

4th August, 1941.

H. P. Boulter, Esq.,  
"Tasma,"  
77 Gipps Street,  
EAST MELBOURNE, C.2.

Dear Mr. Boulter,

I am returning the proofs of my article on "Memories of the Melbourne Hospital". I have made a few very slight alterations and additions.

The sentence beginning "Among our patients today" struck me as being clumsy and I have altered it as follows, "Among our patients today there do not appear to be so many obviously poor as I previously remember". "The present", etc., would consequently be a new sentence.

I have also altered the sentence "I am very pleased to say" to "It is very pleasing to find", the second version is less egotistical.

I sincerely hope that the improvement after your long and severe illness has been maintained.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

11th August, 1941.

H. P. Boulter, Esq.,  
Editor,  
"Hospital Magazine",  
77 Gipps Street,  
EAST MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Boulter,

I should be very grateful to be put on your mailing list for the "Hospital Magazine".

Do you think you can spare me four (4) copies of the August number containing my article on "Melbourne Hospital Memories" for distribution to friends, and oblige,

Yours faithfully,

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

21st August, 1941.

The Editor,  
The Hospital Magazine,  
Charities Board,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Sir,

I should like to express my appreciation of the prominence which you gave to my article, "Memories of the Melbourne Hospital", in your August issue.

If convenient to you I should be glad to personally submit a copy of the address which I propose to deliver at the Annual Meeting of the Austin Hospital on the 29th of this month. The title is "The Austin Hospital and the Cancer Patient".

It is possible that you might consider it to be suitable for publication in The Hospital Magazine.

Yours faithfully,

25th August, 1941.

H. P. Boulter, Esq.,  
Editor,  
"Hospital Magazine,  
77 Gipps Street,  
EAST MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Boulter,

R. Cameron, the Secretary of the Austin Hospital, expressed a desire that I should approach you concerning the publication of my address at the Annual Meeting of the Austin Hospital in the Hospital Magazine.

The meeting is on the 29th of this month and the address is entitled "The Austin Hospital and the Cancer Patient".

The subject matter is reasonably short and I can let you have a copy whenever you wish.

Yours faithfully,

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

HAINES

Ernest

78<sup>6</sup> Doncaster Rd  
North Balwyn

3/9/41

Dear Sir

Re your inquiry about  
Mr. Haines

He has no D.<sup>r</sup> attending him  
regularly to give a report.  
Is confined to bed, very  
weak & gradually losing  
Strength.

I do not think will be  
giving further treatment  
at hospital

Thanking you for inquiry

Yours sincerely

E. M. Baud.

10th September, 1941.

The Manager,  
"Heidelberg News",  
101 Heidelberg Road,  
IVANHOE.

Dear Sir,

The Secretary of the Austin Hospital has informed me that you are publishing my address, "The Austin Hospital and the Cancer Patient," which I delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Hospital, in your next issue of Friday the 12th inst.

Would you kindly send me four copies of this publication containing my address.

And oblige,

Yours faithfully,

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

P.S. I enclose postage stamps to the value of one shilling in payment.

Enc.  
CV. H

4th August, 1941.

The Medical Superintendent,  
Prince Henry's Hospital,  
St. Kilda Road,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Dr. Pescott,

I have seen a Mr. Hollingshead today.

He has a superficial tumour in the left lumbar region of his back. It appears to be either fatty or fibrous and probably non-malignant.

I have advised him to see you with regard to its removal. Please let me know the result.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACRAY,  
Executive Medical Officer

11th September, 1941.

The Editor,  
"The Hospital Magazine,"  
Charities Board,  
61 Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible for you to kindly let me have six copies of your September issue containing my article on "The Austin Hospital and the Cancer Patient"?

An oblige,

Yours faithfully,

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

17th September, 1941.

The Editor,  
"The Hospital Magazine,"  
The Charities Board,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Mr. Boulter,

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me six copies of "The Hospital Magazine" for distribution. I like the new cover.

This number is a very interesting one, and I feel great honoured by the compliment of being given pride of place for my article on the Austin Hospital.

I know the hon. N. Saltau quite well and received much kindness from him in Warrnambool.

Yours sincerely,

"COMBAT CANCER WITH CASH"

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Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

22nd September, 1941.

Dr. S. E. Humphreys,  
Havelock St.,  
BEAUFORT.

Re Leslie J. BAULCH

Filed under "B"

K. HERRIGAN

D<sup>r</sup> Mackay  
Springs  
Mill.

Sept 16.

Dear Sir

For some years I had a sore on my face. Last december I went to D<sup>r</sup> Southwick of Collins St. who told me I had a rodent ulcer, I underwent treatment by him, and he assured me it would not recur. However I am quite sure it will be as bad again in time.

I went back to see D<sup>r</sup> Southwick a fortnight ago and he wanted to make a blood test at the cost of ten shillings and if the test was satisfactory send me to someone else for a couple of doses of contact therapy.

He was going to make a blood test before he treated me but he committed doing so, and as I paid him well for his treatment, I do not consider it fair he should want payment for something he said would be included in total payment for treatment, anyway I had lost confidence in him.

Could you advise me if the contact therapy would

be effective and if so would you recommend ~~me~~  
someone to me, who will give treatment at a fair cost.  
The ulcer is not very big at present, but I am very worried  
about it as I have been told it is a form of cancer,  
and I do not want anymore quacks messing about  
with it. I have never had any venereal disease or any  
serious illness.

Trusting you can advise me

Yours Respectfully

K. Honigan

5 Derby St

(NS) Collingwood

Vic

16th September, 1941.

K. Horrigan, Esq.,  
5 Derby Street,  
COLLINGWOOD, N.S.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to hear that the original treatment for your condition of "rodent ulcer" has not been as successful as you hoped.

I know only two medical practitioners who use a contact therapy machine in their radiotherapeutic practice. One is Dr. John O'Sullivan of 49 Spring Street, and the other is Dr. Frank Stephens of 12 Collins Street.

You could consult either of them with complete confidence in their ability, and also with a willingness to reduce fees if your case is explained to them.

I am presuming from your letter that you have completed your treatment with Dr. Southwick.

Yours faithfully,

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

18th September, 1941.

K. Horrigan, Esq.,  
5 Derby Street,  
COLLINGWOOD, N.S.

Dear Sir,

9th July, 1941.

Dr. R. L. Hodge,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Dr. Hodge,

I am trying to trace the medical histories of certain patients diagnosed as suffering from cancer.

Would you kindly search the histories in your possession for any of the following, and if you have them please send them on to me as soon as possible.

Enclosed is the list of missing histories.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY.

Enc.  
CVM.BH

McINTOSH Margaret  
BALCHIN Horace  
VERCOE Louisa  
KINNISH Jessie  
JOHNSON Edward  
POWER Ellen  
LUND Arthur  
POWELL Louisa  
JOHNSON Christina  
CUDMORE Michael

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

2nd July, 1941.

John Hearty, Esq.,  
573 Spencer Street,  
WEST MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Hearty,

Would you please attend Mr. Syme'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?

The 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. Syme 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, 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.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Bank Place  
Drouin  
26-6-41

Miss E. J. HOPKINS

Dear Sir.

I would like to know if I could have advice regarding some trouble like an abscess near the anus which has been discharging <sup>pus</sup> since last July and also discharges pus through the vagina. It is not painful but just a little sore when it is coming up fresh. I am not under the D<sup>r</sup> here but would much like sound advice if it is thought <sup>necessary</sup> & if convenient would you please state what days also the hours - after 1.15 is a time I could arrange - that is when train arrives 1.15. Flinders St.

yours.  
(Miss) E. J. Hopkins.

28th June, 1941.

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

Dear Madam,

I have received your letter of the 26th of June, and have carefully considered your account of your symptoms.

So far as I can judge these do not point to any likelihood of cancer being present. Under these circumstances I should much prefer you to consult a general medical practitioner in your own town or a doctor in Melbourne who specializes in diseases of women.

The Women's Hospital at Carlton would appear to be indicated if you do not know any doctor in Melbourne or if you are not in a financial position to consult one.

If you desire it, I will get into touch with the Medical Superintendent of the Women's Hospital and arrange an appointment for you to attend there as an out-patient.

Yours faithfully,

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

23rd June, 1941.

Wm. Harcourt Baird, Esq.,  
Manager,  
Hamilton & District Base Hospital,  
HAMILTON.

Re Mrs. Lilian Finlay of Penshurst

Filed under "F"

(Hamilton)

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SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

4th June, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Rev. Edward Hennell,  
26 Karma Street,  
EAST MALVERN.

Dear Mr. Hennell,

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.

Enc.

.SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

2nd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

Mrs. Ada Hallgren,  
17 Louisa Street,  
COBURG, N.13.

Dear Mrs. Hallgren,

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

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

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

Enc.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

2nd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

Mrs. Mary Hayton,  
203 Queensberry Street,  
NORTH MELBOURNE, N.I.

Dear Mrs. Hayton,

Would you please attend Dr. Wettenhall'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 been Dr. Wettenhall 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. Dr. Wettenhall visits this Hospital every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

Enc.

21st May, 1941.

Mrs. G. L. Hodgson,  
"St. Elmo",  
NYORA.

Dear Mrs. Hodgson,

I am pleased to reply to your letter of the 17th May.

So far as I can judge you have no cause for anxiety whatsoever. I am, however, sending you one of our free booklets on cancer which will help you should anything suspicious develop.

If you ever notice a lump or swelling anywhere, especially in the breast, do not hesitate to consult your local doctor. If he considers special treatment to be necessary I shall do all in my power to help you.

Your enclosed two penny stamp is acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

St Elms  
Nyora  
17-5-41

Dear Sirs.

in Today's sun I saw your offer, so I sit to write, I am afraid. three of my sisters had cancer, two have died, one is attending Alfred Hospital, she has a hard lump on her right side, I am sixty two, have never been ill & have reared a family of nine, we have not had attention at Births, I blame that, But there is not anything I can go on, being so well, I have now to carry on for my lovely Boys overseas, I have been ex-hayed after a motor accident no word of anything, so would you advise me please

yours Truly  
Mrs J. S. Hodgson

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mrs. Mary Hayton,  
203 Queensberry Street,  
NORTH MELBOURNE.

Dear Mrs. Hayton,

Would you please attend Dr. Wettenhall'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?

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If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc., from attending, please let me know as soon as possible when you can attend. Dr. Wettenhall visits this Hospital every Monday at 9 a.m.

*Yours.*

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

6th May, 1941.

Dr. J. J. Hamilton, M.B., B.S.,  
139 North Road,  
ELSTERNWICK.

Follow-up letter re McCLOSKEY Francis

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SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mrs. Myrtle Hall,  
"Dundas",  
Dynon Street,  
FOOTSCRAY, W.11.

Dear Mrs. Hall,

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

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Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Tnc.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

19th April, 1941.

HENDERSON - *Myrtle*

Dr. Frederick C. Middleton, M.B., B.S.,  
"Laverstock",  
DENILIQUIN, N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Middleton,

Many thanks for your letter of the  
15th April containing clinical notes concerning  
the death of Mrs. Myrtle Henderson.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY.

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*Telephone:*  
J 2002 - J 4987

Dr. F. Middleton,  
"Laverstock,"  
George Street,  
DENILIQUIN, N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Middleton,

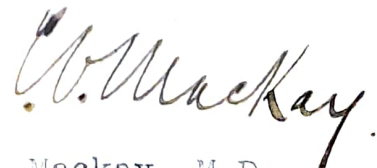
For the purpose of the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council at the Royal Melbourne Hospital I would be grateful if you could give me some information about a patient of yours, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, of Harfleur Street, Deniliquin. She had two course of deep therapy at Dr. Kaye Scott's clinic, the last finishing on 27/6/40. She attended here in September but unfortunately no clinical notes were made at the time.

If she has died would it be possible for you to give me the cause of death?

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,



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

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Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

3rd February, 1941.

Dr. Frederick C. Middleton  
M.B., B.S.,  
"Laverstock"

Dear Sir

Dear Dr. Middleton,

Many thanks for  
your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> April  
containing clinical notes  
concerning the death  
of Mr. Myrtle Henderson.  
Yours faithfully,

AM

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

2nd April, 1941.

Mrs. I. Hunt,  
2 St. Edmunds Grove,  
GLEN IRIS, S.E.6.

Dear Mrs. Hunt,

I am enclosing one of our handbooks on Cancer which will give you some information on this subject. From your description of your symptoms, it would seem most unlikely that you are suffering from this disease.

The Anti-Cancer Council does not conduct medical examinations of sick persons as it has no facilities for this purpose.

The alternatives are either to make an appointment on Saturday morning to visit your own local medical practitioner, or to attend the casualty department of one of the public hospitals on a Saturday. In your case, I would recommend either the Royal Melbourne Hospital or St. Vincent's Hospital. Your own local doctor would be able to relieve your anxiety and to advise you whether it was necessary for you to visit a specialist.

You may show this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

2 St Edmunds, Gre  
Glen Iris <sup>SE</sup>  
31/3/41

To Cancer Research.

Dear Sir.

May I have  
some information re Cancer. I work  
each day of the week except Sat. and  
wondered if necessary, could I have  
a consultation on Sat morning.  
I am 38 yrs and have had a dull ache  
under my ~~right~~ left breast and a  
strained feeling in that side, nothing  
much but it worries me as I am  
the breadwinner at the moment my  
husband is in a Sanatorium for at  
least 6 mths. I read that you send  
information and advice. Thanking  
you I am yours sincerely  
(Mrs) I Hunt.

AT THE ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU.

18th March, 1941.

Mrs. J. Hulley,  
"Wymarong",  
THORNTON P.O.

Dear Madam,

I am very pleased to answer your somewhat difficult question about the treatment of cancer of the breast.

In the comparatively early stages of this disease, there is no question that surgery (a radical removal of the breast) is the treatment of choice. In the later stages, treatment by radium or by deep X-Rays may be successful when it is not considered feasible to attempt treatment by surgery.

You should not hesitate to ask your local medical practitioner to arrange for you to see a surgical specialist as soon as possible. Your own doctor should not be averse to the question of a second opinion as to the exact nature of the swelling.

I sincerely hope that it is not cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.AS

"Wymarong"  
Thornton P.O.  
16. 3. 1941

Dear Mrs.

I'd like to know if there is any other successful method of treating a cancer in the breast except by surgery. I have been attending my family Dr for a lump in the breast for about 14 months. The last examination being Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr thought the lump was smaller. It aches a bit now that the weather has got colder, & I have rheumatism in the shoulder rather badly. I am not sure that, that is not what causes the ache in the breast. I had a kick from a horse about 26 years ago, & have worried <sup>ever</sup> since, as my great grandparents on my Mother's side both died from cancer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. J. Bulley

48<sup>th</sup> Doncaster Road  
North Balwyn

E. G.  
13/2/41

Dear Sir

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Re Mr. Haines attending  
Hospital as an outpatient  
It is an impossibility as he is  
unable to leave his bed.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

J. H. Haines

3rd February, 1941.

HENDERSON

Dr. F. Middleton,  
"Laverstock,"  
George Street,  
DENILIQVIN, N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Middleton,

For the purpose of the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council at the Royal Melbourne Hospital I would be grateful if you could give me some information about a patient of yours, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, of Harflour Street, Deniliquin. She had two course of deep therapy at Dr. Kaye Scott's clinic, the last finishing on 27/6/40. She attended here in September but unfortunately no clinical notes were made at the time.

If she has died would it be possible for you to give me the cause of death?

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

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

13th February, 1941.

HANKINS

Dr. B. I. Taft, M.B., B.S.,  
Main Road,  
FERNTREE GULLY.

Dear Dr. Taft,

Many thanks for your clinical notes concerning Mrs. Annie Hankins. She was an out-patient under Dr. Kelly at the Royal Melbourne Hospital last year for a rodent ulcer, and we would like her to come up once a year for observation.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has installed a Cancer Register in six of the metropolitan public hospitals, and the information contained in your letter will be incorporated in the one dealing with cancer cases treated at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

DR. B. I. TAFT

M.B., B.S. (MELB); D.A. (LOND)

MAIN ROAD

FERNTREE GULLY

PHONE:

FERNTREE GULLY 86

10.2.19 41

HOURS:

9-10 A.M.

1.30-2.30 P.M.

6.30-7.30 P.M.

SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

10-11 A.M.

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Dear Dr Mackay.

Progress report re M<sup>rs</sup> Annie  
HANKINS, New St. Lower  
Ferntree Gully — Skin  
are perfectly clear, with no  
evidence of recurrence. No  
evidence of malignancy.

Yours sincerely,

B. I. Taft

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

February 13th 1941

Mr. Alex. G. Hardie,  
Thornton.

Dear Mr. Hardie,

I am glad to learn that the condition for which Dr. Kelly treated you at this hospital has cleared up. However, in order that any recurrences may be noted and treated in their early stages, I should like you, in your own interests, to come up and see Dr. Kelly once every twelve months, at a time convenient to yourself. I would suggest you attend next November, on a Tuesday or Friday morning at 9.30.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.

Dr. G. V. Mackay  
Melbourne Hospital

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1941

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Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst it is impossible for me to get away at present as I was so long out of work to see my Doctor but I can assure you that my health is first class and that I intend to give the Melbourne Hospital a donation letter on as I am quite satisfied with Treatment.

Yours Faithfully

Alex G Hardie  
Thornton

4th Februnry, 1941.

HALL.

Dr. E. W. Sutcliffe, M.B., B.S.,  
181 Moreland Road East,  
COBURG, N.13.

Dear Dr. Sutcliffe,

Many thanks for your copy  
of the certificate of death of Mrs. Margaret  
Hall.

These details are of value  
for our cancer registry records, which are  
now being kept at six of the metropolitan  
hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

3/24/41

The executive medical officer  
Anti Cancer Council  
Melb.

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Dear Doctor White, young of 31 well - known.  
in reference to the late Margaret Brett Hall  
of North St. Brunswick.

My "locum tenens" Dr A. Ferris, saw  
her in her last illness and has  
certified the death as follows:-

- a) Carcinoma of Throat
- b) Secondaries in lung
- c) General arteriosclerosis

Yours faithfully

G W Satchell MB FRCS

31st January, 1941.

Dr. E. W. Sutcliffe, M.B., B.S.,  
181 Moreland Road,  
MORELAND, N.S.

Dear Dr. Sutcliffe,

May I make an enquiry from you with reference to the death of one of your patients, Mrs. Margaret Hall of 18 North Road, East Brunswick, on the 21st of last September?

She was admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital on the 26th of June of last year and refused operation for cancer of the left breast. Was her death due to the carcinoma directly or to some other cause?

This information is requested for the special cancer registry at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed and I should be grateful for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM:ND

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18 North St

E. Brunswick. N.J.

28-1-41.

Dear Doctor.

In answer to your letter, I am very sorry to have to inform you, that my mother (Mrs) Margaret Hall passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> of last Dec. September.

She died very suddenly on Saturday afternoon, about five minutes before Dr Satchliffe who was attending her, could arrive. He said had he arrived before, there was nothing that he could have done. He said that she just collapsed. Dr Satchliffe saw her a few days before, and thought that she was looking very well. She seemed to be improving.

I Remain

Yours Truly.

(Mrs) May Bond.

January 21st, 1941.

Mrs. Margaret Hall,  
C/o Mrs. Bond,  
18 North Street,  
East Brunswick.

Dear Mrs. Hall,

When you were in the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 26/6/40 to 22/7/40 for a broken wrist a condition was found in your breast for which the doctors here wished to treat you. This you refused.

I should be very grateful if you could write and inform me of the present condition of your breast. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply. This information will be treated confidentially, of course.

Yours faithfully,

for Dr. C. V. Mackay.

Enclosure.

Kyabram  
P.O. Box 9. P.O.  
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Dr C. O. Mackay  
Royal Melbourne Hospital **HUGGARD**  
Melbourne CI

Dear Sir,  
re Late Dr A. Bennett  
Mooroopna

I am in receipt of your letter of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> inst. addressed to Dr A. Bennett.

Mooroopna but regret to say that  
Dr Bennett, my sister, died on the  
24<sup>th</sup> Oct. last.

My brother Dr F. T. Bennett of  
Muirba North has most of my sister's  
records & I have accordingly forwarded  
your letter to him requesting him if  
possible to forward you the information  
asked for in your letter.

I am  
yours faithfully  
A. T. Bennett

Noted.  


HUGGARD.

3rd February, 1941.

Dr. Annie E. Bennett, M.B., B.S.,  
MOORCOPNA.

Dear Dr. Bennett,

For the purpose of the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council at the Royal Melbourne Hospital I would be grateful if you could give me some information about a patient of yours. The patient is Mrs. Mary Ann Huggard, Moorell Street, Moorcopna. You reported to Dr. Kaye Scott in September last that she was ill with bronchitis. If she has died would it be possible for you to give me the cause of death?

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

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

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

30th January, 1941.

Mrs. Keaton,  
12 Balmoral Street,  
East Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Madam,

I have read your letter of the 28th  
January carefully.

My advice would be to see your own doctor  
(Dr. Sheahan) and tell him that you are worried about  
the possibility of the development of cancer of the  
womb. Ask Dr. Sheahan, therefore, if he would kindly  
give you a letter to the Women's Hospital or to  
St. Vincent's Hospital, if he is not completely sat-  
isfied that the trouble is only simple in character,  
and will respond to general medical treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

P.S. There is no danger of your husband contracting  
cancer from you.

CVM.LD

12 Balmoral St N11.  
East Brunswick  
25th Jan 1941.

Dear Sirs,

I received your booklet yesterday  
"What every adult should know about Cancer."  
I wish to thank <sup>you</sup> for same. I am writing re page  
13 "Cancer in Women". The condition outlined  
here as symptoms of cancer. The conditions  
mentioned are similar or the same as I have  
had & still have to a certain degree. I will  
endeavor to explain. To begin with a few  
months back I received a book called  
"Health for Women" issued by "The Ladies  
College of Health". 54 Oxford St Sydney.  
In this it explains a condition called  
"Leucorrhoea". I put my troubles to this  
condition from the explanation given.  
I am 30 next month. I have 3 children  
namely a girl 9 next July a boy 6 next August  
and girl 2 next July. About Oct. October  
or a little earlier my periodicals became very  
irregularly. I only go as a rule 24 days  
from the beginning of one periodical to the  
next. This has always been so. After my  
baby boy was born I never felt quite the  
same.

My husband became unemployed just after he was born. I went back to work. I was a cone-winder in a silk-mill. This meant standing on my feet all day, and a lot of work to be done before and after work. I had considerable pains around the lower regions of the body but put down to weakness and being on my feet too much. Twice during 3 years I came unwell just one week after the flow had ceased. There was about 18 mths between these occurrences. I put them both down to run-down condition. I was able to give up work 2½ years ago. I was very run-down, I worked 3 years. I felt weak & depressed. I left in July and my little girl was born the <sup>next</sup> July. As soon as I left work I started to lose weight. I went down from about 9-8 to 7-8. When the baby was 5 mths on the way I was 7-10. I put this down to run-down condition. I seen a doctor and explained to him & he said I was as sound as a bell. But he thought I was run-down from overwork and that my nerves were bad. He gave me a tonic and my condition improved.

Just before baby was born I contracted  
 gastric influenza I was <sup>very</sup> sick but  
 recovered before she was born. She <sup>was</sup> born  
 very quickly between 5 hr to 1 hr. After  
 her birth I had <sup>nausea</sup> on my side. I told  
 doctor and he said she had been born  
 rather too quick and I had been  
 knocked about somewhat by the quick  
 birth. He told me to take care of myself  
 and not to overdo it when I went home.  
 Well baby <sup>had</sup> a lot sickness during her first  
 year. Although she seems a very sturdy  
 healthy kiddie she was always sick.  
 A few weeks old she <sup>got</sup> influenza badly.  
 Next she cut teeth, these upset her  
 very much at about 5 mths I got german  
 measles very badly. About 3 days later  
 baby had them also rather badly.  
 Soon after she got whooping cough,  
 and then cut more teeth which made  
 her very ill. All this did not seem to  
 affect her. She continued to gain weight  
 and grow. She is 18 mths weighs 35 lbs  
 and is rather tall. But of course all  
 this means that during that year  
 I got very little rest night or day.  
 I feel very weary and run down.

Then about September last year I noticed  
 a slight bleeding between Periodicals,  
 and a occasional brown stain.  
 Then I came unwell one week & after I was  
 better. The <sup>next</sup> periodical was 24 days from  
 the beginning of one to the other but one  
 week <sup>later</sup> this one had ceased there was  
 another and from then on there was  
 only 22 days from the beginning of  
 one periodical to the next. During this  
 time from September the end of December I  
 had noticed bleeding after inter-course  
 with my husband after any exertion  
 or a bowel action. Reading the account  
 of Leucorrhoea I thought <sup>this</sup> might be my  
 trouble. The book explained that this  
 could usually be helped a great deal by  
 rest, so during Christmas I endeavored  
 as much as possible to rest. I felt much  
 better. I had a periodical about 20 Dec  
 as began. There was 26 days between  
 the beginning of this one & the next in  
 January, so I thought the rest had  
 helped. I have not noticed any bleeding  
 after inter-course or bowel action during  
 January. Just and occasional brown  
 stain. So I thought my condition  
 was improving because I felt better.

On Saturday<sup>last</sup> I did a fair amount of rushing around and on Sunday I had a brown watery discharge. I am feeling much better than I did before Christmas I have a sore or that is what it seems to be on the neck of the womb or at least I think that is where it is. I do not know much about internals If it is touched it will bleed a little. I first discovered it last year when I endeavored to find out what was causing the bleeding. It was sore at first & seemed about the size of three penny piece. It now seems to be about a  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this size and is not sore. I thought it was getting better.

What I would like to know is. Is it a cancer or could it be.

To whom should I go for diagnosis.

My Physician is Dr Sheahan corner of Sydney Rd & Brunswick Rd  
Brunswick

My husband does not<sup>draw</sup> a large wage so I could not afford expensive treatment. If it were a cancer how would it affect my husband, could he contract a cancer from me.

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I hope you can understand the rather  
rambling letter also please excuse  
mistakes. Thanking you again

Your Sincerely  
Mrs Heaton

P.S I have explained so much because all  
these happening are the reason I thought  
my condition was caused from being  
bed down & lack of rest. I still hope that it  
is so.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 21st, 1941.

Mrs. E. Hedley,  
59 Iris Road,  
GLEN IRIS. S.E.6.

Dear Mrs. Hedley,

Re your enquiries on cancer treatment  
and facilities, in this State.

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

Medical practitioners who specialize in the treatment of cancer may use one of the following methods, either singly or in combination -

- (a) treatment by surgery (removal of the growth);
- (b) treatment by radium;
- (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. At a public hospital it is charged for at a low rate, and patients without means are not charged. Patients who cannot afford tram or railway fares, or living accommodation, are specially assisted to obtain their treatment, without expense, by the Almoner Department of each hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 17th, 1941.

Mrs. E. Hedley,  
59 Iris Road,  
GLEN IRIS, S.E.6.

Dear Mrs. Hedley,

Your letter of January 14th requesting information re treatment of cancer has been forwarded on to the Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council (Dr. C. V. Mackay).

As Dr. Mackay is on annual leave it will be a few days before you receive his reply.

Yours faithfully,

59 Iris Rd.

Glen Iris. SE6

14/1/41

Executive Medical Officer.  
Anti Cancer Council  
Melb.

Dear Sir. As per your offer  
in your booklet, would you  
please give me written  
information with all essential  
details of the treatment of cancer  
in this State.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

(Mrs) E. Hedley.

Acknowledged

17.1.41

INFORMATION BUREAU,

13th January, 1941.

Mrs. A. Henshaw,  
18 Mirils Street,  
NEWPORT.

Dear Mrs. Henshaw,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 2nd January.

Rodent ulcers do not develop into cancer - they are in themselves a low-grade type of cancer and as a general rule are quite curable with suitable treatment. They do recur not infrequently, but every recurrence can be treated successfully.

You should be under no undue anxiety about your husband's condition.

Yours faithfully,

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

Per

CVM.MD

INFORMATION BUREAU,

6th January, 1940.

Mrs. A. Henshaw,  
18 Miris Street,  
NEWPORT.

Dear Mrs. Henshaw,

Your letter of enquiry of  
January 2nd was received today.

Your questions will be dealt  
with by the Executive Medical Officer of the  
Anti-Cancer Council (Dr. C. V. Mackay) and you  
will receive an answer from him in a few days' time.

Thank you for the stamp.

Yours faithfully,

MD

18 Miris Street  
Newport  
2/1/41

The Anti-Cancer Council  
Cancer Information Bureau  
Royal Aust. College of Surgeons  
Spring Street  
Melbourne  
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Dear Sir,

Noticing the par regarding your bureau in the "Age" of the above date, regarding enquiries being answered, I would be glad to have some idea of the seriousness of a Rodent Ulcer which has re-occured, and if these ulcers develop into cancers.

Five years ago, my husband was treated with radium for a rodent ulcer and it appeared to clear up very well, but now it has re-occurred and he is receiving further radium treatment, but I am unable to ascertain if once it re-occures, it is a cancer, and presents a different case, or that it still remains a rodent ulcer, and that further radium will kill it for a longer period or altogether.

I take it any enquiries made are treated confidentially, as I need this information for my own peace of mind, as my husband is still receiving treatment, and I would not like to distress him by any use being made of this enquiry.

I would be glad to have your booklet, and enclosed herewith is stamp for postage.

Thanking you in anticipation of a reply,

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) A. Henshaw

①  
A. Henshaw

901 Skipton St  
Nedon  
Ballarat

18 Feb  
1941

Cancer Information Bureau  
Dear Sir

Will you kindly send me booklet about cancer. I am 54 years of age & for 5 yrs I have had a tiny hole like a pore in the skin. It grows a tiny skin over it drops off in 3 or more weeks & then it is tender stinging feeling. I have had a little pain in it, but not at present. Five months ago I visited my Dr at Dunolly & he said it would turn to a cancer if not treated he advised Diathene & I was to have him treat me. He also said I need not worry for a long long time, since then I have come to live at Ballarat - I visited the hospital a month ago Dr. their said he could not agree with the Dunolly Dr. & told me I had nothing to be worried about he gave me ointment & its still the same - It seems to get no worse, but I can feel always a little something there, trusting dear Sir you will be able to follow my description of trouble  
I remain

on my  
nose  
I have  
no  
lump.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs. Nellie Friday

21st February, 1942.

Dr. W. C. Farrell,  
Main Street,  
PAKENHAM EAST.

Dear Dr. Farrell,

I am very pleased to send you another copy of the questionnaire. My Council is hoping that it will give some very useful information.

The question which you have raised about reports of the treatment given in metropolitan hospitals being forwarded to country medical practitioners is one which is well worthy of consideration. I shall do my best to devise some scheme to overcome this difficulty.

Yours sincerely,

G. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer.

W. G. Farrell

MAIN STREET,  
PAKENHAM EAST

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1942

Dear Dr. Mc Kay.

I have unfortunately lost your Questionnaire but there has been no delay in indigent patients suffering from suspected malignancies in obtaining admission for investigation in Metropolitan Hospitals. With regard to treatment there has been very little delay in obtaining admission for treatment. Unfortunately for we country practitioners no reports as to

W. G. Farrell

MAIN STREET,  
PAKENHAM EAST

Seldom

diagnosis and treatment ever reaches  
us about cases we have referred  
to Public Hospitals.

With regard to private patients  
there is no delay in treatment when  
sent to Collins St.

I would be happy to reply if  
you would send another questionnaire

Yours etc.

W. G. Farrell.

The Hospital Magazine

"Tasma"

77 Gipps Street  
East Melbourne, C.2.  
31.7.41

Dear Dr Mackay,

I send you a proof of your article. When I sub-edited it I was just out of bed after seven weeks of fluency and pneumonia and my brain was not functioning too well; consequently, on reviewing the headings I don't think I did a good job there. Accordingly I have made pencilled alterations — in the first heading reverting to your own.

I have deleted your reference to wireless, as in another part of the magazine I am attacking the "prosecution" of new and very sick patients with wireless whether they desire it or not. My own view is that wireless should be listened to by ear-phones — the use of the loud-speaker is being overdone.

Yours faithfully  
H. J. Boulter