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VICTORIAN COUNCIL ON THE AGEING

ANNUAL REPORT

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OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

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For the Year Ended 30th June, 1956

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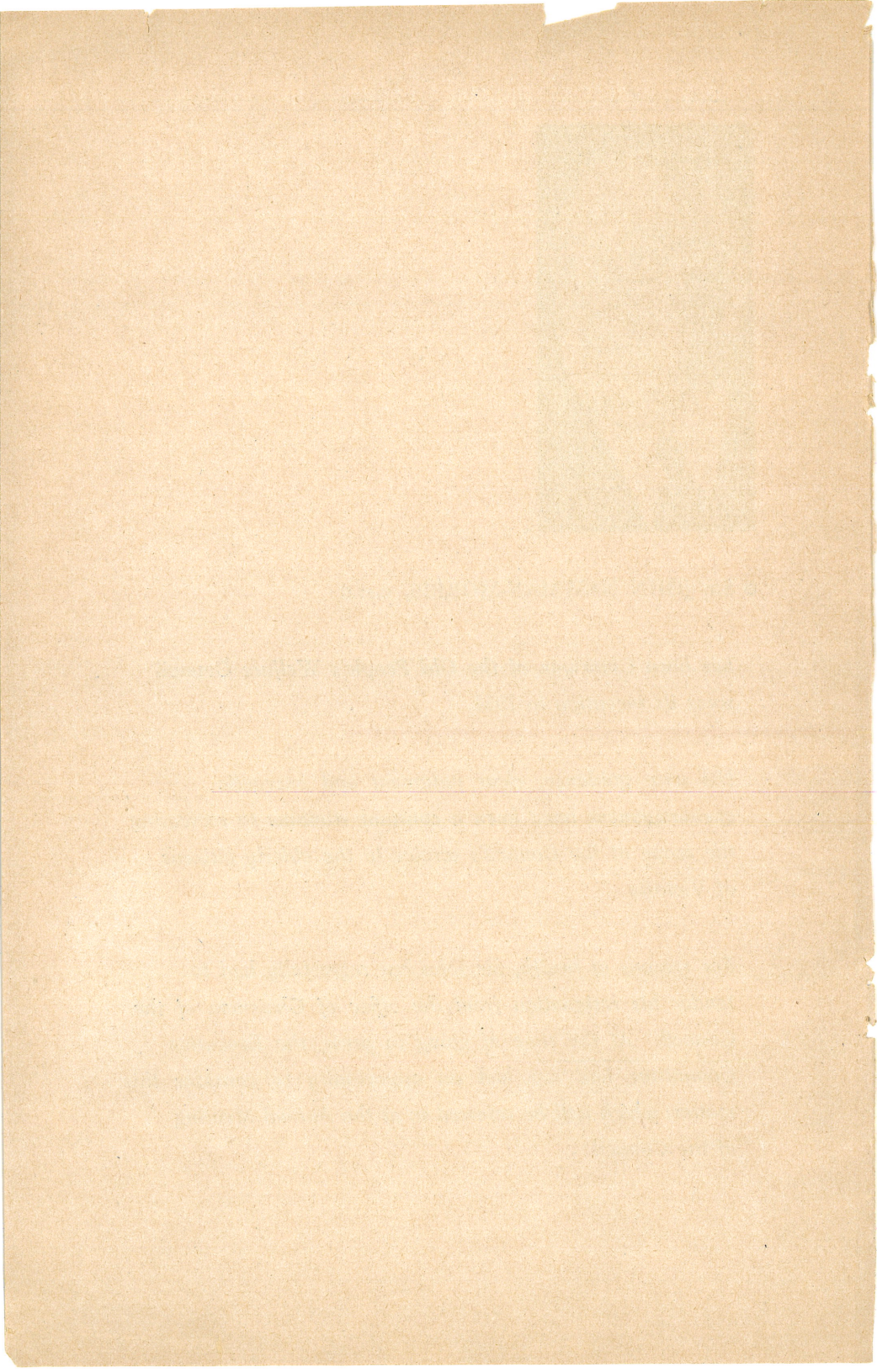


● SIR JOHN NEWMAN-MORRIS, C.M.G.

has been Chairman of the Old People's Welfare Council since its inception in 1951.

His wise guidance, clear judgment and energetic encouragement have been a constant stimulus to increasing the scope of the Council's service to the elderly citizens of Victoria.

For reasons of health, Sir John has regretfully had to tender his resignation from the office of Chairman of the Council. At the time of going to press, the Executive Committee had not had an opportunity to consider this matter, which will be referred to at the Annual Meeting of the Council.



OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1956

The Executive Committee of the Council has pleasure in presenting its Fifth Annual Report.

It welcomes, as the deputy leader and representative of the State Government, the Deputy Premier, Hon. A. G. Rylah, E.D., M.P., to the Annual Meeting of the Council which, this year, will take place in conjunction with the State Conference on the Needs and Problems of the Aged.

When moving the adoption of the Council's Fourth Annual Report, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, concluded by saying: 'From now on, our slogan must be 'Action', with all possible help to the Old People's Welfare Council, to enable them to do the job to which they are committed.'

"Action" has, indeed, been the Council's slogan during the intervening twelve months and there is an encouraging record of progress to report in many municipalities throughout the State.

As a number of organisations have directed their activities towards the provision of institutional care for old people, it was felt that the Old People's Welfare Council could, in the first instance, engage most effectively in the promotion of a widespread recognition of the degree to which the needs of the majority of elderly citizens could be met outside institutions.

"PILOT" INVESTIGATIONS

Accordingly, the extension of the Council's field work, during the second half of 1955, consisted of "pilot" investigations into the most effective manner in which to deal with the non-institutional care of elderly citizens. These were carried out in various localities to an extent which provided a basis for proceeding with a State-wide project, which has since attained considerable proportions.

As a result, plans for a large and growing number of recreational clubs, midday meals and meals on wheels, emergency housekeeper and visiting services, and similar amenities are being developed in metropolitan and country centres. This is dealt with in more detail in the Director's Report.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEES

The procedure for forming a local Old People's Welfare Committee is to enlist the co-operation of the Mayor in acting as Chairman of an informal meeting of citizens, representatives of organisations already existing in the field of welfare of old people, together with councillors and other leading citizens.

The Director of the Old People's Welfare Council addresses the meeting and answers questions. Those present then form themselves into a Provisional Old People's Welfare Committee of the locality, the Director acting as Honorary Secretary and adviser in the preliminary stages of development.

Full details of the suggested procedure are set out in the Council's Leaflet, No. 1—"How to Start an Old People's Welfare Committee".

LOCAL SURVEYS

One of the first activities of such a committee may be to arrange for a survey of the needs of the elderly citizens of that municipality. Two types of survey have been developed for use in this connection.

- (a) The first is designed to be carried out by direct interview of as large a cross-section of the elderly in the community as can be attempted by the number of interviewers available, and the provision of names and addresses of elderly citizens.
- (b) The second type of survey, used when the first is found to be impracticable, consists of requesting the clergy and doctors of the community to answer brief questionnaires concerning those elderly citizens who are known to them.

With the helpful co-operation of the Director-General of the Commonwealth Department of Social Services, a trained social worker can be made available to brief the interviewers who are taking part in the survey. Due to the fact that the interviews are carried out by untrained interviewers, the statistical value of the completed questionnaires is not so complete as would be the case if trained personnel were available.

They do, however, serve their purpose, i.e., they indicate in a sufficiently informative manner the specific needs of a number of elderly citizens of that particular community. This is of the utmost assistance in providing the local Old People's Welfare Committee with facts upon which to base its appeals to that community for assistance in providing Recreational Clubs, Meals on Wheels, Housekeeping Services, Visiting Services, Chiropody, etc.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES

We are deeply appreciative of the extent to which the State Government makes available subsidies for capital expenditure on the provision of amenities and services, and also of the subsidies to local councils in connection with their net expenditure on the maintenance of such amenities and services.

As the subsidies are payable in every case through the local council, it is obvious that the setting up of the Old People's

Welfare Committee must always be with the approval of the local council, which is also invited to nominate its official representatives as members of the Committee.

The statutory authorities—the Hospitals and Charities Commission in the case of the provision of institutional care, and the Health Department in the case of non-institutional measures—are most helpful to local Councils and Old People's Welfare Committees.

STATE CONFERENCE

Plans for the holding of a State Conference on the Needs and Problems of the Aged have been the subject of consideration for some time past. In March, a State Conference Committee was formed, comprising Mrs. W. H. Dobson (Convenor), Sir Giles Chippindall, Mr L. R. East, Mrs. J. G. Norris, Miss Lyra Taylor and Mrs. F. G. Tuddenham.

With the cordial co-operation of the Melbourne Medical Post-Graduate Committee, an invitation was extended to Dr. J. H. Sheldon, M.D., M.R.C.P., Director of Medicine, Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, to be guest speaker at the Conference.

This invitation was graciously accepted and a comprehensive programme of addresses, discussions and visits to clubs and institutions was arranged for the period August 27th to 29th, 1956.

Full details of the Conference are set out in the printed programmes and the Council is grateful to all who so readily consented to make valuable contributions from their knowledge and experience to the delegates attending the Conference.

It is confidently anticipated that this is the forerunner of a regular series of such conferences.

SPECIALISED CASEWORK FOR THE ELDERLY

Arising from considerations submitted to the Old People's Welfare Council by Miss Alison Player, Senior Almoner at the Alfred Hospital, a conference of representatives of a number of organisations especially interested in the welfare of the elderly was convened on 6th December, 1955, by our Chairman, Sir John Newman-Morris.

From the discussion which took place, it was clearly demonstrated to those present that an advisory and assistance service specially designed to cover the needs and problems of the elderly was an urgent necessity.

It was also unanimously agreed that an extension of the activities of the Citizens' Welfare Service of Victoria would be the most appropriate manner in which to give effect to the services envisaged.

The Committee of the Citizens' Welfare Service gave the matter detailed consideration and prepared a submission for

financial assistance to the Hospitals and Charities Commission. This was supported by Sir John Newman-Morris, on behalf of the Old People's Welfare Council.

It is understood that the submission is now being examined by the Commission.

COURSE OF LECTURES

During the year, a course of lectures was arranged by the Hospitals and Charities Commission, in consequence of the growing interest in the care of the aged. Matrons, secretaries and members of the committees of management in charge of homes for old people conducted by voluntary organisations found the lectures and discussions of interest and importance in helping them to keep up with the present-day extension and development of services for the welfare of old people.

Because of the interest shown in the lectures, and the demand for copies of lecturers' notes, the Commission has arranged to print the notes of most of the lecturers who were able to supply them.

LECTURE BY MRS. W. H. DOBSON

The Hon. Secretary of the Old People's Welfare Council was invited by the Commission to give a lecture on "The Place of the Club in the Elderly Citizen's Life" at the above-mentioned course of lectures.

Reference was made to the fact that many elderly people live alone and much serious deterioration among them comes from an unconscious lack of interest in their own well-being. It is the individual's own attitude towards his increasing years which causes him to age.

At the recent London Congress, many delegates stressed the point that one of the most important aims for the aged is to keep living a normal, independent life for as long as possible. This is where the Club makes its most important contribution to the life of the elderly. Without company and, very often, without good food, it is not long before deterioration in health takes place. The Club provides company and well-balanced meals.

The improvement in health and spirits of those who have joined Clubs and have taken advantage of the meals and amenities provided has in many cases been remarkable.

A valuable supplementary service to each club is a Meals on Wheels service, while Home Helps, Home Nursing, friendly visitors, Holiday Houses, Half-way Houses, chiropody services and SOS cards are extensions of the complete preventive service which can be built around the focal point of the Club.

"How poor every municipality is that has not enriched the life of its elderly by seeing to their needs. Most districts, in fact, need not one but several Clubs," said Mrs. Dobson.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The Hospitals and Charities Commission plans to bring representatives of organisations together to arrange for regional co-ordination of organisations for the care of old people, on similar lines to the hospital regional scheme which is operating successfully. The Commission advises that it is now arranging the first of these regional conferences.

THE EMPLOYMENT FELLOWSHIP (LONDON)

A visitor to Melbourne in January was Mr. John Robson, Chairman of The Employment Fellowship, of London. Arrangements were made for him to meet the Chairman and Director of The Old People's Welfare Council and Mr. S. Gilmour, President of the Over Fifties Association.

Mr. Robson expressed himself as being very interested in all that he learned here, and the following is extracted from a recent letter received from him since his return to England:—

"The Employment Fellowship is doing much to provide part-time employment for old age pensioners. At a recent meeting of the helpers and organisers of the various undertakings sponsored by the Fellowship, all were emphatic in their belief that not only is the work valuable in providing supplementary income, but that the feeling that they are doing something useful and are not left on the scrap heap has a valuable psychological effect.

"Out of the coming together of these old people, friendships are formed, which are often the means of breaking down the feeling of loneliness, that is one of the great troubles of old people."

SERIES OF LEAFLETS

A series of informative 6-page leaflets is being prepared by the Council, the first two having been published during the past year: Leaflet No. 1, "How to Start an Old People's Welfare Committee," and Leaflet No. 2, "Clubs for Elderly Citizens".

Leaflet No. 3, "Meals on Wheels," will be published shortly and will be followed by other titles in the series during the coming year.

A wide distribution of the first two leaflets has already been attained and they have provided a useful contribution on the subject matter selected.

SPEAKERS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Four meetings of the Council were held during the year, at which interesting addresses by guest speakers were heard and a short feature film was presented.

At the September meeting, the guest speaker was Dr. Graeme Larkins, Geriatrician to Mount Royal and to the Geriatric

Unit to be run jointly by Mount Royal and Royal Melbourne Hospital, and a Fellow of the American Geriatric Society. The subject of his address was "Grow Old and Live".

In December, Mr. F. H. Rowe, C.B.E., Director-General of Social Services and Australian Representative on the United Nations Social Commission, was the invited guest speaker. Due to his unavoidable absence through illness, a review of the Council's field work was given by the Director of the Old People's Welfare Council.

Mrs. D. R. Dossetor, M.B.E., former Chief Nursing Officer of the London County Council, gave the address at the February meeting, her topic being "Developments in the Care of Old People in Britain". This address is about to be published in the Health Department "Bulletin".

The short feature film, "None to Trouble Nobody," was shown at the June meeting, by courtesy of Allied Ironfounders Pty. Ltd. This film is one of a series of three films produced by this firm on the social problems of Great Britain.

The excellent attendance of Council Members and guests at these meetings reflects their high degree of interest in the subject of old age and the outstanding calibre of the programmes arranged.

In closing, the Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the work of the Director, Mr. Randal M. White, who has worked with tireless energy to widen the scope of the Council's activities. The perusal of this report and also of the Director's own report, furnishes adequate proof that the Council has indeed been fortunate to secure his services. During the past twelve months, many of the early plans have been brought to fruition and new ones have been evolved, so that the work and influence of the Old People's Welfare Council is spreading widely through the State.

A. T. DOBSON,

Hon. Secretary.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The field work of the Council during the past twelve months falls into two main phases — firstly, the exploratory work in a few selected metropolitan and country areas and, secondly, the wider extension of the work throughout many parts of the State. The outcome of the year's activities is briefly summarised hereunder.

In almost every instance, the approach to a community has been through the Mayor or Shire President, often supplemented by opportunities to speak to the Municipal or Shire Council, Rotary Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Apex Club or other local community service organisation. The newspaper editors and radio station managers in many districts have given invaluable publicity and encouragement.

The factor influencing our approach to many communities has been the interested response and enquiry following receipt of a letter from our Chairman, Sir John Newman-Morris, which was sent to every Mayor and Shire President immediately following the municipal elections last year.

The manner in which many of these heavily burdened leaders in the local government sphere have recognised the needs and problems of elderly citizens is beyond adequate praise. Their personal enthusiasm and energy has resulted in remarkable progress being made by local committees in a short period of time.

Invitations were received to visit a number of places where some form of service to the elderly was already in force or was being planned. It was most encouraging to find this practical interest displayed in both city and country, and it was a privilege to be invited to address the committees concerned.

In addition, during the year under review, Old People's Welfare Committees were formed in the following centres:—

Metropolitan Area

Essendon—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. E. B. Basford.
Brunswick—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. J. M. Walton.
Northcote—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. A. W. Sheppard.
Williamstown—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. E. S. Loft.
Collingwood—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. H. Geddes.
Sandringham—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. H. Nankervis.

Country Area

Bendigo—Chairman: Dr. W. T. C. Straede.
Ballarat—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. N. T. Callow.
Hamilton—Chairman: The Mayor, Cr. W. F. Hewett.
Portland—Chairman: Cr. Mrs. M. E. Hedditch.
Warrnambool—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. J. A. Welsh.
Castlemaine—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. R. J. Langdon.
Maryborough—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. V. V. Rinaldi.

Port Fairy—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. W. H. Goldsmith.

Daylesford—Chairman: the Mayor, Cr. W. W. Wood.

At 30th June, arrangements for the formation of Old People's Welfare Committees had already been instituted with the Mayors of:—

Shepparton—Cr. L. C. Trevaskis.

Echuca—Cr. F. C. McCartney.

Camperdown—Cr. P. J. Sinnott.

Colac—Cr. D. C. Stalker.

Contact, preliminary to further action, was made with some 20 municipalities in the metropolitan area and with 11 additional municipalities or shires in country districts. It is planned to develop local Old People's Welfare Committees where no adequately representative body already operates and to help strengthen existing committees wherever they are to be found.

As an indication of the kind of action that follows the formation of local organisations, the following brief illustrations are given:—

Metropolitan Area

Essendon—Grant of land secured from Lands Dept. for Elderly Citizens' Club. Nearly £4,000 in hand. Vigorous Committee, under chairmanship of Mayor, prepared to meet the needs of elderly citizens of the municipality. Survey of nearly 800 elderly citizens just completed and now being studied.

Northcote—Survey of approximately 500 elderly citizens, organised by the Northcote Rotary Club, just completed. Committee preparing to plan the provision of services and amenities needed.

Williamstown—Newly formed Committee adopted as initial objective the provision of two Elderly Citizens' Clubs. Investigating ways and means of providing Meals on Wheels, Housekeeper Service, etc.

Moorabbin—Plans for an Elderly Citizens' Club in each of the four wards in the municipality are in hand. The first Club, at Bentleigh, should be completed this year.

Brunswick—The Brunswick Rotary Club has undertaken to organise a survey of nearly 1,000 elderly citizens in the municipality. Meanwhile, some funds are already in hand for the provision of such services and amenities as may be found to be required.

Country Area

Bendigo—Plans for the establishment of an Elderly Citizens' Club are in hand and the Council is considering the grant of land for a site. An Advisory Bureau has been established. Long-range plans include a housing scheme.

Portland—A promise of 3 acres of land adjoining the town has been received for a cottage scheme. Investigations regarding the extent of the need for Meals on Wheels and Housekeeper Service are proceeding and 24 individual containers for delivery of Meals on Wheels have been purchased.

Warrnambool—The Council has made available a choice piece of land opposite the Town Hall for an Elderly Citizens' Club. The Committee has formed sub-committees to go into building plans and raising of money.

Port Fairy—The Council has made two very suitable rooms in the Council Chambers available for an Elderly Citizens' Club. Money is in hand for decoration and furnishing. The Belfast Shire has joined with the Borough Council in plans for providing an Emergency Housekeeper Service, etc.

Daylesford—The Council has agreed to make a site available for an Elderly Citizens' Club adjoining the Council Chambers. Plans have already been tentatively discussed with the Health Department and money-raising schemes are being considered.

Maryborough—Arrangements for the use of rooms as an Elderly Citizens' Club have been entered into. Meanwhile, the Council has promised to consider the grant of a site in a public reserve for a permanent club.

The foregoing is not complete, even in respect to the localities mentioned, but is simply intended to demonstrate that where local committees are formed, useful action follows.

SPECIAL PROJECT

It is apparent from the investigations which have been made in both metropolitan and country areas, that we may confidently expect a ready response by local authorities to the suggestion that a local Old People's Welfare Committee should be formed to co-ordinate all efforts for the alleviation of the needs of old people in each community.

Accordingly, the Council has formulated plans for the carrying out of a Project for the establishment of Old People's Welfare Committees in defined circumstances throughout the State, which would result in the achievement of positive results for the welfare of elderly citizens throughout Victoria.

EXAMINATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

An examination of the Local Government areas into which the State is divided indicates that there are 65 Municipalities designated as Cities, Towns or Boroughs, whilst there are 138 Shires.

It is found that, of the 138 Shires, 10 have all or part of their boundaries within the statistical Metropolitan Area of Melbourne and may be included in our consideration of the

Metropolitan Area. Of the remainder, 27 Shires in the country include within their boundaries non-municipal towns of 2,000 persons or more. These towns afford centres in which local Old People's Welfare Committees can be formed, and from which activities to meet the needs of elderly people throughout the whole Shire could originate.

The remaining 101 Shires do not include within their boundaries non-municipal towns of 2,000 persons or more, and in many cases the population is so scattered that a co-ordinated approach to the problem of meeting the needs of elderly people would be difficult to accomplish. On the other hand, a number of these Shires are found to be adjacent to Municipalities in which Old People's Welfare Committees will be formed, and there is no doubt that the needs of a number of elderly citizens in those Shires would be catered for by such Committees.

As an illustration, the Castlemaine and District Old People's Welfare Committee has realised that the needs of a number of citizens of the adjoining Shires of Newstead, Maldon and Metcalfe should be catered for by that Committee, and it has, consequently, invited the Councils of those Shires to appoint representatives to the Committee so that they will be in a position to observe what activities are being promoted and report back to their respective Shire Councils.

As it has not been possible to compute the number of old people who would be catered for in this way, they have not been included in the statistical details.

AREAS SELECTED FOR SPECIAL PROJECT

The project now assumed by this Council is, where representative committees for the promotion of the welfare of elderly citizens do not yet exist, to set up local Old People's Welfare Committees in each city, town, borough and shire in the metropolitan area of Melbourne, and in each city, town and borough in the country, together with the 27 country shires which have non-municipal towns of 2,000 persons or more.

It will be seen that these 102 local government areas contain 2,041,512 persons, or 83.25% of the total population of the State; and 162,114 persons aged 66 years of age and over, or 85.2% of the total of that age group in the State.

The remaining 101 shires are those which do not contain non-municipal towns of 2,000 persons or more. Whilst the number of such shires is considerable, it will be seen that they only contain 16.75% of the population of the State, and only 14.8% of persons aged 66 years of age or over. As has been pointed out above, an appreciable number of these persons may be expected to be catered for by Old People's Welfare Committees in adjacent communities.

The following statistical details of the selected areas were extracted from the figures published by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Census of 30th June, 1954.

STATE OF VICTORIA

	Local Govt. Areas	Total Population	Persons aged 66 years and over
Metropolitan Area of Melbourne			
Cities, Towns and Boroughs	31	1,367,196	113,368
Shires (all or part of which lie within the statistical Metropolitan Area of Melbourne)	10	181,819	10,957
Country			
Cities, Towns and Boroughs	34	277,965	24,936
Shires, having non-municipal Towns of 2,000 persons or more	27	214,532	12,853
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Total areas and populations to be contacted	102	2,041,512	162,114
Remainder (not included in present project)			
Country Shires	101	402,790	28,150
Population classified as "Migratory" ..	—	8,040	171
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State Totals	203	2,452,342	190,435
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RANDAL M. WHITE,
Director

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Finance Sub-Committee has met regularly for the examination and oversight of the Council's activities from the financial point of view.

It has expressed satisfaction with the economical operations of the extensive field work undertaken by the Director and is of the opinion that the funds made available to the Council have been effectively used in promoting the welfare of the elderly citizens of Victoria.

For the year ended 30th June, 1956, the funds used by the Council were made available by the generous donation of the Sidney Myer Charitable Trust. These funds were supplemented by valuable gifts of furniture and equipment from a number of business houses and the use of a Volkswagen saloon made available by Mr Lionel Spencer, Managing Director of Spencer Motors Pty. Ltd.

These funds are almost exhausted and the Council must look to other sources for its future financial requirements. The State Government, through the Minister for Health, Hon. E. P. Cameron, has sympathetically reviewed the situation and the Hospitals and Charities Commission has promised £1,000 to carry us over a short period while plans for securing an adequate income are made.

It will, consequently, be necessary to request permission to make a public appeal and it is hoped that sufficient support will be forthcoming to render it unnecessary for us to make this an annual effort.

The financial statement accompanying this Report has been audited by our Hon. Auditors, Messrs. L. B. Wallace and Son, and is submitted for adoption at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

D. R. DOSSETOR,

Hon. Treasurer.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for year ended 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Net Accumulated Funds 1/7/55	£2,936 6 2	Fixtures and Fittings 1/7/55	£43 0 0
Less Excess of Expenditure and Depreciation over Receipts and Donations for year	2,257 16 6	Additions	24 0 0
Net Accumulated Funds 30/6/56	£678 9 8	Less Depreciation	£67 0 0
			15 10 0
		Furniture and Fittings 1/7/55	£108 0 0
		Additions	100 0 0
		Less Depreciation	£208 0 0
			47 2 6
		Office Machines 1/7/55	£12 0 0
		Additions	85 0 0
		Less Depreciation	£97 0 0
			20 0 0
		Cash at Bankers	77 0 0
			389 2 2
	£678 9 8		£678 9 8

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We report that we have audited the Books and Accounts of the Old People's Welfare Council for the year ended 30th June, 1956, and that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and that in our opinion the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Receipts and Payments are properly drawn up and exhibit a true and correct view of the Council's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Council.

Dated at Melbourne this 19th day of July, 1956.

L. B. WALLACE & SON

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (Aust.)

Hon. Auditors.

Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 1956

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
1955	June 30	1956	June 30
July	1	July	1
1956	By Balance at Bank	1956	To Capital Expenditure—
June 30	£2,773 6 2	June 30	Cupboards and Door
			Typewriter
	Donations—		Salaries
	Mr. I. V. Bolton		Printing and Stationery
	McDougall's Pty. Ltd.		Lighting and Heating
	Myer Emporium Ltd.		Postages, Telephone, etc.
	Field Officers' Club—		Rent
	N.M.L.A.		Travelling Expenses
	Mr. Herbert Burgess		Car Expenses
	Fred. J. Cato—		General Expenses—
	Charitable Trust		Duplicating
	Mr. L. R. East		Cleaning
	Est. late Alfred Felton		Insurance
	National Pensioners'		Sundries
	Amenities Society		Research Project—
	Pioneers' Home Units		Repayment to Mr. N.
	Society		B. Carlyon
	The Danks Trust		Affiliation Fees
	H. G. Turner		Balance at Bank 30/6/56
	Samaritan Fund		
	Telephone and Sundry		
	Interest Received		
	£4,414 7 8		£4,414 7 8

The following organisations have nominated representatives as members of the Old People's Welfare Council for the year 1956-57 (as at 12th August, 1956):—

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| After Care Hospital | Moorabbin Elderly Citizens' Club |
| Alexander Miller Memorial Homes | Committee |
| Alfred Hospital | Mount Royal |
| Apex Club of Melbourne | National Council of Women of |
| Australian Association of Almoners | Victoria |
| Australian Association of Social | Northcote Old People's Welfare |
| Workers | Committee |
| Australian Red Cross Society | Northcote Pioneer Recreation |
| Bendigo Old People's Welfare | Centre |
| Society | Over Fifty's Association of |
| Black Rock Elderly Citizens' Club | Victoria |
| British Medical Association | Port Fairy and District Old |
| Brotherhood of St. Laurence | People's Welfare Committee |
| Business and Professional Men's | Portland Old People's Welfare |
| Civic Association | Committee |
| Business and Professional Women's | Prahran Club for the Aged |
| Club of Melbourne | Queen Elizabeth Benevolent |
| Castlemaine Benevolent Home, | Home, Ballarat |
| "Alexander" | Richmond Dispensary and |
| Caulfield Elderly Citizens' | Outpatients' Clinic |
| Association | Rotary Club of Melbourne |
| Chelsea Elderly Citizens' Club | Royal Melbourne Hospital |
| Churches of Christ Dept. of Social | Royal Victorian College of |
| Service | Nursing |
| Church of England Homes for | Salvation Army |
| Elderly People | Dr. Singleton Dispensary and |
| Citizens' Welfare Service of | Welfare Centre |
| Victoria | Society for the Care of Aged or |
| Coburg Elderly Citizens' Welfare | Incapacitated Nurses |
| Organisation | South Melbourne City Council |
| Colac Town Council | South Melbourne Elderly Citizens' |
| Combined Pensioners' Association | Club |
| Council of Churches in Victoria | South Melbourne Home Help |
| Country Women's Association of | Auxiliary and Elderly Citizens' |
| Victoria | Canteen |
| Donald Cameron Homes | Strathalan Baptist Aged People's |
| Essendon Old People's Welfare | Homes |
| Committee | Toc H |
| Freemasons' Homes of Victoria | Victorian Association of |
| Gladwood Home | Benevolent Societies |
| Hawthorn Over Sixty's Club | Victorian Bush Nursing |
| Kew Elder Citizens' Association | Association |
| Maryborough Old People's | Victorian Congregational Women's |
| Welfare Committee | Fellowship |
| Melbourne City Mission | Victorian Council for Mental |
| Melbourne District Nursing | Hygiene |
| Society | Warrnambool & District Old |
| Melbourne Jewish Philanthropic | People's Welfare Committee |
| Society | War Widows and Widowed |
| Melbourne Ladies' Benevolent | Mothers' Association |
| Society | War Widows' Guild |
| Mental Hospitals Auxiliaries of | Williamstown Elderly Citizens' |
| Victoria | Welfare Committee |
| Methodist Home Mission | Young Women's Christian |
| | Association |

