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**OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**1962-1963**



# OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

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FRONT COVER PICTURE: Her Majesty the Queen pauses to speak to Mrs. Lloyd, ex-army nurse and a member of the Hawthorn Over 60 Club, at the Melbourne Town Hall reception.

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## ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1962-1963

- After Care Hospital.  
 Age & Invalid Pensioners Association (Club), Ivanhoe.  
 "Alexander", Castlemaine.  
 Alexander Miller Memorial Homes.  
 Alfred Hospital.  
 Altona Elderly Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
 Apex Club of Melbourne.  
 Ararat Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Ashburton & District Senior Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
 Ashburton Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Association for the Advancement of the Blind.  
 Australian Association of Social Workers (Vic. Branch).  
 Australian Medical Association (Vic. Branch).  
 Australian Red Cross Society (Victorian Division).
- Ballarat & District Old People's Welfare Association.  
 Benalla & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Bendigo & District Old People's Welfare Society.  
 Black Rock Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Box Hill Elderly Citizens' Committee.  
 Brighton Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Brotherhood of St. Laurence.  
 Business & Professional Men's Civic Association, Footscray.  
 Business & Professional Women's Club of Melbourne.
- Donald Cameron Homes Committee (Presbyterian Church of Victoria).  
 Camperdown Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Canterbury Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
 Carlton Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Carnegie-Murrumbidgee Elderly Citizens' Association.  
 Castlemaine & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Catholic Church — Represented by St. Vincent de Paul's Society.  
 Catholic Women's Social Guild.  
 Caulfield Elderly Citizens' Association.  
 Charlton Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Chelsea Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Cheltenham Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Churches of Christ Department of Social Service.  
 Church of England Homes for Elderly People.  
 Citizens' Welfare Service of Victoria.  
 Cobram Elderly Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
 Coburg Elderly Citizens' Welfare Organisation.  
 Colac & District Elderly Citizens' Welfare Association.  
 Colac City Council.  
 Coleraine & District Old People's Welfare Organisation.  
 Combined Pensioners' Association.  
 Country Women's Association of Victoria.
- Dimboola & District Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Donald Senior Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
 Drouin Senior Citizens' Club.  
 Dunolly Senior Citizens' Club.
- Echuca Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Essendon Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Euroa & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Evergreen Club, Balwyn.
- Fairview Homes for the Aged, Warragul.  
 Ferntree Gully Aged People's Homes.  
 Fitzroy Elderly Citizens' Club.
- Footscray Senior Citizens' Welfare Club.  
 Frankston Elderly People's Welfare Committee.  
 Freemasons' Homes of Victoria.
- Gladswood Home.
- Hampton Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Hawthorn Over-60 Club.  
 Healesville Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Hospitals and Charities Commission.
- Jewish Social Service Council of Victoria.
- Kanyana Club, Colac.  
 Kew Elder Citizens' Association.  
 Korumburra Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Kilmore Senior Citizens' Welfare Committee.
- League of Women Voters of Victoria.
- Shire of Maffra Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Malvern Elderly Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
 Maryborough Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Medical Women's Society of Victoria.  
 Melbourne City Mission Inc.  
 Melbourne District Nursing Service.  
 Melbourne Home & Hospital for the Aged.  
 Melbourne Jewish Philanthropic Society and the Montefiore Homes for the Aged.  
 Melbourne Junior Chamber of Commerce.  
 Melbourne Ladies' Benevolent Society.  
 Mental Hospitals Auxiliaries (Central Council).  
 Mental Hygiene Authority.  
 Methodist Homes for Aged.  
 Mildura Senior Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
 Mitcham 60 & Over Club.  
 City of Moorabbin Elderly Citizens' Old People's Welfare Executive Committee.  
 Mount Royal (Special Hospital for the Aged).
- National Council of Women of Victoria.  
 City of Newtown and Chilwell Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Noble Park Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 North and West Melbourne Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Northcote Pioneer Recreation Centre.
- Over Fifties Association of Victoria.
- Port Fairy & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Portland Old People's Welfare Committee.  
 Preston Elderly Citizens' & Trugo Club.  
 Prince Henry's Hospital.  
 K. G. Putt Elderly Citizens' Club.
- Queen Elizabeth Home, Ballarat.
- Reservoir Elderly Citizens' Club.  
 Richmond Dispensary & Outpatients' Clinic.  
 Rotary Club of Melbourne.  
 Royal Melbourne Hospital.  
 Royal Victorian College of Nursing.  
 R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. (Victorian Branch)  
 (Family Welfare Bureau).

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## MELBOURNE'S AGEING POPULATION

Advance figures showing the population of the metropolitan area, in age groups, as at the Census of 30th June, 1961, indicate substantial growth in the numbers of persons of 65 years of age and over.

Municipalities having the greatest concentration of citizens in this age group are Caulfield and Malvern, each with slightly over 15%. These are followed, in turn, by Kew (14.2%), Hawthorn (13.4%), Prahran (13.3%), while Brighton, South Melbourne and St. Kilda each have over 12%.

As might be expected, municipalities of comparatively recent expansion have the lowest percentages of elderly. They include Keilor, Broadmeadows, Waverley and the Shire of Altona, each with less than 3%.

At the 1954 Census the percentage of persons 65 years of age and over in the metropolitan area was 8. This increased to 8.8% at the 1961 Census, the comparative totals being 122,576 and 167,812, a rise in the elderly group of 45,236.

The Old People's Welfare Council is indebted to the Commonwealth Statist for the figures from which the foregoing calculations were made.

## LIBRARY

The Council is gradually building up a small but useful library of relevant material. Thanks are due to Mrs. Herta Crohn, an experienced Librarian who has given much time, thought and skill to assisting in this area of the Council's work.

The steady expansion of the Council's range of contacts overseas, which has been largely developed as a result of personal contacts made by the Assistant Director, has added materially to the quantity of useful literature received by the Council. In turn, the Council's publications are sought with interest by a large number of overseas agencies of various kinds.

## MISS SUMNER'S REPORT

### Recommendations adopted by Council

Reference was made in the last annual report of the visit of Miss Dorothy Sumner, Associate Professor of Social Work in the New York School of Social Work at Columbia University. Miss Sumner acted as consultant to the Council during June and July, 1962, and her activities received press, television and radio coverage.

A comprehensive report was received from Miss Sumner and was immediately considered by the Council's executive committee. After discussion of her recommendations a number of matters were listed as desirable developments. Most of these, with others recommended by the executive committee, were implemented and are recorded elsewhere in this annual report.

## INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

To date, Australia has not developed any considerable body of literature dealing authoritatively with the varied needs and problems of the elderly. It is, therefore, of great importance that the Old People's Welfare Council of Victoria should be in close and continuous contact with certain overseas organisations which are working actively in this field.

Our Council is, therefore, frequently in touch with the offices of the National Old People's Welfare Council in London and of the National Council on the Ageing in New York. In this way, it is possible to obtain early news of significant publications, conference reports, and the like.

In addition, literature is obtained from New Zealand, from Canada, from various State and voluntary bodies throughout the U.S.A., and from the Scandinavian countries. Our Council has correspondents in Israel and in Japan, two countries where it is on the giving as well as on the receiving end.

## Organizations represented on Old People's Welfare Council for Year 1962-1963

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Sale Elderly Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
Salvation Army.  
Sandringham Elderly Citizens' Association.  
Shepparton Senior Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
Dr. Singleton Dispensary & Welfare Centre.  
Society for the care of Aged & Incapacitated Nurses.  
Society of Friends (Quakers).  
Soroptomist Club of Melbourne.  
South Melbourne City Council.  
State Health Department.  
Stawell & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
St. Arnaud Old People's Welfare Committee.  
Strathalan Baptist Aged People's Homes.  
Swan Hill & District Senior Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
St. Kilda Welfare Organisation.  
Terang & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
Traralgon & District Elderly Citizens' Committee.

Victorian Association of Benevolent Societies.  
Victorian Congregational Women's Fellowship.  
Victorian Council for Mental Hygiene.  
Villa Maria Society for the Blind.

Wangaratta Old People's Welfare Committee.  
Warrnambool & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
Warracknabeal Elderly Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
War Widows' & Widowed Mothers' Association.  
War Widows Guild.  
Wattle Elderly Citizens' Club, Ferntree Gully.  
Williamstown Elderly Citizens' Welfare Committee.  
N. G. Wishart Elderly Citizens' Club, Moorabbin.

Yallourn & District Old People's Welfare Committee.  
Yarram Old People's Welfare Committee.  
Yarrowonga Old People's Welfare Committee.  
Y.W.C.A. (Southern Region).



## DONATIONS FROM SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES — (continued)

Island Road State £1, Jacana State £2/10/0, Jindivic State £1/5/2, Jordenville Tech. £5, Jordenville St. Mary Magdalen's £1.

Kal Kallio State 10/-, Kaniva Consolidated £5, Kangaroo Ground State £1/1/10, Karungal High £5/5/0, Katunga South State £2, Kennmare State 15/-, Kerang State £22/2/0, Kergunyah State 8/6, Kialla State £1/12/0, Kilmany South State 5/-, Kinglake State 11/6, Koonung Heights State £6/9/9, Koorweerup High £10, Korong Vale State £3/3/0, Kyneton High £10, Kyneton Marist Brothers College 10/-, Kyneton St. Theresa's £4/5/0.

Laew State £1, Lake Bolac High £2, Lalbert State 10/-, Lance Creek State 7/6, Launching Place State £1, Lawler State 15/-, Leitchville State £2, Leongatha North State £1, Lima State 13/6, Lorquon State 10/-, Lucyvale State £1/5/0, Lyonville State 3/-.

Macedon State 15/-, Maffra High £20/19/1, Magpie State 9/6, Malmesbury State 17/6, Malvern East £5, Mandurang South State £1, Mannerim State £1, Mannibadar State £2/2/0, Marcus Hill State £2/10/0, Marnoo State £2/2/0, Maribyrnong St. Margarets 10/-, Melbourne C. of E. Girls' Grammar School £10/14/0 (2), Melbourne Scotch College £10, Mentone St. Patrick's £15, Merbein State £2/2/0, Merbein High £2, Merlynston State £2, Merrijig State £1/0/6, Mead State £1/11/6, Merrilands High £4/10/0, Metcalfe State 5/-, Mildura High £10, Mildura South State £5, Mildura West State £5, Milford State £1, Millgrove State £5, Mirboo North High £3/3/0, Mitcham High £10, Mollongship State 16/9, Modella State £1/17/2, Montrose State £8/15/5, Moonee Ponds Presbyterian Girls Penleigh £6/16/6, Moorabbin Heights State £5, Moorabbin West State £5/5/0, Mooroolbark State £9/10/1, Moorilim State £1, Mortlake State £5/5/0, Morwell State £2/10/0, Mount Alfred State £2, Mount Beauty Secondary £4, Mount Moriac State £1, Mumbannar State 15/-, Murrumbidgee High £20, Murtoa State £10/18/5, Murtoa High £20, Muskerry East State 7/-.

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Oakleigh High £5/5/0, Olinda State £2, Ouyen State £3/3/0, Ouyen High £5/5/0.

Pakenham Consolidated £13, Panton Hill State £2/2/0, Parklands State £5, Parkville University Women's College £18/11/3, Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary £20, Patho State £1/3/0, Pearsondale State 10/-, Poowong East State £1, Porepunkah State £1/1/0, Portland State £3/10/0, Prahran

Tech. £3/10/6, Preston Girls High £5, Princes Hill State £5, Purnim West State £1/1/0.

Queenscliff High £5/5/0.

Rainbow High £2/10/0, Ravenswood State 10/-, Redan State £1, Red Cliffs High £7, Reservoir State £20, Richmond State £1/1/0, Ringwood Our Lady's £4/10/0, Ringwood East State £2, Rokewood State 15/-, Rosebud High £10, Rosanna State £7/5/6, Rosanna High £15, Rutherglen High £7/2/-, Rosedale State £2/2/0.

Sale High £3, Salisbury West State £1/5/0, Sandford State £1/10/0, Sandmount State £1/7/6, Sarsfield State 10/-, Scoresby State £2/10/0, Sea Lake State £5, Shady Creek State £1, Silvan State £2/2/0, South Melbourne State £5/5/0, South Melbourne Tech. £20, South Melbourne J. H. Boyd Domestic College £17/1/7, Springvale State 10/-, Springvale North State £7, St. Albans State £20, St. Kilda Christian Brothers College £3/3/0, Staughton Vale State £1/10/0, Strathbogie North East State 11/-, Sunshine Tech. £2/10/0, Sunshine State £1/1/0, Sunshine High £20, Surrey Hills Our Lady's £2, Swan Hill Tech. £5, Swifts Creek State £1, Swinburne Tech. £4.

Tallangatta State £2/2/0, Tallangatta High £2/0/0, Tatura State £5, Talindert State 12/-, Templestowe High £5/14/8, Terang High £2/10/0, Tintern C. of E. Girls Grammar £3/3/0, Toora State 4/10/0, Tooradin State £1/7/7, Tourello State £6, Towaninnie State 10/-, Traralgon High £4/10/0, Tullamarine State £3/17/6, Tyers State £3.

Upwey High £2/2/0.

Ventnor State £1, Victoria Park State £2/8/10.

Waitchie State 10/-, Wallacedale State £1, Wal Wal State 10/-, Wandin Yallock State £1/7/6, Wandoo Heights State £2/16/10, Warburton East State £1/1/0, Wangaratta South State £1/10/0, Warracknabeal State £2/2/0, Warracknabeal High £1, Warragul Tech. £10, Warragul State £6, Warragul High £5, Warrandyte State £5/5/0, Warrnambool High £2, Waverley High £10, Werribee St. Andrews £2/10/0, Wesley College Junior £10/14/0, West Melbourne St. Ann's 10/-, Whiteside State £17/12/0, Willangie State £1, Williamstown North State £5/10/0, Wodonga State £10, Wodonga High £5, Wonthaggi Tech. £5, Woorn-doo State £2/10/0, Wooreen State £1/5/0.

Yallock State £2/0/0, Yallourn High £5/0/0, Yandoit State 10/8, Yannathan State 15/-, Yarek State £1/0/0, Yarrowonga State £4/4/0, Yooralla Hospital School £7/7/11.

## PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL

*The Old People's Welfare Council is the focal point in each State for information and advice on all aspects of the care of the elderly. It brings together in consultation the voluntary organisations, statutory bodies and Government departments concerned with the care of the elderly.*

*Through literature, pioneering work, advisory services, conferences and other means, it carries out its aim — to study the needs of old people and to encourage and promote measures for their well-being.*

*Through local Old People's Welfare Committees, representative of similar organisations and bodies in each sizable area of population, it promotes the welfare of all the senior citizens in the State, without regard to politics, creed or colour.*

*These widely-spread Old People's Welfare Committees are affiliated with the Old People's Welfare Council. Each of these voluntary committees is actively engaged, in association with municipal authority, and helped by Government subsidies, in promoting the welfare of the elderly in its own district.*



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 Bacchus Marsh High £4, Ballangeich State 10/-, Bal-larat Special £1/1/0, Balmoral Consolidated £5, Balook State 10/-, Balwyn State £6/1/8, Balwyn High £20, Ban-yena South State £1/1/0, Baranduda State 15/-, Barra-munga State £1, Baynton East State 5/1, Bayswater High £5, Beaumaris State £5/5/0, Beaumaris North State £3, Beaufort High £3, Beech Forest State £1, Beechworth High £5, Bellfield State £4, Belmont State £5, St. Bern-ards £5/12/0, Beena State £1, Bentleigh High £11/10/0, Berrybank State 10/6, Berwick State £6/6/0, Big Hill State £1, Blackburn State £2/2/0, Blackburn East State £2/10/-, Blackburn South High £5, Blackburn South State £2, Boho South State 6/-, Boronia High £5, Boroondara State £3/3/0, Borung State 15/-, Box Hill State £5, Box Hill Girls Tech. £5/5/0, Bradvale State £2/10/0, Braybrook High £5, Brighton Tech. £10, Broadwater State £1, Bruns-wick Tech. £32/8/4, Brunswick East State £2/10/0, Brom-ley State £1/5/0, Bulleen State £4/2/6, Burwood High £70, Burwood Presbyterian Ladies College £7/7/0, Banyule High £5, Boort Higher Elementary £3/3/0.  
 Cambarville State £2/8/2, Camberwell Grammar £16/10/6, Camperdown High £6/14/9, Canterbury Girls High £13, Carapook State £1/10/0, Carpendit State £1/1/0, Carranballac State £2/13/3, Carrum North State 10/-, Casterton High £2/2/0, Catani State £1/16/10, Caulfield State £3/10/0, Chadstone Holy Eucharist £1, Chatsworth State £2, Cheltenham East State £10, Chiltern State £1, Choccolyn State £1/1/0, Clayton St. Peters Catholic £7/5/0, Cobden State £2, Cobrico State £2/7/10, Coburg High £5/5/0, Coburg Teachers College £5/5/0, Cohuna High £3, Colac West State £4, Collingwood State £1, Con-newirricoo State 13/3, Coorambank School for partially

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 Gellibrand State £2, Geelong C. of E. Girls Grammar £5/10/0, Geelong College, £6, Geelong Matthew Flinders Girls' Secondary £30, Geelong Tech. £5/5/0, Geelong North State £7/1/0, Geelong West Tech. £10, Geelong West State £2/3/11, Geelong East Tech. £10, Glengarry State £1, Glenroy High £20, Glenroy West State £5, Glen Waverley State £5, Glen Waverley High £3/3/0, Gooramab State £1, Gorae State 15/-, Grassy Spur State 15/-, Greenwald East State £1, Greythorn State £5, Gunbower State £5/5/3.  
 Hallora State 10/-, Hampton State £3/3/0, Hazel Park State 5/-, Heidelberg State £12/6/9, Heidelberg High £1/6/6, Heyfield State £3/3/0, Highett State £5, Highett High £35, Highlands State £1/10/0, Hopetoun High £2, Horsham High £10, Hughesdale State £4, Huntingdale State £5, Huntingdale High £20.



# DONATIONS

(Donations from Schools are listed separately)

- £5,000 each — Anonymous; Government of Victoria.  
 £1,790/4/4 — Herald & Weekly Times Ltd.  
 £1,750 — Georges Staff Auxiliary.  
 £500 each — William Chas. Angliss Estate, City of Melbourne, Carlton & United Breweries Ltd., Lurline Lesbia Allee Estate, E.S. & A. Bank Ltd., "G.J.C."  
 £393/14/5 — Officers & Employees P.M.G. Dept. Victoria.  
 £257/2/0 — The Wirraway Club.  
 £250 each — Sir William Zeal Estate, Percy Baxter Charitable Trust, T. C. Lothian, Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Wilson, Alfred Felton Estate.  
 £200 each — Patrick Brennan Trust, Harvey Patterson Fund, John Henry Estate.  
 £150 — Anonymous.  
 £144/16/0 — "Interflora" Exhibition.  
 £125 — T. & F. Williams Charitable Trust.  
 £100 each — Ampol Petroleum (Vic.) Pty. Ltd., Patrick Brennan Trust, Percy Baxter Charitable Trust, J. Gadsden Pty. Ltd., Norman Bros. P/L., "The Age" (David Syme & Co. Ltd.), A. M. White Estate, Aust'n Consolidated Industries Ltd., G. J. Coles & Co. Ltd., C. F. W. Taylor Charitable Trust, Mrs. E. E. V. Gaze, Dunlop Rubber (Aust.) Ltd., Miss C. I. Black, Massey Ferguson (Aust.) Ltd., Oliver J. Nilsen (Aust.) Ltd., Dunklings the Jewellers, Imperial Chemical Ind. of Aust. & New Zealand Ltd., J. L. Gillon, Estate Late Edward Wilson, Consolidated Zinc Pty. Ltd., Joe White Maltings Ltd.  
 £94/4/3 — Postal Department Central Staff.  
 £75 each — R. J. Alcock Estate, The Alfred Edments Trust.  
 £60 — G. P. N. Watt.  
 £50 each — Preston Motors Pty. Ltd., Repco Ltd., Jex Pty. Ltd., H. Hecht & Co. Pty. Ltd., Barrett Bros. & Burston & Co. Pty. Ltd., Balm Paints Pty. Ltd., T. J. Sumner Estate, H. G. Turner Estate Samaritan Fund, Hugh Anderson Pty. Ltd., Dr. W. W. S. Johnston, Ramsay Ware Publishing Pty. Ltd., Mrs. H. F. Creswick, Youngs Transport Agency, Richard & Katrina Carpenter (In Memoriam), Drug Houses of Aust. Ltd., Stewarts & Lloyds (Distributors) Pty. Ltd., Bruck Mills (Aust.) Ltd., Taylor Ferguson & Co. Pty. Ltd., Mrs. V. W. Kimpton, Nth. Broken Hill Ltd.  
 £47 — Sir Giles Chippindall.  
 £41/11/2 — Trans Australia Airlines personnel.  
 £30 — Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Morgan.  
 £26/5/- each — Julius Marlow, Corr & Corr.  
 £25 each — R. N. Lemon, Australian Electrical Industries Pty. Ltd., Wayne Nickless Ltd., A.M.P. Society Staff Fund, Woodlands Golf Club, Norman Cartledge & Browne, Williams The Shoemen Pty. Ltd., A. V. Jennings Industries (Aust.) Ltd., Croft Bank Dairies Ltd., R. A. Peachey & Son Pty. Ltd., Miss L. M. Henderson, Eliza Handley Trust, J. H. Wilkinson, Elderly Citizens' Social Club Altona, Anonymous, Maffra Shire Old People's Welfare Committee, C. W. N. Sexton, George Wardrop Ltd., Miss B. Brash, J. R. MacPherson Fund, G. W. Green & Sons Pty. Ltd., Wilh Wilhelmsen Agency Pty. Ltd., Personal Administration Pty. Ltd., Pyrox Ltd., K. G. Luke Group Industries Ltd., Aust'n Consolidated Industries Ltd., J. K. and E. R. Henderson Memorial Fund, W. J. Ball, Volkswagen A/asia Pty. Ltd., J. B. Were & Son.  
 £21 — Permewan Wright Ltd.  
 £20 each — Mrs. G. C. Hawker, Joubert & Joubert Pty. Ltd., T. H. & W. J. King, E. C. Dyason Charitable Trust, "Orana" Club Yallourn, Anonymous, Yarrowonga Old People's Welfare Committee, W. L. Allen Foundry Co. Ltd., Stawell & District Old People's Welfare Committee, I.C.I.A.N.Z., St. Johns Church of England East Malvern, Mr. A. G. Staley.  
 £17/12/- — Miss M. Martin.  
 £15/15/- — City of Melbourne Officers Appeal Fund.  
 £15 each — Sir Alexander Fitzgerald, A. B. Stanley, Elderly Citizens' Club, Hampton, Mercantile Mutual Insurance Co. Ltd., Containers Ltd.  
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 £10/10/- each — Associated Dairies Ltd., Dr. H. E. Robinson, K. and E. Rogers Pty. Ltd., Dr. Vernon Davies, Johnson Barson & Co., Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Tuddenham, H. G. W. Holdings Pty. Ltd., L. Arthur Pty. Ltd., Sir Frank Selleck, Dr. L. J. Mitchell, Metropolitan Dairies Pty. Ltd., Miss Ellison Harvie, Malcolm Moore, L. Glenn, Mrs. J. P. Jones, McLaren & Co. Pty. Ltd., K. Gardner & Lang Pty. Ltd., Broons Containers Ltd., Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Specialty Press, Wilke & Co. Pty. Ltd., Aldwych Advertising Pty. Ltd.  
 £10 each — J. H. S. Martin, Dr. Rosemary Williams, Nathan & Wyeth Pty. Ltd., B. Randall, Anonymous, Dr. Barbara Wood, H. L. Beck, West Coburg Elderly Citizens' Club, R. W. Steane Ltd., G. W. Edgar, James Hardie & Co. Pty. Ltd., Misses J. & L. Thornton, I. K. Buckley, G. C. Tootell, Mrs. M. A. Lucas, J. A. Clark, Terang & District Elderly Citizens' Club, Mrs. M. Outhwaite, Dr. G. H. Oldfield, Fuller King & Co., P. A. Liddy, Norman Robertson, F. J. Cato Charitable Fund, Brown Gouge Ltd., Crynn Trading Co. Pty. Ltd., H. Hanna & Co. Pty. Ltd., Bottomley Bros. Pty. Ltd., Edgar Rouse, J. Addler, Conzinc Riotinto of Aust. Ltd.  
 £7/5/- — The Kanyana Club for Elderly Citizens.  
 £7/-/- — A. L. Cossor.  
 £6/11/6 — "Ellerslie", Auburn.  
 £6/10/- — Yallourn Little Theatre.  
 £6/6/- — City of Box Hill.  
 £5/7/- — House of Friendship Social Club.  
 £5/6/1 — P. Broadhead (Box Hill Shops).  
 £5/5/- each — Ansett Transport Industries Ltd., Dr. I. Zimmerman, Brockhoffs Biscuits Pty. Ltd., Dr. Georg Richelmann, Daylesford Elderly Citizens' Welfare Club, Mornington Elderly Citizens' Club, Victorian Guild of Furniture Manufacturers Ltd., Walter Summons, Dr. J. A. Smeal, R. M. Darke, Sharp Stevenson & Hare Pty. Ltd., Mrs. Irene C. Hardy, Wangaratta Old People's Welfare Association, Age & Invalid Pensioners Association Croydon, Mrs. Trenchard, Paterson Laing & B. Ltd., M. J. Hand, A. H. Spicer, Country Women's Association of Victoria, Church of England Home for Elderly People, T. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Byrnes, W. G. and M. Wright, Unique Sash Balance Pty. Ltd., John D. M. Dickson, Mrs. J. S. Balderstone, Miss Doris B. Campbell, Wm. Haughton & Co. Ltd., H. B. Dickie Ltd., Dr. Felicity Campbell, T. N. D. Stevens, Gippsland and Northern Co-operative Co. Ltd., Ruston & Hornsby (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.  
 £5/2/0 — Anonymous.  
 £5/-/- each — Dr. K. Campbell, Dr. F. C. Jones, Jean Lawson, Miss Sybil Irving, Dr. E. R. Killmister, J. P. Beveridge, Mrs. W. T. Long, Miss M. Holt, Miss D. Moore, "Sympathiser", Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Nance, Briscoes Ltd., Dr. W. A. St. Clair, Dr. W. H. Bosse, Mrs. E. Raynor, J. T. and M. E. Campbell, Ladies Auxiliary Malvern Senior Citizens' Centre, Commander and Mrs. J. Brame, Convent F.C.J. Vauchuse, G. M. and J. M. Corden, Mrs. J. L. Frew, Kathleen B. Crisp, H. L. Williams, B. Seppelt and Sons Ltd., Dr. I. P. Q. Scott, G. B. Bond, W. E. Swaney, Dr. J. L. Jona, J. A. Magnusson, Mrs. N. E. Westmore, Mrs. S. Anderson, E. Denny, P. R. Bull, Mrs. C. G. McCrae, F. H. Perry Trading, Elderly Citizens' Club Benalla, Miss Guenett, Mrs. M. C. Baker, Mrs. L. T. Nettlefold, Yallourn & District Old People's Welfare Committee, P. Klyhn, Geo. Forman, Geo. F. Turnley, R. J. Ashton, J. M. Anderson, Anonymous (2), Good Companion Club East Ormond, Georgian House Pty. Ltd., Dr. A. J. G. Mackay, Matron Madge Tye (Royal Victorian Eye Ear Hospital), Mrs. K. McKellar, Mrs. A. Savers, Ozapaper Ltd., Board Members Freemasons Homes of Victoria, J. W. Stamp Pty. Ltd., L. L. Wathen, Douglas E. Tomkin, Mrs. Port, Upper Beaconsfield Branch of C.W.A., A. F. Kent & Sons Pty. Ltd., A.P.M. (Head Office) Staff Charitable Fund, G. W. Green & Sons Ltd., E.M.F. Electric Co. Pty. Ltd., Sir Edmund and Dame Mary Herring, H. Sutcliffe, Laminex Pty. Ltd.



possible support of our friends each year so as to supplement the funds arising directly from the Appeal.

We have, indeed, been very much encouraged by the numbers of those who have responded to our recent request to make an annual contribution to our funds although, due no doubt to the many claims on the generosity of donors, the total amount received to date is somewhat less than we had hoped for. The value of the Council's work in the community is recognised by the Trustees of many estates, from which

substantial allocations are made to our funds. This valuable assistance is deeply appreciated.

All this should give us encouragement as we now proceed to the work which lies in our hands.

The Financial Statement and Statement of Assets and Liabilities, which have been adopted by your Executive Committee and duly audited, are presented herewith.

G. P. N. WATT,  
Hon. Treasurer.

## OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COUNCIL

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1963.

| RECEIPTS                  |         | PAYMENTS                |         |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| By Balance at Bank 1/7/62 | £1,587  | To Capital Expenditure— |         |
| Donations                 | 36,572  | Office Equipment        | £79     |
| Bank Interest             | 309     | Motor Vehicle           | 344     |
| Other Receipts            | 5       |                         |         |
|                           |         | Salaries                | £423    |
|                           |         | Superannuation          | 8,066   |
|                           |         | Printing & Stationery   | 1,051   |
|                           |         | Rent, Lighting          | 1,456   |
|                           |         | Postages, Telephone     | 1,075   |
|                           |         | Travelling Expenses     | 646     |
|                           |         | Car Operation           | 168     |
|                           |         | Leadership Training     | 162     |
|                           |         | 1962 Appeal Expenses    | 272     |
|                           |         | General Expenses        | 7,217   |
|                           |         | Deposits—E.S. & A. Bank | 309     |
|                           |         | Cash at Bankers         | £15,000 |
|                           |         |                         | 2,628   |
|                           |         |                         | 17,628  |
|                           | £38,473 |                         | £38,473 |

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1963.

|   |         |                                |         |
|---|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Net Accumulated Funds 1/7/62                                    | £2,307  | Fixtures and Fittings—         |         |
| Add Excess of Income over Expenditure and Depreciation for year | 16,378  | At cost less depreciation      | £30     |
|   |         | Office Furniture and Machines— |         |
|   |         | At cost less depreciation      | 197     |
|   |         | Motor Vehicle—                 |         |
|   |         | At cost less depreciation      | 830     |
|   |         | Deposits at Bankers            | 15,000  |
|   |         | Cash at Bankers                | 2,628   |
|   | £18,685 |                                | £18,685 |

### 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, 1963, 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 fair 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 26th day of July, 1963.

L. B. WALLACE & SON,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors.

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# HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT



Mr. G. P. N. Watt,  
C.M.C., C.B.E.

The Treasurer's Report for the previous year reviewed the preparations being made for the conduct of the Council's Public Appeal in July, 1962, and expressed appreciation of the widespread support being received from Vice-Regal, Governmental, Municipal, Church and other sources.

It had been anticipated that in the month allotted by the Hospitals and Charities Commission to the Council for its Public Appeal, there would be no other major claims on the generosity of the public which would be competing with our Appeal. In the event, however, it was found that a number of very substantial appeals had been made in the months preceding our Appeal, and some of these were still continuing. They covered a wide range of interests, and included the Royal Children's Hospital, Royal Women's Hospital, Cultural Centre, St. Paul's Cathedral Restoration, Sir Ian Clunies Ross Memorial, as well as special building appeals for Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar School.

In these circumstances, the results indicated in last year's and the current financial statements should be regarded as satisfactory. Donations in the previous year, most of which were attributable to Appeal activities, totalled £10,601, while a further £36,572 was received during the year now under review. Additional assured donations, totalling at least £5,000, are to be made in instalments. The Appeal expenses, including organisers' salaries and expenses, printing, stationery, postage, rent of Appeal office, and clerical and other assistance totalled £9,780 (of which £2,564 appeared in the previous year's accounts), so that the net amount forthcoming stands at £42,393.

## Gratifying Response from Schools

Special reference must be made to the gratifying response to our Appeal from schools throughout the State, both primary and secondary. This was made possible by the co-operation of the Director of Education, who approved of the aims and objects of the Council and its needs being put before the children per medium of the State School Paper. Teachers and scholars alike took the matter up, with the result that a total of £1,750 was received from no less than 380 schools.

In addition to the State Government grant of £5,000, a similar amount given by an anonymous donor, and the promise of a further grant of £5,000 from a deceased estate, the Herald and Weekly Times Ltd. added to its previous generosity towards the Council by making a donation of the proceeds of a Wealth Words competition totalling £1,790. The Melbourne City Council made a grant of £500, and many business firms gave generously. The staffs of some large organisations contributed substantial amounts, including P.M.G.'s Department (£488), T.A.A. (£42), and the Staff Auxiliary of Georges Ltd. made a special donation of £1,750 which is being utilized to finance an overseas

travelling scholarship, referred to in the Chairman's report.

We were greatly heartened by the interest shown and the practical support accorded to the Appeal from many other sources. In particular, we would refer to the Elderly Citizens' Clubs and Old People's Welfare Committees. It was not expected that substantial sums would be contributed, but their widespread nature was very encouraging. Twenty-five of these bodies contributed £222, and the donations came not only from the metropolitan area, but from as far afield as Yarrawonga, Coleraine, Terang, Colac, Maffra and elsewhere.

## Call of Age Appeal

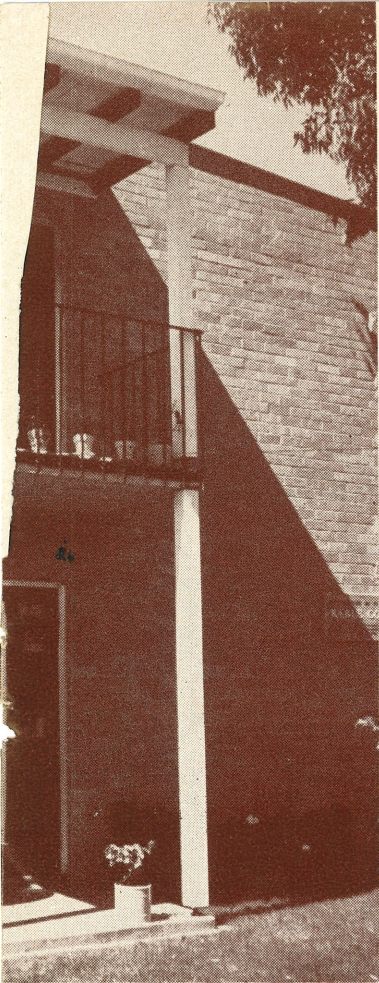
The Call of Age Appeal, involving a door-to-door house canvas, was embarked on with some trepidation, for there was evidence of a considerable body of opposition to this method, the organising work was known to be difficult and time was short. It was decided to seek the aid of the young folk of the churches of all faiths — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish — and the approval of the Church authorities was obtained to this course of action. In the event, we have reason to be very grateful for the results achieved — £10,106 — and very thankful to the body of leaders — drawn from Municipal and Youth Organizations, Business Houses and retired Public Servants, who made it possible. In some municipalities where the Councils had set their face against Door Knock Appeals, it was not feasible to organise, but the areas covered included most of the residential suburbs, and the great numbers of the young people who participated as collectors deserve and have our heart-felt thanks.

Apart from the direct financial results forthcoming from the Appeal, it can be confidently said that the public generally, young folk as well as adults, have gained a knowledge of the problems of the elderly, and the purposes of the Old People's Welfare Council in administering to these needs, which is of real significance. For this, we are greatly indebted to the support given by all media — press, metropolitan and daily, suburban and country; radio and television — all of whom co-operated enthusiastically and made a great deal of space and time available to enable the message to be communicated to the public.

The foundation has been laid, by the organising work associated with this Appeal, for future support as the need arises, over wide sections of the community, which are now conscious of the importance of the work done by the Council, and have confidence in its methods and organisation. The general public likewise, for the first time, has some understanding not only of our aims and efforts, but also of the valuable and unselfish service which is being rendered by the numerous Elderly Citizens' Clubs and Committees which are at work, day in and day out, in both the country and metropolitan area, in rendering aid and comfort to so many of the elderly citizens; as well as the work of all other institutions and organisations working in this field.

The amount raised by the Appeal, while falling short of the Council's objective, will enable us to develop still further our State-wide activities in promoting the welfare of the elderly. These are referred to in the Chairman's report, and in other parts of this Annual Report. These increasing demands on our resources make it necessary for us to seek the fullest



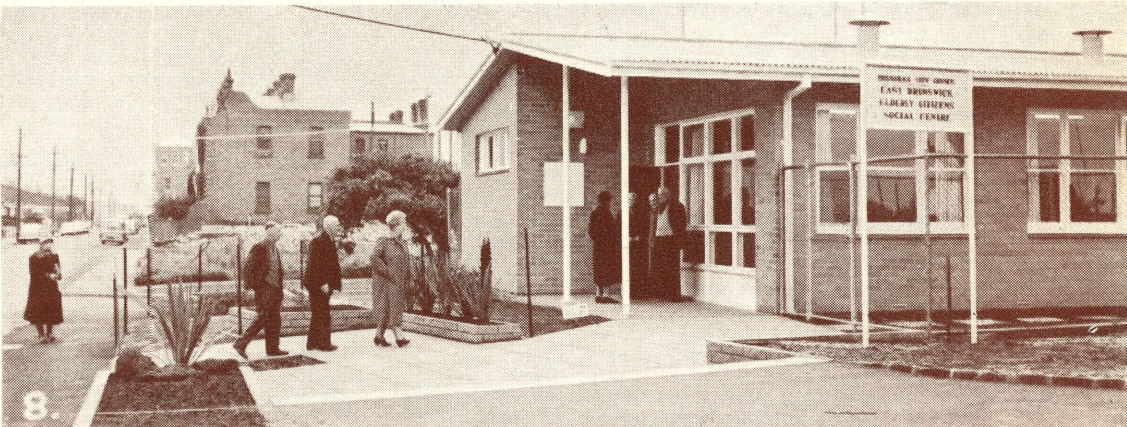


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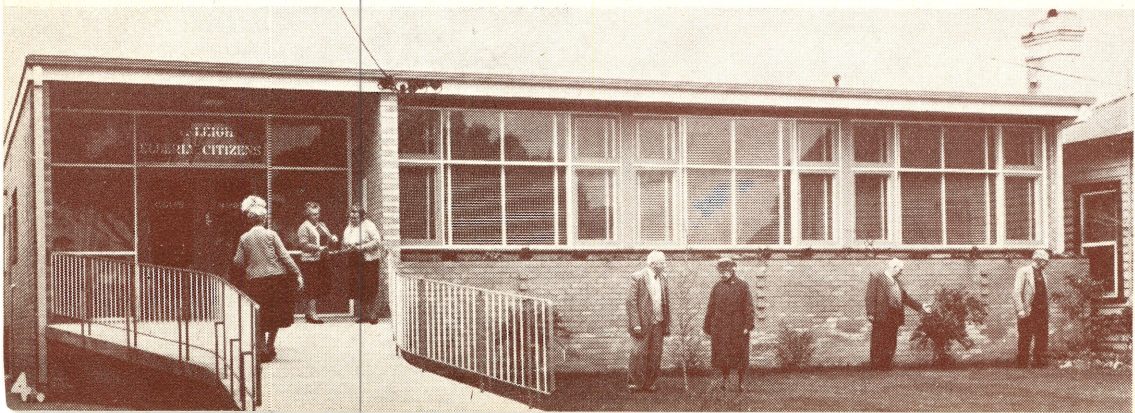
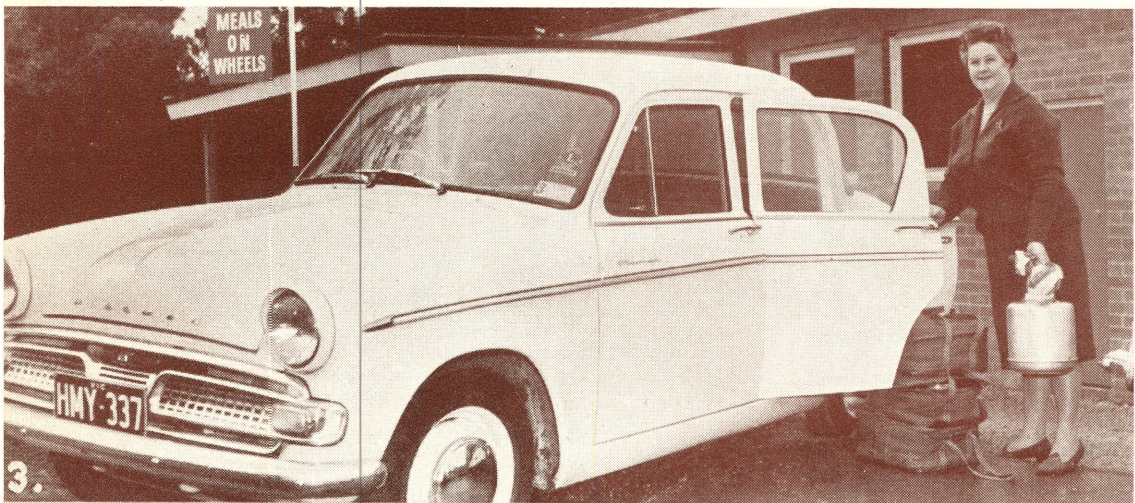
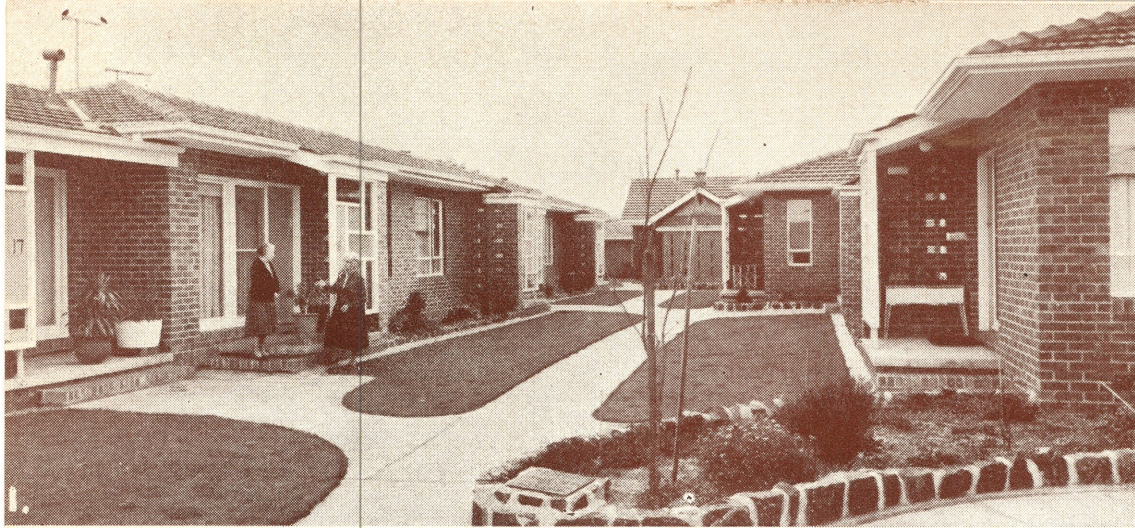
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Citizens' Club (City of Caulfield).  
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1. Some of the "Horsley Court" or  
Homes for Elderly People).
2. War Widows' Guild Homes at 1
3. Preparing for a delivery of "N  
Citizens' Centre, Canterbury.
4. Oakleigh Elderly Citizens' Club (C
5. "Kemble Court" block of 18 flats  
(Brotherhood of St. Laurence).
6. Miss Yeoman (adviser, Communit  
Murphy (secretary) and Mrs. A. Mack  
Senior Citizens' Club at Boronia.
7. A cup of tea at Ormond Elderly
8. East Brunswick Elderly Citizens' S
9. "Valkstone" flats, at Bentleigh (M



## FIELD WORK

### Extension and Development

One of the most encouraging signs of sustained and widespread interest in the welfare of the elderly is the number of invitations received by the Old People's Welfare Council to advise and assist in the formation of local Old People's Welfare Committees.

The initial steps taken usually include one or more addresses to community service bodies, and to a representative public meeting in the district, following which a committee is formed and proceeds to assist the Municipal Council with the erection of an elderly citizens' club or such other services for the elderly as may be agreed upon.

Extensions of this aspect of the Council's work during the year have taken place in the following centres — Drouin, Moe, Kilmore, Broadford, Hastings, Morwell and Bacchus Marsh. There are now 56 such committees in Victoria, of which 42 are in country centres and 14 within the metropolitan area.

## STUDY AND DISCUSSION

### Activities of Three Groups

The three Study Groups sponsored by the Council have continued their work during the year, and have made definite progress.

(1) **Women's Study Group.** The year's programme called for regular monthly meetings at which topics of great concern to many of the elderly were discussed under expert leadership. A series of fact-finding inquiries was also commenced, and will provide factual material on which further study and eventual recommendations or action will be based.

An Information leaflet designed for the use of the elderly and those who care for them was compiled and distributed on a restricted basis. This experimental service will be expanded when suggestions and comments have been received and studied.

The Convener of this Group, Mrs. F. G. Tuddenham, is grateful to the many excellent speakers who have addressed the Group and to social agencies and institutions which have co-operated by supplying information, arranging tours of observation, and making films available.

(2) **Education for the Later Years.** This Group jointly sponsored by the Adult Education Association and the Old People's Welfare Council has succeeded in arousing widespread interest in this subject which affects everyone in the community.

A joint Seminar on the subject has been arranged with the Adult Education Association, and will take place on 13th July, 1963.

(3) **Accommodation for the Elderly.** With a view to studying and making recommendations regarding shortcomings in the provisions of the Aged Persons Homes Act and other legislation, it has been found necessary to gather further facts from organisations offering various types of accommodation for elderly people.

The replies to a questionnaire sent out by this Study Group are now being analysed and reported on by a trained social worker. The resulting information will enable the study group to proceed further with the important work which it has in hand.

## UNIVERSAL SUPERANNUATION

### in New Zealand



Miss Lyra Taylor,  
O.B.E., M.A., LL.B.

During a brief holiday visit to New Zealand in December and early January, the Council's assistant director, Miss Lyra Taylor, was able to see some of the work done there with and for elderly citizens. Contacts were made with Councils similar to our own and visits were paid to a number of homes for the aged.

Two points of special interest were noted. The New Zealand Government subsidises the building of Church or charitable organisation homes for the aged, as well as geriatric units or hospitals attached to them. And New Zealanders enjoy what they term "universal superannuation". At 60 an age benefit operates, subject to a generous means test and, in addition, every New Zealander becomes entitled to a social service payment.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL

### Meets in Melbourne

Representatives of the five States in which Old People's Welfare Councils are operating, together comprising the National Old People's Welfare Council of Australia, held their fourth annual meeting in Melbourne in April last, under the Chairmanship of Sir Giles Chippindall, president of the Federal body. Victoria was also represented by Mrs. W. H. Dobson and Mrs. F. G. Tuddenham, New South Wales by Dr. O. W. Mater and Dr. A. Ungar, Queensland by Mrs. R. Williamson and Dr. P. G. Livingstone, South Australia by Mr. R. F. Bate and West Australia by Mrs. Ida Fairbrother. Also present were Mr. Randal M. White, honorary secretary of the National Council, Mrs. J. Moffat of New South Wales, and Miss Lyra Taylor, assistant-director of the Victorian Council. Before the meeting, delegates were received at his office by the Premier, Mr. Bolte.

In its annual report the National Council recorded with pleasure that His Excellency the Governor-General, Viscount De L'Isle had accepted the office of patron. Liaison was being established with departments of the Commonwealth Government to secure the necessary co-operation in careful and sympathetic revision of some of the Federal measures affecting the elderly which had been in operation for some years. Also the Council was sponsoring the establishment of an Australian Association of Gerontology.

At the meeting, members reported progress in their respective States and this was followed by a useful discussion. Delegates compared notes on activities in various aspects of work for the welfare of the elderly. The meeting affirmed the desirability of holding the next annual meeting at Canberra and eventually of establishing the national headquarters there.

The following office-bearers were elected for the forthcoming year:—

President, Sir Giles Chippindall.

Vice-Presidents, Sir Kingsley Norris and Dr. P. G. Livingstone.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. Randal M. White.



# ELDERLY CITIZENS' CLUBS

## Ten New Buildings Opened

During the year there had been a steady growth in clubs not only in numbers but, more importantly, in development. They all have a marked characteristic in common, a strong and warm atmosphere of friendliness and real care for the individual member.

It is interesting to note that of the 130 clubs listed by the Council, 105 in 74 municipalities are in receipt of State Government subsidy. Ten new buildings have been opened during the year at Boronia, Brunswick, Castlemaine, Frankston, Mildura, Oakleigh, Ormond, Prahran, Swan Hill and Warracknabeal.

### Regional Conferences

Three regional Club conferences were held at Cheltenham, Newport and Yarraville, when representatives attended from Elderly Citizens' Clubs in Altona, Bentleigh, Blackburn, Black Rock, Brighton, Brunswick, Carnegie-Murumbidgee, Chelsea, Cheltenham, West Coburg, Dandenong, Essendon, Footscray, Geelong West, Hampton, Kyneton, Maidstone, Mentone, Mordialloc, Moorabbin, Newlands, Newport, North and West Melbourne, Ormond, Pascoe Vale, Rye, St. Kilda, Sandringham, Sunshine, Williamstown and Yarraville.

The Council is grateful indeed to the Cheltenham, Newport and Yarraville clubs for kindly allowing us the use of their club rooms for the conferences and for providing meals on each occasion. We hope that they are rewarded by the knowledge that these regional conferences, which are such a useful part of the Council's programme, could not have been held so enjoyably without their co-operation.

We are deeply appreciative also of the help given to the conferences by a group of social workers who are the leaders for the discussion groups, and by other volunteers who either give talks or demonstrations.

### Consultant Made 87 Visits



Miss Sybil H. Irving,  
M.B.E.

The Clubs' Consultant, Miss Sybil Irving, made 87 visits to clubs and committees including some in the country. Amongst these were Ballarat, Drouin, Echuca, Kyneton, Maryborough, Orbost, Swan Hill, Traralgon, Wangaratta, Yarrowonga and Yallourn, and all those on the Mornington Peninsula and in Geelong.

Activities vary with clubs. Some supply refreshments or meals at nominal charges. All are autonomous and work out their programmes through their committees. All have some form of entertainment. Some play croquet, trugo and indoor bowls, involving in some cases inter-club competitions. There is much visiting between clubs, while rallies, picnics or parties have been held in several centres for those in the surrounding area. Interest in crafts and hobbies has gradually increased; so also has the use of libraries.

Though some clubs are more isolated than others, there is in the main real inter-club co-operation. In this way old friendships are renewed and new ones made, fulfilling one of the important purposes of Elderly Citizens' Clubs.

## TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

It is expected that the work of the Council and the organisations comprising it will be substantially advanced as a result of a travelling scholarship awarded during the year.

Georges Staff Auxiliary, an enthusiastic band of workers, adopted the welfare of aged people as their project for 1962. The outcome was a cheque for £1750 presented to the Chairman of the Council, the amount to be spent on a travelling scholarship for a trained social worker to make a study of care of the elderly in the principal world centres.

The Council selected a member of its staff, Miss Shirley Ramsay, to undertake the study, leaving in August of this year. An itinerary was approved before the close of the Council's year, which included attendance at the sixth annual meeting of the International Congress of Gerontology at Copenhagen in August. Shortly afterwards she is to attend a two-day conference in London of leading British organisations, convened by the National Old People's Welfare Council to discuss "preparation for retirement". In New York the National Council on Ageing has arranged special facilities for visits to centres in the United States for study and observation.

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## AUSTRALIA-WIDE INTEREST

The national concern for the welfare of the elderly is indicated by the numbers of community service and voluntary organisations which are extending their interests into this field.

The Director, in his capacity as Hon. Secretary of the National Old People's Welfare Council of Australia, was invited during the year to address the National Convention of Apex Clubs in Adelaide, and to give a paper at the seminar arranged by the Australian Council for Rehabilitation of Disabled.

As an outcome of the addresses given on these occasions, a number of inquiries has been received from other States for information as to how to proceed with various schemes designed for the welfare of the elderly.

The increasing number of occasions on which the Council's staff members are invited to address various groups, provide a valuable medium for the dissemination of information regarding some of the needs of the elderly in the community and the work of the Council in this sphere.



# INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICE



Miss S. Ramsay,  
B.A., Dip.Soc.Stud.

## Over 750 Inquiries Handled

In November, 1962, the Information and Advisory Service was set up to handle the many inquiries being received by the Council from individual people with a wide variety of problems and needs. Since then a steady stream of inquiries has come not only from elderly people themselves and their relatives and friends, but from numbers of other organisations working with and for the aged, requesting information and advice about particular services or ways of approaching problem situations.

In all, over 750 inquiries have been received by the Council's social worker, Miss Shirley Ramsay. While the inquiries have been varied and individual, about 40 per cent have concerned needs for some sort of permanent accommodation, whether it be an independent living unit on either a contributory or low-rental basis, or hostel or nursing care. Such factors as poor high-rental accommodation, increasing frailty, and disharmony while living with relatives have been common reasons for inquiries, with the problem of the confused elderly relative occurring not infrequently.

### Need for Domiciliary Services

An allied problem of the frail or lonely person living alone continues to give rise to numbers of requests for companion/helpers to live in in return for board and lodgings and possibly a small wage. The apparent

scarcity of this kind of living arrangement, however, suggests that the answer may have to be sought elsewhere — perhaps partly in the extension of domiciliary services.

Numbers of inquiries have concerned such matters as pension entitlements, employment opportunities — paid and voluntary — and the provision of medical care and appliances, especially wheel-chairs.

Though less frequent, inquiries about legal aid, domiciliary services and financial aid for unpredictable expenses have emphasised the inadequacy of some existing services for the needs of people whose only income is the age pension.

In most instances a combination of information, discussion and advice is necessary. About nine per cent of the inquiries involving long-term counselling on personal problems or extensive practical help were referred to other organisations, whose co-operation in this respect is greatly appreciated by the Council.

In general, it may be said that experience so far has proved the need for easy access by elderly people and those concerned with their welfare, to specific information and advice on a wide variety of problems and needs. Such inquiries, in turn, highlight some of the particular difficulties which not only need to be met individually but which also require to be studied on a community-wide basis.

Two groups of social workers concerned with this second aspect are currently meeting with Council staff members to study some of the needs of elderly people living alone. It is hoped that the outcome of these study activities will be useful in the work of their individual organisations, as well as of use to the community as a whole.

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Three Council Meetings were held during the year, and each was attended by a large and representative audience.

At the eleventh Annual Meeting of the Council, which was held in the Nurses Memorial Centre Hall on 22nd August, 1962, the guest speaker was Sir George Paton, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. Sir George spoke of the comparatively recent growth of the problems which affect many citizens in their later years, and congratulated the Old People's Welfare Council on its emphasis on study and research into the various aspects of the subject. He advocated recognition of the necessity for a transition period between middle and old age, and dealt sensitively with the various social, economic and housing needs of the elderly.

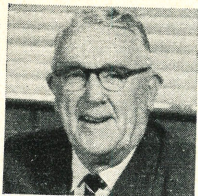
A change in the procedure at Council meetings during the year was adopted, with a view to giving delegates

the widest possible opportunity for questions and discussion. This was found generally acceptable at the meetings held in the Public Library Theatre on 6th December, 1962, and 2nd April, 1963. The planning of an agenda which covers an adequate area of the Council's many-sided activities in a limited time is not easy, and it has already been suggested that some full-day Council meetings should be arranged. This is now under consideration, and will doubtless be implemented — at least for a trial.

### PUBLIC MEETING

In October, 1962, the Council sponsored a well-attended public meeting held in the Federal Hotel when Mrs. David Scott spoke on "Community Aid Abroad" — a project initiated and at first entirely supported by elderly people.





Sir Giles Chippindall,  
C.B.E.

this field of study are very opportune, and it is hoped that public interest in this subject will grow as a result.

In U.S.A., there is similar evidence of recognition of the importance of the problems associated with old age, and President Kennedy recently made history in setting up special machinery of an unusual character for regular report to him on the steps being taken nationally to meet the needs of the aged and ageing. This is supplemented by State action in New York and elsewhere, while some of the larger Trusts and Foundations are financially supporting research and other projects.

It is pleasing to record here the friendly co-operation which exists between the statutory authorities in Victoria, whose objects are the welfare of the elderly, and the Council as representing the voluntary agencies which, in their sphere, are doing so much to assist in this important task.

#### Representation at International Conferences

A glance at the world scene would not be complete without reference to the forthcoming Sixth Annual Congress of the International Association of Gerontology which will be held in Copenhagen in August next. Australia will be directly represented at both the London and Copenhagen conferences, as the Council's social worker, Miss Shirley Ramsay, will attend them in the course of her itinerary under the Georges Staff Auxiliary Travelling Scholarship. The experience and information gained by Miss Ramsay in the course of her travels will be most valuable.

The National Old People's Welfare Council of Australia, the membership of which comprises the Councils in each of the five mainland States, recently held its fourth annual meeting in Melbourne. One of its projects is the sponsorship of an Australian Association of Gerontology which would, in due course, be affiliated with the international body. The Victorian Council plays its part in the plans and proceedings of the National Council.

The Council is represented throughout Victoria by 56 old people's welfare committees, of which there are 42 in country centres, and 14 within the metropolitan area. These have done splendid work in assisting their respective municipalities to provide elderly citizens' clubs with the help of State Government grants, and also other services for the elderly. The Council sees a real necessity for these committees to maintain a continuous interest in the welfare of the elderly in their localities, and to ensure progressive moves to meet such needs as may become evident. The Council would wish to assist these committees in every possible way, subject to limitations of staff and finance.

#### Information and Advisory Service

During the year under review, an Information and Advisory Service was established on an experimental basis, and this has proved very successful. The many hundreds of inquirers have included not only the aged

and ageing, but also relatives and friends as well as other voluntary organisations.

Study Groups have maintained their valuable and self-sacrificing work along selected lines. Council members, social workers and other interested individuals have been working with members of the Council staff in study and investigation of Preparation for Retirement, Accommodation for the Elderly, etc. Other investigations are contemplated into vital factors affecting the aged and ageing. Progress must, of necessity, be gradual, but the results will provide sound foundations on which to base recommendations for remedial action.

The Public Appeal made by the Council last July brought in much needed funds, although not to the extent that was desired. The Hon. Treasurer's report deals with this in more detail, but it is evident that the Council will continue to require adequate financial support from a wide range of subscribers.

This report could not conclude without warm and sincere tributes to the office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee who have willingly responded to every call made on their services; and to the Council's Director and staff who have been responsible for carrying out the day to day work of the Council. To every donor to the Council's appeal and to its funds throughout the year sincere thanks are recorded. Their names and donations are listed in the pages of this Annual Report, and they are asked to accept this as a token of the Council's appreciation of their generous support.

We look forward to the future with confidence. Our move to more adequate premises takes place on 1st July, 1963, and with the better facilities thus provided and with the continued enthusiasm and dedication of office-bearers, members and staff, there is no doubt that the coming year will see definite progress towards the attainment of our aims and objects.

Chairman

## NEW PREMISES FOR COUNCIL

### More Space — More Convenient Location

The steady expansion of the Council's activities in order to meet the urgent demands made on it from all over the State necessitated the provision of more suitable premises and facilities.

Following careful investigation over a period of several months, the Council's headquarters will be established, as from 1st July, 1963, on the 4th Floor, Curtin House, 252 Swanston Street, Melbourne. The telephone number is 32-3561.

These offices are very centrally located, which will make it easier for the elderly and their friends who wish to consult the Council's officers to do so. This location will also be more convenient for the increasing numbers of study groups, sub-committees, and executive committee meetings. The premises provide adequate facilities for the present staff, and will allow for necessary expansion in the years to come.



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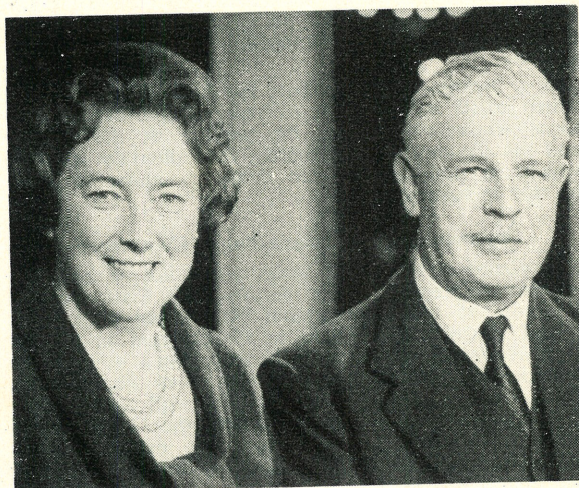
The Council welcomes and offers loyal greetings to His Excellency Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, the recently appointed Governor of Victoria, and to Lady Delacombe. It was with much satisfaction and appreciation that the Council received advice that Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe were graciously pleased to accept the office of Patrons of the Old People's Welfare Council. They have already indicated their interest in the work of the Council.

The Council has enjoyed the privilege of Vice Regal patronage since its inception, and it owes much to the keen personal interest of Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks over a period of twelve years. Opportunity was taken to express our deep sense of indebtedness to them on the occasion of their departure for a visit to Britain in March, 1963.

The splendid lead given by the Victorian State Government in granting subsidies to municipalities for the establishment and maintenance of clubs and other services for the elderly, and the excellent work of many municipalities themselves, has had a marked influence on the development of these services in Victoria, and has undoubtedly influenced other States to make more generous provision than would otherwise have been the case. The Council is indebted to the Premier, Mr. Bolte, and to his Ministers, particularly the Minister of Health, Mr. Mack, for personal interest in and attention to all matters referred to them by the Council regarding various aspects of the welfare of the aged and ageing in Victoria.

The Council now comprises representatives of 138 bodies, all of which are working in one sphere or another in the interests of elderly folk in this State. Of this group, 64 are voluntary organisations, municipal, church and statutory bodies, while the remaining 74 comprise Old People's Welfare Committees and Elderly Citizens' Clubs. There are also a number of clubs which have not sought direct representation on the Council. The Council thus enlists and co-ordinates the services of many hundreds of voluntary workers, and helps to ensure the most effective use of their efforts.

The Council has, on the firm basis of considerable fact-finding activities, made representations to the appropriate State and Commonwealth authorities on a number of matters affecting the welfare of the elderly, e.g. Dental Care of the Elderly, Funeral Benefits, Subsidies for increased Infirmary Accommodation under the provisions of the Aged Persons Homes Act, and Medical Aids for the Elderly. These are kept continually under review, and every effort is made to secure favourable consideration of the Council's recommendations. Other important matters are in course of examination.



His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe and Lady Delacombe.  
—Photo by courtesy Australian Women's Weekly.

Victoria, in common with communities throughout the civilised world, is experiencing a dramatic extension to the average life span; consequently, the necessity for co-ordinating the work of those engaged in promoting the welfare of the elderly is more in evidence than ever before. It is obvious that the mere prolongation of life is quite useless unless the added years are lived in a satisfying and useful manner. Responsible people in most countries are taking an active interest in this problem, and it will continue to be the function of this Council to ensure that, so far as Victoria is concerned, adequate steps are taken in every phase of the work.

The great advances which have been made in Britain are due, in large measure, to the fact that voluntary and statutory bodies in this field work closely and actively together. Many employers in Britain are promoting plans for care