

Letter to Mr. Robble
in file "R"

3/12/41 Patient seen by
Mr. Paul Jones.
Diagnosis non malignant
to be seen in 6 mths.
Patient to be written to.

29th November, 1941.

Mrs. J. Kellas,
Post Office,
Forrest,
via BIRREGURRA.

Dear Mrs. Kellas,

I received your letter of the 27th of November this morning and have pleasure in enclosing a copy of our booklet on cancer.

I am always suspicious of any lumps anywhere in the body - probably because that is my work - and I see so many of them. In your case I don't think that it is necessary to come to Melbourne until you have consulted a medical man in Colac. You must make an effort to go in there and obtain an opinion, it would be foolish of me to express any views as to the nature of the swelling without seeing it.

If you decide to come to Melbourne after Christmas would you kindly inform me whether you wish to have treatment at a public hospital or at intermediate rates by a private specialist. I shall then be able to advise you as to fees, etc.

I can arrange things so that the waiting period will be reduced as much as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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

Post Office

Forrest.

via Birregurra
Vic

27/11/41.

To the Cancer Bureau
Melb

Would you please send me your booklet 'What every adult should know?' I am very worried about a lump in my lower lip; it has been there for about 4 years now, but it is definitely larger than it used to be.

We have no doctor here, the nearest being at Colac 30 miles away & now that the petrol is rationed, I have very little hope of getting a lift to Colac.

I asked my Dr at Mordialloc about it, when I had my last baby 2 years ago, but he seemed rather scornful & said I was too young to have a growth & not to go imagining things -

But I am not given to imagining ailments, and the lump is becoming so noticeable now, that people remark on

on it and ask me if I have a sore lip.

When I bend down, I feel it 'fill' if you get what I mean & it seems to enlarge and on cold days it goes blue & comes up bigger. Is it serious do you think?

It is in the spot where I got a terrific smack with a cricket ball when I was 14. (I am 33 now).

I work in the Post Office here with my husband & find it very hard to get away, but I might be able to manage a week after Xmas. As I will have to bring my baby boy with me to Melb, can I make an appointment with a Dr at the bureau to save a lot of waiting?

Can you tell me too if the treatment is expensive? My husband is employed by the Plys as a porter, but has the P.O as well as the Station here, but unfortunately gets no more than the Basic wage for doing both jobs & I only get 15/- a week for the hours I work each afternoon. So I couldn't afford big fees. I would be so glad if you would oblige & let me know about

the cost etc

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Mercedes Kellas.

Forrest. P. O

via Birregurra
Vic

14.12.41

Dear Dr McKay.

After a lot of discussion etc I have managed to get a few weeks away from my work in the P. O here I will be coming to Melb on Friday night, so would it be possible for me to make an appointment to see a Dr early the next week, so that if I do have to have treatment. I can begin as soon as possible -

My husband is going to do my work as well as his own as it's slack here over the holidays, as all the timber mills in the district close down, but I can't be away too long if I can possibly help it. However what you advise me to do, I'll do -

It seems rather strange but this week, I have felt as if my tongue was a bit stiff & have discovered a small lump underneath it at the bottom of my mouth. It is rather sore at night after I go to bed.

When my husband read the booklet through, that you sent, he said to me to be sure to have my haemorrhoids examined, as I have constant trouble with them.

After each baby, I have suffered more with them than at the birth itself & unless I continually take paraffin, I can't pass anything without bleeding etc.

I am terribly worried needless to say & hope you can put my fears at rest - I shall have to have Public Hosp. treatment as on our wages combined (£9 per fortnight) & two children to keep, I can't save money for sickness. Will you try &

(over)

let me know ³ about the affair
before Friday - if not my
address in Mor dialloc will be
c/o Mrs J Barlick

73 Barkley St

Mor dialloc

Thanking you

I am

very sincerely Y^r

P.S. Do I have to go to
the Melb. Hoop or
to the Bureau
in Spring St.

(Mrs) Mercedes Kellas

16th December, 1941.

Mrs. J. Kellas,
Perrest P.C.,
via BILBOURNA.

Dear Mrs. Kellas,

Would you kindly attend at the Out-patient Department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital about 11 a.m. on Monday morning next, the 22nd of December.

I have made arrangements for you to see one of the Out-patient Surgeons in the afternoon. After you have received your ticket for the surgeon I would advise you to go and have some lunch and return between half past twelve and one o'clock. I may be able to see you with the surgeon on Monday.

Please show this letter at the Out-patient desk.

Yours faithfully,

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

c/o Mrs Garlick
78 Barkley St
Wardialloe
26-12-41

Dear Mr McKay.

I am very sorry to trouble you again, & before I go any further thanks so much, for your kindness in paving the way for me at the hospital. The only trouble was that Mr Jones was operating so I did not see him.

The Dr who saw me told me I'd have to have the lump cut out & sent me up to Ward 11 to try & see him there. I waited till after 4 but he never came so I had to go without seeing him. I was very dis appointed needless to say, for it was hours of suspense sitting waiting.

My poor little boy had cried all day & was in a terrible state when I got home

I am pregnant again - not very far gone, as my last period should have been on the 18th of Dec.

Will I still be able to get treatment? I am so anxious to get fixed up as soon as possible & may not get a chance to come down in a hurry -

At present I'm having a bad time with morning sickness & nausea but otherwise fairly well.

I do hope you can help me see someone else if Dr Jones is not able to see me

Thanking you again
for your kindness

I am
sincerely yours

(Mrs) M. Kellas.

29th December, 1941.

Mrs. M. Kellas,
c/o Mrs. Garlick,
73 Barkley Street,
MORDEALLOC.

Dear Mrs. Kellas,

I received your letter of the 26th December
this morning.

I am very grieved that you should have had
such a long wait on Monday last. This afternoon I have
tried to see Mr. Paul Jones, but unfortunately missed
him. Please ring me up at the Royal Melbourne Hospital
tomorrow morning at half past nine (Central 9001 and ask
for Dr. Mackay's office).

I hope to have been able to arrange something
for you. Please be prepared to come into town at short
notice.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

25 Moirs St
Newport W15
17/7/41.

The Cancer Information Bureau,
Melbourne.

Dear Sirs,

Would you please send me the Booklet
"What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer"?
Should any precautions be taken when looking after a
person with bleeding cancer re food, washing etc.

Yours truly
(Mrs) A Miller

19th July, 1941.

Mrs. A. Miller,
25 Miris Street,
NEWPORT, W.15.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

I am sending you our booklet with the compliments of
the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

No special precautions need be taken in dealing with
a case of bleeding cancer. Scrupulous cleanliness is, of
course, always an essential factor.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mr. Robert Marriott,
43 Carpenter Street,
MIDDLE BRIGHTON.

Dear Mr. Marriott,

Would you please attend Dr. Pennington'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 Dr. Pennington make sure that the next appointment is marked on it. Please let the clerk in the desk in the Out-Patients' Hall know the date of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc., from attending, please let me know as soon as possible when you can attend. Dr. Pennington visits this Hospital every Monday and Thursday at 1.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

29th July, 1941.

Dr. J. B. Curtis,
Medical Superintendent,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Re Dr. Searls' patient, Malcolm McKIBBON

Filed under "Mc"



Royal Melbourne Hospital
SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

MELBOURNE, C.1.

3rd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Mrs. Mary Marsden,
1 Kelvin Grove,
CHELSEA.

Dear Mrs. Marsden,

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 arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. Mackay M.D.

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

Enc.

Dr. C.V. Mackay M.D.

Dear Sir,

*My Mother
Died peacefully & faintly on
the 23rd / 4 / 41 after fading away
to skin & bone after spending
one month in bed
Yours Sincerely Eric Marsden*

9th July, 1941.

Dr. F. G. Morgan, F.R.A.C.P.,
Director,
Commonwealth Serum Laboratories,
Royal Park,
MELBOURNE, N.2.

Dear Dr. Morgan,

I was speaking to the Head Dispenser (Mr. Macgibbon) of the Royal Melbourne Hospital yesterday and he desires to discuss with you the question of a supply of Pituitary extract. I mentioned that I knew you, hence this note.

I am also enclosing for your edification a reference to a certain rule of golf in which you were interested.

If you can ever play now on a Tuesday afternoon I should be very glad of an occasional contest. Next Tuesday I have a meeting, but later if such outings are still possible.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY.

Enc.
CVM.BH

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

1st July, 1941.

Mrs. Blanche Mounsey,
44 Moore Street,
FOOTSCRAY.

Dear Mrs. Mounsey,

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.
Medical Officer,
Surgical Follow-up Department.

Enc.

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Mrs Blanche Murray of 44 Grove
St today visited me & this day.
Since the operation she has
been in wonderful health, w
fair & color good. Has had
an attack of Rheumatism otherwise
OK.

Yours faithfully

A. Allen Struthers

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

9th July, 1941.

Dr. Allen Struthers, M.D.,
"Cliftondale",
Kent Street,
ASCOT VALE, W.2.

Dear Dr. Struthers,

Many thanks for your note concerning Mrs. Blanche
Mounsey which I received this morning.

Yours faithfully,

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

7th July, 1941.

Mrs. E. Miller,
537 Elgar Road,
BOX HILL NORTH, E.12.

Re Maurice LOWE

Filed under "L"

90 Williamstown Rd
Footscray

To the Surgeon in Charge.

Dear Sir

I am very worried concerning my health; and I want to know where I can be examined. There is most always a dull ache in my abdomen, and a pain in my back, and I would like to know if it is anything very serious, before it goes too far. I have not had my periods for four years. & as I am 53 years of age, I feel that I need medical advice. I am a widow with a very small income that I am absolutely unable to seek a Private Doctors advice I could go for advice on any day except Mondays & Fridays.

Thanking you
yours Truly
E Morrison

4th July, 1941.

Mrs. E. Morrison,
90 Williamstown Road,
FOOTSCRAY.

Dear Madam,

I have received your undated letter and have carefully considered your symptoms.

I would recommend you to visit Prince Henry's Hospital on the St. Kilda Road to see a Dr. Leslie Kidd. This surgeon visits Prince Henry's Hospital at 9 a.m. on Wednesday mornings.

If you present this letter to the authorities of the Hospital you will receive the necessary attention for your complaint.

Yours faithfully,

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

26th June, 1941.

Dr. Roy C. Willis,
Resident Medical Officer,
Mildura Base Hospital,
MILDURA.

Re Mrs. WHYTE

Filed under "W"

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

5th June, 1941.

John Murray, Esq.,
74 River Street,
NEWPORT.

Dear Mr. Murray,

While you were an in-patient at this Hospital a short list of addresses should have been obtained from you. Unfortunately the opportunity was missed, and as your disease was of a serious character, we would be pleased if you would assist this follow-up department by supplying the following information.

(1) Is the above your permanent address? If not, please state.

.....;
(2) The name and address of a relative or close friend, not living in the same house as yourself. Choose a permanent householder and state relationship.

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(3) The name and address of your private medical practitioner or Lodge doctor.

.....
(4) The name and address of your minister or parish priest (if you are known to him).

.....
The information is for your benefit and will enable us to keep a close watch on your progress.

When you were in the hospital your occupation was given as "Striker", would you be good enough to explain this a little further? How long has this been your occupation?

If you have not already been given an appointment card to attend the Out-patient Department of this Hospital we will send you same for the month of July.

Yours faithfully,

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Cornelius Morrissy, Esq.,
77 Edinburgh St.,
RICHMOND.

Dear Mr. Morrissy,

Would you please attend Dr. Robertson'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 Dr. Robertson make sure that the next appointment is marked on it. Please let the clerk in the desk in the Out-Patients' Hall know the date of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

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

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Enc.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Joseph Moylan, Esq.,
60 Margaret Street,
MOONEY PONDS, W.4.

Dear Mr. Moylan,

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

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. Syme make sure that the next appointment is marked on it. Please let the clerk in the desk in the Out-Patients' Hall know the date of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc., from attending, please let me know as soon as possible when you can attend. Mr. Syme visits this Hospital every Tuesday and Friday 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.



Royal Melbourne Hospital

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

MELBOURNE, C.I.

2nd June, 1941.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

IMPORTANT -REPLY REQUESTED

Mr. Joseph Margetts,
55 Lit. Palmerston St.,
CARLTON.

Dear Mr. Margetts,

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.

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

Enc.

*Mrs Margetts
Passed away between
3rd and 13th of May 1941
he was in Ward (20)*

3rd June, 1941.

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

Re Francis McCLOSKEY

Filed under "Mc"

MAIDES Helen

29th May, 1941.

Dr. Kenneth S. Cross, M.Sc., M.D., F.R.R.,
Melbourne Radiological Clinic,
Old Scotch College Buildings,
Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.2.

Dear Dr. Cross,

Mrs. Maides, a patient suffering from Carcinoma of the Breast and sent to you by Dr. Forsyth of Horsham, has commenced a course of deep x-ray therapy treatment at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Sincerely yours,

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

**MELBOURNE
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TELEPHONES } F 1655
 } F 1656
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LEWLETT DR. K. STUART CROSS
MACDONALD DR. LESLIE A. LOVE
DR. ALAN J. G. MACKAY

OLD SCOTCH COLLEGE BUILDINGS

60 PARLIAMENT PLACE,

MELBOURNE, C.2

30th May, 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Cancer Information Bureau,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Thank you very much for having taken over
the care of Mrs. Maides.

Yours sincerely,



KSC.GC.

29th May, 1941.

MAIDES Helen

Dr. Gordon Forsyth,
Lister House,
68 Baillie Street,
HORSHAM.

Dear Dr. Forsyth,

May I refer to the case of Mrs. Helen Maides from Murtoa whom you diagnosed as suffering from a scirrhus carcinoma of the left breast.

Dr. Kenneth Cross rang me up about her and I have arranged for deep x-ray therapy treatment at the Royal Melbourne Hospital under Dr. Kaye Scott.

She was unable to pay the fees at the Radiological Institute.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

Duncan St

Hurtoa

5-4-41

To Dr. C. Mackay.

Mrs. MAIDES

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about my Mother who is receiving deep therapy treatment at the Melbourne Hospital.

I understand her treatment finishes on 10th inst, and she is to return home for some weeks.

Could you give me a report of her condition, and what treatment she will have to have at a later date?

It will not be possible for her to stay at the same place on her next visit, and I would like to know what I am to expect in the future as I will have to make arrangements accordingly.

As you know, I wish to spare my Mother as much as is possible, so will be glad if you will communicate with me at the above address.

Thanking you I am

Yours sincerely

(Miss) Jean H. Maides

7th July, 1941.

Miss Jean Maides,
Duncan Street,
MURTOA.

Dear Miss Maides,

I have received your letter of the 5th of July.

Your mother, Mrs. Maides, has responded satisfactorily to the deep x-ray treatment at the hospital. She will receive instructions from Dr. Kaye Scott on her discharge this week.

It will probably be necessary for her to report to Dr. Scott in about four to six weeks' time for the day only. It will then be decided what further treatment will be given.

If radium treatment is considered necessary Mrs. Maides will be accommodated in Ward 16 of the Hospital, at a date to be determined by the ward-arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

MORRISSEY *Timothy*

23rd May, 1941.

The Medical Superintendent,
St. Vincent's Hospital,
Victoria Parade,
FITZROY.

Dear Dr. McCoy,

Mr. Morrissey from Colac is suffering from an Epithelioma of the right lower lip.

He desires to have treatment at St. Vincent's Hospital and I should be much obliged if you would kindly arrange this for him at an early date.

I have instructed Mr. Morrissey to call on you at half past nine tomorrow morning.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mr. Cornelius Morrissy,
77 Edinburgh St., Richmond
RICHMOND.

Dear Mr. Morrissy,

Would you please attend Dr. Robertson'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 Dr. Robertson make sure that the next appointment is marked on it. Please let the clerk in the desk in the Out-Patients' Hall know the date of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc., from attending, please let me know as soon as possible when you can attend. Dr. Robertson visits this Hospital every Tuesday and Friday at 1.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Enc.

24th April, 1941.

Messrs. Massina & Co.,
Printers & Publishers,
350 Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sirs,

I have passed the enclosed proof for the special
ward books with the following exceptions.

The division between the leaves requires to be
well perforated to permit of easy separation. On the
second leaf some blurring has occurred in the printing.
The sample leaves were lightly perforated.

Please proceed with the order at your earliest
convenience and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

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

24th April, 1941.

J. Mustey, Esq.,
11 Outtrim Street,
MARYBOROUGH.

Dear Mr. Mustey,

I will be pleased to see you at my office
at the Royal Melbourne Hospital at any time convenient
to yourself, on Monday next the 28th inst.

Yours faithfully,

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

Maryborough
Wednesday 23 4 44

Dear -sirs I wish to drop you
a few lines to see if I can get treatment
at your Hospital I have a smokers
cancer on my lip & I Am ordered to
a speciallist by my doctor to get
treated I will be in melbourne on
monday next. so if you can treat
me I will call on you without fail
can you drop me a line no later
than saturday I would be thankfull
to hear from you

I remain yours
J Mustey

Address of Mustey 11 Outtrim st
Maryborough

Vice

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

RE MRS. MYRTLE HENDERSON. 19/4/41

Filed under H.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

10th April, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Mrs. Ellen Munro,
177 Pascoe Vale Road,
MOONEE PONDS, W.4.

Dear Mrs. Munro,

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

February 21st, 1941.

Mrs. E. M. Marriott,
89 High Street,
GLEN IRIS. S.E.6.

Dear Mrs. Marriott,

I have much pleasure in sending you, with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, one of the booklets on cancer.

Unfortunately the Council has no Cancer Clinic of its own, but I should be pleased to advise you by letter how to obtain skilled diagnosis and treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Enc.

89 High Street
Glen Iris
18.2.41

Anti Cancer Council

Dear Sir

Will you kindly forward me
your booklet.

Should one make an appointment to attend
your clinic, or what are your hours & fees
please.

Yours truly
(Mrs) E.H. Harriott.

8th February, 1941

Dr. Hugh Currell,
114 Bellair Street,
Kensington.

MITCHELL
Daisy

Dear Dr. Currell,

Many thanks for your
clinical notes concerning Miss Daisy
Mitchell.

I am interested to
learn that she has a tumour in the left
thyroid gland. The patient has been treat-
ed here by Dr. Kaye Scott for a recurrent
malignancy of the body of the uterus.

As you probably are
aware, the registration of cases of cancer
treated during the course of each year is
being conducted at six of the metropolitan
hospitals by the Anti-Cancer Council of
Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

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Miss Daisy Mitchell 35 Flemington St
Flemington who had a womb operation in
the Royal Melb. Hosp in June 1939 is now
suffering from a tumour in the left Thyroid
Gland. I have recommended her to go back
again to the hospital to have that seen to

J. H. Currell
J.M.A.B.L.

Remington
7th Feby 1941.

DR. WM. H. WARD

TELEPHONES FOOTSCRAY 472
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Mrs. J. Mitchell (aet 80)

appears to be in satisfactory
General health.

Geo Schubert

7-2-41

note of thanks

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 10th, 1941.

Mrs. E. Maygar,
"Avonvale,"
MURCHISON.

Dear Mrs. Maygar,

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

Cancer of the throat may start
in the tonsils, on the wall of the throat behind the
tonsils, in the voice-box or larynx - mainly near
the vocal cords - or more commonly in the gullet
(oesophagus).

It is possible that very hot food,
either liquid or solid, the drinking of spirits,
or the excessive use of tobacco, etc., may set
up an irritation which subsequently develops into
cancer. The real cause is at present too obscure
to be dogmatized upon.

The symptoms may be hoarseness or
difficulty in swallowing.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

INFORMATION BUREAU,

7th January, 1941.

Mrs. E. Maygar,
"Avonvale,"
MURCHISON.

Dear Mrs. Maygar,

Your letter of January 3rd was received today.

As requested, a copy of the handbook on cancer is enclosed herewith.

The Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council, Dr. C. V. Mackay, will be replying to your enquiry re cancer of the throat in a few days' time, on his return to Town.

Yours faithfully,

MD

"Avonvale"

Dunedin

Jan 3rd '41

The Secretary
Anti-Cancer Bureau
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

Will you please forward the book
advertised, containing information about
cancer, to above address.

How & where does cancer of the throat start?

Yours faithfully
(Mrs) E. Maygar

Booklet + book
7 1 + 1

Humphries Road

Frankston

25/12/40

Dear Sirs — I would be very glad
if you would kindly let me have your
handbook on Cancos. I think that it
would of use to me I have had Cancos
burnt out once and I am afraid
of it coming back again
So I would be grateful for the book

I am yours truly
Arthur Morgan

Humphries Road

Frankston

Recd (1)
21-12-40

24th December, 1940.

MORRIS

Dr. L. J. Westacott, M.D.,
High Street,
TERANG.

Dear Dr. Westacott,

Many thanks for your clinical
report on Mrs. S. Morris.

It is very difficult to explain the
amelioration of her rectal symptoms. In my experience
the prognosis of the course of cases of carcinoma ^{of the rectum} is
very difficult. Diagnosis based solely on rectal
digital examination is not always infallible and sev-
eral instances have come under my observation.

I shall be very interested to
learn of the progress of the disease in the case of
Mrs. Morris.

We hope to be able to accumulate
a digested mass of clinical material which will be of
considerable value to medical practitioners.

Again thanking you,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer.

HIGH STREET

TERANG

20-12-40.

C.V.Mackay.
Executive Medical Officer.
Anti cancer Council
Melbourne.

re Mrs S.Morris.

Dear Dr Mackay

I am in receipt of your letter of 18th Dec regarding the above patient. In reply I have to inform you that the patient is still alive, and appears to be losing ground only at a very slow rate. It seems probable to me that the growth has ulcerated through the anterior rectal wall and opened into the vagina, as she has a rather profuse vaginal discharge, and a corresponding reduction in her rectal obstructive symptoms - for example she now has formed stools and very little constipation, whereas she previously had an almost complete annular constriction of the rectum, which would hardly admit a finger tip. She does her own housework, and has recently written a book but there is now doubt about an increasing anaemia. The general rate of decline has however been extremely slow for a patient known to have been inoperable, and to have had liver secondaries as long ago as last February. I would be glad to let you know of her progress at a later date

yours sincerely

L. Westcott

MORRIS

18th December, 1940.

Dr. L. J. Westacott, M.D.,
High-street,
TERANG.

Dear Dr. Westacott,

I wrote to you during last May for a report on a Mrs. Susan Morris, a patient of yours. When you sent the report you very kindly volunteered to let me have one about her at a later date. I should be grateful if you could inform me of her condition, for assessment purposes in the Cancer Register at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Morris

28th May, 1940.

Dr. L. J. Westacott, M.D.,
High Street,
TRANG.

Dear Dr. Westacott,

Many thanks for your letter giving me information about two of your patients, Mrs. Susan Morris, and Mr. Henry Scott.

I am sorry that we wrote about the latter, but although we watch the notifications of deaths in the newspapers, it is not always possible to avoid this difficulty.

It is kind of you to volunteer to give us a later report on Mrs. Morris, and I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the purpose. I would suggest some time in September.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

HIGH STREET

TERANG

24/5/40.

Dear Dr Mackay:

re. Mrs Susan Morris
d H. Scott.

I saw Mrs Morris two days ago but did not do a rectal examination. Since leaving the Royal Melbourne Hospital on 7th February her weight has increased by exactly one stone and she declares that her rectal symptoms have cleared up - inasmuch as she has formed motions and does not pass any blood or mucus. Before of course she had an almost complete constriction of her rectum. She has developed a vaginal discharge however which she did not have before. Notwithstanding her apparent improvement in the last three months I feel that it is due to milk diet etc and that there has probably been considerable ulceration supervening her constricting carcinoma. However I would gladly supply you with a further report later.

In March you wrote to Mrs H. Scott of Allensford who was diagnosed as an inoperable gastric carcinoma with

pyloric obstruction. His relative
wrote me the letter recently - He died in
March - rather suddenly - after an
increasing cachexia although his
pyloric obstructive symptoms lessened.

Yours truly,

L. Westcott.

Morris

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,

Lonsdale XXXXX

21st May, 1940.

Dr. L. J. Westacott, M.D.,
High Street,
TERANG.

Dear Dr. Westacott,

Would it be possible for you to let me have a report on the present condition of Mrs. Susan Morris, a former in-patient of the Royal Melbourne Hospital? She was discharged home on 7th February, 1940, to attend you privately.

The Anti-Cancer Council has a Register of all cancer cases at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, and Mrs. Morris is one of the cases therein.

Hoping that this request will not inconvenience you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria

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

INFORMATION BUREAU,

9th December, 1940.

Mrs. R. Medhurst,
12 Hall Street,
West Brunswick.

Dear Mrs. Medhurst,

I have much pleasure in
sending you the booklet on cancer.

I regret to say that, so
far as is known, diet has no effect upon
developed cancer.

If any further information
is desired please communicate with me.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

12. Hall St
W. Brunswick
Dec. 5th.

To Cancer Information
Bureau

Just after reading
the (Age Today) I have sat down
to write for the book. | What
everybody should know about
cancer as I am a sufferer
of same. I would like also
to know what is the best
diet for this disease. My
trouble is breast trouble.

Thanking you
R. Hedhurst.

2nd December, 1940.

W. F. Maher, Esq.,
Secretary & Superintendent,
Mooreopna Base Hospital,
M O O R O O P N A.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your prompt reply
to my request for information concerning your
cancer patients.

Please express my grateful acknow-
ledgments to Dr. Patrick, whose remarks on
carcinoma of the stomach have been carefully noted.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Mooroopna Base Hospital

HOSPITAL PHONE 29

INCORPORATED 1876

W. F. MAHER

SECRETARY & SUPERINTENDENT

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY
AND SUPERINTENDENT

30th Nov. 1940.

Dr C.V. Mackay, M.D., F.R.A.C.P.
Executive Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council,
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

SIR,

Herewith, please find particulars relating to Cancer Cases treated 1/1/40 to 28/12/40.

Yours faithfully,

W.F. Maher
(W.F. Maher)

SECRETARY & SUPERINTENDENT.

Cervix.	2.
Breast.	3.
Prostate.	1.
Thyreoid.	1.

Sarcoma.

Femur.	1.
Ilium.	1.

Hodgkins Disease.)
Bowen's Disease.) each one case.
Kraurosis Vulvae.)

Of this number seven are already dead.

In seven cases operation was deemed advisable with a view to cure of the condition, of these at the moment six are apparently well and the seventh, a breast cancer, is shewing signs of recurrence.

One case, a cervix, was sent for Radium treatment and is now dead.

One case, Hodgkins, was sent for deep therapy and we have lost touch with

Thirteen cases, including all the stomach cancers, were considered quite impossible to help in any way.

In two cases, a fungating breast and a rectum with acute obstruction, palliative operations were performed. Another for a prostate with gross pain and haematuria.

Mooroopna Base Hospital

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AND SUPERINTENDENT



W. F. MAHER

SECRETARY & SUPERINTENDENT

This small series of cases serves only to emphasise the well recognised difficulty in the early diagnosis of the disease in its various manifestations. In two of these cases it was not until after the development of a carcinomatosis peritonei that medical attention was sought.

Outstanding above all other points however is the position with regard to carcinoma of the stomach. The majority of these cases were X-ray diagnoses with enormous filling defects in patients who were clinically very suspicious; and unfortunately were not all verified at operation; but not one of these patients was considered operable. The average age of these patients was 70 years and they were for the most part people who have lived there whole lives amidst the hardships of wresting a meagre living from the land out in the backblocks where no doubt they have put up with far more than indigestion; at any rate until it reached such a state that they simply could not carry on.

Hoping this information will be of some value,

I am,

Yours faithfully.

R.M.O.

2nd December, 1940.

Dr. Rory C. Willis,
Resident Medical Officer,
Mildura Base Hospital,
M I L D U R A.

Dear Dr. Willis,

Very many thanks for your
kindness in giving me the information about
your cancer cases so promptly.

I am very grateful for
the details you have obtained for me.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

All communications to
be Addressed to the
SECRETARY

Mildura Base Hospital

Established 1892

Incorporated 1923

Box 306

Telephones:
HOSPITAL 41
SECRETARY 263

Mildura,

1st. December 1940.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Herewith is the information that you desired regarding the number of cancer cases treated at this hospital since 1st. January this year.

The list is not quite complete as it includes only those Intermediate and Private cases that came under the notice of the Resident Medical Officers. There are probably others that we were not aware of. All cases occurring among the Public patients are included in the list.

Total cases treated in eleven months - 19 , comprising :-

Alimentary tract.	Oesophagus	1 case	age 46
	Stomach	4 cases	ages 55,71,50,& 70.
	Peritoneum (? primary)	1 case	age 60.
Skin	Epithelioma of lip	3 cases	ages 75, 49, 56.
	" " face	1 case	age 67.
	Rodent ulcer	2 cases	ages 60, 62.
Breast	-----	3 cases	ages 46, 64, 40.
Uterus	-----	1 case	age 54.
Cervix	-----	2 cases	ages 40, 42.
Malignant Thyreoid	-----	1 case	age 45.
	Total --	<u>19 cases</u>	

Other ? malignant conditions were :-

Leukaemia of myeloid variety 2 cases

Generalised osteitis fibrosa cystica of von Recklinghausen 1 case.

Hoping that this list is satisfactory,
I am,

Yours faithfully,

Roy. G. Willis
RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

St Andrews Mans
Colac.

25/11/40

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

Dear Dr Mackay

Thank you for
your letter & copies of Booklet
re Cancer. I shall bring the
matter before my congregation
& emphasize the necessity of
their interest.

Yours sincerely
C. Matear.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

21st November, 1940.

R. L. Moss, Esq.,
Barnawartha North.

Dear Sir,

Your enquiry of the 20th November
addressed to the Manager of Cancer Research
has been forwarded to me.

Cancer is not an infectious disease.
If clothes previously worn by a cancer patient
are thoroughly washed with a disinfectant soap
they can be used without fear of transmission
of this disease.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

The  Argus
1846

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OR F0411

21st November, 1940

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Cr. Lonsdale and Swanston Sts.,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed letter was received with our mail this morning.

We have informed Mr. Moss that it has been forwarded to you for reply.

Will you kindly let him have the information for which he asks.

Yours faithfully,
THE ARGUS AND AUSTRALASIAN LIMITED.


Secretary.

Enc:

Barnwortha North

20.11.40

To the manager of Cancer Research

Dear Sir

I would like to inquire if the clothes that belonged to a man that has died with a Cancer of the Rectum, would be dangerous to others to wear them.

The patient had a discharge that stained the trousers, but they became clean when washed & as the things are quite good I would like to give them to someone in need.

Are cancers infectious in any way or are they a blood complaint

I hope for an early reply

+ oblige

Yours Truly

R.L. Cross

Please send me copy
of Cancer Booklet

Urgent

Mrs J Moylean

258 Wood Street
Preston.

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26/11/40

12th November, 1940.

MILDURA

B. H.

Dr. Rory C. Willis,
Resident Medical Officer,
Mildura Base Hospital,
MILDURA, Victoria.

Dear Dr. Willis,

I acknowledge your letter of the
9th November.

I have given careful consideration
to the case of Dr. W. E. MacMillan's patient who is
suffering from stenosis of the oesophagus. The
only suggestion of any value which I can make is
that application should be made for the admission
of Mr. Daniel Barry to the Austin Hospital at
Heidelberg. This is now, as you probably know,
a treatment hospital with a training school for
nurses.

The Anti-Cancer Council has recently
assisted in the installation there of a modern deep
X-ray treatment plant. All facilities therefore
exist for the treatment of severe cases of malignancy.

I enclose forms of application for
admission. The waiting period is usually two to
three weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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

communications
to be addressed to the
SECRETARY

Mildura Base Hospital

ESTABLISHED 1892

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TELEPHONES
Hospital 41
Secretary 263

Box 306

Mildura, Vic.

9/11/40.

Dear Dr. McKay,

I have been asked by Dr. W.E. MacMillan of Mildura to communicate with you re. a patient of his, at present in this Hospital.

The patient in question, Mr. Daniel BARRY, aged 46, was admitted first on 20/5/40, suffering from what appeared to be a cerebral thrombosis. At that time he was very emaciated, but had no history of recent weight loss. From the start there was frequent vomiting of solid food, but it was considered to be part of his cerebral condition. This vomiting would vary in severity from week to week, and for a start appeared to respond to gastric sedative treatment.

The patient contracted an Influenzal, and then a Pneumonic condition, so it was not till 4/9/40, that a Barium X-ray was taken. It showed a constant area of stenosis at the opening of the oesophagus into the stomach, with fairly regular outline, suggestive of an achalasia. The oesophagus above was greatly dilated.

As there is the possibility of a cancerous condition, Dr. MacMillan asked me to enquire if you could help us further with this patient.

Yours sincerely,

Rory B. Willis

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

7th November, 1940.

Mrs. Olive S. Morland,
4 Clydebank Road,
EDITHVALE, S.14.

Dear Mrs. Morland,

Your enquiry of the 6th November is very difficult to answer.

In the first place, I have grave doubts whether the small lump on the under part of your right foot has any association with cancer. Secondly, I am unable to decide from your letter whether you wish to consult a specialist in the Collins Street area privately or at one of the public hospitals.

I would advise you, therefore, to see your own doctor again, and to ask him for a recommendation to a suitable specialist. He knows the medical circumstances and is best able to give advice.

I shall be very glad to help in any further manner if necessary.

Yours faithfully,

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

P.S. The booklet is enclosed herewith.

H: Clydesbank Rd
Edithvale S 14
Stranraer.
6/11/40

Dear Sir.

Would you please forward The booklet published about Cancer, to above address. I have a small lump on the under part of my right ft. as it has been there some time. I'm getting rather worried about it & would you also please advise where I should attend to have it examined, as I get a pain which I am unable to discover whether from a bunion, or from this lump. I will feel better satisfied if it is seen by a expert. My doctor saw this lump & thought it may have been caused by a pt of arch preserves. but as I've really only worn them for a few hrs. ~~at~~ about 9. occasions this year. I don't think so myself. He advised me not to wear the arches at all & see if lump disappeared. but I'm sure it is getting larger. & that the arches havent any thing to do with it. So decided to write to you. Thanking you

Yours faithfully,
MRS Olive S. Morland.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

22nd October, 1940.

Mrs. A. Mackenzie,
34 Koroit Creek Road,
WILLIAMSTOWN.

Dear Mrs. Mackenzie,

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

It is necessary to be suspicious
of all lumps in the breast, but of course many are
not cancer.

In your particular case I advise
you to go back to your local doctor, tell him that
you are anxious about the lump, and that you would
like a specialist's opinion. Ask your doctor for
a recommendation to see a surgeon in the Collins
Street district. If your own doctor cannot give
you this recommendation I will be pleased to supply
you with a list of names from which you may choose.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

34 Koroid Street Road
Williamstown
20. 10. 40

College of Surgeons

Dear Sirs

I have seen
your advertisement in
the papers many times &
shall be very grateful
for your advice

I have a pain over
my left breast & a
small lump, it is a
dull pain. I have
been to my doctor,
who says he thinks
there is a small lump
but assures me there
is no cause for worry,
that it is an enlarged
lymphatic gland, and

am worried about
it. There is no
pain in the breast.
I have two children,
my age is 44.

I thank you

yours sincerely

(A. A. A. A. A.)

INFORMATION BUREAU.

22nd October, 1940.

Miss Emily Moorhead,
"Moorhall,"
KYNETON.

Dear Miss Moorhead,

I am glad to have the opportunity
of answering your undated enquiry.

Your symptoms as you have described
them to me do not seem to be derived from a cancerous
condition of the womb or of the bowel.

If you are anxious and not satisfied
with the diagnosis made by the local doctors at Kyne-
ton, then you are quite justified in coming to Melbourne
in order to obtain the opinion of a specialist.

I would prefer, however, that you
saw your own doctor again and asked him for a recommen-
dation to a consultant in Melbourne. If he is unable
to do this I shall be pleased to give you a short list
of names from which to choose.

Please let me know later if I can
be of further assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Monhall
Kyneton

Dear Sirs

Would be glad of information regarding Cancer
I have a continual pain in the front
passages, & vagina. for sixteen months
it doesn't seem to get any worse until
this week, when I have some sort of attacks
like neuritis when in bed, & a little
blood from the back passages. There
is no discharge, could you have cancer
for such a long time, without it apparently
not showing more signs. The Drs have
been treating me for cystitis of the Bladder
but I am sure it is not that, as I
have no symptoms of it, except phosphates
in the urine: & this has cleared up -

Yours truly
Miss (Emily Monhead)

Monhall
Kyneton

P.S. Could you please
recommend a Dr for me to go to in Melbourne

Oct 21st 1940

Medlyn

St Arnaud

To Cancer Information Bureau
Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons
Spring Street Melbourne

Dear Sir

Will you kindly forward me
one of your handbooks on the disease
of Cancer.

I enclose a few stamps as postage
for same

I am
yours Etc

James H. Medlyn
Sent 23.10.40

Address:- James H. Medlyn

Medlyn

St Arnaud

34 Acland St
Sih Yava
19-10-40

Cancer Information Bureau"
Will you
please send me your free
handbook "What Every Adult should
know about cancer"

Mrs J. Mildenhall
34 Acland St
Sih Yava S.E.E

Sent

22.10

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14th October, 1940.

Miss Eleanor M. Moore,
40 Evelina Road,
TOORAK, S.E.2.

Dear Miss Moore,

The point raised in your letter of the 11th October refers mainly to the education of medical practitioners in the signs, symptoms and treatment of early cancer.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria is endeavouring to overcome this definite difficulty by a statistical survey of all cases of cancer occurring in the public hospitals of Melbourne over a period of years. When this is completed it is hoped that the facts elicited will be of great value to doctors of medicine in their dealing with cancer.

The Council has also allocated £10,000 to improve the facilities in Melbourne for the treatment of cancer, and it is hoped that no waiting of the type which you describe will be possible in the near future.

We are endeavouring with all our spirit to overcome the unpleasant facts which you have enumerated.

Please accept my personal sympathy in your sister's tragedy.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Executive Medical Officer.

40 Evelina Road,
Toorak, S.E. 2

October 11th 1940.

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

Dear Sir,

Having lately lost a treasured sister through cancer of the neck, I have read with special interest your statement published in to-day's "Age". My sister was a trained nurse, and during her sickness she said more than once: "The great need is not so much to get people to report this condition early, but to get something done about it when they do report."

She put herself under observation while her general health was good, and the lump a very small one, but though treatment was decided on, she had to wait six weeks to get it, and during that time the tumour grew quickly and became painful, while her general health declined. The tumour was then surgically removed, but before long it grew again, and eleven weeks after the operation my sister died.

I am not reflecting upon any doctor or institution. It may be that the trouble was of such a nature or in such a position that no known treatment could cope with it. Yet the survivors must wish that that delay had not occurred, and for the patient it is a hard trial, first to face the diagnosis which takes away all hope of a natural recovery, and then to be put on a waiting list which means week after week of increasing pain, weakness and apprehension, before anything remedial can be attempted.

I sincerely appreciate all that you and your colleagues are doing to relieve and save sufferers from this disease, and my only object in writing is to ask whether, in urging people whose symptoms are suspicious to notify early, some assurance could not be given that, once the suspicion is confirmed, suitable treatment will be immediately available. Without this, the temptation to postpone examination is almost irresistible, for human nature will cling to the precarious comfort of uncertainty rather than face a diagnosis which confirms its worst fear, without any set-off in the shape of prompt measures for relief.

Yours sincerely,

Eleanor M. Moore (Miss)

I do not, of course, look for any reply to this letter, but hope that the point it raises will be considered.

EMM

23rd September, 1940.
23rd September, 1940.

A. E. Moppett, Esq.,
177 Point Nepean Road,
ASPENDALE, S.13.

Dear Mr. Moppett,

I have much pleasure in forwarding you a copy of the handbook on cancer - "What every adult should know about Cancer."

There is no evidence, so far as I am aware, of cancer being contagious. It is most unlikely that your friend could have contracted cancer from a sore on a dog's back.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Enclosure.

177 Point Nepean Road
Aspendale

Sept 21. 40

£.13.

Sirs

I should be pleased if you would forward to me the booklet "What every body should know about Cancer."

I have just had a friend of mine die of Cancer on the Lung. and I should like to be informed if possible that this disease can be taken from a dog.

This dog has got a sore in the middle of his back which he has had for years and does not yield to treatment but it also does not spread. and it has often occurred to me whether he contracted this disease from the dog as after patting the dog he had a habit of rubbing his lips. By arrangement before his death I am in the unfortunate position now of being the owner of this dog. thanking you in anticipation for a favorable reply

Yours faithfully

A. E. Moppett

21st September, 1940.

Mrs. A. Moore,
Scotsburn,
via BUNINYONG.

Dear Mrs. Moore,

The Anti-Cancer Council of
Victoria has much pleasure in sending you
a copy of its handbook, "What every adult
should know about Cancer." Further free
copies may be had on application.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD .

Scotburn
Via Duninyong

Dear Sirs

I read in last weeks issue of Weekly Times that you would send free booklet entitled "What every person should know about cancer" and would be pleased to have one. I know several persons supposed to have it. I have just lost a dear friend with it. She had therapy treatment in Melbourne for 12 months, all to no good, also part of her bowel cut away. I am

Yours sincerely
(Mrs) A Moore.

Sept 18.

Box 86.

Kadimur

(Vic)

17.9.40

To Manager

Dear Sir

Some place I read where you distribute free literature on "cancers and their cures"

If so, would you kindly post some to the above address.

Yours truly
(M^{rs}). H. Morrison

Sent 23rd

Mathison
Fernside
Toronto

29 - 7. 40

Ans'd 31. 7. 40

Dear Sir

In February last my Sister aged 49^{yr} had her Left Breast removed owing to a Lump that had developed after having knocked it with an Iron handle attached to a clothes line, about five years ago, but as far as we can remember it is about two years since the Lump first started and was about the size of a grape when removed. The D^r thought at first it was not malignant but after removal seemed to think it was. She has had one month of CO₁ Deep Therapy, and two weeks of CO₂ Deep Therapy. Then she had a three months rest now she is to start the treatment for the same period again, we would like to know if you can tell us how long the treatment

I will have to go on and if there is
a chance of the trouble recurring
and if there are any Precautions she
should take. It is not hereditary and
the Dr told me it was in its very early
stage but of course we feel a bit
worried about it and seeing in
the Daily papers that you would
answer enquiries I thought I would
write an enclosing stamped
addressed envelope.

I am yours Truly.
E. Lara Mathison

Aust.



31.7.40

Austin Hospital for Cancer and Chronic Diseases

Address reply to this letter
to the
Medical Superintendent

HEIDELBERG



CR 222

Telephone
Heid. 186 [4 Lines]

Medical Superintendent's Office

Heidelberg, N.22 2nd July, 1940

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

MATHIESON

Dear Doctor,

In reply to your enquiry of the 1st inst.
I enclose a copy of the Post-mortem report on
Robert Mathieson who died in this Hospital on 17th May, 1940.

Yours faithfully,

Alfred Hutcheon
Medical Superintendent.

MEDICAL OFFICER	WARD	AGE	SEX	DATE	POST MORTEM NO.	HOURS AFTER DEATH	WEIGHT ORGANS
Victor Stone	7	58	M.	17/5/40		3	

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Moderately well nourished body of elderly man with suprapubic stab wound

SECTIO CADAVERIS:

LUNGS: Small apical scars; fair amount of black carbon pigment; congested bases.

R. 18
 L. 24

HEART: Some patchy thickening of coronary vessels, which were patent. N.O.A.D.

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AORTA: Few soft atheromatous plaques in ascending and abdominal portion.

LIVER)
 GALL BLADDER) N.A.D.
 SPLEEN)
 SUPRARENALS)

60

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KIDNEYS: Both were small with adherent capsule; thin cortex poorly demarcated from medulla. Both pelves were dilated and contained an increased amount of fat. The vessels were prominent and gaped on section.

R. 3
 L. 5

BLADDER: Small, thick-walled with nodular haemorrhagic mucosa.

PROSTATE: Prostate was enlarged, about 3" in diameter, and composed of firm, white tissue infiltrating into the pelvis and up into the base of the bladder.

TESTES:)
 INTESTINES:) N.A.D.

LUMBAR SPINE: No metastases seen.

Carcinoma Prostate
 Nephro-sclerosis

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
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1st July, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Hutson,

Would you kindly supply
me with a copy of the post mortem report
on a patient, Robert Mathieson, carcinoma
of the prostate? I am informed that this
patient died at your hospital on 17th May
of this year.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. Mackay.)

CVM.MD

21st June, 1940.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

Mrs. A. W. Martin,
Regent House,
220 Faraday Street,
CARLTON, N.3.

Dear Mrs. Martin,

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

If you have a local doctor please see him first and get his opinion on your cheek. If you have no local doctor, then I would advise you to attend the surgical out-patient department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Regent House
220 Faraday St.
Carlton N3
19. 6 40

The Cancer Bureau
Spring St.

Dear Sir

Having read your article Re
Cancer research in the paper. I would
be grateful if you would answer my
inquiry.

About 12 months ago my cheek
bled, without any cause. Since then what
seems to be a piece of skin appeared &
if pushed back, hurts, is it anything
that should be seen to, I am awfully
worried about it, although it isn't
much to look at & where could I go
to have it seen to, if necessary

(No. 24)

Yours truly
Sarah Martin

21st June, 1940.

Information Bureau.

Mrs. O. Minogue,
180 Park Street,
NORTE FITZROY.

Dear Mrs. Minogue,

I am glad to have the opportunity
of answering your letter of the 20th of June.

You may rest assured that there
is no possibility of infection of an attendant
who nurses cases of cancer.

I am afraid that it is impossible
for me to express any opinion of value with regard
to the malignancy from which your half-brother is
suffering. The only person capable of doing that
is the doctor in charge of the patient.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVMT^{MD}

June 20th 1940
180 Park St
Pitt Fitzroy

To Cancer

Information Bureau

Reading your article in
yesterdays paper Regarding Cancer treatment
I'm very intrested in cancer treatment, as I have
just lost my Husband with Cancer in the
Bowels, he also had an ulcer on his lip & was
operated on 2 yrs ago. I nursed him through his
last illness that was a dreadful experience to
me, he was wise according to the Doctor not
to have had an operation on his Bowel & what
it would have ment to him, do you think if
he was operated on as soon as they found out his
trouble he would have been cured, ^{Doctor} the ~~st~~ told me
he had it in the Blood stream. I also have
a half-Brother that has a Malingering
Growth that started in his hand, he has
swollen glands in the Elbow & under his
left arm, he is being treated with Radium.
that has caused him terrible pain, he has
had Diathermal treatment on the Shoulder
& under the left arm he has lost the use of
3 fingers, the trouble is all on the left side.
Do you think anyone else who attends the patient
could be Infected? Yours Sincerely
(In either case)

Would like to know chances of Brother's recovery.

M^{rs} O Minogue

21st June, 1940.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

Mrs. E. M. Morrison,
20 Lynch Street,
FOOTSCRAY.

Dear Mrs. Morrison,

The Information Bureau is only dealing with enquiries particularly relating to cancer. Your symptoms as outlined in your letter do not point in that direction. I would therefore recommend you to accept the medical advice which you have already received for your condition of prolapse.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

20 Lynch Str.
Footscray

June 20th
1940

To the Surgeon in Charge
College of Surgeons.

Dear Sir.

Noticing an article in
the paper in reference to people
who are worried about their
health, I am one of that class.
My health has been very far
from good, for quite a while
I went to St. Vincents, also
to the Footscray Clinic, and
I got very little satisfaction
from either place, except for
the fact that Dr. Beales Mackay
told me that I had rather a bad
prolapse of the womb, but I do
not know if that would cause

swelling and a full feeling
in the abdomen. some days I
feel terribly blown up. (to use
an ordinary explanation)
I also have a discharge
which at times has an
unpleasant odor. My age is 52 yrs

I am not able to see
a private doctor, as I am a
widow in poor circumstances

Dr. Mackay ordered an
operation for the prolapse, but
as I have heart trouble, I am a
bit afraid, and then of course
there is the question of finance

I would be pleased if you
would let me know details &
if I could be examined, but I would
not be able to do that before the

first week in July.

I shall await a reply
and thanking you.

I am
yours truly
(Mrs) E. M. Moberison

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,

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24th June, 1940.

Miss Dorothy E. Tupper,
Melbourne District Nursing Society,
39 Victoria Parade,
COLLINGWOOD, N. 5.

Dear Sister Tupper,

Many thanks for your note giving me an account of the three patients whom we were unable to see.

I have sent a short report of our visits to Mrs. Henderson, and I desire to thank you personally for your very efficient assistance. I feel that I have now some first hand knowledge of one aspect of District Nursing work.

With kind regards and my grateful appreciation,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. MACKAY.)

CVM.MD

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After-Care Hospital

45 VICTORIA PARADE, COLLINGWOOD, N.5
June 21st 1940.

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Matron J 3384

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

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Here is a report on the following patients, who were not at home when we called on Wednesday last.

Miss. O'Niell,
60, Chapman St,
North Melbourne.
Carcinoma of Bowel. Colostomy. Patient goes to work every day. Is a machinist in a clothing factory. Is attended by Dr. Berman if necessary.

Mr. Hill,
167, Arthurton Rd,
Thornbury.

Cystostomy. O.P.A.H. Patient is able to get about, and was hoping to go to Tasmania for a period, but has had 2 Haemorrhages lately, and will probably stay at home for the present. Sister thinks his financial position is quite satisfactory.

Mr. Hall,
190, Mansfield St,
Thornbury.

Epithelioma of Heel. O.P. St V.H. Is able to get about. Home conditions quite satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy E. Tupper,

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*Sick Country's
 Supplies*

- ✓ 1. Mr. Richards, 34, Castlemaine St, Yarraville. *309*
- ✓ 2. Mr. Osborne, 5, Morven St, Yarraville. *(Austin) W. 13*
- ✓ 3. Mr. Wissing, 7, Princess St, Seddon.
- ✓ 4. Mrs. Robertson, 23, Lincoln St, Essendon. *W 5*
- ✓ 5. Mrs. Newell, 39, Hunter St, West Brunswick. *N 12*
- ✓ 6. Mr. Graham, 13, Barringham St, Brunswick. *↓*
- ✓ 7. Mrs. O'Brien, 74, Weston St, Brunswick. *N 10*
- ✓ 8. Mr. Wood, 35, Weston St, Brunswick. *Lips & Glands*
- ✓ 9. Mrs. Allan, 3, Jacka St, West Preston. *N 18 ✓*
- ✓ 10. Mr. Hall, 190, Mansfield St, Thornbury. *N 17 ✓*
- ✓ 11. Mrs. Dawson, Salvation Army Hostel, 68, Lygon St, Carlton. *✓*
- ✓ 12. Mrs. Kellock, 461, Rathdown St, Carlton. *N 3 ✓*
- ✓ 13. Mr. McCarthy, 160, Sackville St, Collingwood. *✓*
- ✓ 14. Mrs. Lawson, 59, Easy St, Collingwood. *N 5 ✓*

- Carcinoma of Rectum. Visited once weekly. ✓
 Dr. Ross. O.P. St V.H. Colostomy. *AMH*
- Carcinoma Colon. O.P.R.M.H. Visited 11 weekly. ✓
 Peculiar Person.
- Carcinoma Rectum. Now discharged. O.P.R.M.H. ✓
- Carcinoma Breast. Visited 4 times weekly. ✓
- Carcinoma Colon. O.P.R.M.H. *old case - May 1939* ✓
 Visited twice weekly.
- Epithelioma of Eyelid. O.P.R.M.H. *? 225 7443* ✓
 Visited daily.
- Carcinoma Breast. O.P.R.M.H. *No* ✓
 Visited 4 times week.
- Cystostomy. O.P.R.M.H. Visited once weekly. ✓
- Epithelioma of neck. O.P.R.M.H. *? 441* ✓
 Visited 3 times weekly. Very Poor.
- Epithelioma of Heel. O.P. St V.H. *No* ✓
 Visited twice weekly.
- Epithelioma of nose. O.P.R.M.H. *? 414* ✓
 Visited daily.
- Carcinoma of Cervix. O.P. St V.H. *No* ✓
 Visited daily. Conditions very bad.
- Carcinoma of Rectum. O.P.R.M.H. *Y* ✓
 Does not know condition. Visited daily.
- Mastectomy. O.P. St V.H. Visited 3 times week. *No* ✓
 Conditions fair.

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✓ 15. Mrs. Wilson,
199, Nicholson St,
Abbotsford. N 9

✓ 16. Mrs. Greenwood,
457, Bridge Rd,
Richmond. E 1

✓ 17. Mrs. Berity,
17, Blazey St,
Richmond. ✓

✓ 18. Mrs. Martin,
14, Mayfield St,
East St Kilda. ✓

19. Mrs. O'Neil,
60, Chetwynd St,
North Melbourne. NI X

20. Mr. Hill,
167, Arthurton Rd,
Thornbury. X N 17

Mastectomy. O.P. StV.H. Visited daily.

Carcinoma of Breast; secondaries in arm, hip,
and shoulder. O.P. StV.H.

Carcinoma of Bowel. Colostomy. O.P. StV.H.

Carcinoma of Breast. Austin Hospital. No
Very poor.

Carcinoma of Bowel. Dr. Berman. No

Cystostomy. O.P.A.H.
Conditions good. Probably does not know
what is the trouble.

I should understand, unless in the cases otherwise mentioned, the home conditions are satisfactory. Apparently none of these patients have been visited by the Almoners of their hospitals.

LIST OF PATIENTS BEING TREATED BY THE
MELBOURNE DISTRICT NURSING SOCIETY

- ✓ Osborne, Mr., *No Quaker, 25.5.40* Carcinoma of Colon. O.P., R.M.H.
5 Morven St., Yarraville. Visited twice weekly. Peculiar person
- ✓ Wissing, Mr., *278* Carcinoma Rectum. } Now discharged,
7 Princess St., Seddon. ✓ O.P., R.M.H. } *from D.M.*
- ✓ X Robertson, Mrs., Carcinoma Breast. Visited 4 times
23 Lincoln St., Essendon. week.
- ✓ ✓ Newell, Mrs., *too early for Register* Carcinoma Colon. O.P., R.M.H.
39 Hunter St., W. Brunswick. Visited twice weekly.
- ✓ X Graham, Mr. Epithelioma Eyelid. O.P., R.M.H.
13 Barringham St., Brunswick. Visited daily.
- ✓ ✓ O'Brien, Mrs., Carcinoma Breast. O.P., R.M.H.
74 Weston St., Brunswick. Visited 4 times week.
- ✓ • Wood, Mr. *Samuel not yet in Reg.* Cystostomy. O.P., R.M.H.
35 Weston St., Brunswick. Visited once weekly.
- Allan, Mrs., *? 441* Epithelioma neck. O.P., R.M.H.,
3 Jacka St., West Preston. ✓ Visited 3 times weekly. Very poor.
- X Dawson, Mrs. *? 419* Epithelioma nose. O.P., R.M.H.,
Salvation Army Hostel. ✓ Visited Daily.
68 Lygon St., Carlton. *(Mental confusion)*
- ✓ McCarthy, Mr., *87* Carcinoma of Rectum. O.P., R.M.H.
160 Sackville St., Collingwood. Does not know condition. Visited
Recurrent daily.
- ✓ Marton, Mrs. Carcinoma Breast. Austin Hospital.
14 Mayfield St. E. St. Kilda. Very poor.
- O'Neil, Mrs. Carcinoma Bowel. Dr. Berman.
60 Chetwynd St., Nth Melb.

(I should understand, unless in the cases otherwise mentioned, the home conditions are satisfactory.

Apparently none of these patients have been visited by the Almoners of their hospitals.)

22nd June, 1940.

The President and Members of the Committee
of Management of the Melbourne District
Nursing Society,
39 Victoria Parade,
COLLINGWOOD, N. 5.

Dear Mrs. Henderson,

I desire to express my appreciation of the action of your Society in facilitating my visits to the homes of cancer patients. By means of this courtesy I was enabled to see the type of patient being treated, the home conditions, and the general social environment.

This information, which is of considerable importance to me, could have been satisfactorily obtained only in this first hand manner.

Sister Dorothy Tupper gave me every possible assistance, and without her guidance and introduction my visits would have been almost impossible.

A survey of the cancer field has given me a very high opinion of the excellent work done by the Melbourne District Nursing Sisters.

I congratulate your Society on its work and trust that it will receive full recognition, encouragement, and assistance in the future.

Again expressing my sincere thanks,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

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

21st June, 1940.

Information Bureau.

Mrs. H. Moore,
49 Lees Street,
BENTLEIGH.

Dear Mrs. Moore,

I am pleased to have the opportunity of answering your letter of enquiry.

You will, I feel sure, appreciate that it is very difficult for you to give me the information in a letter which would enable me to form a correct medical opinion about your case. It is quite evident, however, that something is definitely wrong.

My advice would be to consult your local doctor, and I will gladly help him to obtain specialist treatment for you if it is necessary.

If you have no local doctor, then you should certainly attend the out-patient department of the Alfred Hospital or of the Women's Hospital without delay.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

49 Lees Street

Bentley SE14

Dear Sir

reading the paper in today's age
re. cancer I would like you to tell me
if you could? I was ordered a big operation
years ago for lacerations and since then
have had trouble with floodings and headaches
but have not seen anything for nearly
12 months and about 2 years before that
my age is 53 and Widow Mother of five
living children? but what I want to
know now. can anything be done for
me without operation as I feel it is to
far gone now? I get bad pains under the
right breast and seems to go right around
under my lung it is just like something
clawing and it is terrible when it ^{starts}

it comes and goes away again I have
a lot of trouble with Bowels sometimes
passing blood hoping Sir you can
understand this and why I am writing
this I just feel I am getting worse
and I have had Electric treatment
at one of the Public Hospitals and
the Dr told me I never responded
one bit as it was too high and nothing
but knife will do but I have a
feeling that is too late now

Please write and tell me just
what you think (is the pain under
shoulder) from the old trouble
Thanking you Respectfully
(Mrs) W. Moore

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
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15th June, 1940.

The Matron,
The Melbourne District Nursing Society,
39 Victoria Parade,
COLLINGWOOD, N.5.

Dear Matron,

I should be very grateful if the
Sister who is in attendance on Mr. Thomas Richards,
of 34 Castlemaine Street, Yarraville, would
communicate with me by telephone on Tuesday next
and inform me of his specific requirements
as regards the necessity for a special tube and
funnel.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

11th June, 1940.

Information Bureau.

F. Maloney, Esq.,
Charles Street,
LORNE.

Dear Mr. Maloney,

I have received
your further letter of the 7th of
June and am making enquiries on
your behalf at St. Vincent's Hospital.

I shall inform you
of the result as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Charles St

Lorne

7-6-1940

Cancer Information Bureau

Mr C. V. Mackay M.D.

Dear Sir

I was pleased to receive yours of 6th last month, but I was in Melbourne when the letter arrived here.

I attended the St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment under Dr J. O'Sullivan.

They operated on my lip cut a piece out of it, & then continued with Radium treatment 6000 Volts they gave me altogether.

I have to go back again for more treatment in a fortnight, which I really cannot afford being away from work, if you could give me something to do, to earn my board while in Melbourne receiving treatment, I would be most grateful.

Thanking you for your help & kindness

Yours Faithfully
J. Maloney

CVM/NA

6th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

F. Maloney, Esq.,
Charles Street,
LORNE. VIC.

Dear Mr. Maloney,

I am pleased to reply to your letter
of the 1st May.

It is quite definite from your description
of the lump on your lip that you require special treatment
as soon as possible. Delay may be dangerous. If you have
a local doctor at Lorne, his opinion would be of great
value to me.

My advice would be for you to see your
local medical practitioner and if he agrees that special
treatment is necessary then you should come to Melbourne
for it.

I would recommend you to attend the out-
patient department of St. Vincent's Hospital in Victoria
Parade, Fitzroy or of the Royal Melbourne Hospital in
Swanston Street, City.

Please inform me if you require financial
assistance to come to Melbourne, or while you are attending
hospital in Melbourne. I shall be pleased to help you in
any possible way. You may show this letter at the Hospital.

Yours faithfully,


C. V. Mackay, M.D. 

Charles St
Lorne

1-5-1940

The Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sirs

I noticed
in "The Sun" today that you
answer inquiries about Cancer,
I think I have a Cancer on the
lip, I am 28, have had a sore
lip for about 6 years.

I have been told that only
Radium treatment will cure it,
I am only a fisherman and cannot
afford to pay very much for
treatment, so if you could let
me know the best & cheapest
place to go for Radium treatment
I would be much obliged.

At present there is a lump growing
larger everyday on the edge of the
sore on my lip. Hoping you can
oblige, I remain,

Yours Truly,
J. Maloney

Melb. District Nursing
Society

23rd May, 1940.

Miss Dorothy E. Tupper,
Social Service Sister,
Melbourne District Nursing Society,
45 Victoria Parade,
Collingwood, N.5.

Dear Sister Tupper,

I am very grateful for your letter of the 20th May containing the list of cancer cases at present being attended by the Sisters of the Melbourne District Nursing Society. Please accept my most sincere thanks for your kindness in this matter.

During this week I have been beginning some special work for the Anti-Cancer Council at the Alfred Hospital, but I shall ring you up on the telephone tomorrow (Friday) to make arrangements for my visits with you during next week.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY.

P.S. I think I shall take the Royal Melbourne Hospital patients first.

CVM.MD

Melbourne District Nursing Society

After-Care Hospital

TELS.—

MATRON, J 3384
ALMONER J 4201
SECRETARY, J 4293

45 VICTORIA PARADE.

COLLINGWOOD, N.5
May 20th 1940.

Dr. McKay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Lonsdale St,
C.1.

Dear Dr. McKay,

I enclose herewith a list of patients at present attended by the Sisters of the Melbourne District Nursing Society.

I am afraid it may not contain all the information which you require, but I think that can be obtained from the patients themselves when you visit them.

Yours faithfully,

Dorothy E. Tupper,

Social Service Sister.

21st May, 1940.

Follow-up Department

Mrs. Mary Marsden,
1 Kelvin Grove,
CHELSEA.

Dear Mrs. Marsden,

An appointment has been made for you to see Mr. Coates in Ward 14 on Monday, June 24th, at 1.30 p.m. If you are unable to keep this appointment through sickness, etc., please write and let me know. If possible, I should like a report from your local doctor if you are unable to come.

An appointment card is enclosed, and when you have seen Mr. Coates mark on this card your next appointment with him.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Medical Officer,
Surgical Out-Patient Follow-up Department.

135 Holborn St.

14-5-40

Collingwood

To the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Via Dr. Mackay.

I wish to thank you
for your early reply & forms; and also to
convey the thanks of Mr James, in
regard to my inquiry in Dec of '39 James
who is suffering from Cancer. He is now
a patient in St. James Hospital and
last report very comfortable. I wish you
and all members, in your great work for
Humanity a great and lasting success
which I have no doubt will be
accomplished at an early date. —

I remain Yours very Respectfully
A. Woodard.

EVM:NA

6th May, 1940.

Cancer Information Bureau

Mrs. A. Moriarty,
135 Hotham Street,
COLLINGWOOD.

Dear Mrs. Moriarty,

I am very pleased to answer your letter of enquiry of the 2nd May concerning the case of your friend Mrs. James.

I have read your letter carefully and I agree with you that everything possible should be done for this patient.

From your account of her history and present condition, it is evident that the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg would be the most suitable place for her, and in the meantime any necessary nursing could be done by the District Nursing Association.

Owing to the demand on the accommodation of the Austin Hospital, the probable period of waiting would be, at the present time, about four weeks.

My advice would be that her husband should go to St. Vincent's Hospital and get the necessary forms for admission to the Austin Hospital signed. The Hospital authorities could also communicate with the District Nursing Association.

I am enclosing the special forms.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer.

P.T. 2

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P.S. When the forms for the Austin Hospital are duly signed they should be sent to the Manager and Secretary of the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg.

135 Rotham St.

2^d - 5th - 40

Collingwood
Well.

To the Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons —

In last night's Herald I read
your article in regard to Cancer, and am
awaiting myself of writing to you in regard
to a friend, a Mr. James. Who had per-
breast removed about 17 months ago at
St Vincent's Hospital, after returning home he attended
for deep therapy treatment until he became unfit
to get them, and since then which is about 9 or 10
months he has had no radium treatment in that
time, he was in a rest home for three weeks &
returned home he is a complete invalid never
out of bed, and very thin per breast in the place
were removed, is in a shocking state the raw
liver. Her husband has tried Hospitals but
none will take her; apparently can't get in to
the Austin have no beds or something there.
"He is very bright & eats well and in very
little pain and in herself seems better than
months ago. I think her life would be
prolonged if she could only get the proper
treatment. Her husband does his best in
looking after her with the assistance of his
sister a professional nurse three times a week.

He has been unable to carry on his work
 & depends on friends for assistance to live.
 He has asked me to write to you. As
 Mrs James is not aware of what is
 the matter with her, and was strictly
 advised by Dr to keep it from her, I
 he would not like your reply to reach her.
 I see her every day. I hope Gentlemen
 that you will advise something or try
 & do something as it is a most judicable case
 she is in her early 50th & a very smart &
 was a charming person. Hoping to get
 an reply early.

I remain your very sincerely
 A. Bourditch

address Mrs A. Bourditch
 135 Tottenham Hill Collingwood
 Hill

2nd May, 1940.

Mrs. F. Morris,
50 Albert Street,
ARARAT.

Dear Mrs. Morris,

I am pleased to reply to your enquiry of the 26th April.

The only deep X-ray plants in Victoria which are treating patients suffering from cancer are situated in Melbourne.

You could receive treatment by this method at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, at the corner of Swanston and Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, or at the Alfred Hospital, Commercial Road, Prahran, or at the Women's Hospital, Carlton.

I would advise you to consult your local doctor at Ararat before you come to Melbourne, and if necessary he could communicate with me.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

50 Albert St

Ararat

26.11.40

To Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sir

Seeing your advertisement of cancer treatment, in the Sun.

I am writing for inquiries about X-ray equipment & where the hospitals are

& you will oblige
Yrs faithfully
Mrs F Morris

50 Albert St

Ararat

12th April, 1940.

Mrs. E. Maygar,
"Avonvale,"
MURCHISON.

Dear Mrs. Maygar,

I thank you for your letter of the
10th April.

With reference to your enquiry about
the special treatment for cancer which you have outlined,
all my experience in cancer work demonstrates that
except in early cases it is most difficult to cure
cancer by any means whatsoever.

I should be most sceptical about the
particular case referred to by you unless I knew the
patient personally, had made my own diagnosis of the
condition, and had proved it by examination of portion
of the cancer growth under a microscope.

Medical men interested in cancer work,
from their special knowledge know so many of the pit-
falls associated with a case such as you have described
that the first criticism is always, "Was the case one
of cancer? Was there definite proof?" Many mistakes
have been made in the diagnosis of cancer.

If the treatment outlined is a certain
cure for cancer, then all my medical experience is wrong.

Yours faithfully,

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

Avonvale
Dunwich
April 10th / 40.

The Anti-Cancer Council
Victoria.

Dear Sirs,

A patient had cancer of the lip,
diagnosed as such by a doctor.
She treated it herself with a mixture
of white of egg and salt and the cancer
has quite disappeared.

Could this be a certain cure?

She says the pain was terrific while she
was treating her lip.

I thought I would like you to know of this
treatment in case there is anything in it.

Yours faithfully
(Mrs.) E. Maygar

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If the treatment you have outlined is a certain cure for cancer then all my medical experience is wrong.
yours truly

10th April, 1940.

Mrs. W. E. Mate,
2 Rockbeare Grove,
IVANHOE, N.21.

Dear Mrs. Mate,

I am pleased to reply to
your letter of the 5th of April, 1940.

Thanks for your stamps. I
am enclosing some literature on the subject
of cancer.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

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

2 Rockbeare Cr.
Jorumbie N.S.W.
5.4.40.

Sir/

Have you any literature
relating to early symptoms
of cancer?

If so will you
kindly forward any matter
appertaining to cancer
or early diagnosis of same
or instructions regarding same?

Thanking you

Yours truly
(W^m) W. E. Mate

^d
2^d Stamp enc.

5th April, 1940.

Mrs. I. M. Murray,
Burwood Road,
FERRIS GULLY.

Dear Mrs. Murray,

I have given considerable thought to your letter of the 2nd April and can appreciate your difficulty.

My advice, however, would be to see your own doctor again in spite of the impression you formerly received. If, after a second visit, you still feel not quite satisfied, then if your means permit a consultation, I would recommend you to ask your doctor for the name and address of a specialist in Melbourne. If you cannot obtain this information I shall be pleased to advise you about hospitals and specialists.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

Barwood Rd
Fern Tree July
2. 4 - 40.

Dear Sir,

On reading a paragraph in
the Sun of March 10th. I am taking
the liberty of writing to you for
information. Two years ago a lump
about $\frac{1}{2}$ size of Tennis Ball appeared
on my left shoulder. There is no pain
or soreness of any kind, but my left
arm aches dreadfully at times. I
consulted a Local Dr, but he said
that I had most likely cracked my
collar bone some time or other, & gave
me the impression that it was foolish
of me to waste any time calling on him
for such a trifle. But I'm still at
a loss for the lump to be there. Then again
about 4 months ago, a small growth
very much like a wart appeared

The groin of my right leg. but
like a wart which appears on the
hands of some people, this grows long
& is now about 2 inch. The end
appears to be a dead crust, where
as at the base it is a little inflamed
Although very small (but growing)
it is very sore, with a stinging
pain. I do not like to go back
to the Local Dr when he thought so little
of the Lump. I am a healthy woman
& never had any illness or need to
consult a Dr. before, but I puzzled
about these two trifles. I am 40 years ^{old}
Can you give me some advice or will. I forget what
it is.

Yrs Sincerely
J. M. Murray.

6th March, 1940.

Miss Lizzie Martin,
C/o Miss Hassett,
5 Spencer Street,
Croxton.

Dear Miss Martin,

I have read your letter of
the 3rd March carefully and the following is my
advice:

You should attend the
GYNAECOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT of the Women's Hospital
as soon as possible for a complete examination,
in order to determine the cause of your bleeding.

The Women's Hospital is sit-
uated in Swanston Street, Carlton, near the
Melbourne University.

You may take this letter with
you.

Yours Sincerely,

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

CVM,MD

March 3rd 1940

Sirs

I am just wanting to know I am just from Benalla a week & I have a ^{downy} bleeding since today before Christmas this will be the writing of Cancer if ye can do any good I want to know as soon as possible if not I am going home Melbourne is no good to me my luggage is in Spencer St & I am here at No 5 Spencer St Crocston they or going away for a holiday

Lizzie Martin
In Care Miss Hassett
No 5 Spencer St
Crocston

4th March, 1940.

J. A. E. Meyer, Esq.,
C/o Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd.,
Market Street, C.I.

Dear Sir,

I have read your letter of the 1st March very carefully and considered the various aspects of your wife's case. I shall endeavour to answer the two questions on the last page of your letter.

Question: 1. Is it possible for a bump on the left breast to cause cancer to become apparent 12 years later?

Answer: A history of a bump or injury is often obtained in cases of breast cancer but this is usually regarded as a coincidence, a searching back by the patient for some cause. At the same time, injuries as a possible cause cannot be ignored, but the gap of 12 years is so unusually long that it can be disregarded.

Question: 2. If so what would the Council recommend me to do in the matter, bearing in mind the circumstances mentioned in the foregoing?

Answer: If there is any doubt either in the mind of the patient or of the relative, it can only be resolved by a careful medical examination by a surgeon accustomed to seeing many cases of cancer, and of making differential diagnoses between what is cancer and what is not cancer. Any of the surgeons attached to the honorary staffs of the leading metropolitan hospitals would be suitable. Mrs. Meyer could consult them in the Collins Street district, or if monetary circumstances prevent that course, then she could attend at the Out-patient Departments of one of the hospitals for a minor fee.

Yours faithfully,

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

70 Launceston Pl. to P. G. Ltd.
Market St.

Melbourne C. 1

1/3/40.

To the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Melbourne.

Dear Sirs.

My wife who is 33 years of age, thinks she has cancer in the left breast and I would be very grateful to you for advice on the matter. The particulars are as follows

1. Reasons for impression that a cancer exists
 - a. Suffered a heavy fall 12 years ago, tripped and struck left breast on corner of a marble table.
 - b. For 3 or 4 years has suffered slight shooting pains at infrequent intervals and an uncomfortable feeling over the region of the heart and breast and under the armpit. These feelings being usually experienced before menstruation.
 - c. Physical exercises involving arm movements cause discomfort in the region of the heart & breast. By the way I would mention that my wife has a tendency towards nervous complaints and since our one child a son 5½ yrs of age was born she has had very little energy for sport of any kind.

2 Reasons why no action has been taken to secure medical advice.

- a. Wife had a thorough overhaul by a specialist before our marriage 6½ years ago & was found perfectly fit.
- b. Had gall bladder and appendix removed in one operation 3 years ago and suffered much pain and stress consequently is not willing to go through another operation.
- c. While undergoing X Ray examination for gall stones she mentioned her suspicions about cancer in the left breast to the doctor at the X Ray clinic but was advised not to worry about it for the time being.
- d. Suffers from indigestion and the discomfort described previously might be due to this or perhaps to heart trouble or to delayed menstruation which now occurs every 8 weeks instead of every 4 weeks.
- e. Fears that examination might disclose cancer and is buoyed up with hope that it may not be cancer, therefore does not wish to risk examination, which might confirm cancer and so dash hopes.
- f. There is no hereditary evidence of cancer on my wife's side of the family. Her father died of pneumonia 9 years ago & her mother of blood pressure 7½ years ago.
- e. We are having considerable expense through ailments of son aged 5½ years who is undergoing treatment

with specialists for a cast in the left eye, antrum trouble, and flat feet. and cannot afford further medical expenses, as a matter of fact we cannot afford the cost of the treatment for son, but must carry on with it for his sake.

I am sorry to have written at such length but would much appreciate the benefit of your advice on the following matters.

1. Is it possible for a bump on the left breast to cause cancer to become apparent 12 years later
2. If so what would the council recommend me to do in the matter bearing in mind the circumstances mentioned in the foregoing:

Thanking you in anticipation
I am

Yours Sincerely
J.A.E. Meyer

P.S. I am using my business address as my wife would be upset if she came across a letter on this matter at home

J.A.E.

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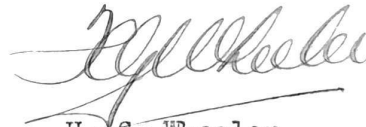
Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I am enclosing herewith a letter which
arrived by this afternoon's mail from Mr. J. A. E. Meyer.
I shall be very grateful if you will kindly reply to
Mr. Meyer's letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,
Secretary.

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.

1st March, 1940.

Melbourne District Nursing Society

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,
XX
Lonsdale XXXXX

4th March, 1940.

Miss M. E. Hunt,
Sister-in-charge,
Melbourne District Nursing Society,
39 Victoria Parade,
COLLINGWOOD, N. 5.

Dear Sister Hunt,

Many thanks for the further list of cancer patients who are being nursed by your Society.

I shall let you know when I shall be able to arrange my visits to them. In the meantime, would you kindly instruct your Sisters to ascertain whether their patients would be willing to receive a visit from me? If there should be any reluctance in any case I should certainly not trespass.

I am much obliged for your collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

Melbourne District Nursing Society

39 VICTORIA PARADE,

TEL. J 2003 (MATRON)

COLLINGWOOD, N.5

2-3-40.

Dr C. V. Mackay.

Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Near Dr Mackay

Enclosed is a list of patients, other than those from the Royal Melbourne, who are at present being treated by our Society. Miss Dickson returns from her holiday on Mon. 11th March. If there is anything I can do

Melbourne District Nursing Society

39 VICTORIA PARADE,

TEL. J 2003 (MATRON)

COLLINGWOOD, N.5

to help you, in the mean
time, please let me
know. The Society will
be only too glad to
arrange for you to visit
any patient with our
sisters should you
desire to do so.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely

M. E. Hunt

Sister-in-charge



Royal Melbourne Hospital

MELBOURNE, C.I.

28th February, 1940.

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TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Mr. C. Morrison,
Tinamba,
Gippsland.

Dear Mr. Morrison,

Would you please write to me at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and inform me of the present condition of your neck, for which treatment was given here? 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.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay
M.D.

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

Memo.

*Mr Morrison died on
8th November 1939.
I understand Dr. Haydon of
Staffa was then attending
him.*

*C. V. Ford
Solicitor
Traralgon
2/3/40.*

Enc.

16th February, 1940.

Mell
The Matron,
District Nursing Society,
39 Victoria Parade,
COLLINGWOOD, N.5.

Dear Miss Dickson,

Would you be so kind as to supply me with the names, diagnoses and present condition of all patients suffering from cancer whom your nurses are attending at present. If possible, I should like to know also the districts the patients are residing in and the hospitals which they had attended. When I receive this information I should greatly appreciate it if you could spare time to see me on this subject.

My objective is to make the lot of the cancer patient who is being nursed at home as comfortable as possible. So far as I am aware everything necessary is being done and your Society may not think that more is required. At the same time I should like to have first-hand knowledge of the home conditions. I have in mind a series of visits with your nurses after the permission of the individual patient has been given.

It would be of great assistance if your nurses could inform you what they would like to do for any particular patient but are prevented by lack of funds.

May we discuss the whole subject later on the basis of mutual assistance?

The cancer cases are tragedies and too much cannot be done to alleviate suffering and to increase comfort.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,