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by

The Minister for Health,
The Hon. K. J. Stewart, M.P.

on

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To me, as Chairman of that Board, it is particularly pleasing to know that there has been a tremendous community involvement by the people of the Wyong Shire. Since 1964, groups and individuals have been working, either to ensure that hospital facilities were provided in the area, or to raise funds to be used when the hospital was built.

The dedicated hard work of the Wyong Hospital Committee, the Wyong Hospital Trust, the Wyong and the Tuggerah Lakes Hospital Auxiliaries should long be remembered by all who may have need to use the hospital.

There is no doubt that the spirit of self-help and the volume of community activity were instrumental in the Minister deciding to establish this hospital, even at a time when capital funds for hospital construction were not plentiful.

To the many people who, over the years, have worked to this end, I extend the sincere thanks of the Central Coast Area Health Board and the residents of the Wyong Shire.

L. E. HANNELL
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Mr M. Brown
Chairman,
The Wyong and District
Hospital Committee



Mr L. E. Hannell
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WYONG AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

I am delighted that, after many years, the Committee's vision has been finally realised, due to the loyal support of the local community over a long period.

I am only sorry that many of our dedicated workers did not survive to see the completion of the hospital. I pay my respects to these people, the most recent of whom is Mrs Margaret Robertson, a worker of fifteen years' standing, who passed away only a few weeks ago, after she had received her invitation to the Official Opening, to which she was looking forward.

My thanks are extended to all those who contributed time or funds towards the fine complex you see here today, and this includes those organisations who are holding money for nomination of items of equipment as the need becomes evident.

Recent reports confirm that the hospital more than justifies its existence, as during October there were 120 patients admitted and 1650 people were treated in the Casualty Ward.

The provision of a kiosk, and progression to Stage 2 at an early date, are essential and I look forward to the ongoing support of our friends in order that these projects may be brought to completion.

I have a deep sense of pride in having been part of this project and it is an honour to be the President of this Committee on this day of the Official Opening of the Wyong Hospital.

Max Brown
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The members of the Wyong Hospital Auxiliary are very happy that today we have the hospital for which the Auxiliary and Hospital Committee have worked so many years. The enthusiasm of our members has never faltered and I thank them for their hard work and loyalty over the years.

Our thanks go to the Board of Directors of our hospital for supporting our efforts, to our Director of Nursing Miss Marie Lowndes, our Medical Superintendent Dr Rod Kennedy, our Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr David Briggs and our Project Manager Mr Geoff Moore, for the courteous co-operation shown to us at all times.

We must extend a special thanks to our Chief Executive Officer Mr Neville Boyce for his interest, advice and friendship. He has been a tower of strength.

We are fortunate to have Miss Van der Schoor as our Matron at Wyong Hospital and Mr Jack Verhagen as our Executive Officer. We thank them for their co-operation and congratulate them on being the initial appointments to those positions. We pledge to assist them at all times.

I must record my appreciation to the community of the Wyong Shire who have given wholehearted support to our endeavours to raise funds for our hospital. We could not have done it without their help.

Isabel Booth
President
Wyong Hospital Auxiliary

TUGGERAH LAKES HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

My grateful thanks go to Dr Max Thomas and the executive of Tuggerah Lakes Hospital Committee and to the executive and members of our Ladies Auxiliary for their donations and the work they have so willingly done during the past 9 years in raising funds for the Wyong Hospital.

I would also thank all the donors from Toukley and surrounding districts, the public, the clubs and associations which have so generously given to our auxiliary for the benefit of Wyong Hospital.

We are all very proud and thankful that we now have our hospital at Kanwal and shall look forward to the second stage being completed.

R. R. WREN
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From 1956 to 1980 is a long time — but the people who worked in those early days for a hospital at Wyong must indeed be pleased to know that the seed they sowed 24 years ago has brought forth the magnificent complex to be known as the Wyong Hospital at Kanwal.

It amply demonstrates that when we work for the community we should not be daunted by delays, frustrations or obstacles placed in our path as tenacity and determination will overcome such problems.

I must congratulate all those people who have worked so consistently to bring about this most needed facility.

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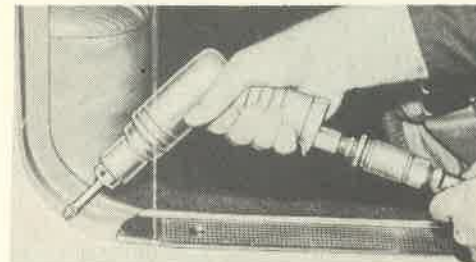
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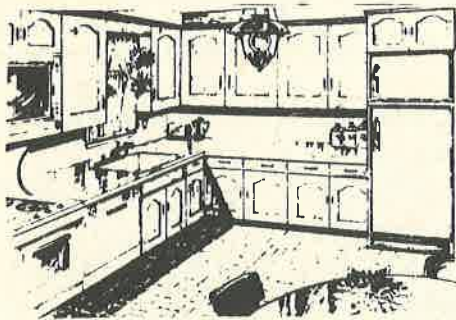
The admission of the first patient to Wyong Hospital on 1st September, 1980 vindicated the faith and vision of the Wyong Hospital Committee, the Wyong Hospital Trust, the Wyong Hospital Auxiliary and the Tuggerah Lakes Hospital Auxiliary, all of whose members have worked for years with dedication and enthusiasm, in support of the concept of a public hospital for the Wyong Shire.

The concept has now become a reality and, in acknowledging the work of those who pioneered the idea of a hospital for Wyong, we should place on record our gratitude both to those who can see today the accomplishment of their dream and to those who are no longer with us, but whose endeavours have left their mark and whose work is remembered on this day.

The construction of Wyong Hospital has resulted from the efforts and support of many people and organisations and there have been many steps along the way. The following are some of the milestones:—

- 1956 • The original Wyong Hospital Committee Meeting was held, followed by a Public Meeting which was chaired by Mr R. French.
- 1958 • The original Wyong Hospital Committee terminated when it was apparent that the situation had become static.
- 1962 • Watanobbi Street site in Wyong was approved by Council for a hospital. This consisted of 10¼ acres which had been offered by the late Mr A. I. Chapman for the purpose of building a hospital, but the bequest had not been finalised at the time of Mr Chapman's death in June, 1963.
- 1964 • A Public Meeting was convened by the Council of Progress Associations and the present Wyong Hospital Committee was formed, with Mr Case Moody being elected President, E. Roberts Secretary and Mr Dickie (of the Commonwealth Bank, Wyong) Treasurer.
 - The then Minister for Health, Mr Sheahan, promised a deputation that the hospital would commence in three years' time.
- 1965 • At this stage the Minister for Health was the Hon. Harry Jago. He promised to review the situation regarding a hospital for Wyong, in 12 month's time.
- Mr Max Wilson was elected Senior Vice-President of the Wyong Hospital Committee.
- The Wyong Hospital Auxiliary was formed with Mrs G. Moody being elected President, Mrs Wilson Secretary and Mrs Moore Treasurer.
- The Auxiliary undertook fund-raising ventures as diverse as a Gymkhana and a Baby Show
- The Wyong Hospital Committee held a doorknock appeal which raised \$1,500.
- 1966 • The Wyong Hospital Committee held Gymkhanas and a Woodchop, the proceeds of which were \$560.
- Mr Moody retired, due to illness, and Mr Edward O. Braithwaite was appointed President of the Wyong Hospital Committee.
- 1967 • Euchre parties were held at Toukley Bowling Club, with proceeds going to the Auxiliary.
- 1968 • A further deputation visited the Hon. H. Jago, Minister for Health, but no concrete results were achieved.
- Mr Max Brown was elected Secretary of the Wyong Hospital Committee and Mrs J. Wall Treasurer. Mr Brown was also elected Promoter.
- Gosford District Hospital's then Chairman, the late Mr Bob Vaughan, with the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Neville Boyce, reported on plans to up-grade Gosford Hospital to become a base hospital, with the intention to plan for a future hospital for Wyong.
- A Springtime Fete was held at Toukley Progress Association Hall. A bus trip and inspection tour of the Hexham Butter Factory were arranged and two Mannequin Prades were held at Wyong Golf Club by "Joanne" of Toukley. The Auxiliary funds benefited by some \$300 from these functions.
- The Minister for Health, Mr H. Jago, outlined the progress of the proposed hospital, to date.
- A film morning was held by Phil Roach of the Tourist Bureau and musical evenings were held at the Beachcomber Hotel (now the Gundaroo) at Toukley.

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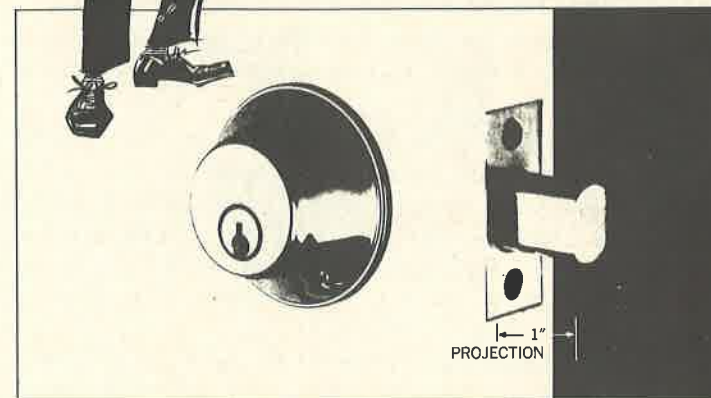
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- The Auxiliary's fund-raising efforts were bearing fruit; \$945.35 was raised during the year, \$600 of which was transferred to the Hospital Committee to be jointly invested in Treasury Bonds.
- 1970
- A deputation was made to Mr H. Jensen, to further the cause of the hospital at Wyong.
 - The Watanobbi Street site, which by this time had passed to developers, was offered for \$2,000 an acre.
 - Wyong Chamber of Commerce took up the cause of the hospital.
 - The State Planning Authority's projected population figures indicated that by the year 2000 six hospitals would be needed for the Area.
 - In 1980 10,000 raffle books were bought. These (plus 2,000 extra) were soon all used.
 - There were fund-raising bus trips to the Avon Factory,

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- 1970
- Residents of Heador Street, Toukley gave a regular monthly donation to the Auxiliary and a cheque was received from Wyong Bowling Club.
- 1971
- At this time, those associated with the proposed Wyong Hospital were saddened by the death of Cr E. O. Braithwaite, President of the Wyong Hospital Committee. Mr Braithwaite had, for many years, been a staunch supporter of the concept of a hospital at Wyong.
 - Mr Alan Daniel, Senior Vice-President was then elected to the Presidency.
 - Seven acres of Crown Land adjacent to Tuggerah School were offered by the State Government for use as a hospital site, but the area was too small.



The Chairman of the Board of Directors and Executive Staff (left to right): Dr R. Kennedy, Medical Superintendent; Mr J. Verhagen, Executive Officer, Wyong Hospital; Mr L. Hannell, Chairman; Miss T. Van der Schoor, Matron, Wyong Hospital; Miss M. Lowndes, Director of Nursing; Mr N. Boyce, Chief Executive Officer.

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Mrs E. Braithwaite and Mrs I. Booth of Wyong Hospital Auxiliary presenting flowers to Wyong Hospital's first patient, Miss L. Spears.

- Consideration was given to Crown Land sites at Norah Head, Gwandalan and The Entrance, as well as Electricity Commission land at Doyalson and Forestry Land at Ourimbah.
- Mr Geraghty, Regional Director at Newcastle, visited. He had formerly lived in Wyong and understood the importance of having a hospital in that Shire. Hopes, which had been raised, fell when the Area was transferred out of Mr Geraghty's Region.
- Mr Greg Brown was elected Treasurer.
- Hoy was introduced to raise funds; a handcraft demonstration was given by Mrs Imerson of Wyong; donations were made by Wyong Bowling Club, R.S.L. Club and many private donors.
- The Wyong Auxiliary held "Carols by Candlelight Festival" for the first time and, although the purpose was not primarily fund-raising, over \$200 was raised by sale of programmes.
- A petition was presented to the Minister for Health, Mr Jago, requesting that as soon as a decision was taken that there would be a hospital in the Wyong Shire, an announcement be made to this effect.
- The urgency of this matter was stressed. The Health Commission visited the Area to inspect the 30 acres of land which had been suggested as the site for the hospital.

- 1972
- The Wyong Hospital Trust was formed. It was comprised of members of the Wyong Chamber of Commerce. The Trust was formed because things were virtually at a standstill with regard to the proposed Wyong Hospital.
 - Mr Bill Godsell of the North Metropolitan Region of the Health Commission visited Wyong and, at a conference with Wyong Council, he agreed in principle to the development of the Pollock Avenue site for the new hospital.
 - The Wyong Hospital Trust purchased an 111 acre site at Pollock Avenue, Wyong, with the intention of providing a thirty acre site for the hospital and developing the remainder to provide funds for the construction of the hospital.
 - In July the Toukley-Noraville Progress Association and the Toukley Chamber of Commerce formed a joint Committee, with a view to formulating a very strong case to present to the Health Commission for the necessity of a General Hospital in this immediate area.

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- In August, 1972 a Steering Committee was formed. It included Dr Pascarelli, Dr M. Thomas, Dr P. O'Neil, Mr E. Ryall, Mr G. Davies and Mr K. Eckert. This was then named the Wyong Shire Hospital Committee, but later changed to Tuggerah Lakes Hospital Committee. Dr Max Thomas was elected president; Mr R. Fraser and Mr A. Wren, vice-presidents; Mr E. Ryall, hon. secretary; Mr G. Davies, assistant hon. secretary and P. Finnimore, hon. treasurer.
- In September, the Steering Committee approved the formation of a Ladies Auxiliary and the first meeting was held 4th October. Mrs R. Wren was elected president of the Auxiliary; Mrs H. Mayes, vice-president; Mrs M. Halstead, hon. secretary; Mrs G. Ryall, hon treasurer.
- The Hospitals Commission inspected the Pollock Avenue site and, following a conference between the Commission and Wyong Council, the Commission accepted in principle the development of the 111 acre site.
- Wyong Hospital Auxiliary served morning and afternoon tea at the Wyong Orchid Festival and continued to do so for a number of years, as a fund-raising venture.



In one of the pleasant wards at Wyong Hospital; patient Mrs Iris Heiser with Pink Ladies Mrs Irene Merricks of Budgewoi (Halekulani Bowling Club) and Mrs Lurline Roberts of Toukley (Toukley Hospital Auxiliary).

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- In November, following a survey of the whole of the 111 acre site, Council wrote to advise that the land was unsuitable, for much of it was swamp.
- 1973
- A thirty-four acre site, overlooking Mardi Dam was offered, but was not accepted.
 - The Watanobbi site of 10¼ acres had risen in price to \$6,000 an acre and was offered for sale by A.S.L.
 - The Health Commission carried out an in-depth survey on proposed site for the Wyong Hospital.
 - Newspaper headlines proclaimed, "Wyong Hospital Announcement Soon".
 - Mr Max Brown was nominated for President and Mr George Morris became Secretary of the Wyong Hospital Committee.
- 1974
- Members of the Wyong Hospital Trust inspected the Kanwal site, which consisted of twenty-six acres and was then known as Eadie's property.
 - In March, Miss E. Dilley was appointed Treasurer of the Hospital Committee.
 - In November, Mrs E. Brown accepted the position of Treasurer of the Wyong Hospital Committee.
 - Thirty acres of the Pollock Avenue site were sold to Woodfield Developments for \$110,000.
- 1975
- A public meeting held in the Wyong Memorial Hall was attended by over 600 people. Key Health Commission personnel were present at the meeting, which was considered to be the turning point, as it was at this stage that the Health Commission decided to agree to our request.
 - This year marked ten years of co-operation between the Wyong Hospital Committee and the Wyong Hospital Auxiliary.
- 1976
- A deputation, consisting of Cr T. Farrell (Shire President of Wyong), Cr D. Small, Cr G. Davies (Tuggerah Lakes Hospital Committee), Mr J. Dawson (Shire Clerk of Wyong) and Mr Max Brown (President of the Wyong Hospital Committee) met with the Hon. R. O. Healy, Minister for Health.
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Members of Wyong Hospital Auxiliary expressed their pleasure at seeing the results of their years of fund raising.



Members of the Wyong and District Hospital Committee: (left to right) Mrs J. Chapman; Mrs I Booth; Mrs H. Vaughan; Mrs E. Braithwaite; Mrs B. Brown; Cr R. Sheens; Mr M. Brown; Mrs P. Morris; Mrs K. Wilson; Mr M. Wilson; Mrs J. Daniel; Mr D. McKinnon; Mr A. Daniel.



The Wyong Hospital Trust: (left to right), Mr J. Lusted; Mr B. Brown; Dr J. McCredie; Mr M. Brown; Mr D. Small; Mr A. Mollett; Mr W. Heilbrunn; (Absent: Mr J. Werleman; Mr M. Werleman; Mr L. Turton)



This smiling group is the Tuggerah Lakes Auxiliary, who were obviously pleased to see Wyong Hospital operational.



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raised towards the hospital and information was given on the work of the various committees which were involved.

- The Minister promised to look at the Kanwal site straight away. A feasibility study was to commence immediately.
- The Minister for Health, Mr R. O. Healy, announced plans for the construction of a 100-bed hospital at Kanwal.
- It was announced that the new 100-bed hospital at Kanwal would cost \$4,000,000 and it was hoped to accept the first patient in 1980.
- An immediate allocation of \$20,000 was made by the Health Commission to cover the cost of initial planning.
- Cr Farrell spoke of the great debt of gratitude which the community at large owed to the organisations which, through their tremendous efforts, had secured the Kanwal site for the proposed hospital.
- On Friday, 19th March, 1976 the Minister for Health dedicated the site for the Wyong Hospital at Kanwal. He said that clear



In the foyer of the Hospital Mr L. E. Hannell, Chairman of the Board of Directors receives the keys of the hospital from Mr G. Iles, Construction Manager for Beattie & Frost Pty Ltd.

evidence of self-help by the community had been a significant factor in the decision to approve of a hospital on the Kanwal site.

- Thompson, Glendenning & Paul Pty Limited were appointed architects for the project.
 - Mr Boylan, Health Commissioner for Finance and Physical Resources, emphasised the need for a low-rise building with the potential for further expansion.
 - The first preliminary Planning Meeting for Wyong Hospital was held in the Northern Metropolitan Region of the Commission. It was attended by Health Commission representatives, the architect, Mr N. R. Boyce, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Geoff Moore, Project Manager for the new Hospital.
 - It was decided that a preliminary functional brief should be prepared, with a statement of overall conceptual planning.
 - The Regional Director, Dr J. S. Lawson, stated that consultation should be held with the Gosford District Hospital Board, the Wyong Council, the Bureau of Finance & Physical Resources, the Architects and local doctors.
 - A Planning Committee and a Building Committee were formed, being based on the committees responsible for the planned major development at Gosford District Hospital.
 - Aerial photographs of the Kanwal site were obtained, as a preliminary to planning.
 - The architects provided a model and set of drawings for the Wyong Hospital, together with an inception study and preliminary functional brief which had been prepared in conjunction with the Regional Office of the Health Commission.
 - It was determined that Stage I of the proposed 400 bed hospital at Gosford and Stage I of the Wyong Hospital at Kanwal should be built concurrently, rather than wait for the completion of the one project before commencing the other.
 - The Inaugural Meeting of the Wyong Hospital Planning Committee was held at Gosford District Hospital on 20th July, 1976.
- 1977
- The Commission gave approval to proceed to tender on Wyong Hospital, the successful tenderer being the local building firm of Beattie & Frost.
 - The Commission gave approval for the immediate preparation

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of sketch plans for Wyong Hospital, such plans to include thirty acute care beds and twenty minimal care beds.

- The Minister for Health officially determined that the new hospital would not be named Kanwal Hospital, but would be called Wyong Hospital.
- A dedication ceremony was held at the hospital site, with Wyong Hospital Auxiliary members serving afternoon tea to a large gathering, with all food being donated by Wyong Council.
- The Wyong Hospital Trust invited the Minister for Health, the Hon. K. J. Stewart, to launch the Trust's first annual appeal.
- Money jointly invested by the Wyong Hospital Committee and the Wyong Hospital Auxiliary was now \$35,000.

1978 • Bulk earthwork excavations commenced on the Hospital site.

1979 • The death occurred of Mr George Morris who had been a dedicated Secretary to the Wyong Hospital Committee since

1973. Mrs Rosemary Sheens became Secretary of the Committee.

- Construction commenced on the Wyong Hospital.

1980 • The builders completed the construction of Wyong Hospital. In mid-1980 the keys were handed over to Mr L. E. Hannell, Chairman of the Central Coast Area Health Board.

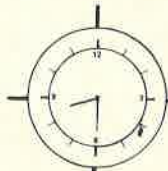
- On 1st September, 1980 the first patient was admitted to Wyong Hospital.

- The Official Opening of Wyong Hospital will be performed by the Minister for Health, the Hon. K. J. Stewart, M.P., on 22nd November, 1980.

Whilst the State Government has accepted the responsibility for provision of Wyong Hospital and its facilities, there are amenities and items of equipment which are not provided by the Health Commission. It is for



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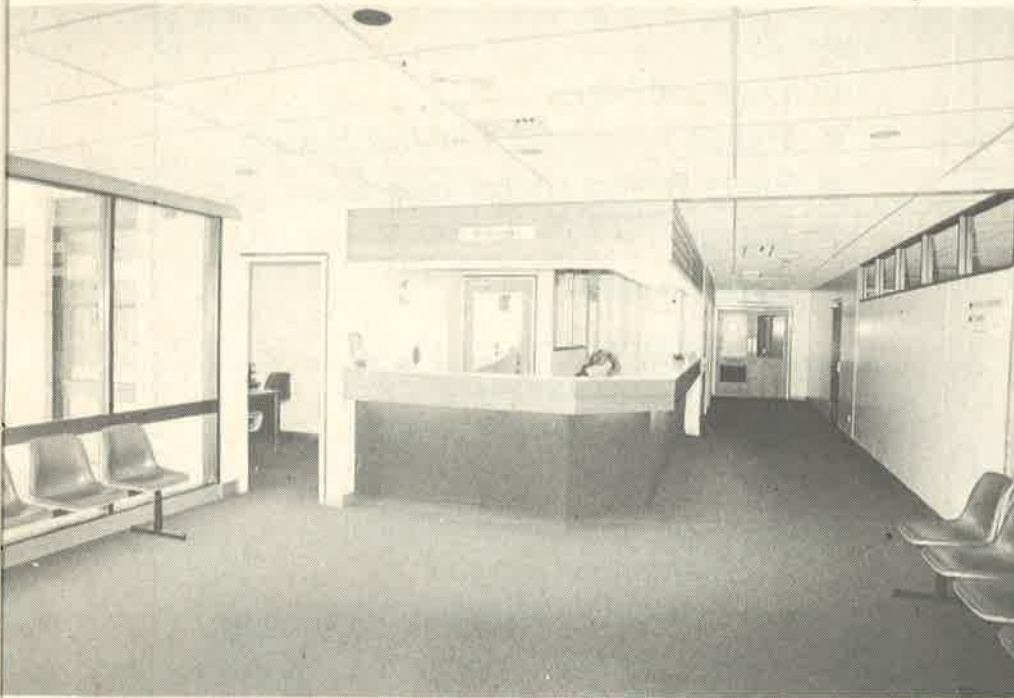
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the purchase of these items that funds which have been locally raised will be used.

From the very earliest days of the history of Wyong Hospital, fund-raising has been enthusiastically, and effectively, undertaken. Once construction of the hospital commenced, donations began to escalate at a most gratifying rate. The interest in the hospital is widespread and many organisations in the Shire have made the hospital one of their fund-raising projects. Some organisations and individuals donate money for specific items, while others raise and donate funds to be used for equipment and amenities as the need arises.

Fund-raising methods have been diverse and, at times, unique—such as the one which raised \$6,000 being part of the proceeds of two group trips to the South Pole, and for several years there was sponsorship of a Charity Queen, in association with the Wyong Springtime Festival.

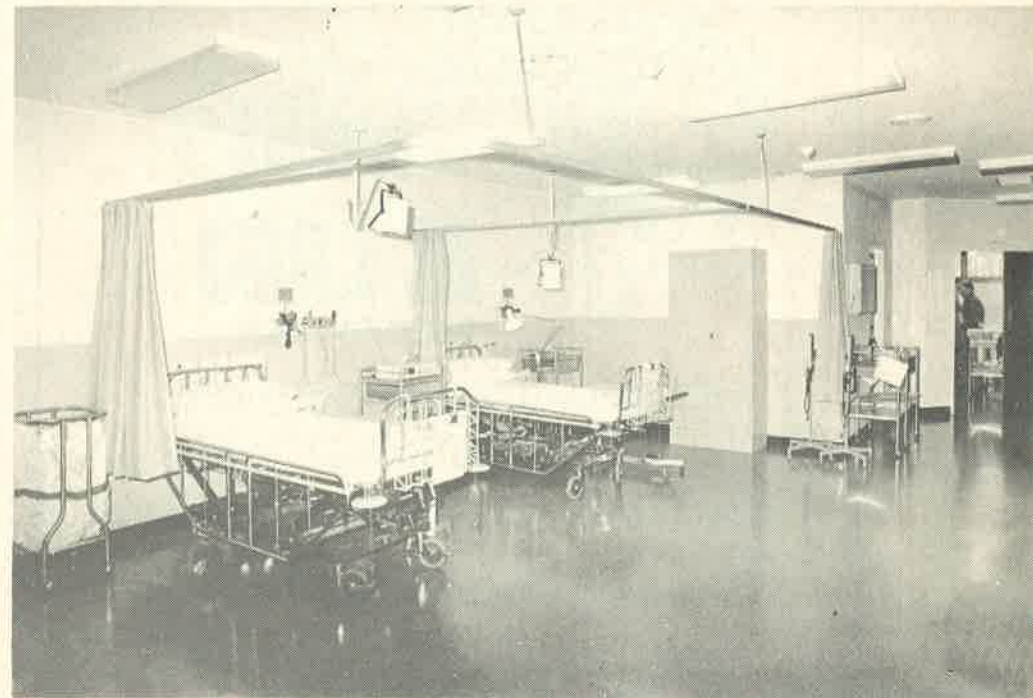


The colours of the entrance foyer of the Hospital, green carpets, brown furnishings, blend beautifully with the rural outlook.

Total funds raised by the Wyong Hospital Committee and the Wyong Hospital Auxiliary, jointly, exceed \$100,000. In addition, and independently, Wyong Hospital Auxiliary has raised \$30,000 and The Tuggerah Lakes Hospital Auxiliary \$25,561.41.

The Wyong Hospital Trust also raised a substantial amount towards and acquisition of the Hospital site.

A portion of the funds which were jointly raised by the Wyong Hospital Committee and Wyong Hospital Auxiliary will be used to build a kiosk, an essential amenity of any hospital and one which will benefit patients, visitors and staff alike. It will also provide an on-going source of revenue for the provision of equipment and amenities in the future. The auxiliaries of the area will staff the kiosk on a voluntary basis, thus providing another avenue of their service to the community in general and to the Hospital in particular.



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ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS

The Health Commission of N.S.W. requested the architects to design a new hospital for the Wyong Shire in such a way that it could be expanded in stages.

As a result the architects, Thompson, Glendenning and Paul selected a low profile and low energy-using design concept, based on the "nucleus" or "expandable hospital" principle which will enable Wyong Hospital to grow as the need arises, with minimum disruption to the existing facilities and services.

Thompson, Glendenning and Paul are well-known throughout New South Wales in the field of hospital architecture and have completed major projects at Grafton, Bathurst, Newcastle Mater and Mona Vale in recent years.

Their thoroughness in researching the design concept and their attention to detail have led to a very high standard building, which blends in beautifully with the surrounding environment.

The first stage comprises:—

Inpatient Accommodation

- a 30-bed acute care ward, having 6 single rooms with en-suite facilities and 6 × 4-bed wards.
- a 20-bed progressive care ward, having 20 single rooms with en-suite facilities.

Activities Centre for the provision of physiotherapy, occupational therapy group therapy etc., for both inpatients and outpatients, as well as allowing for lectures in preventative health care together with associated facilities.

Accident & Emergency Unit to provide basic casualty services to the district.

Supporting Services to provide back-up facilities for 100 beds. These include:

- Catering and dining facilities
- Administration
- Mortuary
- Staff facilities
- Storage
- Ambulance Transfer
- Engineering Services
- Carparking and delivery
- Staff residential accommodation.

Future development will include an additional 50 beds in Stage 2, as well as an operating theatre suite and expansion of the Casualty, X-ray, Activity Centre and Administration areas. Ultimately, Wyong will become a 400-bed hospital.

PROJECT TEAM

The project team consisted of:

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| Ms P. Cooper | Nurse Planner, Health Commission. |
| Mr K. Paul | Architect, Thompson, Glendenning & Paul |
| Mr D. Meares | Architect, Thompson, Glendenning & Paul |
| Mr G. Moore | Project Manager (responsible for overall project co-ordination) |
| Mrs S. Cowdery | Nurse Commissioning Officer (responsible for implementation of nursing/medical policies and equipment) |
| Mrs M. Dougherty | Interior Design (responsible for co-ordination of colour schedules, materials, finishes and fabrics within the building). |

There is no doubt that the team can be justly proud of its efforts, as has been borne out by the many compliments and admiring glances received from visitors to the hospital.

The project proceeded smoothly all along the way, through the able assistance of Mr A. Smith, the Clerk of Works.

BUILDER

The builder of the project was the Central Coast firm of Beattie & Frost Pty Ltd, which has completed other health facilities at Gosford District Hospital in recent years, as well as major school projects and commercial undertakings. The persons responsible for the project, Mr Geoff Iles and Mr Alby Prendergast, have ensured that a high building standard was maintained throughout the construction of the hospital. Construction commenced in December 1978 and was completed in June 1980.

Members of the Planning Committee

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| Mr H. R. Beer | Deputy Regional Director, Northern Metropolitan Region. |
| Mr L. E. Hannell | Chairman, Central Coast Area Health Board |
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| Miss M. Lowndes | Director of Nursing |
| Mr J. Brandon | Principal Architect, Health Commission |
| Mr D. Small | Wyong Shire Representative |
| Mr K. Paul | Thompson, Glendenning & Paul |
| Mr G. Moore | Project Manager |

ENGINEERING SERVICES

BOILERS

A rather unique feature of the hospital's engineering services is the two Parkinson Cowan electrode boilers. These boilers operate solely on electric mains power supplied by the Sydney County Council, and supply all the hot water needed for heating and domestic purposes. This water is stored in a 45.5 megalitre insulated tank, and is maintained at a temperature of 90°C. It is circulated through heat exchangers which raise the temperature of the mains pressure water to approximately 71°C for domestic use, and also for heating purposes.

AIR CONDITIONING

The air conditioning consists of twenty-five incremental "Singer Remington" air conditioning units which are fitted in each room of the progressive care block. The casualty department has its own ducted heating and cooling system, whilst the remainder of the hospital is serviced with a ducted type fresh air and cooling ventilation system.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Electric power is supplied by the Sydney County Council to the hospital's main switchboard from where it is divided into two separate reticulating systems, namely essential and non-essential supply. The essential supply serves all the critical patient areas as well as other essential zones such as alarm panels, blood refrigerators and nurses' call systems within the hospital.

In the event of a major power failure, power is maintained to the essential areas from a diesel powered alternator which automatically starts, and is generating full power within ten seconds.

KITCHEN

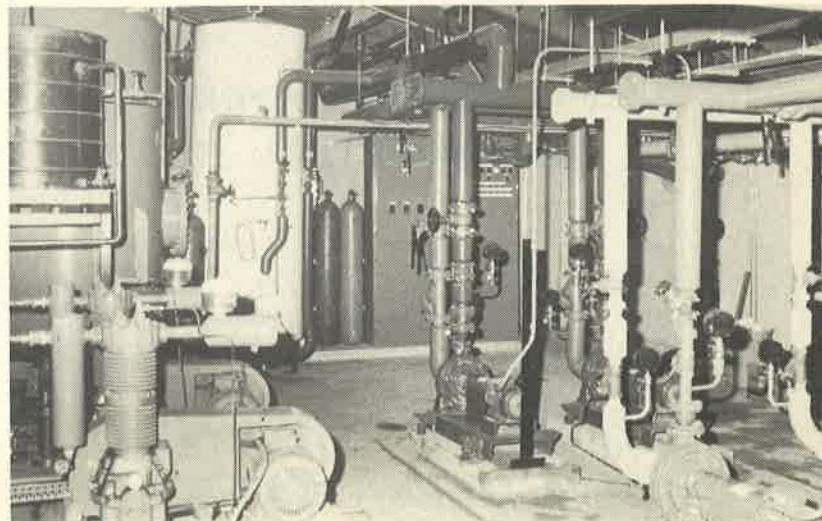
The kitchen is well equipped with modern electric powered food preparation equipment, and has two large cool rooms and one freezing room.

FIRE PROTECTION

Outside the building there are several well-placed hydrant stand pipes connected to the council's water reticulation system. Inside the building there are a number of fire hose reels, and there are appropriate fire extinguishers in other areas. The building has a fire detection system which incorporates heat and smoke detectors in most areas, including plant rooms and roof spaces. These automatically transmit a signal to the main alarm panel in the event of smoke or heat being present in these protected areas.

MEDICAL GASES

Uncontaminated medical air is supplied from two dry lubricated medical air compressors, and is reticulated to the patients' bedside panel where it is used for either suction or breathing. Oxygen is supplied to the panel from a cylinder manifold which accommodates eight large oxygen cylinders, four of which are in use, while four are kept in reserve. The cylinders in reserve automatically come into service when the cylinders in use become empty, and an alarm signal automatically indicates that the cylinders need replacing. In the event of an oxygen failure a visible and audible alarm occurs at the main alarm panel adjacent to the switchboard operator's desk.



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