

Surgical Follow-up Department

14th May,

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David Napier, Esq.,
20 St. Helliers St.,
HEIDELBERG WEST, N.23.

Dear Mr. Napier,

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 12th of May and would recommend you to attend the Out-Patient Department of this Hospital once every six months, or if this is not convenient, to see your own private practitioner at six monthly intervals.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
per

Medical Officer.

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To Sellers Lt
Heidelberg. N. 23.

12-5-42.

Dr. George Mackay M.D.,

Dear Sir,

I regret my delay in answering your communication. Since leaving Hospital, I have been engaged on 100% defence work. Having spent more than five months away from work, I was reluctant to lose any more time. Should you require any more particulars, or my attendance at Hospital, I am yours to command.

Yours truly
David Napier

11th April, 1942.

Dr. Ralph W. Nicholls, M.B., B.S.,
YACKANDANDAH.

Dear Dr. Nicholls,

We were pleased to receive your answers to our questionnaire on cancer.

Any suggestions which you can make with regard to the improvement of the treatment of cancer patients in country districts would be welcomed. Consideration is being given to a cheap service for the examination of pathological specimens, but no satisfactory scheme has so far been developed.

If I can help you at any time with regard to the treatment of any of your malignant patients, I shall be glad to do so.

Yours faithfully,

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

P.S. Stamped addressed envelope for reply is enclosed.

CVM.BH

4th March, 1942.

Dr. Francis L. Nance, M.B., B.S.,
Grant Street,
COLAC.

Dear Dr. Nance,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on the subject of cancer. I am very interested in your comments.

The whole question of the examination of pathological specimens from those patients who are unable to pay fees is under consideration. A number of other medical practitioners have expressed the same opinion as yourself.

The cases of doubtful malignancy of the stomach or bowel are a problem. If you have taken an x-ray film of an abdominal condition which you find difficult of interpretation, then it would either be necessary to send the films or the patient to Melbourne for further examination. This might be arranged.

Please let me know is at any time I can be of assistance to you. For patients unable to pay medical fees we can arrange a railway pass and accommodation where necessary.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

24th March, 1942.

Dr. Thomas V. Nihill, M.B., B.S.,
OUYEN.

Dear Dr. Nihill,

Many thanks for your replies to our questionnaire.

I can easily understand that it may be very difficult for my Council to help you with indigent cancer patients. An isolated widespread, one man practice with a daily hospital average of twenty-six is a full sized job.

Please, however, let me know at any time if I can assist you to obtain treatment for one of your cancer patients in Melbourne. Railway passes can be obtained and free accommodation can also be arranged. We will do all we can to make things easy for the patients.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

21st February, 1942.

Mrs. Nash,
"Cathleen",
Union Street,
NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN.

Dear Madam,

I cannot be certain from the information contained in your letter that you are suffering from any form of cancer.

I would recommend you to consult your local doctor or the nearest public hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

Cathleen
Union Street
W^m Williamstown

Dear Sir

Re your information on
early treatment of Anti-cancer I have
had a very painful one in my chest for
some time at first I thought it was

but I have taken all cures for same
but at times it does not seem to ease me I
get terrible fit of reaching & cannot keep
anything down & the only thing that will give
me ease is to starve for days till it stops
I have been in hospital with gastric ulcers
but this pain does not seem anything like it
it is more severe I would like to know so
Thanking you

I remain

Yours
Mrs Nash

13th January, 1942.

The Chairman,
New York City Cancer Committee,
34 East 75th Street,
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

My Council has instructed me to endeavour to obtain information concerning the system of organization of central treatment institutions for cancer patients in New York City.

The consideration of the centralization of cancer treatment has been before the Executive Committee of our Council on several occasions but has not been favourably received. It is realized that there are many difficulties involved in the successful carrying out of such a proposition in Melbourne where six public hospitals treat cancer patients by surgery, radium, or deep x-ray therapy.

These difficulties must also have existed in New York and the history of the means by which these were overcome and the financial expense involved would be of the greatest interest and importance to us.

I sincerely hope that you may be able to supply the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria with this information and enable us to attempt our campaign fortified by your experience. We are most anxious to improve the facilities for the treatment of cancer in Victoria and also the general standard of treatment itself. Your publications have been of great help to us.

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

C. V. MACKAY,

"Avalon"
17 Tobin St
Aararat
23-10-41

Dr. C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir

As a member of the Board of Management of the Aararat & District Hospital. I am writing for advise about the best method of getting treatment for a patient suffering from cancer of the throat, the patient is aged 79 years and at present lives in Melbourne.

I would be very grateful for any information you may give me.

yours faithfully
Norman J. Heylan.

Dear Sir

I am pleased to reply to
your enquiry of the 23rd of October.

It is most unlikely
that any curative methods could
be adopted for a patient aged 79
suffering from developed cancer
of the throat. In all probability only
treatment of a palliative nature
to relieve pain and to prolong
life ~~could~~ ^{would} be possible.

A patient requiring treatment for
this condition could obtain it privately
by attending the practice of one of the
several doctors who specialize in
treatment ^{of cancer} by radiation. ^{I could supply names}
^{on request.}

If finances do not permit this then
treatment at one of the public hospitals is
indicated. If accommodation in
hospital is necessary while treatment is being
given then the Austin Hospital Heidelberg is the
place. Yours faithfully,

24th October, 1941.

Norman J. Neylan, Esq.,
"Avalon",
17 Tobin Street,
ARARAT.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to reply to your enquiry of the 23rd of October.

It is most unlikely that any curative methods could be adopted for a patient aged seventy-nine suffering from developed cancer of the throat. In all probability only treatment of a palliative nature to relieve pain and to prolong life would be possible.

A patient requiring treatment for this condition could obtain it privately by attending the practice of one of the several doctors who specialize in treatment of cancer by radiation. I could supply names on request.

If finances do not permit this, then treatment at one of the public hospitals is indicated. If accommodation in hospital is necessary while treatment is being given, then the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, is the place.

Yours faithfully,

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

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CENTRAL
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14 PARLIAMENT PLACE,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

13th October, 1941.

My dear Charles,

I am most grateful to you for sending me the information about Carter. I should greatly appreciate a full report of his history for my records. I have several other cases of cancer of the stomach with more than seven years survival and, one of these days, may write them up.

Yours as ever,

Alan Hewitt

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

16th October, 1941.

Sir Alan Newton, Kt.: F.R.C.S.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

My dear Alan,

I am forwarding a full report of the relevant history of patient, Michael Carter, whom you operated upon for gastric carcinoma in 1922.

Please let me know if there are any omissions.

Yours,

9th October, 1941.

Sir Alan Newton, Kt.: F.R.C.S.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

Dear Sir Alan,

Do you think that you would like to report the following case in one of the medical journals?

CARTER Michael, age 52, Partial Gastrectomy for
Carcinoma of Pylorus 30/11/22.
Pathological Report 14/12/22 - "Adeno Carcinoma"
Radiographic Report 22/11/22 - "Carcinoma of Pylorus".

Patient has been attending Out-patient Department since 9/8/34 with bladder trouble. He was recently transferred to the Austin Hospital as a case of Carcinoma of Prostate. No report of any stomach symptoms.

I shall probably see this patient tomorrow. It is now nearly nineteen years since the operation and the survival period would appear to warrant reporting.

There is a good account of the operation which I can transcribe for you if necessary, and also a blood count in August, 1940.

No secondary glandular involvement detected at time of operation. The result is excellent.

Yours sincerely,

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

CARTER Michael, age 52 (Fifty-two), admitted to Ward 18, Royal Melbourne Hospital on 10/11/22 as a case of ?Pernicious Anaemia. Honorary Medical Officer, Dr. R. H. Strong.

Wassermann Test - Negative

Faeces - No mucus or blood
No protozoal parasites found) 15/11/22

Radiographic Diagnosis:

Carcinoma of Pylorus

22/11/22

Mobility diminished. Residue 2/3 6 hrs.
Duodenal cap not seen. After 24 hours
stomach residue 1/3rd.

History - Complains of being ill for 18 months. Always pale.

For last 3 months getting weaker, increasing pallor, unable to work. No pain, no vomiting, no anorexia, no history of loss of weight.

Occupation: Printer. General examination negative.

Abdomen: No rigidity
No tenderness
No tumour
Liver 1 in. below costal margin
Spleen not palpable.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION

Blood R.B.C. 3,137,500
W.B.Cs. 14,375
Hb. 65%
Colour Index 1.03
Microscopic: A few normoblasts.

Test Meal Negative

HCl Test Meal Fairly rapid neutralization.

Faeces Occult blood present.

Urine Negative

30/11/22 Intravenous transfusion of 20 ozs. of
(blood with citrate) from wife.

Operation 30/11/22. G.A. F.C. & O.E.

Recovery uneventful.

Discharged Hospital 22/1/23.

OPERATION

Mr. Newton made a vertical incision in the abdomen to the right of the midline from xiphisternum to just below the umbilicus exposing the pylorus.

On examination: Pylorus hard extending along lesser curvature of stomach and on to the pyloric antrum. Definitely malignant. Some obstruction. No secondary glandular involvement detected. Liver N.A.D. Extremely anaemic tissues and friable tearing easily. The vessels along the greater and lesser curvatures at region of pylorus were ligated with silk on either side of the pylorus and then two clamps put on and the duodenum divided at the pyloric junction between the two. Each side was cauterised with thermo cautery. Duodenal end sutured over, invaginated by a purse string and turned dorsally and sutured on to the peritoneum of posterior abdominal wall covering the pancreas head. A lot of difficulty with Haemorrhage from friable mesentery just prior to this. The vessels of both curvatures ligated again at the fundus end. Those attached to the greater curvature were ligated with silk on the omental edge while the gastric edge were clamped. This left the greater portions of the stomach free and then 2/3 gastrectomy done and the remainder anastomosed to the 1st loop of the ileum by a posterior gastroenterostomy. Hole in transverse mesocolon completely closed and the abdomen closed.

Pathological report - No. 2348 14/22/22 "Papillary adenocarcinoma."

SUBSEQUENT HISTORY.

Attended surgical Out-patient Department under Mr. Smith 9/8/34. Says "Mr. Newton removed gastric cancer twelve years ago." For last two years has noticed difficulty with micturition. S.I.P. 12/8/34 - 12/10/34.

Supra pubic incision and insertion of self retaining catheter. S.I.P. 27/4/35 - 13/5/36 - Removal of vesical calculi. No enlargement of prostate detected.

12/12/38 - Haematuria and pain.

1939 Further attacks

1940 Blood count

Hb.	58%
R.B.Cs.	4,550,00
Colour index	0.63
Leucocytes	8000

The R.B.Cs. show some anisocytosis, poikilocytosis. The cells are markedly hypochromic.

8/9/41 - Clinical diagnosis.

P.R. Carcinoma of Prostate.

For Transfer to Austin Hospital.

17th October, 1941.

Sir Alan Newton, Kt.: F.R.C.S.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

My dear Alan,

I saw your old patient, Mr. Carter, at the Austin Hospital today. He is a frail elderly man who was delighted beyond measure when I informed him that you knew he was still alive. He said, "I would have given £5 for someone to tell him, he is a bonzer fellow, and at Christmas (1922) he brought his wife to see me because we both came from Leeds."

I thought that perhaps you might like to be reminded of the incident. My visit gave him great pleasure.

Yours ever,

6th October, 1941.

Dr. T. U. Nihill,
Pickering St.,
O U Y E N.

Re Samuel MAY

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"COMBAT CANCER WITH CASH"

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22nd September, 1941.

Dr. F. L. Nance,
Grant Street,
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Re Mrs. Rosa CUST

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Melbourne, C.I.

28th April, 1941.

Dr. W. S. Newton, M.D., F.R.A.C.P.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

Dear Dr. Newton,

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which has been sent to all medical practitioners in the country districts of Victoria.

You will observe how dependent my Council is upon an efficient almoner service for cancer patients at each of the six metropolitan hospitals which are taking part in the compilation of the Victorian Cancer Register.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY

Enc.

169 Zouerie
St. Carleon

Dr. A. Mackay
Dear Sir

in answer to your letter concerning
Thomas Naylor. I am sorry he cannot
come down to see you ^{has} required
he is abroad with the 4th & he has
been gone 6 months.

Yours faithfully
E. Shering

NAYLOR

3rd March, 1941.

G. E. Nichterlein, Esq., A.R.V.I.A.,
Mernda Road,
OLINDA.

Dear Sir,

It was a pleasure to learn of your interest in the work of the Anti-Cancer Council and appreciation of its efforts.

I am enclosing two booklets on cancer, as well as a notice further enumerating the work of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD



■ G. E. NICHTERLEIN, A. R. V. I. A
■ ARCHITECT ■■■■■■
■ DESIGNER ■■■■■■

Mernda Road,
OLINDA.

28th February 1941.

Secretary,
The Cancer Information Bureau,
The Royal Australian College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your booklet - "What every adult should know about cancer" - I would be glad to have a copy of this booklet, and any further information of details you might have available or consider a desirable addition to this booklet. With full appreciation of the fine work that you are doing,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

G. E. Nichterlein

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Dr C.V.Mackay, M.D., F.R.A.C.P.
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Spring Street
Melbourne C.1

Dear Dr Mackay,

I am enclosing a notice for our Council meeting next Thursday.

In case Mrs Brookes forgot to mention it in her letter she asks me to say that evening dress is not necessary, just a dark suit or dinner dress will be right, and the time 8.30.p.m.

Mrs Brookes will be very pleased if your wife can accompany you.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Williamson

Hon. Secretary.

FILE UNDER

NATIONAL COUNCIL

of WOMEN OF VIC
4th February, 1941.

Mrs. Herbert Brookes, J.P.,
President,
National Council of Women of Victoria,
National Bank Chambers,
271 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Mrs. Brookes,

I am very grateful for the honour which your Council has conferred upon me by asking me to give an address at their first meeting for 1941.

It will give me great pleasure to read a paper entitled "A Service to Women" on the lines which you have indicated in your letter.

I am supplying some details of my professional life, as requested, and enclose them separately.

Would you kindly advise me whether full evening dress would be suitable for the occasion?

With kind regards from Mrs. Mackay and myself,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer.

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Miss M. A. WILLIAMSON.

31st January, 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
Melbourne, C. 1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I have been asked to request you to give an address to the National Council of Women at their first meeting for 1941 on Thursday, February 27th, at 8.30 p.m., in the old Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

Might I suggest as a title: 'A Service to Women', since some of our women are very afraid of the word Cancer or Anti-Cancer and I feel they might stay away from the meeting if they had any indication of the Cancer side of the subject - and I particularly want these women to be the ones to hear your address. So if the title is agreeable to you it would be a good one for our women. Might I also suggest that you should give us some of the interesting material that you gave in some of your reports to the Executive, that is, those that are not confidential, and in that case it would be better to read a paper rather than give an extemporaneous address because it would be difficult, I should think, to quote figures and make a detailed report of your visits to the country and what you found there that would be helpful for women to know.

As President, I shall be in the chair at the meeting, and I would be grateful to have a few details about yourself which I could say in introducing you, such as where you were educated, any degrees or exhibitions you have won, and any positions held. This may sound formidable to you but it really makes it interesting for the women to know a brief biography of the speaker.

Hoping you will be able to accede to our request, and with kindest regards to your wife and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Lily Brookes

President.

6th February,

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Mr. Victor Neubecker,
40 Merton Street,
BURWOOD, E.13.

Dear Mr. Neubecker,

I am glad to learn from your letter that you are feeling fit again.

Unfortunately, I had not been told of your next appointment in May 1941 with Mr. Syme and was wondering how your health had been over the last six months.

It will be quite in order for you to report to Mr. Syme on 10th May next, and thereafter as he directs. Please tell the clerk at the desk in the out-patients' hall as before.

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MACKAY, M.D.

40 Merton St
Burwood
5/2/41

Mr C. V. Mackay.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter asking me to attend to Mr Syme's out patient clinic at the Melbourne Hospital, and visit card, also with date to attend - 4 Feb. My last visit to Mr Syme was 10th May 1940 at Hospital and he instructed me to come again on 10th May 1941 also to let the Clerk know of this arrangement which I did; but if this time does not suit I will come in when convenient. Up to the present I have been feeling quite fit and well.

Yours faithfully

V. Seubecker

INFORMATION BUREAU,

13th November, 1940.

Mrs. M. A. C. Nelson,
G. P. O.,
Sydney.

Dear Mrs. Nelson,

I have received your letter of the 12th November from Sydney and have read it carefully.

I greatly regret that I am unable to suggest any method of treatment which holds out any prospect of success in your husband's case. I am basing my statement on the assumption that the diagnosis of the Sydney doctors is correct. From your copy of the radiographic report this would appear to be undoubted.

My advice would be to make your husband as comfortable as you possibly can during the comparatively short time available to you. Cancer of the stomach is one of the most malignant enemies of the human race.

You may still avail yourself of another medical specialist's opinion to confirm or refute the diagnosis, but I would strongly advise you not to spend valuable money in attempting any of the "so-called cures" which are so freely advertised by non-professional persons.

I have pleasure in enclosing one of our handbooks.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

November 6, 1940

ING CANCER SUFFERERS

Bureau Service

THE Anti-Cancer Council wishes to bring the indigent cancer patient in the country into more direct touch with the most efficient diagnostic and treatment facilities available in Victoria.

A cancer information bureau has been established at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Spring-st., Melbourne. The objective of the bureau is to advise persons suffering from cancer how to obtain treatment and, if necessary, to make detailed arrangements for the special treatment of individuals.

It is expected that co-operation by the Anti-Cancer Council with the existing almoner services at the metropolitan hospitals will make certain that no patients suffering from cancer are denied appropriate treatment because of their inability to pay travelling or maintenance expenses.

The educational booklet, **What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer**, recently published by the Anti-Cancer Council, is available, without cost and postage free, to all interested individuals and associations. Applications should be made to the secretary of the Council at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Spring-st., Melbourne, C.1.

address

can't believe that Mrs M. A. C. Nelson
incurable as he has G. P. C.
that long time taking me Sydney
and is on winter ahead N. S. W.
as soon as he has a meal 12-11-40

Dear Sir

Kindly send me one of your
books as advertised. My niece is in Melbourne
for cup and sent over paper, which I
came across your advertisement. My dear
husband gradually was losing weight 12
months ago but was working hard and
eating well till 3 months ago thought
he had indigestion took powders etc
but still losing weight decided to go
to Dr. Dr. said it was Ulcer and said
had to be X rayed. Result of X ray was
Stomach. Tone good. Position Regular
Curvatures Large Filling Defect
of Proximal and Middle Thirds
Conclusion advanced Malignant
Infiltration and Bone. The position
of the Middle and Proximal Thirds
That is what I copied is this a Fibro
Tumor Can it be removed by operation

cant believe that my husband is incurable as he has not been ill that long. he is taking medicine and is on white meat soft foods as soon as he has a meal he seems to get a pain in the chest I can see he is still losing weight he was a fine big healthy man of 14 or 15 stone and I dont think he is 10 stone never ill in his life all his own teeth Dr said no blood pressure. no Pyrexia It is heart breaking to think he was so healthy and this being his first sickness too just.

54 years of age on 1st Sept and is nearly 6ft tall. I would like your book. Dear Sir They were going to operate but they sent him home and told me he was too weak to be operated on. and said it would be cruel to do it I am thinking of seeking advise elsewhere I put P. C. address as my husband thinks he has only an ulcer he would go to pieces

he knew how serious his case is. But I still hope and trust there is some way of helping him to get well. I have him home But he gets exhausted after meals and cannot understand how he has got like this I was afraid to put my address as he waits for letters from relatives and goes to letter boy and so I had to put P. O. address. Can you enlighten me Dear Sir The Dr. who discharged him told me he had a lump in stomach seems like a tumor to me But it can be removed Cant it will dear Sir

That's all
hoping to hear from
you and thanking you
yours faithfully
Mrs. M. A. C. Nelson

Shamrock Buildings
Bendigo.

17:10:40

Dear
Cancer Information Bureau
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Spring St Melbourne

Dear Sir,

As I understand your Council
has published a Free Booklet
"What Every Adult should know about Cancer"
I will appreciate a copy if still available
Thanking you in anticipation
I am
Yours faithfully
E. J. Nuttall.

Sent 22-10-40

(1)

Chas

71, Rivendale Rd,
Cambridge
Sept. 22, 1940

The Secretary
Anti-Cancer Council
Royal Australian College of Surgeons
Spring Street.
Melbourne.

Sent 23rd

Dear Sir

I should be much obliged
if you would kindly send me a
copy of your Handbook "What Every
Adult should know about Cancer"
as advertised in The Argus.

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours faithfully
(Miss) L. Nevell.

11th September, 1940.

Mrs. E. E. North,
"Blenheim,"
23 Kingsley Parade,
ORMOND, S.E.9.

Dear Mrs. North,

I am very pleased to send you a copy of the handbook published by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, "What every adult should know about Cancer." I greatly regret that it does not contain any specific information about irritation.

You are most probably not suffering from any form of cancer, and only information on cancer is to be expected in a publication dealing entirely with this disease. Under these circumstances it is very doubtful whether our handbook will be of any service to you.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

CVM.MD

'Blenheim'

23 Kingsley Parade

Ormond S.E. 9

Sept 3rd 1940

To Cancer Bureau

Dear Sirs

would you be kind enough to send me your Booklet about cancer. I suffer a lot with flatulation especially at night in privates. I have seen a Dr. but he says he is frayed. but I am not in a position to pay for that. Myself or Family have never been to a Public Hospital. if I have not the money for a Dr. I just suffer on. My age is 76 last May born^m 64 at Colaba. reared a Family. I can walk miles. just the one thing ails me stomach & Bowls as well. but things I can not talk about. so am anxious to know if your Booklet can throw any light on my condition. I am very thin.

Thanking you very much
for all the good you must be doing
to Humanity yours very Sincerely
(Mrs) E. E. North

16 Yambula St
Clifton Hill
29-7-40 h. 8.

D^r C. V. Mackay,

Dear Sir

I am writing to explain my case
as near as possible 11 Months ago
I started to have trouble with
my ~~thro~~ swallowing in Dec I was
admitted to Prince Henrys Hospital
and had a operation to the throat
I was there five weeks and I am
no better for the operation I still
have very great trouble in
swallowing and cannot retain what
little I do take hoping you will
be able to do something for me

Ans^d
31.7.40.

Yours faithfully
Chas M. Nielsen
16 Yambula St
Clifton Hill h. 8.

CR 1

4-4-1940

Sir

in answer to to
your letter I find it
impossible to attend
Hospital before Friday
week. 12th. Hoping
this will do.

Thomas Maylor

167 Bourne

St

Carlton

COPY

NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS' ASSOCIATION OF MELBOURNE

365 Elizabeth Street,
Melbourne, C.l.

February 20, 1940.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Swanston & Lonsdale Sts.,
Melbourne, C.l.

Dear Doctor Mackay,

At a meeting of this Association held on Monday, February 12th, consideration was given to your request for five lines of space once fortnightly in each of the daily newspapers connected with the Association. I am to advise that ready acquiescence was given to your request, the only condition being that the matter submitted by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria be approved by the respective Editors.

With all good wishes for the welfare of your Council,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. L. PRATT,

Secretary.

MD-22/2/40

NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS' ASSOCIATION
— OF —
MELBOURNE

365 ELIZABETH STREET,

MELBOURNE, C.I. January 10, 1940.

Dr C. V. Mackay M.D.
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Lonsdale Street. Cl.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of January 9th has been received, and copies have been sent to my members for their consideration.

Yours faithfully,

for A. L. PRATT

Secretary



ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
XX
Lonsdale XXXXX

January 9, 1940.

Mr. Pratt,
Secretary,
The Newspaper Proprietors'
Association of Melbourne,
"The Argus" Building,
365 Elizabeth Street, C.I.

Dear Sir,

Re Publicity for the Anti-Cancer Council
of Victoria.

On this subject I was recently accorded the privilege of an interview with your Chairman, Mr. W. Dunstan, at his office in the "Herald" building.

Mr. Dunstan advised me to write to you and to put forward my request to your Association.

This is as follows:

Newspaper publicity is essential to enable the Anti-Cancer Council to place before the public of Victoria certain facts about Cancer, and about the work of the Council. To be of any value this publicity requires to be continuous over a prolonged period, say twelve months at least.

The publicity matter must necessarily be more or less constant in character and must be hammered home by repetition.

My request to your Association is for the gift of five lines of space in your papers once fortnightly.

The British Empire Cancer Campaign has formed in England a Central Propaganda Committee, and it will be of assistance to quote the following statement made by His Majesty the King:-

"Every effort should be made to help this Propaganda Committee to encourage the public to seek medical advice early so that the knowledge available may be used in lessening the ravages of this fell disease."

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria is gravely concerned on the following points:

Firstly: That patients should have as much knowledge as possible of the early signs and symptoms of cancer, and that whenever in doubt they should consult the Cancer Information Bureau established at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Spring Street, Melbourne

Secondly: That patients should be educated to attend for treatment as early as possible.

Thirdly: That the treatment given should be as efficient as possible, and that all necessary financial and social assistance should be given to indigent patients.

An example of publicity would be this:
"Early diagnosis of cancer is an exceedingly important factor in the favourable outcome of this disease. Early diagnosis must precede early treatment. If in doubt, consult the Cancer Information Bureau, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Spring Street, Melbourne. Every case of cancer is an emergency and must be recognized as such. Many cancers are cured by early diagnosis and early treatment."

I trust that this application will receive favourable consideration by your Association.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council
of Victoria.

CVM.MD

TELEPHONES:
OFFICE - B9718
RESIDENCE M1110

HAROLD S. NETTHEIM

STOCK AND SHAREBROKER

MEMBER OF THE BRISBANE
STOCK EXCHANGE

ESTATES CHAMBERS
108 CREEK STREET
BRISBANE

BOX 1836 W. G.P.O.

CABLES AND } "HASNETTY"
TELEGRAMS } BRISBANE

Please retain

29th June, 1939.

Dr. Charles Mackay,
c/- Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney,
M E L B O U R N E .

Dear Doctor,

I recently obtained a permit to enter Australia for Professor Dr. Arthur Schuller, M.D., and his wife of Vienna. The Professor is now with Professor Hugh Cairns at the Nuffield Department of neurosurgery, Oxford, and after delivering a lecture at Antwerp on July 27th, will leave Amsterdam by Air, August 3rd, for Australia, and on arrival he intends to settle in Melbourne.

In a letter received this week, he informed me that your name was given him by Mrs. Badham, an old patient of his, whom he visited recently in London, and he requested me to get in touch with you.

I met the Professor in Cairo a few years ago and enjoyed his hospitality in Vienna, and found him an extremely fine type of gentleman.

Possibly you know something of his attainments, as the discoverer of Schuller's disease and as lecturer for neurology, and psychiatry at the University of Vienna from 1907 to 1938, and in which capacity many Australian Doctors were his pupils. He has also lectured at Oxford and is, so I am informed, probably the greatest living authority on the brain.

He wishes to carry on research work in an X-Ray laboratory and to give lectures. Professor T.H. Laby of the University of Melbourne is interesting himself on behalf of Professor Schuller, whose wish it is to become acquainted with as many members of the Medical Profession in Melbourne as possible.

It is difficult for me to write you as I am not a medical man and as I do not know just what Dr. Schuller wishes me to convey to you.

However, I hope you will extend the hand of welcome to him on arrival and render him any assistance and advice that lies within your power.

Yours faithfully,



HN/JM.

HAROLD S. NETTHEIM

STOCK AND ESTATE AGENT

108 CREEK STREET, BRISBANE

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108 CREEK STREET, BRISBANE

REPLY TO THE ABOVE

TELEGRAMS / BRISBANE

5th July, 1939.

3rd August, 1939.

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Harold S. Nettheim, Esq.,
Estates Chambers,
108 Creek Street,
Brisbane.

Dear Sir, Hospital.

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the
29th June.

I am very interested in your statement
that Professor Schuller is expected to arrive in
Australia about the end of August and that he
intends to settle in Melbourne. I shall personally be
very pleased to extend a welcome to him and I shall
endeavour to see that he meets some of the leading
medical men in Melbourne. I am already preparing the
ground for him in conversation.

Dr. Howard Frederick will be expected to arrive in
Australia for them and no doubt they will contact you when they
are settled.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

VM.MD

TELEPHONES:
OFFICE - B9718
RESIDENCE M1110

HAROLD S. NETTHEIM

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3rd August, 1939.

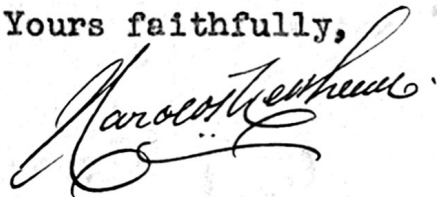
Dr. C. MacKay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
M E L B O U R N E.

Dear Sir,

As the Dutch 'plane service has been speeded up, Professor and Mrs. Schuller, who are leaving Amsterdam to-day, are due to arrive in Sydney Thursday next, 10th inst., and will be going on to Melbourne by train on same evening and should therefore reach their destination Friday 11th August.

Dr. Edward Prendergast will be arranging accomodation for them and no doubt they will contact you when they are settled.

Yours faithfully,



HN/JM.

DR. H. V. PEAKE.

TEL. TRAFALGAR 2

TRAFALGAR,

VICTORIA.

25 NOV 1941

Dear to Mackay ^{CR} 155K

re Ernest Pope

This patient imperable
condition of stomach is
now practically bedridden,
appetite decreasing, not very much
pain, pale and losing weight,
and strength but quite cheerful.

The indefinite resistance in
stomach upon no palpable mass

Yours faithfully

H. V. Peake

27th November, 1941.

Dr. H. V. Peake,
Trafalgar,
VICTORIA.

Dear Dr. Peake,

Many thanks for your clinical note concerning your patient, Mr. Ernest Pope.

Exploratory operation revealed an inoperable carcinoma of the pyloric region of the stomach.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

4th December, 1941.

The Almoner,
Prince Henry's Hospital,
St. Kilda Road,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Madam,

In accordance with a request from Miss Andrew I am sending herewith twenty-five "follow-up" cards for your work in connection with the Anti-Cancer Council.

If this number of cards is not sufficient, kindly let me know and I could let you have another twenty-five.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
per

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

14th May, 1942.

Dr. John O'Sullivan, M.D., F.F.R., F.R.A.C.P.,
49 Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Dr. O'Sullivan,

I have discussed your letter concerning Mr. Gent and the drug "Avidin" with Mr. Wheeler, Secretary of the Anti-Cancer Council and he is adverse to the Council taking part in any cabled enquiry to America concerning this method of treating cancer.

Mr. Gent is recommended to make whatever possible enquiries he can as a personal matter. Mr. Gent's letter and the newspaper cutting are returned.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
per

Executive Medical Officer.

Enc.
CVM.BH

28th April, 1942

Dr. John O'Sullivan
49 Spring St,
Melbourne, C.I.

re Miss E. SCHULTZ

of Croxson East
via Hamilton
near

File "S"

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Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

(AFFILIATED WITH THE BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN)

Incorporated by Act of Parliament for the purpose of promoting, co-ordinating, and carrying out investigations in relation to the cause, prevention, and treatment of Cancer

C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

14th April, 1942.

Dr. Kenneth F. O'Donnell, M.D., M.R.A.C.P.,
Hewlett House,
Gray Street,
HAMILTON.

Dear Dr. O'Donnell,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer. My Council would be very pleased to receive suggestions from you with regard to the improvement of the treatment of cancer patients in country districts.

It is difficult to attempt much during the war, but we are anxious to facilitate the treatment as much as possible.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

8th August, 1941.

Dr. John O'Sullivan,
49 Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Dr. O'Sullivan,

I should appreciate the privilege of fifteen minutes of your most valuable time to listen to your views on the uses of Chaoul Therapy at St. Vincent's Hospital and elsewhere.

Now that you are working at the Austin Hospital the subject is bound to come up for discussion at an early date, and I should like to be prepared by obtaining information from "the fountain head".

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

1st August, 1941.

15/8/41

Nicholas O'Gorman, Esq.,
28 Regent Street,
NORTH RICHMOND.

Dear Mr. Gorman,

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.,
Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department.

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

Enc. CVM.BH

see also letter to
Head Almoner 2/6/41

4th June, 1941.

MR. O'MALLEY

Dr. Archibald Macdonald,
Desailly Street,
SALE.

Dear Dr. Macdonald,

I saw your patient Mr. O'Malley yesterday and this morning examined him in consultation with Dr. Kaye Scott who does the radio-therapeutic work at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

I enclose Dr. Kaye Scott's letter. Mrs. Fogarty who accompanied her uncle is bringing him down again to see Dr. Scott next Tuesday. The latter expresses some anxiety concerning a nodular thickening to the inner side of the scar. He was unable to find any glandular enlargement which would justify treatment unless undertaken as a prophylactic measure.

He considers that it might be necessary to give Radium treatment to the lip but he is reluctant to do this until he learns whether the incision was likely to have been completely clear of the trouble, and also the pathological report if any, on the character of the specimen.

With kind regards to Mrs. Macdonald and yourself and very pleasant memories of my visit to your home.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. MACKAY.

P.S. I understand that Mr. O'Malley returns home today. We considered whether the thickening was simply scar tissue but it seemed to be isolated and away from the suture line.

February 11th, 1941.

Dr. J. G. Sheahan,
1 Brunswick Road,
East Brunswick.

O'MALLEY

Dear Dr. Sheahan,

Many thanks for your clinical
note about Mr. Jack O'Malley.

I should like him to see Dr.
Kelly at the Royal Melbourne Hospital once in
twelve months for observation.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD



Royal Melbourne Hospital

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

MELBOURNE, C.I.

6th February, 1941.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

515

Mr. Jack O'Malley,
9 Collier's Crescent,
Brunswick.

Dear Mr. O'Malley,

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

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

per Dawson

Jack Smalley's Robert West
of Chet (right) has disappeared
the skin is normal

Charles Sheehan West

10/2/41

Princeton

UNIVERSITY MICROFILMS

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 13th, 1941.

C. M. O'Reilly, Esq.,
6 Chamouni Street,
ALPHINGTON, N.20.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry
of the 3rd January.

There is no evidence at all so far as
I am aware that stout people are more susceptible
to cancer than thin people.

Loss of weight is by no means a necessary
sign of cancer, but it certainly does occur in the
late stages of most cancer. When very definite it
is always suspicious of malignancy.

Yours faithfully,

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

per

CVM,MD

6 Bohamouni St.

Alphington N.S.W.
Wellington

3-1-41

To the Anti-Cancer Council
Information Bureau, U.K.

Dear Sir.

Re. your paragraph in "The Argus"
2-1-41. Will you please send to above
address your Booklet, "What every adult should know
about Cancer".

Are short, or fat people more susceptible than thin people?
Do, or, must they lose weight? is that a sign?

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
G. M. O'Reilly.

① Aunt
note
8/1/41

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 10th, 1941.

D. B. O'Farrell, Esq.,
Dept. of the Army,
c/o A.G.'s Branch,
A.H. Quarters,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

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

It would appear that you have reasonable
cause to be worried by the continuance of your
symptoms of indigestion. It is possible that since
August 1939 some development may have occurred which
was not observable at that examination.

I would recommend further investigation
at the same or at another public hospital, and
whatever verdict is arrived at you should submit
to a strict regime of treatment.

It is very possible that the original
diagnosis was correct, but confirmation is now
necessary.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Dept of the Army
c/o A.G.'s Branch
A.H. @
Victoria Barracks
2 - JAN 1941 Melbourne

Executive Medical Officer
Cancer Information Bureau

Brook & note
sent

Dear Sir,

I should be glad of your advice & help
on the following matter:

Since about Aug 1939 I have suffered
from what appears to be acute indigestion. The
symptoms are inflated feeling after meals,
frequent belching of wind after meals & sometime
during meals, ^{also pains in centre of stomachs from time to time,} even after a drink of water &
bring up wind. Lack of energy & tired
feeling. I have tried the usual remedies
for indigestion - viz bic. powder, careful
diet, exercise, etc but without effective
result. Weight has been about stationary,
except I have dropped a few lbs lately. Weight now
10 stone with clothes on. age 45 yrs. Returned
soldier. Employed on sedentary work. Have
had considerable mental worry over many
years. Last Aug (1939) I was X-rayed at
a public hospital, had a gastric analysis &
other investigations, but negative result. Have
been informed that my case is due to nerves but
I cannot accept this diagnosis at present.

I would appreciate your advice
& a copy of the booklet "What every adult should
know about Cancer." I am rather worried at
the continuance of these digestive symptoms

Yours faithfully D.P.O.T

51 Thompson St
Clubwood

S. 3

Dec 29th 40

Royal Aust College Surgeons
Spring St -
Melb C1

Dear Sirs

Would you please
send me your booklet "Whatever
Adult should know about Cancer"
to the above address.

Yours
Faithfully
(Mrs) R. Oliver

1 sent
31.12.40

92 Domain Street
South Yarra S.E.1.
9-10-40

Dr Mackay

Dear Sir

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my enquiry. I have forwarded the information on to my sister & I hope it will set her mind in peace as she is beyond all surgical aid according to two doctors opinion.

Again thanking you
I remain

Yours sincerely
A. O. Forman

INFORMATION BUREAU,

7th October, 1940.

**Mrs. A. O'Gorman,
92 Domain Street,
SOUTH YARRA, S.E.1.**

Dear Mrs. O'Gorman,

Your enquiry about the treatment of your sister's illness is difficult to answer without any personal medical knowledge of the patient.

The accepted professional opinion is that radium cannot be used effectively in abdominal cancer, with the possible exception of cancer of the lower part of the rectum.

If your sister's case is regarded as being too advanced for surgical operation, then no other form of treatment known to medical science could be effective.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

92 Domain Street
South Yarra S. Es.
5-10-40

D^r. Mackay

Dear Sir

I would be very pleased if you would give me an honest opinion re a case of cancer in the lower portion of the abdomen described by the D^r. attending patient as hopeless and beyond the surgeon's aid - Would radium treatment be of any use whatever? The patient in the case is my sister aged 49 years - her sufferings are excruciating & she is having plenty of morphia. I think her time on this earth will soon be over.

Anxiously awaiting a reply

I remain,

Yours very sincerely
(Mrs) A. O'Gorman

Maroomba Park.
Keyfield.
Oct 6th 1940.

Mr. C. V. Mackay. M.D.
Royal College of Surgeons
Melbourne.

OSTBERG

Dear Dr. Mackay.

I took your advice and saw Dr. Fitzpatrick of Sale. and am very pleased to be able to tell you that there is nothing of a cancerous nature - I think perhaps both my husband & I have a bit of a Cancer complex. as both our Fathers had cancer and had major operations for same. Thank you so very much for your letter & offer of help if necessary - All our money is tied up in Sweden & it makes things very difficult not being able to get any out.

Yours faithfully
E. Ostberg.
(Mrs. N.F.)

INFORMATION BUREAU,

1st October, 1940.

Mrs. N. F. Ostberg,
Maroomba Park,
HEYFIELD, Vic.

Dear Mrs. Ostberg,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 29th September.

You will appreciate that it is almost impossible to express any opinion about a medical condition without a personal examination. I would strongly advise you to consult your local medical practitioner on the subject. If he considers that any condition of a cancerous nature exists, I will be pleased to help you to obtain suitable treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

disappeared again after using Zinc Ointment
which I had not bothered using before -
I have no pain and am otherwise quite
healthy - - put on extra weight this
last year or so -

Hoping that I will hear that it is nothing
to worry about -

Yours faithfully
(Mrs) N. F. E. Ostberg

13th September, 1940.

Dr. John O'Sullivan, M.D., (Melb.),
D.M.R. & E., Cambridge, F.F.R., F.R.A.C.P.,
49 Spring Street,
Melbourne, C.I.

Dear Dr. O'Sullivan,

I enclose as requested by
you copies of our case sheets dealing with cancer
of some regions of the body.

I regret that I shall
probably not be able to attend your most interesting
clinic next Wednesday afternoon. I have enjoyed
seeing the good results of Chaoul and deep therapy
treatment.

Did our handbook on cancer
meet with your approval?

Yours sincerely,

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

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CVM.MD

OAKLEY

29th August, 1940.

Dr. R. J. Wright-Smith,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Dr. Wright-Smith,

Would you kindly give me a little information for the Cancer Register? Was a post-mortem performed on a patient, George Oakley, who died on 12/9/39? The medical history diagnosis is "Cerebral Tumour."

Is there a pathological description for "Chordoma", giving the nature of the tumour? A patient, Beatrice Dagg, post-mortem number 8151 and specimen number 13308, was diagnosed as "Chordoma of the Sacrum." Was this a malignant condition of the bone? Under what cross-index heading should Miss Hale enter it?

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. Mackay)
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

CVM.MD

Royal Melbourne Hospital



MELBOURNE, C.1.

30th. August, 1940.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

OAKLEY.

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

With reference to your letter of the 29th. inst., a post mortem examination was made on the body of George Oakley by Dr. Rothstadt for the University. The brain was examined by us and I am enclosing a copy of the description.

Chordoma is a rare tumour which arises from remnants of the notochord and so is seen in the intervertebral discs in the base sphenoid and coccygeal regions. They are tumours composed of lobules of epithelial or polygonal cells with interstitial tissue of fibroglia and collagen. They tend to be mucoid and they may grow to a great size. They invade neighbouring tissues and sometimes metastasize. This tumour should be indexed under tumours of bone.

This particular patient, Beatrice Dagg, died from secondary anaemia which followed X-ray therapy.

Yours sincerely,

Wright-Smith

August 13th, 1940.

Mr. R. F. O'Sullivan, F.R.C.S.,
Surgeon,
70 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Mr. O'Sullivan,

I received your message this afternoon from Mr. Wheeler and I shall be very pleased to attend the Staff meeting at St. Vincent's Hospital on Friday afternoon next at five o'clock.

I think that I can place the important facts about the Cancer Register and the "follow-up" system quite simply on paper, and if you would then like to see me on Thursday before the meeting I am at your service.

The Cancer Register at St. Vincent's Hospital is (like those installed at the other five hospitals) a permanent hospital document, open to inspection of any member of the Honorary Staff. It should contain the names and relevant particulars of all new cancer patients attending for treatment after the 1st of January, 1940. Once yearly information is extracted from it on special cards for the Central Cancer Registry at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Special information is required at this yearly audit, or balance-sheet, about the state of health of every patient whose name appears in the Register. The Central Cancer Registry requires to know the following facts:

- (1) Is the patient untraced?
- (2) Is the patient alive without demonstrable recurrence?
- (3) Is the patient alive with local recurrence or with residual growth?
- (4) Is the patient alive with metastases?
- (5) Is the patient dead?

In order to procure this information an accurate follow-up system has to be instituted, not only for all radio-therapeutic patients, but especially for all cancer cases treated surgically. The institution of an efficient follow-up system is not easy, and I am quite willing to lend the services of an experienced clerical assistant in the early stages.

The whole hospital has to be linked up, the admissions for cancer noted, the addresses obtained in the wards, the transfer to out-patients conducted smoothly, the interest of the out-patient surgeons aroused, and the patients constantly watched to see that attendances are made at regular intervals. I enclose a copy for your own use of the Alfred Hospital form.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Information
Bureau

1st July, 1940.

Miss J. O'Heara,
Koornalla,
via TRARALGON.

Dear Miss O'Heara,

I thank you for your letter of
enquiry of the 25th June.

There is nothing in the symptoms
and signs which you have enumerated to me which is
suggestive of cancer.

I would, however, strongly advise
you to consult your local doctor at the first
opportunity and ask him to give you a complete over-
haul.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:MD

The pattern on the tongue is still clear. At the back towards the throat are a lot of little lumps, but they may have always been there as far as I know.

I was frequently wanting to clear my throat + as I spat it up it seemed "rotten" but couldn't smell anything when I put it on paper.

I have been feeling better this last couple of weeks + only for the peculiar look of my tongue I wouldn't have bothered writing.

I would be grateful to know if there is any need to worry over the look of my tongue. I know my tonsils have always been bad but my tongue has never been like that before. I am nearly 39. My father died of cancer on the liver at 73 + I think my mother had cancer too.

My skin is rather dry + the optician told me I have a deficiency in my blood, so my skin wasn't getting fed properly.

Hoping you can let me know +

if you think the tongue is affected tell me what I'm to do about it.
yours faithfully
J. Mearns
P.S. any enclosing stamped envelope for reply, p.

No. 2. Mandale Court
62. Harold St
Middle Park
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Dr. E. V. Mackay.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to hand of the 4th inst
I would first like to thank Mr Hurley & Dr Forsyth
& the nursing staff at the Royal Melbourne H.
for the very kind & excellent attention I received from
one & all. & the food likewise was splendid
I am very sorry to say, I will not be able to
come into the hospital to be examined, as I am
far from well, I cannot walk & or sit down
as the bottom of my spine is very sore indeed
Dr Brittingham called & told me I must keep
my legs raised off the ground & give them
perfect rest. I am suffering a good deal
of pain. And if at any future time I
have to go to a hospital, I would not wish
for any other than the Royal Melb. Hospital

With best wishes & kind regards
to you all
I remain yours faithfully
Ruby O'Hara