master.

If no action is taken at Mildura I shall put the matter in hand as soon as I receive a communication from Dr. Kenny explaining the patient's circumstances and the proposed treatment in Melbourne.

I am very glad to have the opportunity of being of assistance to the Mildura Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

17th March, 1942.

E. J. R. Taylor, Esq.,
Manager and Secretary,
Mildura Base Hospital,
M I L D U R A. V I C.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 10th instant regarding Mr. Holland a patient in your Hospital suffering from carcinoma of the larynx and under the care of Dr. Kenny.

Arrangements have been made for this patient to be admitted to a bed in Ward 16 at the Royal Melbourne Hospital under Dr. Kaye Scott, the Radiotherapist to the Hospital. As you are aware beds are very difficult to obtain. The Cancer Almoner is in communication with you concerning a railway pass to Melbourne, and you will be notified as to the date of admission when the pass has been obtained from the Treasury.

In spite of all our publicity patients wait to seek treatment for their malignant conditions until the matter is urgent and arrangements cannot be made at once. I would recommend in the meantime (the waiting period may be five to seven days) that if this patient has not already got an old age pension he should be recommended for an invalid pension. In this way his family would receive assistance.

Yours faithfully,

CVM.MH.

(C. V. MacKay)
EXECUTIVE MEDICAL OFFICER.

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HOSPITAL 41
SECRETARY 263
ET. RS.

Mildura,
10th March, 1942.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE. C. I.

Dear Sir,

Would you please forward a rail voucher for ticket to Melbourne, to enable Mr. Holland, who is in straitened circumstances to travel to Melbourne. Dr. Kenny has arranged for him to get treatment in Melbourne for cancer of the larynx.

Yours faithfully,


MANAGER & SECRETARY.

28th April, 1948.

Dr. Maxwell Hoban,
Park Road,
MARYBOROUGH.

Dear Dr. Hoban,

A Mrs. Preston of Boyce Street, Avoca
has informed me that she intends to consult you early next month
concerning a swelling in her breast.

I should be greatly obliged if you would
kindly let me know your opinion of the condition. I understand
that you have previously operated upon Mrs. Preston.

With kind regards to your wife and yourself,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY
Executive Medical Officer

LM.

26th March, 1942.

David Heslop, Esq.,
Harston P.O.,
Via TATURA.

Dear Mr. Heslop,

I have received your letter of the 24th March.

The only methods of obtaining an X-Ray examination are firstly from specialists, and secondly from the X-Ray Departments of Public Hospitals.

No X-Ray specialist, either in private practice or at a public hospital, will attempt an X-Ray examination of a patient unless he has previously had a communication from the patient's own doctor outlining the nature of the complaint, and specifying the portion of the body which should be X-Rayed.

In your case I recommend you to see your local doctor in Tatura and to obtain from him a letter stating the nature of your illness and the necessity for X-Ray.

The Anti-Cancer Council does not have any arrangements for seeing patients, but it can arrange for all necessary examinations at public hospitals.

I am enclosing a booklet and will be very glad to be of any further assistance.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay
EXECUTIVE MEDICAL OFFICER.

Enc.

Harlow P.O.,
Via Takina
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To

The Anti Cancer Council,
Gentlemen,

I desire to avail myself of diagnosis & X' Ray if they would be available to me in the near future.

I expect to be in Melb. from 2nd to 7th of April I had a stomach hemorrhage in April 1940 but have not had any since but do not feel well & get shaken up easily also suffer with haemorrhoids which bleed at times I am on continuous diet & take bismuth alkaline powder after meals.

I will be stopping with relations in Melb. I would be glad if you could arrange to have an X' Ray for me. (there is none in Takina) & diagnosis, would be glad of your advice, also would like you to send your booklet previously advertised on subject I am

Yours faithfully
David Heslop.

6th April, 1942.

Mrs. A. R. Holloway,
c/o Mrs. C. E. Taylor,
4 Johnson Street,
ASHBURTON, E.13.

Dear Madam,

I have received your letter and the book by Lawrence Armstrong,
"Cancer is Curable".

I shall read this at my leisure and endeavour to ascertain whether
any facts are mentioned which will assist us in our work.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

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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.
2nd April, 1942.

Dr. C. V. MacKay, M.D., F.R.A.C.P.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Lonsdale Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Dr. MacKay,

I am enclosing a letter which I received this morning from Mrs. A. R. Holloway. I am also handing you, under separate cover, the book entitled "Cancer is curable", by Lawrence Armstrong, to which Mrs. Holloway refers.

I must confess that I have not read the book, but, from a hasty glance of it and after noting the various advertisements for Armstrong's activities, I assume that it is merely an advertising stunt. However, I will leave you to reply to Mrs. Holloway's letter should you think it necessary.

I trust that you are now very much better.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. G. Wheeler.

H. G. Wheeler.

Secretary. per ad.

Dear Sir.

Mr. G. E. Taylor
Rangewood
4 Johnson St
Rushbottom E13.

1-4-42.

I thank you very much for sending book on re. Anti-Cancer which I was grateful for. I quite understand your kindness in trying to alleviate suffering & also to save if possible ones death from cancer.

I have enclosed to you under separate cover a copy of a book also which I hope will be of some use to you.

The writer of same, the only recommendation I got was a pamphlet with his photo on, advertising lectures etc. I was too ill to attend myself. (the lectures) I persuaded some relatives to attend. I had just come out of Hospital with eye trouble & felt very ill bodily. I asked the same gentleman could he possibly call on me. but ^{he} had no spare time. I was ordered then into Hospital again for other eye. Felt very ill & had to get another D. for body as Mr. L. A could not come then, ^{imply} but hoped to later. Had to wait then till Aug (about the end of) in 1940. I can truthfully say. I am thankful I ever met him, for it was not so very long when the trouble started to come away but some terrible eruptions on my body & thankful to say saved from death by cancer & my heart is wonderful to what it was.

for before my meeting him, my hands were folded up as it were, & no hope, but however I'm hoping now to live for many years. for I feel so much better.

I had been under a very serious operation over 30 yrs ago. I always had trouble, ^{since} gradually getting worse. I had been to several D.^s but of no avail, only my trouble too long standing was all I got. Words cannot express my thankfulness to Mr. Armstrong for what he has done for me.

No medicine & no operation.

Hoping to be able to help other poor sufferers

I remain

Yrs sincerely

Agnes B. Holloway.

Y.

26th March, 1942.

Mrs. C. V. Henshaw,
30 Burke Road,
EAST MALVERN, S.E.5.

Dear Mrs. Henshaw,

You have told me so little about your complaint that I am at a loss how to help you.

If you desire to be X-Rayed and do not wish to have much expense, then I would advise you to attend a public hospital such as the Women's Hospital, Carlton or the Alfred Hospital in Commercial Road, Prahran.

The most satisfactory thing for you to do, however, would be to consult your local family doctor and ask him to advise you.

The "man on the spot" can usually do more for you in a personal interview than can be achieved by correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY
Executive Medical Officer.

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30 Burke Road.
East Malvern.
SE5.

Dr. McFie.

Would it be possible for me to have an X-RAY taken please, of course I don't know, in fact sincerely trust that there is nothing wrong with me, but I've had a feeling for a long while that all is not well, at last I've plucked up courage to write, if I am examined will it be expensive, as I want to keep this to myself, unless of course it is a case of having to tell my husband. Trusting I am doing the right thing by writing to you.

I am.

Sincerely.

Yours
B. V. Henshaw.

4th March, 1942.

Miss S. Hunt,
1 Hawkesburn Road,
SOUTH YARRA.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in sending you a copy of our booklet on cancer. We have no facilities at the College of Surgeons for the examination of patients.

I would, therefore, recommend you to consult one of your local medical practitioners as early as possible. You may show him this note and if I can be of any assistance I will gladly help him.

Yours faithfully,

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

1 Hawksburn Road

South Yarra

S.E.1.

March 2nd/42.

To the Executive Medical Officer,
Council for Cancer Research.

Dear Sir,

Following article in daily press
I should like a copy of Booklet "What
every adult should know".

Can one be examined at College of
Surgeons if in doubt ~~etc~~ without a medical
man's advice?

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly

(Miss) S. Hunt.

4th March, 1942.

Dr. Norrie N. Harrington, M.D.,
22 Gunn Street,
BENALLA.

Dear Dr. Harrington,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire.

The question of increased pathological facilities for the examination of specimens from indigent patients is causing us genuine concern at present. Many practitioners have stressed the necessity for this service.

I shall be very pleased to make suitable arrangements for any of your malignant patients whom you may desire to send to Melbourne for specialized treatment. It may also happen that you would desire an endoscopic examination to determine the diagnosis of a suspected lung condition, etc. Our organization particularly desires to assist in the early diagnosis of cancer.

In my publicity in the newspapers I am always stressing the necessity for early diagnosis and for early treatment.

Through the almoner service at the metropolitan public hospitals we can obtain railway passes for cancer patients from the Treasury, and through our subsidy to the hospital Samaritans funds we can arrange accommodation of a reasonable character.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. Arthur R. Haywood,
Victoria Street,
HASTINGS.

Dear Dr. Haywood,

Many thanks for your replies to our questionnaire.

I was very pleased to obtain your view that the efforts being made by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria to improve treatment facilities for the individual cancer patient should be carried on in spite of the war.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. Alan B. Hewitt,
Rossiter Road,
KOC-WEH-RUP.

Dear Dr. Hewitt,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent question-
aire.

If you have any patient suffering from cancer whom
you desire to be admitted to a metropolitan public hospital as early
as possible, I shall be very pleased to do all I can to expedite
matters.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACLAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

DR. E. J. C. HAMP

PHONE DROUIN 13

DROUIN.

VICTORIA

Feb. 27th, 1942.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Thank you for your very interesting letter concerning the late J.J. Stewart. Post mortem findings are of inestimable value, & when most wanted are very often not obtainable. In a case such as this, nothing short of a P.M. could clear up the case satisfactorily.

A patient in whom you are interested, a Mr. H.L. Peel died recently as a result of a secondary deposit in his brain, following a melanotic sarcoma on his right arm.

I am anxious to know if you do any work privately, & if so, what kind? I would be pleased to refer cases to you sometimes if you are in private practice.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

E. J. C. Hamp

Dr. C.V. Mackay,

C/o Royal Australian College of Surgeons,

Spring Street,

Melbourne C.1.

2nd March, 1942.

Dr. E. J. C. Hamp,
~~22 Monmouth Avenue,~~
~~CANTONMENT.~~ DROVIN

Dear Dr. Hamp,

Many thanks for your kind note. I am most anxious to develop a co-ordinated policy of information about cancer work between my Council and medical practitioners. I feel that most members of our profession would welcome clinical notes concerning the surgical patients whom they send to hospital for treatment.

Some practitioners have complained to me that patients who have suffered from cancer return to them after having had extensive operative procedures, and no progress report has been forwarded for their information.

I was interested to obtain the clinical information concerning the death of Mr. H. L. Peel. The melanotic sarcomata are very deadly.

I am a full time salaried official of the Anti-Cancer Council and shall be most pleased to help you at any time with any of your patients, but I do not do any private work.

Thanking you for your kindness in considering the possibility of referring cases to me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,

26th February, 1942.

Dr. E. J. C. Hamp,
DROUIN.

Re J. J. Steward

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21st February, 1942.

Dr. Norrie N. Harrington, M.D.,
22 Nunn Street,
BENALLA.

Dear Dr. Harrington,

I am pleased to send you a copy of the personal letter sent to country medical practitioners on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria by Sir Hugh Devine, F.R.C.S., Chairman of the Committee.

I was interested in your remarks about the pathological verification of malignancy. My Council is anxious to assist medical practitioners to obtain this verification if a suitable scheme can be evolved.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

20th February, 1942.

Mrs. T. Hope,
15 Hammond Street,
MIDDLE BRIGHTON.

Dear Mrs. Hope,

I am very pleased to send you our booklet on Cancer. Pain is only rarely associated with cancer except in the late stages.

I feel certain that you will be able to find in Brighton or its neighbourhood several medical men who are quite competent to deal with a condition of this nature in the abdomen.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

42. 15 Hammond St.
Mild. Brighton
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Dear Sir

Our old lady has
been suffering over a
week with a sharp
pain on the left side
of the abdomen. On
her behalf would you
please send the "Can-
cer literature for me
to study. It may be
a gastric ulcer but
perhaps the stomach

See a doctor, only 700
Specialists are in
Brighton & others
are not able to diag-
nose cancer - as I
~~but~~ have found.

Respectfully yours
(Mrs) J. Hope

20th February, 1942.

Mrs. A. Harrison,
24 Central Park Road,
EAST MALVERN.

Dear Madam,

I have pleasure in sending you our booklet on Cancer.

I strongly advise you to see your local medical practitioner concerning the spot on your hand. Only careful examination can decide if this is innocent or not. You may show this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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

24 Central Park Rd.

E. Melbourne.

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The Executive Medical Officer.

R.A. College of Surgeons.

Melbourne.

Dear Sir.

Would you please send
me your booklet on Cancer.

I have a small lump on my
hand which began about
6 months ago with a small

brown spot. Last week I
noticed it was red & slightly
bigger (It is not painful).

Yours sincerely,

(Aut.) G. Harrison.

13th January, 1942.

The Director,
Holt Radium Institute and Christie Hospital,
Manchester,
ENGLAND.

Dear Sir,

I have been directed by my Council to endeavour to obtain information concerning the system of organization of such a central treatment institution for cancer as you have developed in Manchester.

In Melbourne at least six public hospitals treat patients suffering from malignancy. Before the formation of your institution a similar state of affairs must have existed in Manchester. My Council would be most grateful for information which would enable it to understand the steps by which cancer treatment in Lancashire became centralized. You have undoubtedly proved that this step was a most beneficial one.

The question is, how was it done? and was the switch over an expensive procedure. In Melbourne we shall soon have deep x-ray therapy plants at five public hospitals and different techniques for radiation treatment.

Centralization is such an obvious method of reducing expenditure and improving treatment facilities that it should be a universal procedure.

My Council has many obstacles to overcome before unanimity on this subject can be obtained, and a report from you on your initial difficulties and how they were overcome would be of great assistance to us.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY.

PHONE 449

LANGTREE PARK
ELEVENTH STREET
MILDURA

13/11/41.

Dear Dr Mackay,

Regarding Mr. R. Hood's
general condition about which
you ask.

Mr Hood is in very good
health. In fact I should say better
health than he has had for years
since he lost his pet toxic focus.
The stump has healed very well
and the patient is very anxious
to go back to his old job of
water bailiff, as he considers he
can do the work by turning round
in his gutter.

Yours sincerely

W. Maemela

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

BAIRNSDALE

11th. Nov. 1941.

C.R. 1853

Dr. C. V. Mackay, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/- Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Pathological report, Mrs. Lavina Hancock
Morris C. Davies, Collins St.

Breast Tissue for Section.

Massive carcinoma simplex with tendency
to duct formation.

Diagnosis: Duct carcinoma of the breast.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. Searls.
Per. ~~JS~~

acknowledged



Miss Nyslop

TELEPHONE
F 0484

The University of Melbourne,

Melbourne, N.S. 3rd January, 1942.

Department of Social Studies.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Professor Paton has asked me to inform you that the Sub-Committee appointed at the last Board meeting has interviewed Miss Vera Gaetjens, B.A. She seems a most satisfactory candidate and the Committee has therefore recommended to the Vice-Chancellor her appointment for 1942.

Miss Gaetjens is an experienced club leader who had an opportunity in England of developing recreational projects in new housing areas. It is hoped that she might do this in one or two of the Housing Commission's Estates. There is also a need for an experienced person to take charge of all the activities at the Exhibition Youth Centre as the Warden, Mr. Haines, is now in the Army. It is hoped that a woman might carry on in order to avoid closure of the Centre which has made such a promising start.

As you can imagine, it is most difficult to find anyone good enough for this job and Miss Gaetjens would seem to fill the bill very adequately. Further, under her supervision, the activities at the Centre would provide good scope for our students.

Do you feel there is any objection to a member of this Department taking the title of "Acting Warden of the Youth Centre", in order to develop further activities for an increased number of students? You will understand that it is difficult

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for anyone to do such a job without being known to the community as Acting Warden while it would not be possible for students to work at the Exhibition without adequate supervision.

If you have any views on this matter, might I have them by the end of the week, as the future of the Youth Centre will be decided on January 12th.

Yours sincerely,

J. S. H. / 6p.

DIRECTOR.

5th January, 1942.

Miss I. S. Hyslop,
Director,
Dept. of Social Studies,
The University of Melbourne,
CARLTON, N.S.

Dear Miss Hyslop,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 3rd January informing that the appointment of Miss Vera Gaetjens had been recommended to the Vice Chancellor.

It would seem that the Department is fortunate to be able to obtain the services of such an experienced person.

I cannot see any objection to the proposal that a member of the Department of Social Studies should, during this emergency, take the title of "Acting Warden of the Youth Centre" while she is doing the Warden's duties.

Please accept my very best wishes for the success of the Department during the coming year.

With kind regards,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

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

P.S. If pointing to maggoty trouble is X pay the better way to be
certain or should it be found easily on examination. C. J. H.

Dank Place
Drouin.
30.10.41

Dear Sir.

I have found your handbook of interest and now thought you may be able to advise me of my Father's condition. He is 73 yrs of age & recently felt very ill and the stools were black. He rested for a couple of wks when he had a violent attack of pecking then last a rush of more black liquid from the bowell - felt like pecking shortly before. The stools become grey after the black is away. There are dark patches in his sputum also. For a long time past he has at times complained of an ache in the hollow on waist line on the left of the naval. 4th April of last year he was very sick which first appeared to be the heart then stomach trouble for several wks following - last 1st at the time. Has been fairly well of late till this last upset - stronger than many of his age and milking seven cows twice a day. He is having just milk food at present and seems to manage better on that than trying more solid. Would you please use the envelope enclosed yours faithfully (Hess) C. J. Hopkins

3rd November, 1941.

Miss C. J. Hopkins,
Bank Place,
DROUIN.

Dear Madam,

You should persuade your father to be examined by the local medical practitioner as soon as possible. If he should advise my help regarding treatment I should be very pleased to do anything in my power.

The condition is, from your description, one which I would regard seriously until it is proved to be otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

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

29th October, 1941.

HANCOCK Lavinia

Dr. J. R. Searls,
12 Service Street,
BAIRNSDALE.

Dear Dr. Searls,

Would you kindly inform me whether you obtained a pathological report on your patient, Mrs. Lavinia Hancock.

The cancer register at the Royal Melbourne Hospital shows that you removed the breast about May of this year, and sent the patient down to Melbourne for Deep X-ray Therapy. There is no report of any histological corroboration of the diagnosis.

A stamped addressed envelope is sent for favour of reply.

I saw the boy McKibbin recently, he was at the Austin Hospital, looking very ill and emaciated. The case caused me much perturbation, as he suffered very severely from pain. No treatment was of any avail.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

HERD Marie

7th November, 1941.

Mr. Henry Searby, F.R.C.S.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

Dear Mr. Searby,

There is a note in the ward chart concerning your patient, Mrs. Marie Herd, upon whom you operated for Carcinoma of the ascending colon on the 6th October last, that she was discharged from the Royal Melbourne Hospital to a private hospital.

Under the circumstances would you prefer that my office did not pursue any "follow-up" enquiries. Perhaps you would be so kind as to let me have a report of her health once a year on request.

Yours faithfully,

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

HENRY SEARBY
14 PARLIAMENT PLACE
MELBOURNE.C.2

re Mrs. Marie Herd.

Dear Dr Mackay,

As far as I am concerned Mrs Herd is a public hospital patient. I would be glad if you would regard her as such for purposes of "follow-up"

Yours faithfully
Henry Searby

18/11/41

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

7th November, 1941.

Mrs. W. Carroll,
1 Valetta Street,
MALVERN.

Dear Madam,

I should be very interested and pleased if you could write to me and inform me of the present state of health of your mother, Mrs. Emma Holt. This department has heard nothing of her since her discharge in March last.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

21st October, 1941.

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

Re Isabel LAND

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"COMBAT CANCER WITH CASH"

Anti-Cancer Council

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17/10/41

To The Anti-cancer Council

Dear Sir

would you forward me your book
of what every adult should know about
Cancer, I have been getting a very bad
pain & lump in the right side for the
last 18 months at intervals of from 4
to 8 weeks which are very painful while
the swelling or lump is there & when that
goes away I feel well again until the next
attack. Thanking you

I am yours faithfully

Mrs G. E. Harris

20th October, 1941.

Mrs. J. C. Harris,
13 Blake Street,
A R A R A T.

Dear Madam,

I have pleasure in sending you our booklet on Cancer with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council.

You have several good doctors in Ararat and an excellent hospital, I would, therefore, advise you to consult one of them concerning the condition which you have mentioned in your letter.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM - RH

22nd October, 1941.

Mrs. G. Hewitt,
18 Waterdale Road,
IVANHOE, N.21.

Dear Madam,

Most medical practitioners are able to treat some forms of cancer, but if specialist treatment is required this can be obtained from specialists on cancer in the Collins Street area or from one of the large public hospitals.

Most of the hospitals have a special cancer clinic. Your local doctor would be able to give you the best advice on this subject, and I should be pleased to help him if he desired my assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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

18 Waterdale Rd.,

Ivanhoe, N21.

21st Oct. 1941

The Executive Medical Officer,

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inquire where and when treatment for cancer may be obtained, and I should be grateful for your help in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(M^{rs}) G. Hewitt.

Short note
thanking for report +
noting probable changed
address

Queensland 203 Queensberry St.
Port Melbourne

October 15th 1941

Mr W. McKay, M.D.
Medical Officer.
Dear Sir

In reference to your letter of the
7th October regarding my health,
I am in good health, and I thought there
was no need to trouble the Hospital.
In the first-place I only had a scratched
mole on the cheek that wouldn't heal,
The Dr that treated me advised to the
showed it to the students he pulled the top off
& said it was only a mole! The first-
application cured it. I wish to thank the
Dr. and all others that were interested in my
case.

I am leaving for Queensland this afternoon
I will be away some months I may reside
there for good.

Yours faithfully
J. Hayton

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

16th October,

1.

Mrs. M. J. Hayton,
203 Queenberry Street,
NORTH MELBOURNE.

Dear Mrs. Hayton,

I wish to thank you for the report
on the condition of your health and to state
that I have noted the probable change of your
address to Queensland.

Yours faithfully,

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

7 Oct 6th A., 1941

Letter from Dr. Humphreys,
of Beaufort

re Mrs. Ethel Lewis + asking
for information.

Dr. Mackay has
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18th October, 1941.

HOOD Richard

Dr. R. A. Willis, D.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P.,
Pathology Department,
Alfred Hospital,
Commercial Road,
PRAHRAN.

Dear Dr. Willis,

Would it be possible for you to let me have the section from a patient, Richard Hood, of Mildura. The examination would have been made in the latter half of July.

This man was sent to the Royal Melbourne Hospital from the Mildura Hospital and an amputation of the leg was performed on the 19th of August of this year. The case was diagnosed as a malignant ulcer of the right leg with a fracture at this site.

Your report is entered in the medical history as follows:

"Chronic inflammatory tissue together with squamous celled carcinoma-tous tissue. Such growths are slow growing and seldom metastasise."

The patient has since gone back to Mildura. Examination of the specimen at the Royal Melbourne Hospital showed, as far as could be ascertained, chronic inflammatory changes only.

I am anxious to confirm the diagnosis for entry in the Cancer Register.

Yours faithfully,

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

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M.B., B.S. (MELB.)

CAMPBELL STREET

TEL. SWAN HILL 191

SWAN HILL

2.10.41.

Edward. H. Jones

The Executive medical officer
Cancer Information Bureau
Melbourne

Dear Dr Mackay

I have a patient who
has just recently consulted me.

The facts are as follows:-

name - Ed H Jones

age 62.

occupation - stevedore - able and
willing to pay towards cost
of treatment.

History:- Clinical history very
suggestive of carcinoma of
stomach.

Pathological evidence supports
this diagnosis. It appears
to be an advanced case
of the linitis plastica type

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As we are unable to do anything for him here I feel it would be justifiable for him to be admitted by the anti cancer bureau.

We will be able to go to Melbourne by car about next Wednesday.

Could you in the meantime arrange for him to be admitted to some hospital for further investigation etc.

and advise me as soon as possible. His general condition is very weak and I would like to get him away as soon as possible. He has his affairs to finalize here first but would be able to handle about Oct 7th or 8th.

Many thanks.
Yours faithfully
J. Browne

4th October, 1941.

Dr. F. E. Browne, M.S., B.S. (Melb),
Campbell Street,
SWAN HILL.

Dear Dr. Browne,

I have arranged for your patient, Mr. E. H. Jones, to
be admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital on Friday next, the
10th inst., for investigation.

^f
If the diagnosis is confirmed and no treatment is poss-
ible, we shall make early application for admission to the Austin
Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

13th October, 1941.

Dr. F. E. Browne, M.B., B.S. (Melb.)
Campbell Street,
SWAN HILL.

Dear Dr. Browne,

I made arrangements with the Medical Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital for the admission of your patient, Mr. E. H. Jones, on Friday last. So far as I can ascertain he has not yet attended the hospital.

He may now have missed his chance of a bed. Enclosed is a copy of my note to you of the 4th October which may possibly have gone astray in the post.

Yours faithfully,

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

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BROWNE

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11. SWAN HILL 191

CAMPBELL STREET

SWAN HILL

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Dr C. V. Mackay

Anti Cancer Council of Victoria

Dear Dr Mackay.

I must apologise to you for not having written sooner. The patient for whom you kindly arranged a bed was unfit to travel on the Friday. I sent a telegram to the Medical Superintendent of the P. Melt Hospital on Tuesday

morning to cancel the bed. I intended to follow up the wire with a letter to you but have been practically busy during the week and was neglected to do so.

Way I again thank you for the kindness in arranging a bed and please accept my apologies for not having written you earlier. The patient died two days ago.

Yours faithfully
W. Browne

7th October, 1941.

Letter received from Dr. Humphreys of
Beaufort.

Giving information about Mrs. Ethel Lewis
& asking for information.

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*Dr. Mackay has this letter.
8/10/41*

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13th October, 1941.

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

Re Mrs. Elliott.

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