

New. S. Toronto.

396 Sydney Rd.

Brunswick 110.

18 May. 1942.

Dear. Mr. C. F. Mackay, M. D.,

Answering your letter I must firstly thank you very much for being so anxious for me regarding my health, I have not wrote sooner to you because my daughter has not been at home and have (seems) been waiting for her to come back so that I could write to you.

Dear. Mr Mackay.

Regarding to my health I have been improving every day. since I have been at home, and I haven't had any doctors attending me for my health, All I have done is to take care with my food and to have plenty to drink every day. In your previous letter to this last one you said that if I did not come to the Hospital my condition would become very serious, If I'm not asking too much I would like very much to know, what was the matter with me that my condition would become serious, because up to date I have definitely been in better health, If you would please write and let me know I will be very grateful to you, and would then consider about coming to the Hospital.

Yours Faithfully
Mrs. Toronto.

Enclosed is stamp for reply.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

23rd May, 1942.

Mrs. N. Taranto,
396 Sydney Road,
BRUNSWICK, N.10.

Dear Mrs. Taranto,

From your letter of the 18th of May, it appears that you misunderstood the meaning of our previous letter to you.

Our object in requesting you to attend the Hospital is that your Out-Patient doctor (Dr. Robertson) may be able to keep a close watch on your condition and so keep in check any development, which should it appear, might become serious.

If you require any further information you should see Dr. Robertson when you attend the Out-Patient Department. Dr. Robertson visits the Hospital every Tuesday and Friday at 12.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

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

Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department.

South Dudley
Wonthaggi. Victoria.

Executive Medical Officer Mr. A. M. TUCKER
Cancer Information Bureau
Royal Aust. College of Surgeons,

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the booklet - "What every adult should know about Cancer". Will you kindly let me know if country patients are able to obtain help re accommodation while in Melb. for X rays & deep therapy treatment. My doctor removed left breast on Jan. 7th last. A lump has now appeared in same arm-pit. Dr. will examine again this Friday, but thinks I will have to attend Metropolitan Hospital for treatment mentioned above. Have only recently finished paying for operation & to have delay in getting proper attention, it would be so helpful if I could get cheap accommodation. There is absolutely no where for me to go when in town & it worries me to consider the expenses I may be put to. I'm quite willing to pay what I can afford. My husband is a miner. I may be wrong, but think I read in the "HCE" some time ago, about accommodation being provided for Country Patients.

Thanking you
respectfully yours.

(Signed) A. M. Tucker.

8th May, 1942.

Mrs. A.M. Tucker,
South Dudley,
WONTHAGGI.

Dear Madam,

I shall be very pleased to help you to obtain deep x-ray therapy treatment in Melbourne under conditions suitable for you if your own doctor will kindly communicate with me.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Inverto

25/4/42

Dr. C. O. Peachey
Wellbourn

James TOOGOOD

Dear Sir

The ⁱⁿ yours to hand of
the 6th re my present condition
of health.

Since I came back here
about the end of last June
I have done very well I was
9 stone 6 lbs when I came out
of Hospital, today my weight
is 11 stone 4 lbs and I have
not lost one day from my
work in the shop since the
1st of August.

My diet seems to be the
main ~~part~~ trouble providing I
stick to the Hospital diet
I am alright

I went down & saw Dr. Frank
at his Rooms in October
and he was very pleased

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with the Progress I had
made I also had a
letter from Mr. Myshke
and he says there is no
reason why I should not
be allowed to proceed
I follow up his instructions
which I can assure you
I will

I expect to be in the
city shortly & I will call
and see Mr. Frank &
will report to you later
Thanking you very much
for the interest you have
taken in my case

I am yours faithfully
J. H. Toyrod

No reply.

Floura
Tresco.

April 11th

Dr C. T. Mackay.

Royal Melbourne Hospital Samuel

Dear Sir

TREWHELLA

I am answering
on behalf of my sister M^{rs} Trehwella
the letter written on the 6th instant
to her husband.

I regret to inform you
that M^{rs} Trehwella died on
December 9th a short time after he
left the Melbourne hospital.
After being home two or three
days he caught a chill & the
doctor was called in, he was
removed to a private hospital
in Swan Hill where he died
I might add that his left
arm and leg swelled up to
an enormous size. Dr Weston. Watson
of Swan Hill attended him &
would no doubt give you further
information should you require it

for my sisters satisfaction I
would be very grateful if you
will tell us the actual diagnosis
of M^{rs} Jewhella's case as she
was told nothing definite at the
hospital, but Dr Watson of
Swan Hill said he was informed
that he had two cancers, one in
the stomach & one in the chest
altho we understand it was
pneumonia which hastened this
end.

Should you require any further
details I will be glad to
supply them if in my power

Sincerely Yours.

M^{rs} J. Turner.

on behalf of M^{rs} S. Jewhella.

15th April, 1942.

Dr. Wm. R. Tonkin, M.B., B.S.,
COLERAINE.

Dear Dr. Tonkin,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on the subject of cancer. I notice that you have experienced difficulty in sending indigent patients who require radiotherapy to appropriate centres for treatment. If you would give me an opportunity, I shall be very pleased to help in any possible way, and I think that I should be able to improve the existing facilities for you.

If you feel that you can make any suggestions to my Council with regard to the improvement of the treatment of cancer patients in country districts, I should be greatly obliged if you would communicate them to me.

The exigencies of the war are making the treatment of cancer somewhat more difficult than formerly. If at any time you have any problems concerning cancer for discussion, I shall be very pleased to give you the latest information at my disposal.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

Booklet

Sent.

21. 3. 42

South Dudley,

Wonthaggi, Vic.

18. 3. 42

Executive Medical Officer
Royal Aust. College of Surgeons,

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly forward me, booklet-
entitled "What every adult should know
about Cancer", as stated in the "HCE" of
Feb: 17th.

As I am a Cancer patient,
having had my left breast removed
two months ago, I am anxious to protect-
myself from ^{further} unnecessary ignorance on
the matter.

Thanking you,
respectfully yours,
(Mrs.) A. M. Tucker.

"Stretton,"

Liljdale 6.. 3.. 42

Report on

Mr. T. Thompson

Operation Aug 1939. Glonds in neck.
Medical Condition Spastic Sigmoid.

• General Condition good.

Weight has not altered. feels
well. Gets occasional spasms
pain. in left lower abdomen
O.E. N.A.D.

Operation no sign of any
recurrence.

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A. J. Guelmalon
M.D.

9th March, 1942.

Dr. F. F. McMahon,
"Stretton,"
LILYDALE.

Dear Dr. McMahon,

Many thanks for your clinical report on Mr. T. Thompson. The swelling which was removed by Mr. Searby was found on histological examination to be an "epithelial tumour of salivary gland origin with marked mucoid degeneration."

The policy of the cancer registry at the Royal Melbourne Hospital is not to call country patients up for examination unnecessarily. We ask them to obtain reports from their own practitioners.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MAUCKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

9th March, 1942.

Dr. F. F. McMahon,
"Stretton",
LILYDALE.

Dear Dr. McMahon,

Many thanks for your clinical report on Mr. T. Thompson. The swelling which was removed by Mr. Searby and was found on his

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. Edwin W. Turner, M.D.,
470 High Street,
Golden Square,
BENDIGO.

Dear Dr. Turner,

Many thanks for your replies to our questionnaire.

I note that you have no endoscopic facilities for the examination of suspected lung or stomach cases in Bendigo. If such a case arises in your practice I shall be very pleased to make all possible arrangements for an examination in Melbourne at one of the public hospitals. Railway passes and accommodation expenses can be arranged.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

TAYLOR Alice

24 Epping St
Sydney
Oct 5th 1941

10th Backay, M.D
Royal Melb Hospital
Lonsdale St
Melb C1.

Dear Mr

I received your letter today & am
replying to the best of my ability
Position is. When first sick I called on
Mr Loughran, he ordered me to Lyneville
Hospital & operated. I think he arranged
for my admittance to Melb Hospital
The journey took it about time I left
Lyneville Hospital or soon after & put
another Mr in his place. Mr Ingersoll
I am not sure who really made the
arrangements as Mr Ingersoll (don't know
how you speak) never really attended me
Personally, only to ask a few questions
Mr Loughran was a very sick man
& has since died & the other Mr has now
left & is at Rushworth.
I reported to him on arriving home

Sometimes if his long on my feet, a
certain amount of Clots of blood pass
but I then blow up & put it all stops
again.

I am swimming & really feel wonderfully
well.

I get my husband to sponge me with a pint
of water every morning. The Colobony (I
named it 'Pete') then seldom troubles me
but each morning, unless certain food upset
me.

I have lived on fruit but find now I cannot
touch it, it just acts like medicine.
I drink a lot of milk & can eat most
vegetables.

Hoping this is what you need.
Do you have a lot to the Kellogg's & Mrs. Stea
for I never felt I had an operation. I have
felt so wonderfully well after this, I
not any feeling of weakness like
I did after the first one. Yours Sincerely
C. Taylor

replied
must

I was asked over phone how I was etc -
I said I would like to know what had
been done to me but did not know the
correct way to go about it.

Mr Ingersoll was to find out & let
me know. However he was so rushed &
so busy I never saw or heard from him.
Mr Longbrum son of Edward Longbrum
has ^{now} taken over his father's affairs
I have seen him grow up & taught him
everything & cannot bring myself to
consult him (withing personal things)
I have been so well that I have not
needed a Dr & we are so hard up I
simply cannot afford calling on
Dr when I feel so well.

I gained about a stone in 6 or 8 weeks
I am now about 12 st 6 lb. Dec 11/22
when I left M.L.B. Hospital.
I feel wonderfully well, have even looked
back.

Work hours do too much work (8 hours)
& I get tired. I go to bed early & wake
worrying and full of life again.
I cannot stand the hot days but
never could. Cold days I am full
of energy.

THOMPSON Annie

C.A. 982

14th January, 1942.

Sister H. P. Caldwell,
Melbourne District Nursing Society,
59 Victoria Parade,
COLLINGWOOD.

Dear Madam,

Many thanks for your information concerning Mrs. Thompson
of West Brunswick.

With regard to your enquiry concerning gastrostomy tubes I
would recommend you to apply when necessary to the Head Almoner
of the Royal Melbourne Hospital for assistance. A special
Samaritan Fund has been placed at the disposal of the Head Almoner
by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria to assist indigent cancer
patients at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

Melbourn District Nursing Society
99 Victoria Parade
Bellingwood
Dec. 12th 1942

Dr. C. V. Mackay M.D.

Dear Sir,

In reference to Mrs. Thompson of 36 Bold St. W. Brunswick, I am forwarding you a report on her progress, as she is unable to afford a local doctor's fee.

Mrs. Thompson's condition is very satisfactory. I have been attending her since her discharge from the Queen's Hospital, ^{she} is having a full diet per mouth without any ill effects, & my duties are to change her gastrostomy tube twice weekly.

As the patient is an old age pensioner, would it be possible for her to be provided with her tubes when necessary?

Yours faithfully
(Sister) H. P. Caldwell

7th November, 1941.

Dr. Loughran, M.B.,
Jennings Street,
KYNETON.

Dear Dr. Loughran,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Alice Taylor. Mrs. Taylor, who lives at 24 Epping St., Kyneton, was an in-patient at this hospital from the 28th of June to the 25th of July, 1941 and was diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the rectum.

This information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The Council is attempting to register, and to follow-up after their discharge from hospital, all cases of cancer treated at the metropolitan public hospitals.

I hope that you will be able to help us in the matter of Mr. Smith, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

29th October, 1941.

Fred. Turner, Esq.,
123 Albert Street,
WEST BRUNSWICK.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 27th October. As you are not in a position to pay a specialist's fees privately, I would strongly advise you to attend the out-patient department of one of the large public hospitals.

I would recommend either the Royal Melbourne Hospital or St. Vincent's Hospital and you may show this letter when you make your application for examination and treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

123 Albert St
W. Brunswick
27-10-41

The Anti-Cancer Council
of Victoria.

Dear Sir,

as I would like a thorough examination by a competent doctor & am not in the position, to attend a specialist, could you recommend me to anyone.

I am 37 years of age & married with two children & would greatly appreciate anything you could do for me. The address I use is my mothers as I do not wish worry my wife; if possible please use plain envelopes in replying.

Sincerely yours

W. Fred Turner

D. Frank

Phone Swan Hill 139.
Dr. R. Walmer Weaver.

Beveridge Street,
SWAN HILL.

October 12th, 1941.

H. G. Wheeler, Esq.,
Cancer Investigation Bureau,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I have a patient, Mr. S. Trewhaella, aet 45, of
Iresco, whose condition suggests a carcinoma of stomach.

I shall be glad if you can arrange for him to be
further examined.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) A. GRETAM WATSON.

15th October, 1941.

The Head Almoner,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Miss Bethune,

I enclose a letter from a Dr. Watson who is apparently doing a locum for Dr. Weaver of Swan Hill.

The address of the patient is indefinite and the case presents some difficulty.

I should be very glad if you could take the matter in hand. I should like the patient to come to Melbourne and to attend the out-patient department of the hospital, preferably on the physicians's side, in order that his condition might be investigated.

Would you kindly let me know when you have arranged for his attendance.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

27th October, 1941.

Dr. John Turner, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S.,
71 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Re Jane A. BIGGS

Filed under "B"

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PLEASE SEND ALL REMITTANCES DIRECT TO THE HONORARY TREASURER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR, TOWN
HALL, MELBOURNE.

110 Gordon St.
Coburg, N. 13.
Oct. 16/41

Dear Sir.

I'm reading your article in the age
of the 15th instant, Re. cancer treatment. My
husband has a sore lip which we would like
your advice on if convenient for an interview
on Monday. a telephone call H. W. 5410.
We would be pleased to arrange a time to suit
you.

Yours sincerely
E. Towers.

17th October, 1941.

Mrs. R. Towers,
110 Gordon Street,
COBURG, N.13.

Dear Mrs. Towers,

I regret that I cannot interview any patients. I would strongly advise your husband to consult your local medical man as soon as possible concerning the sore on the lip.

If your local doctor would like my assistance with regard to the arrangement of any special treatment I shall be very pleased to give it.

Yours faithfully,

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

Donald. Box 54.
July 29th 1941.

The Anti-Cancer League.
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to see if it would be possible for my husband to be examined by you? if he can get to Melbourne in the near future. He is suffering constantly now with internal pain and as his father died at the age of 56 with this complaint, it has us rather worried, particularly, as through strained finances, we are not able to pay the fairly high costs of local Drs. for the necessary examination.

I should be very grateful to have a reply.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs) G. J. Trollope.
Donald.

1st August, 1941.

Mrs. C. J. Trollope,
BOX 54,
DONALD, Vic.

Dear Mrs. Trollope,

I regret to say that your letter to me of the 29th of July is not very clear.

You have given me no indication of the nature of your husband's illness. I am dealing exclusively with the treatment of patients suffering from cancer, and it is most difficult for me to do anything to assist you without the prior help of a medical diagnosis.

If, however, your husband is in Melbourne in the near future, I shall be pleased to see him at the above address.

If his symptoms in any way suggest the presence of cancer, I will arrange for a special examination for him at one of the metropolitan hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Answer to report requested 1st Sept. 1941

419 Fitzroy Street,

Fitzroy.

September 3rd 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay M.D.
Royal Melb: Hosnital,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Mrs Turner of the above address has asked me to answer your letter dated the 1st inst., and wishes to state that her operation has been very successful and so far not had to attend any local Doctors, in fact she hasn't one.

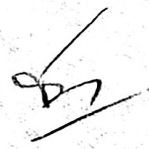
Mrs Turner wishes to thank you very much for your attention in her case, also for the health she is now enjoying as far as the operation is concerned.

If you wish for an interview with Mrs Turner at any time, she will be only too pleased to come along.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. (Mrs) Edith Turner,



SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

1st August, 1941.

29/8/41

Thomas Thompson, Esq.,
Wiseman Road,
BURLEIGH P.O.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Would you please attend Mr. Harry'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. Harry 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. Harry visits this Hospital every Tuesday and Friday 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

THOMPSON Thomas

Age 50

Date 1/9/41

Mr Harry Ward

STOMACH—TONE. Hyper. Ortho. Hypo. Atonic. Posn. Altered Ptosis 1 2 3
 FILLING DEFECT. Card. Med. Pyl. G.C. L.C. Ant. Post. Wall.
 PERISTALSIS. Not Seen. Normal. Active. Vigorous. Irregular.
 MOBILITY. Diminished. Fixed.
 INCISURA. Card. Med. Pyl. Transient. Niche.
 EVACUATION. Empty 6 hrs. Residue. Head. Hep:flex:
 PYLORUS. Patent. Spasm.

DUODENUM—CAP. Not Seen. Regular. Deformed. Residue.
 Posn. Displaced. Delay. Spasm. Size 1 2 3 4
 ARREST. Jej. Ileum. C. A.C. T.C. D.C. S. R.
 TENDER. PT. L.C. Pyl. Duod. G.B. McB.

COLON—PTOSIS 1 2 3 Stasis. Kink. Redundancy. Filling Defect. Diminished Mobility. Fixed.

Conclusion—

Films

N.A.D. in stomach or duodenum.

G.C.H. (R)

4th September, 1941.

Thomas Thompson, Esq.,
Wiseman Road,
BURLEIGH P.O.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

You will be pleased to learn that the x-ray report on your stomach, etc., showed no abnormality.

Perhaps you will be able to attend Mr. Harry's clinic again before the end of this year.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Jardine Street
Beechworth.
July 22nd.

Dear Sir. Mrs. J. W. Thorley (daughter of patient)

I'm writing for information
Re-cancer. I do not know whether you
supply information for treatment of cancer
or not. but I thought it worth while
writing to you. Three weeks ago I
had to take my Mother to Melbourne -
she had cancer removed surgically 2 years ago
from the sigmoid colon & had a
temporary colostomy; but recently, has
shown symptoms similar to before &
I took her to Melbourne & had her
x-rayed. Results of X-ray show a
secondary growth in the colon again.
also she has nodules in different parts.
what I would like to know is. where
can I put her for treatment & attention
I realize nothing much can be done for her
but would like to give her comfort &
attention. I am going back to Melb. shortly
again. I would be very grateful for any
advice re - my Mother.

She does not know what is wrong
with her. but all her family does

Her age is 67. years.

Thanking you in anticipation

I remain

Yours truly

(Mrs.) Mr. Sholey.

P.S. I omitted to say my mother's
financial position does not enable her
to pay big fees.

24th July, 1941.

Mrs. I. W. Thorley,
Jardine Street,
BEECHWORTH.

Dear Mrs. Thorley,

I have received your letter of the 22nd of July and have much pleasure in giving you assistance with regard to your problems.

It is obvious from your very clear statement of your mother's condition that no curative means of treatment are now possible. Your aim must be to give her every possible comfort and nursing attention during the comparatively short time which must remain.

There is only one Hospital in Victoria which has the experience and skill of treating this class of patient. I refer to the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg. There is the section of it devoted to cancer in the public hospital type of patient, and there is another section called Heidelberg House for intermediate class patients.

The Austin Hospital would undoubtedly be the most suitable place for your mother. It is now a treatment hospital and has a high reputation for medical and nursing attention. You can obtain full particulars as to admission by writing to the Secretary, The Austin Hospital for Cancer and Chronic Diseases, Heidelberg, Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

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

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

THOMPSON

Alfred

Dr. James P. Jones, L.R.C.P.
"Lynedale",
The Crescent,
SASSAFRAS.

Dear Dr. Jones,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients, Mr. Alfred Thompson. Mr. Thompson, who lives at The Basin, Bayswater, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 8th January, 1941 to 16th February, 1941 and was diagnosed as carcinoma of the prostate.

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,

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

Enc.



Royal Melbourne Hospital
SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

MELBOURNE, C.I.

2nd July, 1941.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Dr. James P. Jones,
"Lynedale",
The Crescent,
SASSAFRAS.

Dear Dr. Jones,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, Mr. Alfred Thompson. Mr. Thompson, who lives at The Basin, Bayswater, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from the 8th January, 1941 to the 16th February, 1941, and was diagnosed as suffering from carcinoma of the prostate.

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I hope that you will be able to help us in the matter of Mr. Thompson, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay M.D.

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

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

*I am afraid I have not heard of your address
I was called to see a Mr Thompson of Mt Sweeney
a short time ago but he had been
& Leoplasm.*

7th July, 1941.

Dr. Andrew T. Taylor,
Barkly Street,
MORNINGTON.

Re Ashton COULSON

Filed under "C"

Follow-up

17th June, 1941.

Ellen TREWIN

Dr. Harley J. Enniss,
51 Munn Street,
BENALLA.

Dear Dr. Enniss,

Many thanks for your clinical notes concerning
Mrs. Ellen Trewin.

Dr. Upjohn did a colostomy for an inoperable
carcinoma of the colon in October of last year. No
further surgical intervention is contemplated, and
from your notes it is evident that the disease has
progressed.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY.

CVM.BH

ARLEY J. ENNISS

TELEPHONE BENALLA 102

51 NUNN STREET

BENALLA

12 JUN 1941

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

Dear Sir,

Re. Mrs. Ellen Jewin, 9 Bridge St,
Benalla.

I have seen Mrs. Jewin for the first time today, and understand that she has some bowel inabnormality. She has been well, but has had to take to her bed the last month, on account of weakness & slight oedema of legs. She has no pain & her colostomy functions perfectly. There is slight discharge from the lower mid line incision.

I do not know whether further surgery was contemplated, but I think it is doubtful if she will be able to have another operation.

Yours faithfully,

Arley J. Ennis

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT

James Toogood, Esq.,
c/o Mr. Toogood,
18 Deakin Street,
EAST MALVERN.

Dear Mr. Toogood,

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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.
~~Executive Medical Officer,~~
~~Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.~~

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

Enc.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

Mrs. Ellen Trewin,
9 Bridge Street,
BENALLA.

Dear Mrs. Trewin,

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

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

Enc.

13th May, 1941.

Mr. J. Tootell,
101 Buckley Street,
ESSENDON, W.5.

Dear Mr. Tootell,

Many thanks for your letter of the 12th May. I am very pleased to learn that you are keeping well, and that it has not been necessary for you to see your own doctor.

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly let me know how you are once in every six months or if you feel inclined come in and see me.

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

Please attend your hospital doctor (Dr. Fairley) at any time if your symptoms return.

Yours faithfully,

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

101 Buckley St Essendon
12/5/41

To Dr Mackay

Dear Sir

I received your letter 8/5/41
I came in on the 9/5/41 to see you. I was told
monday was your day I have been again today. But
No one seemed to know where you was.
The reason I wanted to see you was that I
have not been to any local Dr. As I have not
needed one.

As regards my health and the treatment I
received at the Hospital

My health is good and still keep my weight
eleven stone ten pounds and I have felt
nothing of what I was treated for.

I had a letter to go and see Dr Fairley about last
August I went to see him. He sent me to
Mr Lawson. Both Drs said I was clear.
I went again in Feb. Dr Fairley said I was
alright and that I need not come again
unless I felt ill.

Yours Resp
J Footell

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

Mr. John Tootell,
101 Buckley Street,
ESSENDON.

Dear Mr. Tootell,

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

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

Enc.

HOURS: 9 - 9 50 A.M.
2 - 3 P.M.
7 - P.M.

"VERDUN"
YARRAWONGA
TEL. 50

22-4-41

DR. G. VAN NOOTEN

THICKETT

Dr C.V.Mackay,
Medical Officer,
Dear Sir,

Your letter re Mr Albert
Thickett to hand.

The cervical scar is slightly thickened and fixed, but there is no evidence of any recurrent malignancy, and there are no palpable glands. The lip is well healed, and no thickening is present.

Yours faithfully,
G.H.van Nooten,
per M.G.Field.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

23rd April, 1941.

THICKETT *Albert*

Dr. G. Van Nooten,
"Verdun",
YARRAWONGA.

Dear Dr. Van Nooten,

Many thanks for the clinical report on
Mr. Albert Thickett.

I am very glad to learn that his condition
is satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY

29th January, 1941.

Dr. Ivan Le Souef,
Point Nepean Road,
EDITHVALE, S.14.

THRUPP

Dear Dr. Le Souef,

Many thanks for your note of the
3rd of January concerning your examination of
Mr. Thrupp.

I am glad to learn that there are
no signs of secondary growths.

The information is of value for
the Cancer Register which is now in being at six
of the metropolitan hospitals.

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. Mackay)
Executive Medical Officer.

CVH.MD

TELEPHONE
CHELSEA 119.

HOURS OF CONSULTATION:
9.30--10.30 A.M.
2--3 P.M.
6.30--7.30 P.M.

SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS:
9.30 TO 10.30 A.M. ONLY

DR. IVAN LE SOUEF.

POINT NEPEAN ROAD

EDITHVALE S 14

388 2-1-1941.

D. C. V. Mackay
Dear Dr.

Re Mr T Thuff.

I examined ^{him} a couple of
months ago & found that
his general condition was
good, that there were no
signs of secondaries, but
that he had signs of
psoriasis, this yields to
treatment

Yours Truly
Ivan Le Souef

PLEASE PRESENT THIS PRESCRIPTION AT NEXT VISIT

No Telephone
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Permanent address - Pinegrove, Fingal, Rosebud
Temporary " - c/o Mrs Dyson, 1 Prer Street, Dromana
111 Feb. 7.
January 23, 1941

Dear Dr Mackay

I must sincerely apologise for not telephoning you as I arranged on December 6, 1940.

However, the day before was an exceedingly hot day and, owing to the petrol rationing, I have a three mile walk to the mail box. The walk is over a dusty unmade road, with no shelter, it is rather strenuous and I just felt too sick the next day for the sixty mile motor drive to town.

I came up the next day, which was a Saturday, and did not get to Dr and Mrs Wilson's place till one o'clock. They both said how exceedingly well I looked. Though I told them I had had a hysterectomy done they do not know that there was any question of malignancy.

On ~~Monday~~ day, December 9, I left for Hamilton and under forty-eight hours after reaching there I developed severe arthritis in the right humerus and shoulder and Dr Kneelore ordered me into the Hamilton Base Hospital. An X ray showed nothing. I had hot linseed poultices and two hot bags four hourly day and night, also a hot daily tub bath. My arm was bandaged to the head of the bed in a sling so that I could put it down when it got too numb.

On December 21 I was well enough to travel to the Mornington Beach Hospital. Owing to bed shortage they sent me to the Dromana Beach Hospital on January 3 and I left there a week later, after four and a half weeks in hospital.

Dr Taylor, of Mornington, suggested I have a more complete rest at a guest house in Dawnana, and a bath each night.

He did a blood count when I got to Mornington and my haemoglobin was 100, red blood cell count 5,100,000. The stiffness and pain completely left my arm but there has been a very slight return to last few days.

I expect to stay here till February 7 but I may go to Melbourne on Wednesday, January 29. If so, I shall telephone your office and see if it is convenient for you to see me. In my year's university course at The University of California, and my five years of school nursing, I saw a great deal of harm done by infected teeth. The antibiotic dependent got in Uganda, East Africa, has been blamed for the arthritis in my back, which developed nine years ago. However, I have sometimes wondered if the dead teeth which I had for sixteen years may not have been largely responsible for that and, perhaps, some other things. My teeth crumbled (owing to defective assimilation of calcium due to lack of thyroid, I was told in America) and the dentist put in a plate over the dead teeth. Before that, the teeth were pegged into the old teeth, but, after swallowing two of them, I decided to have a plate, which I wore when I was sixteen years of age.

Dr Day, of South Yarra, was the dentist and, apparently that was the correct procedure at the time, as he had a good reputation. While in hospital I put on a stone in weight and am now a stone & 1/2 lbs for a height of 5 feet 1 inch. I feel very well indeed.

I hope you will have a happy new year and shall phone your office on the 29th, should I be in the city.

Yours sincerely

Nancy S. Thomas

2nd December, 1940.

Mrs. N. S. Thomas,
Pine Grove,
Fingal,
ROSEBUD.

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

I was very pleased to receive your letter-card this morning and I shall be glad to see you on Friday next if you are in the city.

My office is at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and is unfortunately somewhat cramped.

I have been in touch with Dr. Chambers, who remembers your case very well and is pleased with your progress.

With kind regards,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

Pine Grove
Tingal, Roubid
November 29, 1940

Dear Dr Mackay

I shall be in Melbourne next Friday, December

6th and am leaving for Hamilton for an extended stay on
Monday December 9th, spending the week end with Dr and
Mrs W. Wilson at Malvern. You may remember me as
Nancy Wilder at the Melbourne Hospital in 1912. I was
nearly four years overseas with the English army and spent
fifteen years in America nursing. I also did one year in
Physical Fitness at The University of California and did
four years' school nursing after that. In March last year we
got Mr Chambers to go down to the Dromas Bush Hospital and
he did a hysterectomy, removing three large carcinos. Tumors
and uterus deeply infiltrated with cancer. Six months after my
haemoglobin was 80 and a year after it was 90. For ~~four~~ years
before the operation (and since) I kept my weight of 9 stone,
slept well, ate well and felt well. Though, between
1920 and 1934 my blood pressure was, at times, 80, haemoglobin
60, red cell count 2,500,000. Thyroid and intravenous iron
injections helped me. I came back sick from America in December
1934 and, after three months in the Repatriation Hospital as a
patient, put on weight, lost the constant nausea etc and got
married ~~October~~ 26th, 1935. Shall phone you as soon as I reach the
city on Friday morning and see if anything in my history would
help you in your cancer research. I feel better than since
1916 when I got dysphid although I had the injection. Am writing
this in the car on the way back from Melbourne so excuse illegibility.

Yours sincerely

DO NOT NEGLECT TO ADDRESS THIS CARD

Nancy S. Stokes
(Nee Wilder)

If this card be addressed to any place outside the Commonwealth of Australia to which the two-penny rate of postage does not apply, adhesive postage stamps for the extra postage must be affixed.

PRICE, TWOPENCE HALFPENNY

*N. Thomas
Pine grove
Fungal
Rosebud*

LETTER



COMMONWEALTH CARD



*Dr C. V. Mackay
President Cancer Research Committee
Royal Melbourne Hospital
Somerville Street
Melbourne C1*

DO NOT NEGLECT TO ADDRESS THIS CARD.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 22nd, 1941.

Mr. F. Trask,
Benalla.

Dear Mr. Trask,

Your letter of January 16th was received yesterday. As requested, a copy of the handbook, "What every adult should know about Cancer," is enclosed.

I have been in touch with the Almoner at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in connection with your travelling expenses. You will receive a letter from her in the immediate future.

Yours faithfully,

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

MD

acknowledged
& book sent

Benalla

21.1.41

16/1/41

Dear Sir

Please forward me the handbook on the subject of cancer recently published by the Council, and particulars of what assistance persons can get; I am a O.A. pensioner and have been going to Melbourne for Radium treatment for the last 7 months and have to report to the Hospital again the end of this month but my pension will not stand this strain out.

Thanking you
Yours Truly

F. Trask

INFORMATION BUREAU,

7th November, 1940.

**E. Timbs, Esq.,
211 McCrae Street,
B E N D I G O.**

Dear Mr. Timbs,

I have much pleasure in sending you a copy of our educational booklet on cancer.

If you are unable to afford specialist's treatment for your "duodenal or peptic ulcer" I would advise you to attend the Bendigo Hospital, which has excellent facilities for diagnosis and treatment.

Should you require any further help at any time please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

Secretary
Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons

211 Mcbrae St.
Bendigo

Dear Sir

Will you kindly
forward me the educational booklet.

"What every adult should know about Cancer"?

I am interested on account of being
diagnosed some 15 months ago as having
Intractable duodenal or Peptic ulcer.

I have been unable to work for that
period on this account, as any work or
worry bring a return of the symptoms.

I have regularly to take an alkaline
powder & can not afford to receive specialist's
treatment.

My father suffers with the same complaint
my age is 50 yrs.

My weight is maintained

Yours faithfully
E. Limb.

29. 10. 40.

Patient attended R.M.H.
on 1. 10. 40 for a skin
condition under W. R. R. Wettenhall.

No diagnosis of malignancy was
made.

TREVOR ROW
Arthur

"Longford Park"

Hemilgum N.S.W

24.10.1940

Doctor C. L. Mackay.

Dear Sir

I appreciate your letter to me on Oct, 20th which I duly received, and note your remarks.

I realise that you cannot form a professional opinion of the case of Mr Arthur Drown without the co-operation of the patient's medical advisor Dr J. C. Middleton, and regret that Dr Middleton so far has evidently failed to correspond with you.

I am informed that the development of Mr Drown's disease was rather rapid during the latter part of September and early Oct, so much so that a sympathiser made it possible for him to travel to Melbourne to receive treatment at Melbourne Hospital.

He was given radium treatment, and was told to come back in about one month from this date, when he will receive further treatment.

I wish to thank you for the genuine interest you ^{have} taken in this case, and am sorry Dr Middleton did not write you, as I believe the person a really needy case.

yours faithfully

Geo. S. Fawcett

1st October, 1940.

James S. Fawns, Esq.,
"Longford Park,"
DENILQUIN, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Fawns,

I regret that I am not yet in a position to give a satisfactory answer to your letter of the 4th September. I wrote at some length to Dr. Middleton on the 9th September and enclosed a stamped addressed envelope for his reply. So far I have not been favoured with a communication from Dr. Middleton.

Medical men in busy practices and in war time are apt to be very bad correspondents. Allowances have to be made for these circumstances. Possibly at a later date I may obtain the medical information which would enable me to take action in the case of Mr. Arthur Trevorrow.

Yours faithfully,

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

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

9th September, 1940.

V FAWNS

Dr. F. C. Middleton, M.B., B.S., (Melb.),
End Street,
DENILIQUN, N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Middleton,

Mr. James S. Fawns of "Longford Park," Denil-
iquin, has written to me concerning a pensioner,
Mr. Arthur Trevorrow of Deniliquin.

I understand that this man is one of your
patients. The diagnosis is stated to be cancer of
the nose. Would you be so kind as to give me some
information concerning this patient?

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria is
anxious to assist indigent cancer patients to obtain
treatment, but its regional scope is limited. I
must necessarily have definite medical and social
facts concerning any particular patient before I
begin to make financial or medical arrangements on
behalf of the Council.

I should be greatly obliged if you would
kindly inform me of the nature of the lesion in this
case and of its extent. Is there any scope, in your
opinion, for satisfactory curative or palliative
treatment of any character? Beds for chronic cancer
patients are unobtainable in Melbourne except at the
Austin Hospital at Heidelberg, and there only with
difficulty. Is Mr. Trevorrow the type of patient
for whom I might reasonably ask my Council to provide
free railway transport to Melbourne, accommodation
in Melbourne during remedial treatment, and finally,
free return transport to Deniliquin?

The responsibility is not one to be lightly
undertaken without as full a knowledge as possible
of the medical requirements. In all social work in
connection with cancer patients I work in collaboration
with the almoner department of each metropolitan
hospital in Melbourne.

I am forwarding to you one of our recently
published handbooks on cancer, showing the constitution
of the Executive Committee, etc.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed, and
I should appreciate the courtesy of your reply.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Enc.

"Longford Park"

Benilignin N.S.W.

4-9-1940

Dr C. V. Mackay M.D.

Dear Sir

Acknowledging your letter of August 28th in reply to my enquiry concerning a pensioner in need of treatment for a disease diagnosed as cancer of the nose.

I must thank you for your prompt attention, and have pleasure in making known the patient's name and his doctor.

The patient is Arthur Inverrow. of Benilignin N.S.W, and the medico, Dr. F. C. Middleton, of George St Benilignin N.S.W.

I personally think that the person named is a genuine case where assistance would not be misplaced, and I shall be pleased to hear from you further, when you have obtained the medical information you require.

yours faithfully

Jac. S. Fawns

August 28th, 1940.

James S. Fawns, Esq.,
"Longford Park,"
DENILIQUIN, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Fawns,

I have pleasure in acknowledging, on behalf of the the Secretary of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, your letter of enquiry of the 24th August.

I regret that I am unable to reply immediately to the substance of your letter. It would be of considerable assistance to me to learn the name of the patient, and the name of his doctor. I should like to communicate with the latter. It is obviously necessary to know the nature and the extent of the disease, and also the special treatment which has been recommended.

From your personal account the pensioner appears to be deserving of every possible consideration, and we are most anxious to help this type of patient.

I shall send you a further communication when the information from the doctor enables me to form a professional opinion.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

"Longford Park"

Manilquin N.S.W

24th August 1940

The Secretary

Anti-Cancer Clinic Victoria

Dear Sir

An aged pensioner who has a large family some of whom are still dependent upon him, a cripple among them, and whose wife is in very frail health, and too young yet to receive an old age pension, has asked me to seek information for him, which may lead to his receiving free treatment for his ailment Cancer.

I have heard that your Clinic arranges such free treatment for those whose circumstances are distressing and moneyless, also that you may arrange free transit from country to city to obtain this treatment. Is this so?

This unfortunate man has had his case diagnosed as a cancer in the nose by a local Dr who suggests City treatment, but the poor fellow has no means of paying for treatment, more especially if his case was one which required his finding and paying travel & lodging if treated as an out-patient - . Could you give me any idea as to how long he would be required to attend Hospital if Radium treatment were given?

I hope you may be able to do something for this man, because of his dependents, he is the father of a family of 12 children, and has been a very hard working man.

Yours faithfully
James S. Fawcett

INFORMATION BUREAU,

27th September, 1940.

A. E. Tyndall,
20 Napier Street,
Blackhill,
BALLARAT.

Dear Mr. Tyndall,

I am enclosing, with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, a copy of our recently published handbook on Cancer.

I should advise you to see your local doctor at Ballarat or the specialists at the Ballarat Hospital, and have an examination of the lump which you have stated to be present.

If any further assistance is required in any way please let me know.

Thank you for the enclosed stamp.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Enc.

25th Sep 1948

Dear Sir

Will you kindly forward
me a free copie of the hand Book
cancer as advertised In the Argus
to 20 Napier St Blackhill Ballarat
my Wife lost her Father through
Cancer of the stomach a short
time ago cousin Also I've got
a Bit of a lump In my passage
and woud I like / Digger
to know
What it is A. E. Tyndall

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INFORMATION BUREAU.

August, 14th, 1940.

Mrs. J. Thomas,
11 Carinda Road,
CANTERBURY, E.7.

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

I am very pleased to attempt
to answer your enquiry of the 10th August.

Your letter is, however, so
vague as to signs and symptoms that I am quite
unable to form a clear idea of the nature of the
disease from which your brother is suffering.

I would strongly advise you
to see your local doctor and to depend upon his
advice regarding diagnosis and treatment. Should
any special treatment be recommended, as for cancer,
I shall be pleased to give full information where
it can be obtained.

Yours faithfully,

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

11 Carinda T^d

Canterbury E 4

10.8.40

Dear Sirs

I am stating my brother's case and would be very pleased to hear from you, he knows nothing about this note. He is very head strong and thinks he can fight it, he is 40 years of age and this has been going on for 2 years, also loses a lot of sleep after having a drink of ~~poison~~ he sleeps for 2 or 3 hours. Cannot sleep for pain in the chest he says it is a lump and sits up and contorts himself until he brings up a lot of froth and a brown substance also has been very constipated has been all through life. I would be very pleased if you will give me an idea what it might be.

Yours in anticipation

Tom J Thomas

107. Denmark St
Kew

27. 7. 40

Sir.

Would you please supply me
with information of cancer
treatment, as stated in to-days
newspaper the age.

and oblige
Yours truly
Mrs E. Taylor

Reply
27. 7. 40

Austin Hospital for Cancer and Chronic Diseases

Address reply to this
letter to the Medical
Superintendent

HEIDELBERG

Telephone
Heid. 186 [4 Lines]

Medical Superintendent's Office

Heidelberg, N.22. 17th July, 1940

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Doctor,

re John Tootell. 498.

This man was admitted with a diagnosis of
Carcinoma of Rectum.

On Examination there ~~was~~ some tags of external
piles, and some prolapse of the mucosa of the anus. There
was a mass in the rectal wall on the left side extending
just about half the circumference and fungating into the lumen.

Proctoscopy performed by Mr. Trumble showed a
growth anteriorly in the region of the prostate which appeared
to be a flat ulcer with no fungation and a small piece was
removed for biopsy but showed chronic inflammatory tissue only.

He was given full pelvic saturation dose of
Deep Therapy to the pelvis, total of 4,800 r.

During his stay he improved in general health
and gained over two stone in weight.

Yours faithfully,

Ch. Hunter
Medical Superintendent.

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,

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XXXXXXXXXXXX

9th July, 1940.

TOOTELL

The Medical Superintendent,
Austin Hospital,
HEIDELBERG, N.22.

Dear Dr. Hutson,

Re John Tootell, Carcinoma of the
Rectum.

This patient was, I understand, discharged
from the Austin Hospital on the 13th June last and
instructed to attend the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Would you kindly inform me of the details
of his medical condition while he was an in-patient
at the Austin Hospital?

And oblige,

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Austin Hospital for Cancer and Chronic Diseases

Address reply to this letter
to the
Medical Superintendent

HEIDELBERG



Telephone
Heid. 186 [4 Lines]

Medical Superintendent's Office

Heidelberg, N.22...26th June, 1940

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

TATCHELL. CR 514

Dear Doctor,

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst,
concerning Mrs. Maria Tatchell, apparently 'misaddressed'
to Mr. Cameron, I am enclosing a copy of the Post Mortem
Report.

Yours faithfully,

Am. Hutson
Medical Superintendent.

TATCHELL Maria

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H.C. Trumble

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24/6/40

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Emaciated body of middle aged woman with abdominal scar.

TATCHELL
CR514

LUNGS: Bilateral small apical scars. R. 12 oz
L. 10 oz

HEART: Calcified atheroma in ascending aorta
and near aortic valve with calcification
AORTA: in aortic ring. 12 oz

LIVER: Two small discrete metastases
Colonic mass adherent to inferior
surface of R. Lobe 42 oz

COLON: Puckered mass involving hepatic flexure
and ascending colon. - appeared to be
carcinoma of hepatic flexure with some
fibrosis and retraction of ascending
colon and caecum - ileum seemed to run
into this mass.

Remaining intestines N.A.D.

GENTALIA: Uterus enlarged with thin wall and
contained pedunculated submucous fibroid
1" diameter with nodular surface.

SPLEEN:)
SUPRARENALS) N.A.D. 7 oz

KIDNEYS: L. N.A.D. R. 6 oz
Right. Upper pole occupied by soft L. 8 oz
rounded encapsulated tumour 1 1/2" diameter.

Specimens -
Uterus
Kidney

For section -
Kidney

Carcinoma Colon
Metastases

K.N. Uhd

CR.514

24th June, 1940.

The Manager & Secretary,
The Austin Hospital,
HEIDELBERG, N.22.

Dear Mr. Cameron,

We have been informed of the death at the Austin Hospital of Mrs. Maria Tatchell. Would you be so kind as to let us know the cause of death? Mrs. Tatchell was an out-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital for Rodent Ulcer of the face.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

CVM.MD

609 LYGON STREET
MELBOURNE, N.4

31/1/40.

Dear Doctor,

Re Mr Takbell.

Would you mind
retreating this rodent
ulcer? I applied radium
to it and two others
in August; but this one
has recurred.

Thanking you
Sincerely
A Murray

INFORMATION BUREAU.

27th June, 1940.

Miss E. J. Thompson,
12 Burnett Street,
ST. KILDA, S.2.

Dear Miss Thompson,

I am pleased to reply to
your enquiry of the 25th June.

It is almost impossible
to give you medical advice by correspondence.

From your description of
the X-ray "photographs" which have been taken
in New Zealand, I should strongly advise you
to consult one of the medical specialists in
Melbourne who practise radio-therapy. He
would be able to advise you as to the prognosis
regarding the effects of any further treatment.

The following is a short
list of specialists from which you may make
a choice:-

Dr. Frank Stephens, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne;
Dr. John O'Sullivan, 49 Spring Street, Melbourne;
Dr. R. Kaye Scott, 105 Collins Street, Melbourne;
Dr. L. J. Clendinne, 105 Collins Street, Melbourne;
Dr. Colin Macdonald, Melbourne Radiological Clinic,
Parliament Place, East Melbourne.

You may place yourself in
the hands of any of these doctors with complete
confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

L.A. 2240

12 Burnett St.

St. Hilda

Melbourne 3.2.

June 25/40

The Australasian College of Surgeons (Royal)
Cancer Information Bureau Spring St.
Melbourne.

Dear Sirs

I am taking advantage of your invitation in the Daily Press, to write you concerning my cancer trouble.

In Nov. last I had my right breast removed, by Dr. Duncan Stout of Wellington N.Z. - now overseas with the troops.

Recovery beyond a certain stage seemed unsatisfact^{ory}. Therefore in May, I went to another Dr. who advised X-ray photography. These photographs show (as was pointed out to me) an affection of one of the left ribs, & also spine in upper chest.

The Dr. advised me that nothing could be done in a case of this sort, that I might live two or three years, & that I ought to remove to Melbourne, where my only relatives reside. Does your knowledge lead you to endorse this opinion?

I am 60 years of age, come of healthy long-lived stock, have never had a serious

illness until now, & right up to time of
Operation was enjoying outdoor sports.

In the event of your wishing to see
me, I should like my brother-in-law to
accompany me if possible. His only free
times are all day Wednesdays & Saturday
mornings.

I shall be grateful for a reply,
for which I enclose stamped addressed
envelope.

Thanking you

Yrs faithfully

E. J. Thompson

21st June, 1940.

INFORMATION BUREAU

Mrs. E. A. Telford,
Michie Street,
ELMORE.

Dear Mrs. Telford,

Your enquiry of the 19th of June raises a very difficult question.

If your husband would come and see me I might be able to persuade him to get medical treatment at once. Delay is very dangerous. Personally, I would rather not see Mr. Telford, as I should greatly prefer him to see his local doctor or to attend the surgical out-patient department of one of the large public hospitals.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Edmore

Michie St.

June 19th 40

Re cure of Cancer

Dear Sirs

My husband has a nasty sore on his lip which will not heal. I am very anxious about it. - & he declines to go to Dr. - What would you advise him to do about it -

awaiting your reply

Yours Sincerely
(Mr.) E. A. Selford

21st June, 1940.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

Mrs. B. Thomas,
Mt. Pleasant Road,
West Preston, N.18.

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

I am pleased to have the opportunity of answering your enquiry of the 20th June.

The lump on your tongue does not appear, from your description, to be significant. However, it would be more satisfactory if you saw your own local doctor as soon as possible, and obtained his opinion.

If you have no local doctor, then I would advise you to attend the out-patient surgical department at St. Vincent's Hospital, or at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

64 Pleasant Rd
West Preston N.18.
20th June 1940.

To Royal Australian College of Surgeons,
Dear Sirs

I do not
really like to trouble ^{you} as it seems so
very trifling, but I would very much
like your advice, as I have a very
small lump on my tongue. I have
had it about three years, & it is getting
a shade larger, when I bend the tongue
back it seems to stand out like a wart.
It is only about this size. But it
has been there three years, & I was
wondering would it cause trouble later
on, anticipating a reply, I am enclosing
a stamped address envelope, thanking
you very sincerely.

Your Respectfully
Bell Thomas.

11th June, 1940.

Information Bureau.

D. Tuffee, Esq.,
10 Shoobra Road,
ELSTERNWICK, S.4.

Dear Mr. Tuffee,

I have pleasure in enclosing
for your information a short account of the
symptoms of cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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

CM:MD

10 Shoobra Rd
Cheltenham S. 4
9/6/40

The Anti Cancer Information Bureau
Spring St
Melbourne

Dear Sir.

Would you please forward me any information you have regarding symptoms of cancer as I believe it essential for everyone to be able to recognise this disease in its early stages.

Wishing you every success and
Thanking you in anticipation

Yours Faithfully
(M^r) D. Tupper

28th May, 1940.

Mrs. E. Tuckett,
119 Gingell Street,
CASTLEMAINE.

Dear Mrs. Tuckett,

I am pleased to answer your
enquiry of the 27th May.

The story which you have told
me of your accident and subsequent painful shoulder
does not read like cancer, but it is impossible for
me to express any opinion of value by correspondence.

You must rely upon the opinion
and advice of your local medical practitioner or of
the doctors at your local hospital.

I regret that I cannot give you
more assistance.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

119 Giggell St

Castlemaine

May 24th

Dear Sirs

Having been told that you
answer questions concerning cancer.
I am writing to you to explain my
case. A few years ago while out
driving they ran into a leaning
over tree on the road-side

I got a hard knock on the shoulder
near the neck. some time afterwards
an red angry lump appeared.

I went to a D^r who told me it was
a cancer. but another D^r said it was
a ciss he ordered poultices which broke
the lump inward. ever since then I have
had ~~trouble~~ trouble with the shoulder

I have had the shoulder Xrayed
twice, the first X ray. so the D^r said
was a puss tumor. the 2nd X ray the
shoulder was gathering puss &
fluid.

Thomson

23rd April, 1940.

Dr. B. I. Taft, M.B., B.S.(Melb.)
Main Road,
FERN TREE GULLY.

Dear Dr. Taft,

Thank you for the courtesy of your letter in response to my enquiry re Miss Kate Thomson, a former in-patient of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The information contained in your letter has been recorded in the Cancer Register of the Anti-Cancer Council dealing with Royal Melbourne Hospital patients.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

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B. I. TAFT

PHONE:

FERNTREE GULLY 86

MAIN ROAD

FERNTREE GULLY

HOURS:

9-10 A.M.

1-2.30 P.M.

6-7 P.M.

21.4. 1940

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

Dear Dr.,

Re Mrs. Thomson, operated on by
Mr. Upjohn at the Melbourne Hospital for
Carcinoma of the Breast, who was under my
care, and who died at Ferntree Gully
14.3.40, 4 days after discharge from
Hospital.

In my opinion, death was due to
Cardiac Failure resultant from cachexia
of probable secondary growths in the
mediastinum - it appeared that death was
due to secondary malignant growths, and
was not due to any supervening acute
infective condition.

Trusting that this is the
information you require, I remain,

Yours truly,



22nd April, 1940.

Dr. B. I. Taft, M.B., B.S.(Melb.),
FERN TREE GULLY.

Dear Dr. Taft,

Dr. Jorgensen of Belgrave has informed me that you attended Miss Kate Thomson, formerly a patient of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, in her last illness.

Would you kindly give me particulars of her death to include in our Cancer Register?

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours truly,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

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LEF JORGENSEN

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TEL. BELGRAVE 123

MAIN ROAD

BELGRAVE

14/4/50

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I have referred
your letter re. Mrs. Thomas
to Dr. Tapp. I am sure he will
be able to attend Mrs. Thomas
at the time of her last
illness.

Yours faithfully
J. Jorgensen

Miss Kate THOMSON
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ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Lonsdale xxxx

13th April, 1940.

Dr. Elef Jorgensen, M.B., B.S.,
Main Road,
BELGRAVE.

Dear Dr. Jorgensen,

I am informed by Mrs. Turner that her aunt, Miss Kate Thomson, died at Fern Tree Gully a few days after her discharge from the Royal Melbourne Hospital on 10th March, 1940.

As you know, Miss Thomson was operated upon by Mr. Upjohn for carcinoma of the breast.

Would you be so kind as to give me particulars of her death? Did you consider it due to her malignancy or to some acute condition?

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

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THOMSON

10th April 1940

Dr Mackay.

Dear Sir or Madam.

My Aunt
Miss Kate Thomson was discharged
from the Royal Melbourne Hospital
on 10th March, & she died on the
14th March.

I thought the Doctor you saw
then Mr Sully would have
notified the Hospital, as
he was in touch with the Dr
there, after my Aunt came out of
hospital.

Yours Faithfully.

(Mrs) Gda. Turner
59 Melbourne Road
Williamstown
Vic.

4th April, 1940.

Mrs. Lucy Tyshing,
40 Gladstone Street,
WINDSOR, S.1.

Dear Mrs. Tyshing,

I have read your letter of the
2nd April carefully and I can understand your anxiety.

Under the circumstances I would
recommend you to attend the Alfred Hospital in
Commercial Road, Prahran and ask to see one of the
Out-Patient Surgeons.

It is impossible to give you any
further advice unless I know what treatment has been
recommended. If, following upon this consultation,
you are in need of social assistance, ask to see the
Chief Almoner at the Alfred Hospital and I should be
glad if she would communicate with me.

Please let me know if I can help
you further in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

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

CVM:MD

40 Gladstone St

Windsor, S.I.

April 2nd - 1940

To the Cancer Information Bureau,

Dear Sirs,

A fortnight ago, I had a very painful swelling on the side of my left breast and went to a Dr. who said I had a mastitis. He advised me to put ~~the~~ Plastine on, which I did for two days & when he came to see me, he advised me to have an operation & have it removed, as he thought it may become dangerous.

Can you advise me what is ^{the} best thing to do. I am terribly worried, as I have a family of three children & have worked hard all my life and I am now 44 years of age.

Yours sincerely
Lucy Tyshing

P.S. Could you reply as soon as possible and I wrote immediately I read about treatment in the Sun. L.I.

19th March, 1940.

John Tunne, Esq.,
4 Pine Street,
HAWTHORN, E.2.

Dear Mr. Tunne,

You have been operated upon by one of the best surgeons in Australia and you therefore have an excellent chance of being permanently cured. It is impossible, however, to assess your future prospects without an examination.

I strongly advise you to see Mr. Victor Hurley again as early as possible before your marriage and to put your questions to him.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

4 Pine Street.

Hawthorn. E 2

17.3.40.

Dear Sirs.

In October 1933, I was operated on by Mr Victor Hurley for a removal of an "Epathelomia" on the bottom lip, and later had glands removed from my neck.

Would you be good enough to tell me if I am safe in saying I will have no further trouble from this complaint., as I intend to be married in June of this year.

Also would you tell me if this operation will in any way effect ~~xxxxxxx~~ the bearing of children.

I might add that I have had no further treatment since Mr Hurley operated, with the exception of one visit to Dr Scott of Collins Street, but that was of a minor nature.

Thanking you

I am

Yours faithfully.

John. Tunne.

6th March, 1940.

E. W. G. Timbs, Esq.,
211 McCrae Street,
B E N D I G O.

Dear Mr. Timbs,

Many thanks for your letter of enquiry
of the 2nd March.

I have read this letter very carefully
and have noted the history of your stomach ailment.

In the ordinary course of events I
should have said that it was necessary to eliminate
the possibility of cancer by a series of special
examinations, but as you have been under the care of
Sir Hugh Devine as recently as October last I feel
that you can safely dismiss cancer as the cause of your
trouble. Sir Hugh is an expert on this particular
type of disease, and it is impossible for me to imagine
that he did not thoroughly consider this aspect of
your case.

From your history you appear to have
had the most modern forms of treatment for your partic-
ular trouble, and if medical aid has not been absolutely
curative it has certainly not been ineffective.

Yours sincerely,

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

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