

10th June, 1941.

Dr. Neil McColl,
Johnson St.,
MAFFRA.

Re PRYCE Theodosia.

Filed under "P".

follow up

24th June, 1941.

Dr. Archibald Macdonald,
Desailly Street,
SALE

Re Mrs. Wallace

Filed under "W"

"COMBAT CANCER WITH CASH"

Anti-Cancer Council

STATE OF VICTORIA

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Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

4th June, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mr. Alan Macwhirter,
19 Martin Street,
HEIDELBERG.

Dear Mr. Macwhirter,

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

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Enc.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Henry McGuinness, Esq.,
7 Hanley Street,
MIDDLE BRIGHTON.

Dear Mr. McGuinness,

Would you please attend Mr. Tait'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. Tait 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. Tait visits this Hospital every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Enc.

4/6/41

Dr. Archibald Macdonald,
Desailly Street,
SALE.

Re. Mr. O'Malley of Sale

Filed under "O"

also "A" (Almoner)

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SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

M^cCLOSKEY Francis

Mrs. J. Matthews,
3 Crotonhurst Avenue,
CAULFIELD.

Dear Mrs. Matthews,

I should be very interested and pleased if you could write to me and inform me of the present state of health of your father, Mrs. Francis McCloskey. This department has heard nothing of him since January last.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

5th June 1941
36 Protonhurst Ho.,
Caulfield SE7.

L.V. Mackay, M.D.
Executive Medical Officer
Anticancer Council of Vict.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to hear that you were not notified of my father's death in the Austin Hospital on Wednesday, 2nd April.

Trusting this information is satisfactory
Yours sincerely

(Mrs.) M. Matthews

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

M^cCLOSKEY Francis

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

Dear Dr. Hamilton,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients, Mr. Francis McCloskey. Mr. McCloskey, who lives at 8 Blanche Street, Elsternwick, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 4th January to 7th February, 1941 and was diagnosed as Carcinoma of the Stomach.

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

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Enc.

C.V.N/B.H.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mrs. Nancy McCann,
Mellie Street,
SEAHOLME.

Dear Mrs. McCann,

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Enc.

April, 1941.

Dr. Neil McColl, M.B., B.S.,
Johnson St.,
MAFFRA.

Re BROWN Charles

Filed under "B"

30th April, 1941.

Professor P. MacCallum, M.C., F.R.S.E., F.R.A.C.P.,
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine,
Pathology Department,
The University of Melbourne.
MELBOURNE.

Dear Professor MacCallum,

I am returning Dr. Jolly's letter with many
thanks for your courtesy in sending it to me.

The subject matter interested me very much,
and it would appear that Jolly has opportunities for
doing very good work on those aspects of disease
among the natives which have been in dispute for many
years.

I shall send him a copy of my article on
bone lesions in aboriginal specimens and wish him
"good hunting".

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you
soon. Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY.

Quoting 193.F

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Please Quote: 193.F.

TELEPHONE
F 0484

Pathology Department.

The University of Melbourne,

Melbourne, N.S. 29th. April 19 41

Dr. C.V.MacKay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Melbourne.

Dear Dr.Mackay,

I had a letter from Dr. A.T.H.Jolly, who is stationed at Broome, and who has interested himself in the problems of syphilis and yaws amongst the natives. I asked him to look out for fresh bone lesions that might be of interest to you, and I thought that probably you would be interested in the letter he had sent, which I shall be glad to have again when you have had an opportunity of reading it.

Yours faithfully,

P. MacCallum

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

17th April, 1941.

Dr. J. B. McHiken, D.T.R.E. (Melb.)
Wangaratta District Base Hospital,
Green Street,
WANGARATTA.

Dear Dr. McHiken,

I am very pleased to send you a supply of our
treatment sheets for use at Wangaratta and Mooroopna.

I regret that we have no diagrams on these
sheets as we found the expense more than was expected.

Wishing you every possible success in your
work and with kindest regards

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY

P.S. I am also sending you some originals if you care
to have prints made for your own purposes, and I
should like these returned when you have finished
with them.

Encs.

Wangaratta District Base Hospital

(INCORPORATED)

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
BE ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY

GREEN STREET.

WANGARATTA

TELEPHONE 18

15/4/41

Dr C V. Elbachay.

Executive Officer of Anti Cancer Council.

Co Royal Melbourne Hospital,

Dear Dr Elbachay,

As I am starting on treatment of malignant cases both at Mooroopna & here I would be pleased to have sent to me at each hospital a supply of treatment charts together with diagrams of faces hands etc to illustrate position of lesions.

I am,

Yours faithfully

J. B. Elbiken

AT THE ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL.

13th March, 1941.

Mrs. L. McAulay,
13 Union Street,
RICHMOND. E. I.

Dear Mrs. McAulay,

Your letter of 22nd January has been delayed in the post and has only reached me to-day.

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

Yours faithfully,

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

13 Devon St -
Richmond
E 1

22-1-41

Dear Sir
will you please
forward me a free
pamphlet on Cancer
& oblige
Yours truly

Mrs L McCreary
13 Devon St
Richmond
E 1

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

18th February, 1941.

Mrs. D. MacCarthy,
St. Elmo,
6 John Street,
East Malvern, S.E.5.

Dear Mrs. MacCarthy,

I am very pleased to answer your enquiry, which I received yesterday.

Any spot or sore on the face which persists in recurring should received medical attention.

I quite agree with your intention to go to the Alfred Hospital for diagnosis and treatment. A special department exists there for that purpose.

You may show this letter to the Hospital authorities.

Yours faithfully,

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

St. Columbo
6 John St
B. Malvern
P. E. 5

Mr. H. G. Wheeler.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you, I have a little spot, on my nose, and the scale will persist in coming back, and felt must be seen. Do you diagnose free, as I don't want to pay for perhaps nothing but I had treatment before. For a while, the last was 12 months last Nov. and as I have not been to hospital, but will go to the Alps should I need treatment.

So would you please let me know
Yours faithfully

L. O. MacCarthy

Mrs L. O. MacCarthy
St. Columbo
6 John St
B. Malvern
P. E. 5

February 10th, 1941xxx

Mr. Alan Macwhirter,
19 Martin Street,
Heidelberg, N.22.

Dear Mr. Macwhirter,

I received a satisfactory report from Dr. Godbehear this morning. However, the condition for which you were operated upon needs to be kept under observation for some time to prevent any recurrence from occurring. I should like you, therefore, to see your out-patient surgeon in three months' time, that is, any Tuesday or Friday in May, at 12.30 p.m. If it is not possible for you to come in to the Royal Melbourne Hospital at this time, then I should like you to go to your doctor for another report at six-monthly intervals.

An appointment card has already been sent to you and the date on it only needs to be altered.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.

CVM.MD

TEL. HEIDELBERG 6

HOURS:

9 TO 10 A.M.

1.15 TO 2 P.M.

6.30 TO 7.30 P.M.

BY APPOINTMENT

SATURDAY EVENING & SUNDAY

Burgundy Street

Heidelberg, N. 22

Maackwhirter

821

This is to certify that

I have examined

the operation region

of Mr Maackwhirter.

The scar over right

scapula is healed &

there are no signs of

recurrence of his trouble.

8/2/41

W. G. ...
M. B. ...
etc

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10th February, 1941.

Dr. W. G. C. Godbehear,
Burgundy Street,
HEIDELBERG, N.22.

Dear Dr. Godbehear,

Many thanks for your report of your clinical examination of Mr. Alan Macwhirter. The information will be embodied in our Cancer Register at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Mr. Macwhirter was operated upon for a slow-growing epithelioma of the skin of the chest wall and requires to be kept under observation. I am sending him an appointment card, therefore, to see his out-patient surgeon at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in three months' time. If, however, he finds it inconvenient to attend the hospital I should be grateful if he would get a report from you at six-monthly intervals.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria is anxious to keep a complete follow-up record of all cancer cases treated at six of the metropolitan hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer.

At St. Andrew

Flinders

8/1/41

Dear Miss Dumas

I have received your second
batch of letters today & can now
reply more satisfactorily as I have
purchased a writing Pad.

There was no paper available
here.

I have shown Sir Hugh Devine
the letters which I am now returning.

Enclosed are my replies.

Yours sincerely

P. Mackay

January 7th, 1941.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Herewith a further batch of letters
to spoil your holiday.

Several people mention the broadcasts,
and one says he read an article in the "Ballarat
Courier."

Three patients already in the Register
have requested booklets.

I hope the weather down there is as
good as it is here now, and that you are feeling fit.

Yours sincerely,

4th January, 1941.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

There were 112 letters yesterday, mostly requests for booklets. Almost all were addressed to the Cancer Information Bureau, and were all the result of the statement you gave the Press just before you left. Quite a lot came from the country, and one mentioned that she had seen the article in the local paper (Bendigo).

There were 56 in this morning's mail, 22 from the country.

I have written to all the people whose letters I enclose, and sent to booklets to those requesting them.

A man came this morning for information about treatment to his tongue. Dr. O'Donnell saw him in Casualty and I understand the patient is seeing Dr. Kaye Scott on Tuesday.

I hope you are enjoying your holiday and that the weather improves.

Yours sincerely,

20th December, 1940.

Mrs. Margaret McNab,
171 Toeronga Road,
Malvern, S.E.6.

Dear Mrs. McNab,

It will be quite satisfactory
if you see Mr. Burke in the Out-Patients' Department
on January 9th, at 12.30 p.m., as requested in your
letter of December 19th.

If you show the letter requesting your
attendance to the clerk at the desk in the Out-
Patients' Hall it will help you to be seen by the
surgeon earlier than otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

171 Tooronga Road,
MALVERN. *JE 6.*

19th December, 1940

Dr. C. V. MacKay,
Medical Officer,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C-1.

Surgical Follow-up Department

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your communication of the 17th inst. arranging appointment for me with your Mr. Bourke on the 23rd December.

As my Xmas leave starts from tomorrow the 20th, I will be out of town until early in January. Would the 9th January at 12.30 be convenient to your Mr. Bourke.?

Thanking you, and ever mindful of the excellent attention and care given to me by both Doctors and Nurses at The Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours truly,

Margaret A. McEab.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

7th December, 1940.

Mrs. J. McLaughlan,
24 Raglan Street,
Port Melbourne.

Dear Madam,

I have pleasure in answering your enquiry of the 5th December.

The Anti-Cancer Council works in collaboration with the almoner services at the public hospitals. I would recommend you to see Sister Mary Hedwige, who is in charge of the Almoner Department at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

74 Raglan St.
Port Melbourne.

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The Secretary.
Cancer Information Bureau
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

Noticing an article in the "Age" of today under heading "Help for Cancer Patients" I would be very pleased if you would please forward all particulars of this help at your earliest convenience.

I am making these enquiries for my husband who is at present an inmate of "St Vincents" Hospital and was operated upon about three weeks ago.

Our financial position is in such a bad way at present that it is an utter impossibility for us to seek any other treatment for him upon his discharge from the Hospital.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully,

M^{rs}. J. McLaughlan.

J.M.

The Mansel,
Flemington, W.I.,
26th Nov. 1940

C. V. Mac Kay, Esq, M.D.,
Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons,
Yelbourne - Ct.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my warmest
thanks for your letter of yesterday
with enclosures, also my best
wishes for the success of your
efforts in approaching the Churches.

As one recently delivered by
surgical skill from the threat of
this disease, I will do my utmost
to interest members of this
congregation in your work.
You may count on hearing from me
again.

Yours sincerely,
A. A. MacKenzie.

Post Office
Peoria
Nov 16th 40

C. V. Mackay M. D.

Follow-up Department

Mr. Haery said for me to
report in three months time & as
I will be in the city on Tuesday 19th
I will call at the Hospital although
I am glad to say I am feeling well.

I remain yours sincerely
A. McShail

Not in Regis.

- non-malignant

160 Sackville St
Bellingwood
JH 205

CR. 81

Y. M^r Mackay.

Dear Sir,

Answer to your

letter re my husband's health I'm
very sorry so have to say I lost
him on 11th of August last but
it was a heavenly relief after watching
his suffering so long he knew he was
going he had a lovely long talk to me
on the Saturday morning about the
home & everything, & said how he
would just like to live for what we
had done, but if I would be just
convinced with him being with me in
spirit he would be so happy just
to go for a good sleep, & when I said
I would he was so happy & said here
goes love & it was the last. ~~It~~ it must
be lovely just to be so happy & prepared
to leave this world like that don't you
think, he was a wonderful patient, he said
so thank you all also while I think of it
I thank Miss Bessie Almoner for her nice

letter & her kindness I will write to her later thanking you
all again for all the kindness you received from you all
at the hospital & remain yours faithfully
H. J. Mackay.

21st October, 1940.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. McCarthy,
160 Sackville Street,
Collingwood.

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of Mr. Edward McCarthy.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

24th September, 1940.

Mr. S. M. McCamish,
Bealiba P.O.

Dear Mr. McCamish,

I have much pleasure in sending you a copy of our handbook on cancer entitled "What every adult should know about Cancer."

I would advise you to see your local doctor as soon as possible. Please communicate with me again if he considers that there is a definite possibility of the "black mark" becoming cancer, and that special treatment is necessary which cannot be obtained at Bealiba.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

CVM.MD

Bealiba

22/9/40

To Royal college of Surgeons
I see advertised a Book on
Cancer would you kindly send
me same as I believe I have one
it is a Black mark between my
Ear & Eye it has been there for a
number of years but has grown
bigger this last twelve months
it does not trouble me except
being itchy at times & am going
a little deaf I am a strong man
sixty four years the trouble is
I have no money to have it seen
to as I reared a family of 14
yours faithfully

J. M. Camish
Bealiba P.O.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

September 16th, 1940.

Mrs. J. McCarthy,
73 Balliang Street,
South Geelong.

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

I have much pleasure in answering your letter of enquiry of the 13th September.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has no facilities for interviewing patients and I can only give advice by correspondence.

I would strongly recommend you to attend the Geelong Hospital, where specialist attention can be given to the condition of your ear which you have described.

If, however, you desire to come to Melbourne for treatment, then I would advise you to visit Dr. John O'Sullivan at 49 Spring Street, Melbourne, or to attend his special department at St. Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. Dr. O'Sullivan visits this hospital every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

Yours faithfully,

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

73 Balliang St
South Geelong
13th Sept 1940

Dear Dr.

I would like your advice regard
a sore on the ^{inside} wall of my left ear.
I have been getting medical attention
for it off and on since 1931 but instead
of getting better it is getting worse. If
you could let me know the hour & day
to attend, I would go down to see you.
also address.

Mrs J. McCarthy

73 Balliang St
South Geelong

INFORMATION BUREAU.

6th September, 1940.

H. E. McGowan, Esq.,
156 Booran Road,
Glenhuntly, S.E.9.

Dear Mr. McGowan,

I am very pleased to reply to your letter of the 4th September, and to enclose one of our handbooks on Cancer.

With regard to a medical examination, there is specialization even in the treatment of cancer. If you would give me an idea of the nature of the examination required I would be pleased to give you a short list of specialists. These members of the profession would very probably not be on our Council. In my correspondence replying to requests for information about cancer I make it a practice to advise the patient to see his own local doctor. The general medical practitioner is our first line of defence in the fight against cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVN.MD
Enclosure.

156 Booran Road,
Glenthurst,
Melbourne, S.E. 9
4th Sept. 1940.

The Secretary,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
Spring Street.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly send me a copy of
the booklet "What Every Adult Should Know
about Cancer"; also would you, if my request
is in order, advise me if it is possible for me
to consult one of the medical officers of the
Council.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

H. E. M. GOWAN.
(H. E. M. GOWAN)

MACDONALD

29th August, 1940.

Dr. F. J. McCoy, M.B., B.S.,
Medical Superintendent,
St. Vincent's Hospital, N.6.

Dear Dr. McCoy,

Many thanks for your notes
on Miss Louisa Macdonald, 87 Gore Street,
Fitzroy. The information contained therein
has been included in the Cancer Register installed
at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. I have passed
your letter on to Mr. Tait, the Urologist whom
she is attending at that Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

J 5191



ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
FITZROY, N.6.

FJMcC.BR.

21st August 1940

Dr. C.V. Mackay,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/o Royal A'sian College of Surgeons,
Spring St,
C. I.

Dear Doctor Mackay,

re : Louisa McDonald
aged 63 years, of 87 Gore St, Fitzroy

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., concerning the abovenamed, and the following is a clinical report of her case :-

She was an In Patient at this Hospital from the 5/5/35 to the 1/7/35. She complained of pain at the end of micturition for three months, associated with some dribbling and incontinence of urine. On two occasions she passed large quantities of blood and on other occasions had passed very dark urine. This has been associated with attacks of frequency of micturition D7 -N4, and occasional pain in the right thigh. Patient's appetite was poor for the past three months, and she has lost a good deal of weight.

Past history : ? Growth in bladder, treated 20 years ago by Mr. C. Gordon Shaw.

Urine contained numerous pus and blood cells.

Operation was performed on the 9/5/35, and under sacral and local infiltration, the bladder was opened and a large Bun Carcinoma was seen in the base, posterior and right walls of bladder. No glands could be felt, and it did not appear to have spread further than the bladder wall. The tumour was diathermied.

Cystoscopy was performed on the 20/6/35, and the areas of the carcinoma of the bladder were fulgurated with the Diathermy.

She was discharged from Hospital on the 1/7/35.

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ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
FITZROY, N.6.

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re : Louisa McDonald (continued)

This patient was cystoscoped again on the
27/1/37, and she was considered to be suffering
from Interstitial Cystitis.

Yours faithfully,

G. J. McCoy
Medical Superintendent

August 19th, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. McCoy,

Would you kindly give me
particulars of the medical history of Miss
Louisa Macdonald? She states that she was
in St. Vincent's Hospital four to five years
ago and was operated upon for carcinoma of
the Bladder.

Many thanks,

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. MACKAY).

INFORMATION BUREAU

August 19th, 1940.

H. E. McLeod, Esq.,
35 Grey Street,
East Melbourne, C.2.

Dear Mr. McLeod,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 16th August.

While it is clear that a person cannot directly inherit cancer, the disease does occur more frequently in some families than in others. The relation of heredity to cancers, however, is not sufficiently understood at present to warrant any statement of real practical value. I enclose a list of the common symptoms. There is no blood test for cancer.

I shall be pleased to give you any further assistance or information.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

CVM/MD

35 Grey St.

East Melbourne. C.2.

16 August 1940.

Dear Sir,

Would you please let me know if cancer is heredity, and what is the most common symptoms.

Is a blood test the deciding factor.

I would be greatly obliged for the information

yours Truly.

H. C. McLeod.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

12th July, 1940.

Mrs. A. McPhee,
24 Rosslyn Street,
Hawthorn, E.3.

Dear Mrs. McPhee,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 10th July.

You can obtain a reliable diagnosis of the condition on the bridge of your nose by consulting one of the following specialists in the Collins Street Area:-

- Dr. John O'Sullivan, 49 Spring Street, Melbourne;
- Dr. Frank Stephens, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne;
- Dr. Keith Colquhoun, 2 Collins Street, Melbourne;
- Dr. Roland Wettenhall, 14 Parliament Place, Melbourne;
- Dr. R. Kaye Scott, 105 Collins Street, Melbourne;
- Dr. John Kelly, 61 Collins Street, Melbourne;
- Dr. S. W. Shields, 14 Collins Street, Melbourne.

This is by no means an exhaustive list but it will be a guide to you.

If you are unable to pay a specialist's fee you should ask your local medical practitioner for a letter to one of the metropolitan public hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

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

24 Roslyn St.
Hawthorn E. 3.

July 10th '40

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Spring St.
Melbourne.

Dear Sirs;

For about two years or more I have had a red mark on the bridge of my nose, which lately appears to be growing more noticeable, and which may or may not, be a cancerous condition.

Could you advise me as to how I am to get a reliable diagnosis? I should be grateful if you could do so.

Yours faithfully
(Mrs) A. McPhee.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

10th July, 1940.

Miss J. A. McFadyen,
Main Street,
C O B R A M.

Dear Miss McFadyen,

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

At present the medical
profession has not evolved any reliable
blood or other test for cancer. The only
available procedure to eliminate the presence
of cancer is a thorough medical examination
at regular intervals. This is advocated for
persons over fifty years of age, especially
for those with a definite family history of cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

Main Street,
Cobran.

7/7/40

The Principal,
Royal College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
Melbourne. Ct.

Dear Sir,
Following the reading of an
article in "The Argus" of 6/7/40 in
connection with the treatment of
Cancer. Could you advise me if
as yet there is any test available,
as in the case of "T.M." where one
could have a blood test?

I am personally interested
in this matter and would ap-
preciate any information which
you may be able to give me.
Thanking you in anti-
cipation.
Yours sincerely,
(Miss) J. B. C. Ladipon.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

27th June, 1940.

A. C. McMahon, Esq.,
242 Carlisle Street,
Balaclava, S.2.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to reply to your undated letter from Balaclava on behalf of a Mr. Chas. Bruce.

It would be an impertinence on my part to presume to give you for Mr. Bruce my opinion as to his diagnosis, treatment, or prospect of recovery.

The only person to supply this information is the medical practitioner in charge of Mr. Bruce's treatment. You will understand, I feel sure, that it is impossible for this Bureau to usurp the functions of the private medical practitioner or of the members of the honorary medical staff of hospitals. No medical man would refuse to give his patient as candid an opinion as possible.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

The Secretary.

Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of a Mr. Chas. Bruce, 3 Charlotte Place, St. Kilda, and shall deem it a great favour if the above-mentioned person can be informed direct as to diagnosis, treatment & prospect of recovery in his case.

The particulars which Mr Bruce desires me to convey are as follows:

Age: 70 years

Was informed 18 months ago that X-ray revealed a growth on gullet.

Has suffered from rheumatism for years.

Some days feels quite well enough to get up but usually has to get straight back because of a sick feeling.

Cannot eat solids. A little thin gruel or sago & milk is about all he can take in the form of food.

Motions are possible only by use of enema — and lately has suffered much after such use.

In this instance, Sir, I should mention that a candid statement would be welcomed by Mr. Bruce who has every reason to know how seriously ill he actually is.

242 Carlisle P.
Balaclara S. 2.

Yours faithfully
R. W. Matheson

20th June, 1940.

Dr. W. McDermott, L.M.S.S.A., Lond.,
51 Paisley Street,
FOOTSCRAY, W.11.

McSkimming

Dear Dr. McDermott,

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has installed a Cancer Register at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, in which all cases of malignant disease treated at the hospital are entered and followed up for a period of five years. One of these patients is a Mrs. Catherine McSkimming, diagnosed as Carcinoma of the Sigmoid Colon. Letters to her daughter, Mrs. E. Dougherty, 46 Lulie Street, Abbotsford, have not been answered and we have lost sight of Mrs. McSkimming since her last attendance at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in February of this year.

As she told us you were her medical practitioner, would it be possible for you to let us know if she is still alive, and if so, her present state of health? According to the patient, she lives with her daughter, Mrs. E. Dougherty, 46 Lulie Street, Abbotsford. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.
CVM:MD

4th June, 1940.

Mrs. E. Dougherty,
46 Lullie Street,
Abbotsford.

Dear Mrs. Dougherty,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of your mother, Mrs. Catherine McSkimming. Mrs. McSkimming was discharged from this Hospital on 5th November, 1939.

The above information is required for the Register of the Follow-up Department of this Hospital.

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Follow-up Dept.,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

24th May, 1946

Information Bureau.

Mrs. M. Macdonald,
31 Cronwell Road,
Hawksburn.

Dear Mrs. Macdonald,

I am pleased to have an opportunity of replying to your letter of the 22nd May.

I can appreciate your difficulties with regard to your skin cancer of the face. I am afraid, however, that my only possible advice for you is to return to see your hospital doctor and to explain your troubles to him. Please let me know if this results in a satisfactory outcome.

You will understand, I feel sure, that it is impossible for me to express any medical opinion on your case.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

31 Cromwell Road
Hawthorn
Melbourne

22/5/40

Dear Sir

Three months ago I was treated at hospital for I believe skin cancer of the nose (inside) they inserted nine needles. The pain has almost gone, but I cannot bear any touch at the tip of my nose yet. I bathe it in salted boiled water three times a day & then apply ointment. I have to let the nose dry in its own time before ointment, as I could not dry it. Could you tell me if that is right, & how much longer before it will quite heal. The nostril is now much enlarged, could it be possible to have a plastic to cover the disfigurement & would that mean another operation? & how long if so.

might wonder if be possible? I have lost my position
could be made less friction? I could get work again in
I advise me to have an artificial cover for my nose
Thanking you I remain your truly M. McDonald

Information Bureau

23rd May, 1940.

Mrs. Lucy McPherson,
72 Wilson Street,
Brighton, S.S.

Dear Mrs. McPherson,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 19th of May.

May I recommend you to see your own medical practitioner again, and if he is still certain that you have no cancerous growth, then ask him to give you the name of a specialist in the Collins Street district whom you might consult. You could stress the fact that you desire to be reassured about the absence of cancer and to obtain relief from pain.

If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

72 Wilson St,
Brighton S.5.
19.5.40

Cancer Information Bureau,
Royal Aust. College of Surgeons
Melbourne.

Sirs

Can you tell us what our is to do
when we feel certain they have this
dreaded disease despite the medical
man insistence of otherwise?

If our could get ease from pain &
disability from treatment as is
mentioned in the article of Saturday's
Argus may 18 I would welcome
any advice seek any information
you are prepared to give.

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours faithfully

(Mrs)

Lucy W.C. Pherson.

(over)

Dear Mrs. M. C. Pearson

I am pleased to answer
your enquiry of the 19th of May.

May I recommend you
to see your own medical
practitioner again, and if he is
still certain that you have no
cancerous growth, then ask him
to give you the name of a specialist
in the Collins St. district
whom you might consult.

You could stress the fact that
you desire to be reassured about
the absence of cancer & to
obtain relief from pain.
If I can be of further assistance
please let me know.
Yours faithfully,

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May 15th 40

J. E. Maclean M. D.
Medical Officer
Follow-up Department

This is just a line to say it is
some time since I received your
notice to attend the hospital
but I was unable to do so, but
I will be in town on Tuesday if that
will meet with your approval if I
do not hear from you I will be
at the hospital at 1.30 p.m.

I remain
yours sincerely
Annie McPhail

CVM:NA

15th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

Mrs. M. McCaffrey,
34 Rokeby Street,
COLLINGWOOD. N.5.

Dear Mrs. McCaffrey,

I am pleased to reply to your enquiry
of the 12th May,

I would strongly advise you to visit
the out-patient surgical department of one of our large
public hospitals. As you live in Collingwood, I would
recommend either the Royal Melbourne Hospital or St.
Vincent's Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay

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

34 Pateby Rd
or 5- Collingwood
12/2/40

To / Lupt Cancer Research

Dear Sir

last
week I saw an advt in "Age Newspaper"
re cancer. My husband died of cancer &
I have had left Breast-off Sept 1935 &
I have a pain under the Shoulder blade
at night when I lie on my back or
left side I would like an examination
or to ask your advice being a sufferer
& losing my husband in 1934. I have
forgotten the address so I hope you
get this safely

Faith fully yours
Mrs. M. M. Claffrey

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,

Lonsdale-----

1st April, 1940.

Miss E. N. McInnes,
President,
Country Women's Association,
Lakes Entrance.

Dear Miss McInnes,

Your letter of the 26th March has been sent to me. I am in charge of the Cancer Information Bureau, and am most anxious to educate the public of Victoria in the early signs and symptoms of cancer.

I am enclosing a list of these which may be of assistance to you, and I am also forwarding a copy of "The Gippsland Times" of the 18th March containing a marked article of mine on page four.

For some time I have had in mind the preparation of a short pamphlet on cancer which I hoped would be distributed by the Country Women's Association of Victoria. Would you please let me know what you think of the idea?

Very many thanks for your interest in this subject,

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD
Enc.

Lakes Entrance
26th March 1940

The Cancer Inf' Bureau
R.H.C. of Surgeons
Spring St.
Melbourne

Dear Sirs

In the Sun paper of March 15th
I was interested to see your plea for
early cancer treatment.

Could you give me any
information to the early recognition
of this dreaded disease.

Do you think our womens
organisations could do more toward
the early recognition of the disease
and in what way.

Will be pleased for
any information.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully.
(Miss) E. M. Jones
Pres. C.W.A.

Lakes Entrance

McPHAIL, A.
Follow-up.

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C. V. MacRay M. D.
Medical Officer
Follow-up Department

In reply to your note of the 22nd February
I am pleased to say since leaving the
Hospital my health has been fairly well, so
I did not feel that I should trouble the
Hospital but as you have been so kind
to notify me I will be pleased to
attend on Tuesday the 12th between
half past one & two o'clock -

Yours Sincerely
A. Mc. Phail

aged
72

~~Cancer of Rectum~~

now malignant

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
~~XX~~
Lonsdale ~~XXXX~~

16th February, 1940.

Alex. McDonald, Esq.,
"Crookan,"
ARARAT, Vic.

Dear Alex,

May I wish you all good fortune in this new electoral campaign which has been untimely thrust upon you? I sincerely hope that the opposition will be sufficiently wise to leave you in undisturbed possession of your seat.

All good wishes to Mrs. McDonald and yourself from us both,

Sincerely yours,

CVM:MD

8th November, 1939.

Miss Minnie McCombe,
28 Lindsay Avenue,
MURRUMBidgeena, S.E.9.

Dear Miss McCombe,

I have pleasure in acknowledging your letter of the 6th November.

My advice to you is to pay a visit to the Out-Patient Surgical Department of any of the three metropolitan hospitals.

These are The Alfred Hospital, in Commercial Road, Prahran; The Royal Melbourne Hospital, at the corner of Lonsdale and Swanston Streets, and St. Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

The fees for out-patients are very moderate and are graduated according to the financial circumstances of the patient.

I feel certain that at any of these three hospitals you will receive a satisfactory examination and suitable treatment.

I would advise you to get advice as early as possible; further delay may be dangerous.

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. MACKAY),
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council Information Bureau

CVM.MD

28 Lindsay Avenue
Murrumbidgee
S. E. 9.
6th Nov 1939.

To

Dr. C. V. Mackay.
Cancer Information Bureau.
Spring Street
Melbourne.

Dear Dr:

Six years ago I had my left breast amputated because of Cancer. & now feel concerned about the right breast. I would be very grateful if you would advise me as to where I could have an examination & treatment if necessary & also fees for same. as I am not now in a position to pay for further treatment by private practitioners.

My left arm also aches a lot now. & it swells below the elbow.

Thanking you

Yours truly,
(Miss) Minnie M^{rs} Combe

MT. ROYAL

29th October, 1941.

Hon. W. J. Olney, Esq., M.L.C.,
47 Locksley Road,
TRARALGO.

Dear Sir,

I should be very grateful if you could grant me an interview.

I desire to place my views before you in connection with the accommodation of indigent cancer patients from country areas who are sent to Melbourne for special treatment, but who for some weeks may not need a bed in a public hospital.

I have spoken to Sir Hugh Devine, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of my Council, and I have also visited Mount Royal itself and the Depot in Latrobe Street.

Sir Hugh desires me to attempt a solution of our present difficulties which are a common feature of the treatment of cancer both at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:BU

8th November, 1941.

The Hon. H. H. Olney, M.L.C.,
47 Locksley Road,
IVANHOE.

Dear Sir,

In the early part of this year Sir Hugh Devine, F.R.C.S., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria wrote a personal letter to all medical practitioners in the country districts of Victoria. In this communication he stated that the Council was anxious to assist indigent cancer patients in country districts, who required special treatment in Melbourne to obtain this under good conditions.

Medical practitioners desiring the help of the Council were requested to write to the Executive Medical Officer of the Council giving particulars concerning individual patients. It would then be the duty of the Executive Medical Officer to arrange with the almoner staff of the various metropolitan hospitals to obtain free transport and accommodation in Melbourne, where necessary, for these indigent cancer patients.

The provision of travelling expenses has not presented any difficulty but the obtaining of suitable accommodation has always been an anxiety. The two hospitals which feel this position most keenly are St. Vincent's Hospital and the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Many cancer patients who receive treatment by means of radiotherapy (by radium or deep x-rays) do not necessarily require admission to hospital for this treatment. During the period of their hospital attendance, which may extend over four to six weeks, indigent country patients have to remain in Melbourne.

It is a difficult matter to find accommodation for them of a character suitable to their age, their disability and the nature of their treatment. This is especially noticeable where rest and light nourishing diet are important factors in determining the final result of treatment.

It is obvious that, although the provision of bed accommodation at an acute treatment hospital is not necessary, yet there is a definite gap between this and a cheap boarding house.

I desire to ascertain on behalf of my Council whether the Committee of Management of Mount Royal would favourably consider a proposal to place eight (8) male beds in the Infirmary division of your institution at the disposal of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria for accommodation of these patients.

8th November, 1941.

It is fully realized that the conditions at Mount Royal would be greatly superior to those obtainable elsewhere.

The problem of the female patient would still remain, but must, unfortunately, at present be left to be tackled under present conditions.

I shall be unable to place the facts of the situation before my Executive Committee until I have obtained the views of your Committee of Management.

I clearly recognize that cancer patients are not gladly accepted anywhere, and it is always possible that during treatment some of these men may show some amount of disfigurement.

The number of these patients sent to Mount Royal would be kept as low as possible, but complete immunity from this type of patient could not be wholly promised.

I shall be most grateful to hear from you on this subject, as I am by no means satisfied at present that the arrangements which the almoners are compelled to make are satisfactory for this type of patient.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

TELEPHONES:
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MOUNT ROYAL

PARKVILLE, N 2

22nd. November, 1941

Dr. C. V. Mackay, M.D.,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

re Cancer Cases - Country Residents

Your letter to my President, Hon. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., was placed before the Committee of Management at its last meeting.

The President had previously referred your letter to Mr. McVilly, Inspector of Charities for his comments. A copy of his letter dated 12th. November is enclosed.

My Committee after discussion felt that the attention of your Council should be directed to Mr. McVilly's letter especially the points raised in the two last paragraphs.

After investigation of these points, it would be appreciated if you would submit the conclusions arrived at, so that my Committee may, if necessary, give further consideration to your request.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. Withington

ACTING SECRETARY.

12th. November, 1941.

The Honorable H. H. Olney, M.L.C.,
47 Locksley Road,
IVANHOE.

Dear Mr. Olney,

re Cancer Cases - Country Residents

Referring to the letter dated 8th. November, addressed to you by Dr. C. V. MacKay, Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I have a recollection that some representatives of the Council discussed this matter with me a few months ago. As far as I recollect no conclusions were reached.

Regarding the proposal that Mount Royal should provide eight (8) beds for ambulatory cases, I see three difficulties:-

- (a) The allotment of these beds will mean encroachment on accommodation required for cases of all types needing permanent institutional care.
- (b) There may be a substantial reaction among inmates if cases obviously suffering from cancer are accommodated amongst them. and
- (c) If permission is granted there will, in the end, be difficulty in removing or having removed, cases where treatment has proved ineffective. When this situation arises - as it undoubtedly will - the institution would, in its own interests, have to provide a higher standard of hospital service than it is now equipped to give.

I realise that cases of cancer of the type under discussion should not be neglected but I feel that the Anti-Cancer Council should first be requested to investigate the possibility of setting up a small boarding house which could do what is required. I understand the Council is prepared to subsidise Mount Royal but if this subsidy is extended to a boarding house, the amount plus what the persons themselves may be able to pay, might be attractive to some types of Nurses.

If the Anti-Cancer Council, after investigation, could show that it would be impossible to set up a boarding house then the matter might be reviewed and some arrangement made but whatever is done should be for a limited period and under a definite guarantee that the Council will remove patients as soon as they pass beyond the ambulatory stage.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) C. L. McVILLY

Inspector of Charities.

25th November, 1941.

H. G. Wheeler, Esq., J.P., A.I.C.A.,
Secretary,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
c/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

I enclose copies of correspondence between the Acting-Secretary of Mt. Royal and myself, also a copy of a letter to Mr. Olney from the Inspector of Charities.

I regard Mr. McVilly's letter as wrong in its statement paragraph three, and most unhelpful in its general attitude. You will recollect that no statement was made in conversation or in writing that the Anti-Cancer Council was prepared to subsidise Mt. Royal. The whole attitude was exploratory only.

I shall include the correspondence in my report which I hope to have available for you tomorrow afternoon.

I dislike the boarding house subsidy idea very much. The correspondence with the Head Almoner at the Royal Melbourne Hospital shows that the need for accommodation is by no means as urgent as we were led to expect. The figures from St. Vincent's Hospital appear to be excessive compared with those of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

25th November, 1941.

The Acting Secretary,
Mt. Royal,
PARKVILLE, N.2.

Dear Mr. Withrington,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd November enclosing a copy of one from Mr. McVilly.

I shall place the correspondence before my Council for its consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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

TELEPHONE:
WINDSOR 4942
(10 lines)



COMMERCIAL RD.,
PRAHRAN, S.I.
VICTORIA

ALMONER DEPARTMENT.

ALFRED HOSPITAL

31st October, 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

In reply to your letter of 29/10/41, about the number of indigent male cancer patients requiring accommodation near hospital, I have had none of these referred to my Department during the past 3 months since I came to this hospital. Patients who had made such a difficulty known, would have been sent to the Almoners's office.

The Sister who sees the cancer cases as they come up for treatment, is at present on holiday. When she returns I will discuss the matter with her and we may be able to devise some plan for making a check. However, on present indications, I should say that this is not a pressing problem here.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. Hamilton

ALMONER.

MH/ES

Ref. A. C.
NF/NJ

Royal Melbourne Hospital



MELBOURNE, C.1.

ALMONER DEPARTMENT.

11th November, 1941.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I have delayed replying to your letter of 29th October re the problem of hostel accommodation for cancer patients in order to present the matter in the light of the latest findings of this Department. Miss Fancourt suggested and carried out a review of all cases dealt with since the beginning of the year. The information that follows is the result of this review and, I think you will agree with me, gives a more accurate estimate than taking an average over a short period.

The problem of accommodation for women patients has always been a more difficult one than that for men. The majority of women for whom accommodation is necessary are those recommended for post-operative deep therapy. The patients, coming as they do from the country, do not settle down happily in the ordinary type of lodging house, and hospital patients are never welcome. Some of them need a lighter type of diet, and although not needing nursing treatment, they benefit by restful surroundings where their condition is understood.

During the year we have assisted six women with accommodation covering periods of from a few days to five weeks. Seven others were suitable cases for hostel accommodation had it been available. These made rather unsuitable arrangements to stay with friends or relatives preferring such an arrangement to accommodation in a strange place. There were also a number of women who could have had the first part of their treatment as Out-patients if arrangements could have been made for them to stay in a hostel near to the hospital, and this would have saved hospital beds.

Dr. C.V. Mackay.

11th November, 1941.

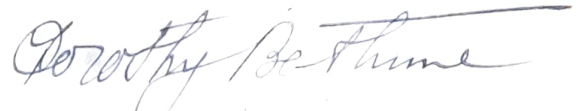
beds./

The problem of accommodation for men is somewhat different to that of women. There are the patients who come down for review, and only need accommodation for one or two nights. Then there are the men with lesions on their lips and mouth who, before treatment can be given, have to attend at the Dental Hospital, thus lengthening their stay in the city. These men cannot be placed in a boarding house as people object to accommodating them, and so the majority of these patients go to the Mount Royal Depot, Latrobe Street; the advantage of such a hostel is that these men are under supervision. Thirteen men have been placed since the beginning of the year, one for a period of several months and others for periods varying from one night to several weeks.

In addition to these men there are a number who would benefit by remaining in town after their treatment in the ward. These patients mostly return to the country on being discharged from the ward, and are therefore out of touch with the hospital during the period of radium reaction.

We have realised for some time that there is an ever growing need for hostel accommodation for country patients, and if such were available it would be a means of facilitating treatment and of eliminating unnecessary delay.

Yours truly,


A l m o n e r.

17th November, 1941.

Miss Dorothy Bethune,
Head Almoner,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Miss Bethune,

I returned from annual holiday today and found your letter relating to hostel accommodation for cancer patients.

I am very pleased to have it and shall communicate its contents to Mr. Wheeler.

Yours faithfully,

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

MT. ROYAL



ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
FITZROY, N.6

3rd November 1941

Dr. C.V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/o Royal Australian College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE C.I ,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of 29th ult. regarding the number of men in Out-Patients of the hospital receiving radium or X-ray treatment and for whom accommodation would be required each week, I find that the average number for this hospital has been eight (8) for the past three months.

Appreciating your efforts to solve the accommodation problem for such cases,

I am,

Yours respectfully,

S. M. Hedwige

*Please file + let me have
copy.*

31st December, 1941.

The Medical Superintendent,
Royal Park Receiving Home,
ROYAL PARK.

Dear Sir,

Re Mrs. Doris Morrison

Could you kindly give me any information about this patient who was in the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 6/1/41 to 18/2/41 when she was discharged to your care. I should particularly like to know whether she is alive at present and whether the diagnosis of Cerebral Neoplasm has been confirmed.

Yours faithfully,

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

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MENTAL HOSPITAL
MONT PARK

12/1/42

The Executive Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council
Royal Aust. College Surgeons
Spring St., C. I.

Dear Sir

Re. Miss Doris Morrison

We have this patient recorded as " Mrs. Doris Irene Morrison ", admitted for the fourth time on 18/4/41.

On admission she was depressed, self-accusatory, and suicidal, in short she was a typical melancholic.

She was given a short course of Cardiazol treatment, and although she sustained a crush of D 4 and 5 vertebral bodies, she was vastly improved.

She left here on 9/12/41 " On Trial Leave " perhaps slightly depressed, but not to a pathological extent, and without any neurological signs.

Yours faithfully

M. O.

A. Ramsay Webb.

"THE GABLES,"

CASTERTON

Medical Secretary

Anti-Cancer Council
College of Surgeons
Beltham, N.S.W.

25/11/41

MAPPISON

Dear Sir, I have a

patient William Mappison aet. 71 yrs
with an epithelioma of the Tongue
involving the glands of the Neck.
His general health is comparatively
good.

He has had the lump under
his tongue for 12-18 months
as far as he knows, but it
has caused him no distress.

It is about the size of a grape
on the right side of the frenulum.

Financially, he is unable
to pay very much.

Could you make arrangements
for him to come to Beltham
for examination and treatment?

Yours sincerely,
Alan H. Millikan

27th November, 1941.

Dr. Alan H. Millikan,
"The Gables",
CASTERTON.

Dear Doctor Millikan,

I received your letter of the 25th of November today.

Would you kindly let me have the name and address of your patient with Carcinoma of the Tongue so that I may arrange with the Head Almoner at the Royal Melbourne Hospital to get him to Melbourne. I greatly regret to say that I could not decipher your writing of the surname.

The age of the patient, duration of signs, and the involvement of the cervical glands make it certain that any treatment can only be palliative.

The question which arises in my mind is whether it would not be advisable to sign his papers and arrange for his admission to the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg, without any intermediate attempt at treatment. However, if you desire, I can ask the Almoner to communicate with him and to arrange for his free travel to Melbourne and free accommodation here while he is seen by the medical officer-in-charge of the radiotherapeutic department.

Curative procedures are most unlikely to be successful. Please let me have name and address as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer,

Executive Medical Officer
 Anti-Cancer Council, Vic.
 Melbourne.

"THE GABLES,"
 CASTERTON

1/12/41

Dear Dr Mackay,

I am sorry
 my writing is so bad. The name
 and address of the carcinoma of
 the lunge is:-

Mr W. MAPPISON.

c/o Mrs L. Mc Carthy

Toorak Hill

Casterton.

If you could ask the almoner to
 communicate with him to arrange
 his examination by the medical
 officer-in-charge of the radio-ther-
 apy dept. at the R.M.H., I would
 be obliged.

His sister, Mrs L. Mc Carthy
 states that she can arrange
 his transport to Melbourne.

If you communicate to
 him at the above address, all
 can be arranged this end.

Yours sincerely
 Alan H. Millikan

5th December, 1941.

The Head Almoner,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Miss Bethune,

I am sending you copies of two letters from
Dr. Alan H. Millikan of Casterton concerning his patient,
Mr. William Mappison.

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange
for Mr. Mappison to see one of the Out-Patient Surgeons on a
Monday or a Thursday afternoon so that if transferred to the
Radiotherapeutic clinic he might be seen by Dr. Kaye-Scott on
the following day.

Would you kindly advise me of date of attendance
so that I might see the patient with the surgeon?

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

6th November, 1941.

The Medical Superintendent,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Re Mr. Russell patient of
Dr. C. C. Reid, Skipton.

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52. Cook St

Abbotsford N. 9

To Anticancer Council of Victoria

Some time ago I received one of your books telling all about cancer, about that time I had a slight pain in the breast, & I went to my Dr., he examined my breast, & said it did not need treatment that was six months ago, now the pain is there again & it worries me a lot, I am 66 years of age & about 30 years ago was operated on for an abscess in the breast, I work hard & use my right arm a lot. I just dread going to a Dr., would you kindly tell me what you think about it.

I am yours Faithfully

M^{rs} A. E. Munday

52. Cook St

Abbotsford. N. 9

3rd November, 1941.

Mrs. A. E. Munday,
52 Cook Street,
ABBOTSFORD, N.S.

Dear Madam,

I would strongly advise you to go and see your local doctor again as soon as possible. It is very probable that there is no cause for anxiety but you must make certain by having an examination of the breast.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
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C. V. Mackay, M.D.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE C.1.

November 4th., 1941.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your request of October 30th. for vouchers regarding your campaign, we would remind you that at least two copies of the Maryborough "Advertiser" have been forwarded demonstrating our desire to support you in a practical manner. We regret, however, that a proof of your last message is not available. We would remind you that in these hectic times, when one's ideals are governed by so many restrictions, it is not possible to consistently support many worthy objects.

However, we trust that the evidence already in your possession is sufficient to demonstrate our full accord with you in your big effort.

Yours sincerely,

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No Reply

Quantong 25/10/41

The Anti-Cancer Council

Dear Sirs,

Please send me the booklet "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer"

And also. Could cancer be caught through using the same cup or other utensils that have been used by a person that has cancer in the mouth, without they being thoroughly disinfected. If the contact has a sore on lips or mouth. There is a good deal of carelessness in country districts, perhaps for want of knowledge.

Yours faithfully

G. Muegel

Quantong

29th October, 1941.

G. Muegel, Esq.,
QUANTONG.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in sending you one of our booklets with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council. We do not regard cancer as being a contagious disease. In the case of feeding utensils which have been used by a patient suffering from cancer of the tongue, lip or mouth, it would be, in my opinion, a sufficient and elementary precaution to thoroughly clean with hot water and soap. No disinfectant is, in the light of our present knowledge of this disease, considered to be necessary.

I have never heard of an instance where cancer could be traced to an origin of this kind.

Yours faithfully,

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

MAHADY

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DR. LEO. LOORHAM
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SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS BY APPOINTMENT

Upper Plenty

Via Wallace East

Oct. 3rd 1941

Dear Dr. L. Kay,
Radiology Clinic.
A Mrs Mahady
made enquires ^{from you} last week
about her husband.

You advised her to
see me.

He had a large
epithelioma of the lip,
but I could not feel
any glandular
involvement

stay

Dear Sir

I received your
letter Dr. Loochman had
concerning treatment
the lip

I am very thankful if
arrangements for

me to be treated at The Melbourne
Hospital

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

J. J. Mahady.

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They state they
cannot afford private
fees and I would say
they were genuine.

His condition appears
urgent.

Name Mrs. J. Mahady
Upper Plenty

Carcinoma of lip.

Yours truly
Leo Loorham

29/4/41

Upper Plenty

Via Wallace East

Oct. 3rd 1941

Dr. C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir

I received your letter stating that Dr. Loochman had written to you, concerning treatment for growth on the lip

I would be very thankful if you would make arrangements for me to be treated at the Melbourne Hospital

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

J. J. Mahady.

6th October, 1941.

Mr. J. J. Mahady,
Upper Plenty,
via WALLAN EAST.

Dear Sir,

I have made arrangements with the Medical Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital for your admission to the Hospital at an early date.

You will be seen by a surgeon and an investigation will be made as to the most suitable form of treatment.

The Medical Superintendent will inform you when a bed is available.

Yours faithfully,

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

2nd October, 1941.

J. J. Mahady, Esq.,
Upper Plenty,
Victoria.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Loozham of Kilmore has written to me concerning your consultation with him. He strongly advises urgent treatment for the growth on your lip.

Would you kindly let me know whether you would like me to make any arrangements for your treatment at a public hospital in Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

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

2nd October, 1941.

Dr. Lec. Loozham,
"Clonmel",
KILMORE.

Dear Dr. Loozham,

Many thanks for your clinical note concerning
Mr. Mahady.

I shall endeavour to arrange for urgent treatment
for the Epithelioma of the Lip.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVE.BH

29th September, 1941.

The Resident Medical Officer,
Mildura Base Hospital,
MILDURA.

Re LAPHORNE Henry

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