Victorian Baby Health Centres Association

TWENTY-NINTH

Annual Report
of
CENTRAL COUNCIL

1946-47

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Aims and Objects of the Association

(1) To safeguard the health of mothers and babies.

(2) To encourage the breast-feeding of infants.

(3) To train double certificated Nurses in Mothercraft and Infant Welfare.

(4) To employ these trained Nurses, who shall—

(a) Attend certain Centres, where not only mothers with their babies can come, but also expectant mothers.

(b) Visit mothers at their homes, and help them carry out simple hygienic rules.

(5) To hold meetings and give organised teaching to women, as opportunity shall arise, and to disseminate such knowledge by every available agency.

(6) To co-operate with all present or future organisations working for the same objects.

The object of the Association being to keep infants healthy, sick children are not treated at Centres, but are always referred to their own doctor or to a hospital.
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VICTORIAN BABY HEALTH CENTRES ASSOCIATION (CENTRAL)

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In presenting the Twenty-Ninth Annual Report the Council draws attention to the fact that, while its report gives a general survey of the Association’s work, each Health Centre publishes its own Annual Report and Balance Sheet, manages its own affairs, and extends the work in its own district, the Association acting as a co-ordinating link between the various Centres.

The Balance Sheet at the end of this Report relates only to the Central Council, the Mothercraft Home and Training School and Travelling Baby Health Centre.

ADMINISTRATION

The Council has met every month. The Executive Committee, consisting of the office-bearers and ten members of Council, of whom two at least must be representatives of Municipal Councils, two at least representatives of country Centres, and one a member of the British Medical Association, is elected by the Council at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting. This Committee, which co-ordinates the work, has met every month. The Training School Committee and Medical Sub-Committee deal with all technical matters in connection with the training of the nurses and the conduct of Baby Health Centres generally. Finance is controlled by a separate Sub-Committee.

LADY DUGAN.

The Council would like to place on record how much it has appreciated Lady Dugan’s patronage of the work of the Association throughout the period of her residence in Victoria, and its deep regret that she is shortly having to return to England.

Lady Dugan has taken a keen interest in all the activities in progress throughout the State for furthering Maternal and Child Welfare work. Whenever she could, she visited the Baby Health Centres, especially during her visits to country districts, and attended the Annual Conferences and other Meetings of the Association.

Her presence amongst us, and her interest in this work will be much missed by members of the Association. During the year Lady Dugan visited Centres at East and West Ballarat and at Mirroo North.

OBITUARY.

The Council records its deep regret at the death, after a long illness, of Sister Muriel Peck. When the Baby Health Centre Movement was pioneered by the Association 30 years ago, Sister Peck was the first Nurse appointed to advise the Mothers and Babies at the first Centre, established in Richmond in June, 1917.

With the rapid establishment of other Centres, it was considered necessary to appoint additional Sisters to carry out this work, and also a Sister in Charge to act as supervisor of all Centres. Sister Peck was appointed to this position by the Association, and also to take charge of the first Training School and Model Centre, when it was established in South Melbourne in 1919, for the special instruction of Sisters in Health Centre Work.

Later in 1924 Sister Peck became organising Sister for the Association, her position as Matron of the Training School and Model Centre being taken by Sister A. Purcell.

Whilst organising Sister for the Association, Sister Peck accompanied the Better Farming Train throughout Victoria, giving demonstrations and tuition in Mothercraft and Lectures to Mothers in the country districts.

Sister Peck made 23 trips on the train whilst with the Association and during the first 3 years of the operation of the Better Farming Train. As a result of so many contacts in country districts, great interest was aroused in Baby Health Centre work, and the establishment of many country Centres by the Association, followed these visits.

In the latter part of 1926, when the Association’s Medical Officer, Dr. Scanlebury Brown, was appointed Director of Infant Welfare and placed in charge of the newly created Infant Welfare Division of the Public Health Department, Sister Peck resigned from the Association, and became Assistant to the Director, a position she continued to hold for 19 years, and until her health broke down.

The Association and Baby Health Centre Movement as a whole, in this State, owes a great deal to Sister Peck’s early pioneering work.

Her enthusiasm and personality was very largely responsible for the rapid growth of the Movement in country districts. Her tact, charm of manner, and knowledge of just how to put the salient points before Councils on the need for Baby Health Centres in their districts, rapidly removed any initial doubts they may have had.

The Movement has lost in Miss Peck one of its outstanding personalities, and one who know the growth, development and set up of the movement since its inception. The memory of her work and personality, however, will remain for many years, as an inspiration to those who have been privileged to be her fellow workers and friends throughout the years this Movement has been in operation.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

The Association, as the major Voluntary Infant Welfare Organisation in the State of Victoria, continues its work of establishing new Baby Health Centres and extending the scope of existing ones.

The Association also continues its interest in promoting that legislative reform necessary for safeguarding the health of women and children, and stresses the definite need for increased funds for the development of all maternal and child welfare work, with its
Valuable objectives of saving infant life, the prevention of ill-health amongst young children and encouraging mothers to have, and rear, the healthy children so much needed by the nation.

The Association, as a representative organisation, affords the vital link-up of municipal and public interest in infant welfare work throughout the State that is so essential to the movement and its progress.

The Council of the Association is formed of representatives from the Municipal and Shire Councils, their Baby Health Centre Committees, and from other kindred societies interested in the welfare of women and children and actively concerned with its actual promotion. Unity is strength, and such a link-up with a central organisation gives strength to this movement, since it creates the organised public opinion and interest that all progressive movements need in a democratic community.

Many Councils and Baby Health Centre Committees are interested and effective in promoting infant welfare work in their own districts, but it is only when they are linked up by representation in this Association that they can combine to form the necessary public opinion for promoting all measures for safeguarding the health of the mothers and babies, and their sphere of influence in this work is widened by contact with others similarly engaged.

One trusts that as the Baby Health Centre movement develops in this State, and Commonwealth as a whole, that nothing will be allowed to militate against the strength and unity of the Voluntary Infant Welfare Organisations, which have been responsible not only for playing the vital part of pioneering this movement, but in maintaining its general progressiveness during the early years of its development, facts, which are frequently forgotten.

The tremendous value to this movement of the work and interest of the Ladies' Baby Health Centre Committees formed to assist Councils in the domestic management of their Centres cannot be too strongly stressed.

Not only has the work of these committees been responsible in the first place for the establishment of the Centres in their district, and for stimulating the interests of their Councils in the project, but they have been largely responsible for the subsequent development of the work, and for obtaining for the sister the necessary equipment.

There is no doubt that the best results in Centre work and their general running to suit the interests of the mothers and babies who attend events and when Councils have such a Ladies’ Committee, with whom they work in close co-operation and union. The Council thus “fathers” the Centre and assumes technical responsibility for it, but uses its committee to “mother” the Centre and carry out the necessary detailed supervision and domestic management. Councils cannot expect to get the best work and interest from their committees unless they are prepared to work in close consultation with them in all Centre matters, and as the movement is one to serve the needs of the mothers, it is obvious that a Women’s Committee will understand their needs in regard to this service, and would be better equipped to carry out the purchase of the necessary equipment and the planning of new buildings, etc., and give all these details the necessary time and thought than a busy Council.

YEAR’S ACTIVITIES.

There are now 230 Centres affiliated with the Association — 146 being in country districts. With the 26 townships served by the Association's Travelling Baby Health Centre, this makes a total of 256 districts linked up with the Association. During the year 17 new Centres were established at Badger Creek, Diamond Creek, Heathcote, Hurstbridge, Keilor, Quambatook, Creswick, East Dun- caster (Templestowe), Korongyale, Koo-wee-rup, Lockington, Poo- wong, Tatyoon, Sassafras, Upwey, Quarry Hill (Bendigo), Moama. Two Centres were closed during the year, Streatham and Tatyoon. Tatyoon Centre only operated from February to May, 1947. Propaganda work is in progress in other districts for the establish- ment of further Centres.

Reports from many Centres show a continuance of active work in their districts by the extension of the services given to the Mothers and the provision of extra equipment.

Many Committees have plans for the raising of the necessary funds to assist their Councils with the provision of new Centre buildings.

Many grants for assisting new Centres with equipment and for providing extra equipment for existing Centres, have been made by the Association.

The Annual Conference of Presidents and Secretaries of Baby Health Centres and delegates to the Central Council of the Association was held at the Victoria Palace on Friday, 13th June at 2:30 p.m. One hundred and fifty delegates were present, a record attendance, and 31 Council Centres were represented. Lady Dugan was present at the Conference and Mrs. John Cain.

The Hon. Secretary, Dr. Officer, visited the following country Centres during the year: — Ballarat, Crowan, Maryborough, Benalla, Castlemaine, Kerang, Warrnambool, Casterton, Warrandyte, Keilor, Daylesford, The Basin, Mt. Dandenong, Lilydale and Portland.

Yarra Glen, Hurstbridge and Panton Hills were also visited in connection with the establishment of Centres in those districts. The Hon. Secretary, Dr. Officer, spoke on the importance of the community of the adequate care of Mothers and Babies at the Annual Conference of the United Country Party (Women's Section).

The Association arranged an exhibit of a Model Baby Health Centre at the “Australia Makes It” Exhibition, held in June in aid of the Queen Victoria Hospital Re-building Fund. This exhibit formed part of the one arranged by the Hospital, and was designed to demonstrate the close liaison existing and needed between the Midwifery Hospitals, who have the initial care of the mother and baby, and the Baby Health Centres, who carry on that care after the mother leaves Hospital.
The Association also exhibited its “Bedford” Travelling Baby Health Centre at the “Community Festival” held at the Exhibition Buildings in July.

WORK OF THE BABY HEALTH CENTRES.

The work being carried out by the Baby Health Centres continues to increase and more demands than ever are being made on the Sisters’ time and services to the community. This fact is becoming increasingly recognised by Councils and their Committees, and consequently additional Infant Welfare Sisters are being appointed to their Centres to cope with the extra work.

Many Councils also contemplate providing better transport facilities for their Sisters to help them to attend new Sub-Centres and to assist the mothers in their homes. This will conserve the Sisters’ valuable time for the actual work of advising mothers, instead of much of it being wasted through inconvenient methods of transport.

The Baby Health Centre movement provides the most extensive system of parent education at very reasonable cost to the community. Of all services provided for the mothers, it is one that comes most intimately in contact with them, both through the mothers’ regular attendances at the Centres and by the extensive system of home visiting, which is part of the Sisters’ work.

The work carried out at the Centres by the Sisters, is not only invaluable in its preservation of precious infant life and its prevention of avoidable illness, but it helps the Mother in the establishment of sound family life, which is the only foundation for national happiness and security, and its promotion the only real remedy for the industrial unrest and social problems present in the Community.

It is therefore important for the Association to see that through the standard and type of training given at its Training School, its Sisters are equipped with the necessary knowledge and other qualities to enable them to help Mothers in all the domestic and family problems they bring to the Centre Sister. It is equally necessary that Councils make the most careful selection of fully qualified Infant Welfare Sisters for the positions in their Centres. They should bear in mind that not only is a sound training required, but adequate and recent experience subsequent to it, is essential. The right personality to gain the mothers’ confidence is a most important requisite for any Sister in Charge of a Centre. Wrong personality will soon reflect itself in a lowered attendance of Mothers at the Centre.

Advice at the Centres covers:

- Expectant Mothers.—Attendances of expectant Mothers at all Centres need to be improved by publicity directed to the benefits obtained from such attendance, and the help given. This advice forms a valuable adjunct to that received from the ante-natal clinic of the public hospitals, or from the Mother’s own doctor.

The establishment of pre-natal clinics in connection with Centres and under special expert medical supervision has been extended during the year.

There are now 10 special Pre-Natal Clinics attached to Baby Health Centres in the Metropolitan area — namely — at Collingwood, Fitzroy, Hawthorn, Northcote, Prahran, Richmond, Sandringham, South Melbourne, Sunshine and Fairfield.

In Maryborough, the medical practitioners have also established a pre-natal clinic, and are to be very warmly congratulated on this move — which could with advantage be followed in other country Centres.

Increased care of the expectant mother, with particular attention paid to nutrition, would considerably help to lower the infant mortality rate by decreasing the number of deaths from prematurity — the highest single cause of our infant mortality rate, and responsible for about half the deaths of infants occurring in the first month of life.

Better pre-natal care would also considerably help the mother in breast feeding her infant, another valuable factor in reducing the infant mortality rate, and in creating the right relationship between the mother and child at the outset, which is so necessary if the mother is to give her child the proper feeling of love and security, which is fundamental to its right adjustment through life. Pre-Natal Clinics in the Municipalities are available to all those in their district who wish to take advantage of that service.

Mothers With Infants.—Many unnecessary infant deaths and much ill-health and sickness is prevented by the mother’s regular attendance at the Health Centre, where under expert guidance the baby’s progress can be watched and correct advice and supervision in management given. Home Visiting, which is part of the work, is important in enabling the Sister to advise the Mother with a full knowledge of her home environment, and special help can be given her in overcoming any specific difficulties occasioned by it.

Children of Pre-School Age.—Post-war development of Centres should include the need for medical supervision of all work at the Centres, and for the periodic examination of the babies and children attending. Such medical officers would need to be specially experienced in this work, since it is a speciality requiring both training and experience. The appointment of Child Welfare Medical Officers to supervise the work in their districts is recommended to Councils. The City of Melbourne has for many years employed such a Medical Officer and the South Melbourne Council are to be congratulated for having appointed Dr. M. Smallwood, O.B.E., as Child Welfare Medical Officer to that district this year.

Dental Examination.—The need for extension of dental examination for children attending Centres is urgent, especially in country districts. Colac provides dental inspection for the children attending the Centre. This inspection has been in operation for some years, and has been possible through the co-operation and help
of the local dentists. Mobile vans for dental inspection and treatment is a crying need in such outback country districts as those served by the Association’s Travelling Baby Health Centre. Local dentists are few, and their attendance at some country townships irregular and at long intervals, which make it impracticable for the mothers to take in their children of pre-school age for advice and treatment, and the incidence of dental caries amongst children of this age, in these districts is staggeringly high.

Pre-School Facilities.—Many new Baby Health Centres incorporate in their plans provision for special indoor and outdoor playing spaces for Toddlers. Suitable toys and equipment also provide demonstrations to parents of what is required for the development of children at different age levels.

Croydon has a Nursery School established in connection with its Centre. Play groups have been established in connection with various Centres, e.g., Belgrave, Lilydale, Warragul and Casterton, and others are contemplating forming them.

Parent Clubs.—Many Parent Clubs have been established in connection with Baby Health Centres. These Clubs are primarily educational in object and form a valuable means of furthering the knowledge of parents in all matters connected with the upbringing of their children. Clubs are established at Albert Park, Bendigo, Northcote, North Essendon, Ascot Vale, Moonee Ponds, Croydon and Lilydale. Maryborough for 3 years has had a very progressive Mothers’ Club, which has arranged many educational lectures for the Mothers in the District.

The Council hopes that other Councils will consider, with their Committees, the establishment of Parent Clubs, or the arrangement of Special Lectures for them. There is ample need for more extensive development of such Parent Clubs, and experienced Lecturers for them on all sorts of subjects of value to parents should be more readily obtainable now the war is over.

Libraries.—Many Centres are incorporating Libraries of suitable books for the use of Mothers; a lead other Centres could follow with advantage. Lists of suitable books and where to obtain them may be had on application to the Head Office of the Association.

Immunisation and Vaccination.—Many Councils continue to carry out immunising against diphtheria for children attending the Centre, or living in their districts. Vaccination against smallpox is another safeguard that Sisters in Charge of Centres should encourage Mothers to have carried out, and also prophylactic injections against whooping cough.

MUNICIPAL HOME HELP SCHEME.

The Council appreciates the increasing interest taken by Municipal Councils and Women’s Organisations in the establishment of Municipal Home Help Schemes in their districts.

The service so successfully inaugurated and run by the Kew Council and its Women’s Committee has proved a valuable demonstration to other Councils. Kew now employs 4 Emergency Housekeepers and hopes shortly to increase this number to 6. Hawthorn Council has also established a Home Help Scheme this year and employs one Housekeeper.

Other Councils interested, and who are considering the establishment of similar services are:—Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Brunswick and Fern Tree Gully.

The establishment of such services in all districts will depend, as did the establishment of the Baby Health Centre Movement, on the initiative and drive of the Women in their own districts in pressing Councils for such a Service, and in assisting them in its successful running.

Since last year the Government has agreed to subsidise Councils £1 for £1 up to £125 per annum for any deficit in running such services. This subsidy, whilst being of value in assisting Councils in the initial establishment of the Scheme, is bound to prove inadequate as the Service develops, and more Emergency Housekeepers are required to meet the increasing demands of this help in individual districts. Consequently the pressure of all interested Women’s Organisations will be needed to influence the Government to increase the amount allocated as a subsidy for this Service. The major financial burden of this and other important Health Services should be met from Government, rather than Municipal Funds, as they are in other countries, the practical running and developing of such health measures, however, is obviously better decentralised, and can be more efficiently carried out under Municipal supervision and control, and assisted by public interest and voluntary effort in their districts.

PROBLEMS AFFECTING MOTHERS.

Many problems affecting the health of Mothers and consequently that of their families, have been the concern of the Association during the year. Many of these difficulties have been aggravated by the recurring industrial unrest which reflects back inevitably to the home life of the Community, causing added strain and burden to the already overworked mother and housewife.

Many health schemes put forward by Government will prove of no real value, until such fundamental problems are tackled as:—Adequate and sufficient Housing; provision of reliable essential services, such as gas, electricity and fuel; adequate delivery services of health services; increased accommodation for maternity cases in Hospitals and After Care Homes, together with an adequate Nursing Staff to ensure proper care of mother and child whilst in residence.

BREAST FEEDING.

As one of the many objects of the Association is the encouragement of breast feeding, more propaganda is needed to educate
mothers on the advantages to herself and her baby derived from this normal function of motherhood, and the safety to infant life and health that it gives.

Fully successful results will not be achieved until the necessity for it, and the incorporation of the principles and practice of modern infant feeding and management comes into all midwifery hospitals, large or small, public or private. It should be compulsory for such hospitals to have Infant Welfare Sisters in charge of all such Institutions, and a staff of Infant Welfare trained personnel to supervise the management of the mothers and infants. It is encouraging that one leading private Midwifery Hospital has expressed its desire to the Association to have all its permanent Staff trained in Infant Welfare, and arrangements are being made to assist the Hospital by giving such Staff the required Infant Welfare Training.

Many babies are relegated to the bottle on insufficient grounds, and on account of the mis-management of breast feeding in the early days prior to their attendance at a Baby Health Centre, a fact which militates against the success of our work in promoting normal motherhood.

An insufficient period of hospital care and adequate rest for the mother is another factor preventing the proper establishment and maintenance of lactation.

VICTORIAN BABY HEALTH CENTRES SISTERS' CLUB.

The Sisters' Club continues their interest in the Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School, and are always ready to help with any social functions.

Prior to her departure to England, Miss Brodie was given a farewell party by the Sisters' Club. Sister Brodie was awarded the Florence Nightingale Scholarship, and the good wishes of the Club were extended to her during her period of studies overseas.

President — Miss K. Crowe.
Vice-President — Miss C. Prendergast.
Treasurer — Miss E. Stafford.
Hon. Secretary — Miss R. Swanton.

IVANHOE BABY HEALTH CENTRES' TRAINING SCHOOL AUXILIARY.

This Auxiliary continues its interest and help for the Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School, and has donated $9 for providing necessities for the care of the premature infants in residence.

The Auxiliary has also funds in hand to help provide other essential equipment for the work of the Training School, and a list of such equipment required has been given to the Auxiliary to select from. At Christmas time, this Auxiliary presented a useful and attractive electric clock for the use of the Training School. The Council very greatly appreciates this Auxiliary's interest and support for the Training School.

President — Mrs. A. Foletta.
Hon. Secretary — Mrs. Sevior.
Hon. Treasurer — Mrs. A. Thomson.

V.B.H.C.A. VOLUNTARY HELPERS' CLUB.

Although the activities of the Club have had to be curtailed, the members are however working quietly on for the benefit of the Training School. A very interesting afternoon was spent at the South Melbourne Centre. The members were grateful to Sister Becker for showing them over the Centre, its Toddlers' and Pre-Natal Sections. They also were shown over the X-Ray Department, Children's and Public Libraries and Social Service Department.

During the year the members were glad to welcome Miss Swanton to morning tea, as it was the first time they had met her since her appointment as Matron of the Training School. The members enjoy their afternoon meetings once a month, visiting each other — with an occasional Opportunity Stall, and as a result of these efforts the sum of £15/6/- has been raised.

The sum of £26/4/- was donated to the Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School during the year, for the purchase of mono-metal ware which was urgently needed. The Council is very grateful for this splendid donation.

President — Mrs. E. Nelson.
Hon. Treasurer — Mrs. A. Johnstone.
Hon. Secretary — Miss E. Wilson.

VOLUNTARY HELPERS.

The Council thanks the Voluntary Helpers of the many Baby Health Centres throughout the State for the regular times they give to help Sisters-in-Charge of Centres. This service is very greatly valued, as it would be extremely difficult for the Sisters-in-Charge of busy Centres to give as adequate time to advising mothers without such assistance.

Voluntary Helpers attend Centres to carry out the weighing of the babies, entering records, and doing any other helpful Centre duties that may be required. Some Voluntary Helpers give a regular afternoon each week to this work, some a whole day, others at regular fortnightly or monthly intervals, according to what time they have available. A roster of Voluntary Helpers is kept at each Centre, together with a list of emergency helpers who are available for call when the regular ones are unable for some reason to attend at any time. The work and duties are not onerous and are such that they can be undertaken by any woman without previous experience.

The Association can always arrange to give a short period of instruction and experience in what is required at its Infant Welfare Training School to those interested to help at Centres, or arrange—
ments can be made for them to be shown the work by the Sisters-
in-Charge of the Centre at which they propose to assist.

The Association considers it is worthy of very special mention
and congratulation that in the metropolitan area there are over 30
Voluntary Helpers who have completed from 10-22 years of regular
attendance at the Centres and are still continuing this fine work.
There are also records in several country centres where Voluntary
Helpers have given similar periods of loyal service to the Baby
Health Centre movement.

This voluntary help has always been available for the Sisters
since the inception of the movement 30 years ago, and the Asso-
ciation is sure such service will be forthcoming in future years.
Periodically, former Voluntary Helpers retire for various reasons,
and consequently new personnel is always needed to fill those gaps.

The Association feels, especially now the war is ended, that the
need for this help has only to be brought to the notice of women in
the community and in the right quarters and there will be always a
response to the call no matter whether the need be in the metropoli-
tan area or country districts. Any Baby Health Centre Committee
or Sister who requires personnel for this work should contact the
headquarters of the Association, who can advise them in regard to
the best methods of securing it.

MOTHERCRAFT HOME AND INFANT WELFARE
TRAINING SCHOOL.

The year has been a busy one, a number of difficult babies,
including premature ones, have been in residence for special care
and investigation.

The activities associated with the Mothercraft Home and Infant
Welfare Training School increase considerably each year to meet the
requirements of a rapidly expanding Baby Health Centre movement
throughout the State. Consequently a new and enlarged Mother-
craft Home and Infant Welfare Training School is urgently
required, so that this Institution may adequately fulfil its obliga-
tions both in regard to teaching, and in its provision of more resi-
dential care for the many mothers and babies requiring it. The
shortage of such accommodation, leading to an inability to admit
all the mothers and babies seeking admission, is detrimental to the
health of both and consequently to that of the Nation.

ADMISSIONS TO THE MOTHERCRAFT HOME.

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making a total of 94 babies and 29 mothers who were given special
investigation and residential care with correction of their problems.

In addition many mothers not able to be taken into full residence
from lack of beds, or other reasons, attended for daily help and
tuition in Mothercraft.

TRAINING SCHOOL BABY HEALTH CENTRE.

Total attendances for the year .................................. 5,328
New entries on the roll ........................................... 484
Total attendances of babies (under 2 years) .................. 4,752
Total attendances of children (over 2 years) ................ 420
Number of individual babies (under 2 years) ................ 570
Number of individual children (over 2 years) .............. 152
Callers up to 6 years .............................................. 156
Number of consultations of Expectant Mothers .............. 66
Number of Visits to Homes ........................................ 835
Number of letters for advice received and answered ....... 262
Telephone consultations ........................................... 321

Total attendances have increased this year by 1,957 attendances.
New entries on the roll have doubled this year, and very encour-
ing increases in all attendance figures are reflected in this year's
figures, and have fully justified the Training School Committee's
provision of a full time Infant Welfare Sister to look after the work
of this Centre, and develop it, both in regard to attendances of
mothers and babies, and for the training in Baby Health Centre
work of the Infant Welfare Trainees—a most important part of
their training in Infant Welfare being the period spent in learning
the practical side of running a Baby Health Centre.

The Committee is greatly appreciative of the very excellent and
unswerving work of Sister F. M. Smith, who has been in charge of
this Centre during the major part of this year, and responsible for
its development during that period. The Committee has also valued
the tremendous amount of work carried out by Sister Smith in pre-
paring suitable record books for keeping the statistical records in,
which are required by the Infant Welfare Department. These books
have been printed by the Association's printers, Messrs. Cook
& Heathcote, and are now in use by the Training School, and by
many Centres affiliated with the Association, and they have received
the approval of Dr. Meridith, Director of Maternal, Infant and
Child Welfare. These printed record books will save Sisters in charge
of Centres a tremendous amount of the time and labour, formerly
spent in preparing such record books by hand. Their use will also aid
in the teaching of the Trainees proper record keeping, and help
to eliminate mistakes occasioned by faulty preparation of books and
record keeping.

TRAINNEES.

Twenty-nine (29) Sisters were trained in Infant Welfare during
the year, making a total of 641 Infant Welfare Sisters trained by
the Association since the inception of the Movement. The follow-
ing prizes have been awarded during the year:—The "Sir Herbert
and Lady Olney" prizes, given to the trainee in each term considered
most suitable for Baby Health Centre work, have been allotted to—
1st Term, Sister L. G. Ramsay; 2nd Term, Sister I. Ould; 3rd Term,
Sister S. Barry.
The "Pro-Vita" prizes, awarded each term to the trainee submitting the best essay on "Pre-Natal Care and Mothercraft Nutrition" have been won by — 1st Term, Sister D. E. Jenkin; (other Terms not yet awarded).

The "Margaret White Prize" awarded to the trainee considered best for the year has been given to Sister Margaret C. Grant.

The Council is grateful to the donors of these prizes, and for their encouragement to the trainees to aim at a high standard of efficiency in their work.

The Council congratulates the various winners of these prizes, and wishes them success in their future work, which it is hoped will be in the sphere of Infant Welfare.

Fifty-four (54) Medical Students attended during the year, and showed great interest in the special lectures and demonstrations arranged for them in Infant Feeding and Management.

Eleven (11) Sisters completed Refresher Courses in Infant Welfare during the year.

Medical Lectures at the Training School have been given by Dr. Kate Campbell and Dr. Elizabeth Turner.

Dr. Winifred Kennan continues to give the Medical Lectures on Ante-Natal work to the trainees.

Lectures on "Public Speaking" have been given by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Doris Officer.

Special Lectures have been given by Dr. Jean MacNamara on postural defects and their prevention, and by Miss Walker on Pre-School Child.

Nursing Lectures are given by the Matron, Miss R. Swanton.

Dr. Kate Campbell clinics every week — at the Training School to the Infant Welfare Trainees — on the babies in residence and their care.

Dr. Elizabeth Turner gives a Clinic every week on the babies attending the Health Centre.

The Council appreciates the work carried out by its Lecturers, and the time they devote to this work.

The Council values very highly the work of its Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Kate Campbell, and appreciates her interest and help in supervising the care of the Mothers and Babies in residence, and the teaching she gives in that connection to the trainees. The Council also values Dr. Campbell's experience and help in any medical matters connected with the Association's work referred to her by the Executive Committee.

The Council very greatly appreciates all the work carried out at the Training School by its Assistant Medical Officer — Dr. Elizabeth Turner.

Dr. Campbell continues to lecture once a month at the Training School to the Sisters in Charge of Centres. That her lectures are much valued is evidenced by the large attendances at them. Dr. Campbell has carried out these monthly lectures for twenty years, and they have been deeply appreciated all these years by the Sisters in Charge of Centres, and have been a valuable means of keeping them up to date in knowledge connected with their work, and in assisting them with the personal problems met with in the course of it. These Lectures have the added advantage of keeping the Sisters in Centres in touch with the Training School, and what work is proceeding there.

It is a pity that, owing to free rail passes not being available, many country Sisters are debarred from participating in these lectures, owing to the expense involved in travelling. Free rail passes should be available for the country Sisters wishing to attend, in the same way that they are available for attendance at the monthly lectures run by the Infant Welfare Department. Country Sisters would then enjoy the same facilities and opportunities for keeping in personal touch with the Training School, and with knowledge of their work, as is open to the Metropolitan Sisters, and ones working nearer Melbourne.

The Council has valued the work of the Matron of its Training School, Sister R. Swanton, during the year, and appreciates her successful coping with the many difficulties that arise from time to time in connection with the work.

Several changes of staff have occurred during the year. Sister S. Eredic, who was in charge of the Baby Health Centre for part of the year, was awarded the Florence Nightingale Scholarship and has gone to England. Her place was taken by Sister F. Smith.

Sister P. Whiteside, former Assistant Matron, left to take a position as Sister in Charge of one of the Brunswick Centres. Sister F. Clarke, Staff Sister, left to take a position as Sister in Charge of one of the Caulfield Centres.

Sister I. Olds has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister E. R. Phillips as Staff Sister.

The work of these Sisters has been most valued by the Council, who appreciates the helpful co-operation they so ably give in the smooth running of the Training School.

The excellent work carried out by the domestic staff of the Training School is very much appreciated by the Council, the smooth working in this sphere very greatly aids and assists the work of the Training School as a whole, and is greatly appreciated by the Matron, Nursing Staff and the trainees.

The many industrial troubles and strikes which have occurred throughout the year periodically have had repercussing effects on the routine working of the Training School and consequently added to the problems and difficulties of its Nursing and Domestic Staff. The Council has valued the very fine way that Matron and her Staff have coped with these difficulties, despite the extra work often occasioned by them; the Council has appreciated the way these problems have not been allowed by the Staff to interfere with the well being and care of the Mothers and Babies in residence.
SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE MOTHERCRAFT HOME.

Australian Red Cross Society Screen covers, linen bags, torches (without batteries), unbleached calico, pillow slips, kettle holders, bed tables, tin-openers, fly-nets, parcel baby clothes.

Anonymous Case of apples.

Bacchus Marsh B.H.C. Committee 6 pts. toddlers’ socks.

Box Hill Girls’ School 11½ doz. eggs, electric clock and installation of same.

Ivanhoe B.H.C. Auxiliary Parcel of woollen garments.

“Moronga” Girls’ School 3 large jars of Akta Vite.

Nicholas Pty. Ltd. 8 pkt. rusks, 10 lb. Wheat-harts.

Pro-Vita Products Ham for Xmas dinner.

Foy & Gibson Ltd. Fruit for Xmas.

Mr. S. G. Buck 10 cauliflower.

Women’s Hospital Box of sweets for Staff and 3 doz. oranges.

Dr. K. Campbell Box of sweets for Staff.

Dr. E. Turner Box of flowers.

Dr. J. Ireland Mrs. Edgar Flowers.

Mrs. Purser Flowers.

Mrs. Douglas Perambulator and baby clothes.

Mrs. Stewart 3 bottles Aedexol, 4 doz. lemons.

Mrs. Spokes 7½ doz. eggs.

Mrs. Pierson Flowers.

Mrs. Teddow 4 pts. booties.

Mrs. Roy 6 singlets, 6 pr. booties.

Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Cox Box of sweets for Staff.

Miss Swanton, Miss Matthews, Miss O’Hara, Miss Crowe Flowers for Xmas party.

Sister Pannell Blackberries.

Sister E. B. Phillips Babies’ socks and gloves.

Sister R. Graves Flowers.

Sister Peters Flowers.

Sister F. Smith Measure table and tea cosy.

Mr. Forrest Meat, cream, bag of potatoes.

MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE — CARLTON SITE.

At a conference held in March, 1947, by the Premier, the Hon. John Cain, M.L.A., and at which representatives of the Carlton Home, Victorian Baby Health Centres’ Association, Mr. Ebbs, Secretary of the Maternal and Child Hygiene Branch of the Public Health Department, and Mr. C. L. McVilly, Secretary of the Charities Board, were present, further decisions — in regard to the erection of the proposed Maternal and Child Welfare Centre on the Carlton site were reached.

Originally it had been agreed at Conferences held with the Charities Board, and by representatives of the two organisations, i.e., Carlton Home and Victorian Baby Health Centres Association, that a new Maternal and Child Welfare Centre be planned to incorporate the work of both organisations, a sum of £44,000 having been allotted by the Dunstan Government for such a joint Institution. At the request of the Inspector of Charities, Mr. C. L. McVilly, a Joint Building Committee was formed consisting of representatives of both organisations and the late Director of Maternal and Child Welfare, Dr. Scantlebury Brown, was co-opted as a member of that Building Committee, and she worked closely with it in the preparation of the preliminary plans prepared by the Chief Architect of the Public Works Department. Owing to the considerable rise in building costs since the project was first discussed, and the amalgamation suggested by the Charities Board in 1942, the original sum of £44,000 allotted for the purpose was found inadequate when costs were estimated in the preliminary plans.

The Conference held with the Premier in March was called to discuss the position in regard to the project. As a result of the Conference certain points were clarified, and agreed to by the organisations concerned, and approved by the Government, namely:

1. That it was the definite wish of the Government that there should be close co-operation between the two organisations, and to that end a portion of the site of the Carlton Home is to be allotted for the purposes of the Association’s new Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School, in order that a suitable building may be erected there.

The Premier stated that while it was agreed that the amount of £44,000 provided by a former Government, and at present held in trust by the Carlton Home Committee, was intended to provide for a joint scheme, but had now proved inadequate, he was pleased at the Association’s co-operation in allowing that amount to be used first to the re-building of the Carlton Home, which was in a bad state of repair and quite out of date.

It was however the Government’s instruction that in the plans of the Carlton Home, adequate provision must be made for certain essential services, such as boiler house, kitchen appointments, etc., which would be common and serve both Institutions, and to that end the Premier desired the Association to have the opportunity of conferring with the Carlton Home, and Chief Architect of the Public Works Department in regard to such matters.

The Premier stated that the Government was not in a position at the moment to set aside any further amount for the building of the Association’s Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School, but he approved the Association’s request that it should proceed to develop its plans and specifications for the building in order to obviate any undue delay in the future, when funds were made available. The Association was authorised to continue its discussions and planning for the new Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School with the Public Works Department.
Later a Conference was held between representatives of the Carlton Home and Victorian Baby Health Centres Association and the Public Works Department to discuss what communal facilities should be provided by the Carlton Home for servicing the two institutions, in accordance with the Premier's instructions. It was decided that for the simplification and the smooth running of both institutions, and in view of their diverse nature and functions, and personnel catered for, the only common services that could be advantageously supplied by the Carlton Home were boiler house facilities, and this arrangement was agreed to.

A new narrative is in course of preparation by the Association for submitting to the Chief Architect of the Public Works Department, in view of the alteration in planning occasioned by the agreement to erect two institutions on the site of the Carlton Home, each carrying out their specific objects and work, instead of the one originally planned for and suggested by the Charities Board.

This new arrangement has considerable advantages for both Institutions, especially for the Association, as the work and activities connected with its Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School carry education in Motherhood, and in the care of babies and young children right throughout the State. Its functions urgently need expansion to cope with a very rapidly developing Baby Health Centre movement, and, in that connection, as an important relationship to the Preventive Medicine as the Childen's Hospital does to curative medicine. With 96% of the money spent in this State for Health purposes allotted for curative medicine and only 4% for the prevention of sickness and ill-health, surely a more adequate balance of expenditure is indicated and would be wisdom. It is hoped that when plans are completed for the Association's new Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School, and the Association is ready to build, that the required funds will be forthcoming.

TRAVELLING BABY HEALTH CENTRE.

This service has been on the road ten years and was the pioneer of such services in Australia. A successful year's work is reported.

**Attendances for the Year.**

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Total attendances show a slight increase on last year's figures, and many new babies have been enrolled. There is a slight decrease in the number of children over 2 years attending compared with last year's figures.

The health of the babies attending has been good, and there have been few serious illnesses amongst them. Last winter there was an epidemic of whooping cough, but not many serious cases among the babies, who in most cases have been immunised as soon as they are old enough to be done.

Twenty-eight (28) towns and townships are served with a regular fortnightly service, and many wayside calls and stops to interview Mothers en route are also made.

The schedule has been maintained during the year, occasionally engine trouble or road conditions may cause a delay in the conduct of a clinic at a certain scheduled time, or its non-conduct on odd days during the year. Such occasional interruptions are unavoidable at times.

Some alterations in the schedule have been made during the year in regard to the amount of time allotted for visiting at various townships. Such alterations have been necessitated by fluctuations in attendance figures at different places in the schedule, and partly occasioned by the local road conditions.

Kulwin was deleted from the schedule temporarily, owing to road conditions, and small attendance figures there did not justify either the time spent in reaching Kulwin and the return from it, or the wear and tear on the vehicle itself from the poor road conditions.

Patchewollock, which was temporarily cut out last year, owing to road conditions, has been re-introduced since February and attendances have justified its re-inclusion, despite the unreliability of the road at times. On the schedule the Caravan travels over 1,000 miles per month. The ease with which the schedule can be varied to meet fluctuations in attendance figures at various points in the circuit is one of the most valuable features of the Travelling Baby Health Centre services for outback country districts.

The Sisters report that there have been many improvements in the roads since the Country Roads Board maintenance gangs have been back at work. However wet weather affects nearly all roads, except the highways, and skidding and bogging at times is unavoidable. Also sand-drifts in summer often cause bogging and delays in the schedule. The road to Ultima from Meatin and that from Torrita to Patchewollock are still trouble spots for the Sisters, and necessitate a change of route occasionally, when these roads become impassable.

The "Bedford" Travelling Caravan was in use for servicing this district until December, 1946, the vehicle gave excellent service and needed only minor repairs and general maintenance.

In January, 1947, the new "Dodge" Caravan was substituted for the older vehicle. The "Dodge" Caravan had just been specially constructed and re-designed for this service and incorporates in its design many new features, to provide greater facilities for carrying
out the work done for the Mothers and babies and for the domestic comfort of the Sisters, living in the Caravan.

The vehicle on its arrival in the Mallee occasioned much appreciative and delighted comment from the mothers, who value this service so highly.

Some trouble was experienced in the first two months of running of the vehicle, as some engine faults, which had not shown when the vehicle was tested out on the bitumen roads round Melbourne, and on the trip up to the Mallee, manifested themselves, and were aggravated by the rough roads in the Mallee. These troubles have now been rectified and the vehicle giving good service. The Sisters appreciate the greatly increased comfort of the living quarters and the added conveniences, incorporated in the vehicle, when used for the Centre work.

There have been various changes of staff for the vehicle during the year. Sister U. Allen left in July, and Sister H. Northcott was appointed in her place. Sister J. Miers, who was the other Sister on the vehicle when Sister Northcott joined it, was suddenly taken ill in September, and was unable to return. Sister Nash, from Western Australia, relieved from September until November.

Miss Munro, a voluntary helper from Heidelberg, went up to the Caravan for a few weeks, to help Sister Northcott, with the driving of the Caravan, and the weighing of the babies—and as a relieving Sister was not available at that time, the Committee were deeply grateful to Miss Munro for her help during that period.

After Christmas Sister Greer returned to help Sister Northcott with the new vehicle, and remained with the Caravan four months. Sister Goodin was then appointed to the Caravan.

The Committee deeply appreciates the loyal and devoted work carried out for the Mothers by the sisters in charge of its Travelling Baby Health Centre, and knows the high esteem in which these Sisters are held by the Mothers who owe so much to them.

The Council greatly appreciates the wonderful hospitality shown to the Sisters by the Mallee people throughout the districts and knows how much the Sisters value this kindness, and the help it is to their general happiness in their life with the Caravan.

The Council warmly thanks the men in the Mallee, who come so readily to the help of the Sisters in any difficulty or trouble with it. The Council also values the work put into the Caravan by the various garages in the district, and the helpful way they service the vehicle to keep it in running order, and up to time on its Schedule.

The “Bedford” Caravan, since it was taken off the Mallee run, has been completely re-conditioned as regards its engine and bodywork, and is now available to service another outback area, as soon as funds are available for the financing of a second district. The necessary finance for the re-conditioning of this vehicle was made available from funds raised by the Apex Clubs of Australia, to help Travelling Baby Health Centre Services: the Council greatly values the generosity of the Apex Clubs of Australia in making this sum
available for the re-conditioning of the “Bedford” Caravan. The sum made available by the Apex Clubs of Australia was £203/10/2.

A representative from the Department of Information and photographer visited the Association’s Travelling Baby Health Centre in April, and went round with it during the course of its work. The Department has written an interesting account of the work of the Travelling Centre, and took many excellent photos. The narrative and photos will be published by the Department of Information in the many countries throughout the world in which the Department has agencies. The work therefore of the Travelling Centre will have interesting publicity in many countries.

LECTURES IN MOTHERCRAFT.

The Lectures in Mothercraft given by the Association at many Girls’ Schools, and to various women’s organisations, form a most important feature of its activities.

These Lectures play an important part not only in interesting girls in Motherhood, but in educating them for it. Many letters from the Principals of the Girls’ Schools express appreciation for these lectures, emphasise their value, and refer to the keen interest taken in them by the girls.

Visits are arranged, where possible, for the girls receiving the lectures to visit the Association’s Mothercraft and Infant Welfare Training School, and various Baby Health Centres, so that they may see the practical side of the work in progress. The girls are very appreciative of these visits, and show an intelligent interest in the babies and equipment of the Training School and Centres.

Project books are compiled by the girls, when receiving these lectures, and many of these have entailed a great deal of work in their preparation, and show clearly the enthusiasm of the girls for the subject of Mothercraft, when given an opportunity of learning about it.

Sister G. E. Mole continues as full time Lecturing Sister for the Association to the Girls’ Schools. She reports that:—

During the year, 1,719 girls received tuition in Mothercraft, and 50 schools were visited.

The following schools received lectures during the year:—

Academy of Mary Immaculate (Fitzroy), Convent F.C.J. Genazzano (Kew), Convent F.C.J. Vaucluse (Richmond), St. Columba’s College (Essendon), St. Finian’s College (St. Kilda), Williamstown and Essendon High Schools; Richmond, Tooronga Rd. (East Malvern); Preston, Camberwell, Collingwood, Fitzroy, Williamstown, Brunswick, Footscray and Fitzroy Girls’ Schools; Brighton Girls’ Technical School, Box Hill Girls’ Technical School, Swinburne Technical College.


North Brunswick, Glenferrie and Northcote Modern State Schools.

William Angliss Food Trade School, “The Grill” Dietitians, Royal Melbourne Hospital; National Catholic Girls’ Movement (Middle Park Branch).

Results of Examinations.

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The Council considers that Mothercraft tuition, together with such subjects as Homecraft and Home Nursing should be compulsory ones at all girls’ schools, and that a revision of the curriculum for girls’ schools is urgently needed to include such subjects. Our girls during their school life are educated for all sorts of careers and occupations, and spheres of service in the community, but no provision is made for their education in that sphere of life of most vital importance for them, and incidentally for the Nation, namely, Motherhood and Home-making.

The Council intends, with other organisations, to make an approach to the Minister of Education in regard to this matter.

COUNTRY SISTERS LECTURING IN MOTHERCRAFT.

In addition to the lectures in Mothercraft supplied by the Association, to the schools in the Metropolitan area, Sisters in Charge of the following country Centres have given lectures in this subject to the schools in their districts—Benalla, Colac, Echuca, Euroa, Geelong, Maryborough, Rochester and Wonthaggi.

The Council congratulates these Sisters on carrying out this splendid educational work in addition to their routine Centre work.

CO-OPERATION.

The Council wishes to congratulate Dr. Meredith on her appointment as Director of Maternal, Infant and Pre-School Welfare during the year, and looks forward to a happy co-operation with her in the future in our combined work for the benefit of the Mothers and Babies throughout the State.

The Council wishes to express its appreciation for the interest, help and co-operation received from Dr. Meredith and members of her Department during the year.
The Council also expresses its appreciation of the interest and help received during the year from Dr. Hilda Kincaid, Child Welfare Medical Officer to the Melbourne City Council, especially in connection with the work of the Association’s Training School Centre in Carlton.

The Council thanks the Directors of the “Argus”, “Age”, “Herald” and “Sun” Newspapers for the valuable publicity afforded during the year in regard to the Association’s work. The Council also appreciates the space given by the Editors of many country newspapers to this work.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

The Government subsidy paid to Municipalities with Baby Health Centres amounts to £200 per annum for each full-time Sister employed, and proportionately for each part-time Sister. The Government’s subsidy represents half the salary of the Sister (and that of a relieving Sister for 2 weeks).

Municipalities pay the other half of the Sisters’ Salary (on a £1 for £1 basis with the Government), in addition the Municipalities assisted by the Committees pay all maintenance expenses of their Centres and the cost of the erection of any special buildings found necessary to house this service adequately. Consequently the Municipalities bear the major part of the expenses of this essential Health Service in their districts. It is felt that as health is a national necessity, and its foundations are laid in the Baby Health Centre period, more generous finance to Councils and organisations promoting this work should be forthcoming by both State and Commonwealth Governments. Especially should some Government subsidy be given to help Councils and their Committees erect the suitable buildings necessary for this work. Subsidies are given to hospitals for building work to meet the needs of curative medicine, but it is more important to provide those facilities and buildings necessary for the prevention of sickness and ill-health, with the consequent elimination of much of the need for hospital care. Much sickness and ill-health in the community is preventable. Government grants are given on a 3 to 1 basis for the erection of “Comfort Stations” and swimming pools in country districts, subsidies on a similar scale should be available for the erection of Baby Health Centre buildings, whose functions to the community are of such vital importance.

The Council values the Governments’ continuance of the special grants to its Infant Welfare Training School and to other Training Schools. These grants are invaluable in keeping these institutions in operation. In view of the tremendous increased cost of running such institutions, which have been occasioned by increased salary rates and award conditions, plus the rising cost of all commodities (i.e., conditions over which those responsible for maintaining these institutions have no control), an increase in the Government subsidy for financing these institutions is urgently needed to defray the increased costs in maintenance. An approach to the Government for consideration of such an increase has been made by the Association, and details of the increased cost of maintenance of the Association’s Infant Welfare Training School have been supplied to the Government.

The Council appreciates the Government’s interest in the Traveling Baby Health Centre service, and for the subsidy allotted for assisting its maintenance. This has been on the basis of half the salary of each full-time Sister employed on the vehicle. All other expenses are borne by the Association from Voluntary Funds made available for the purpose.

The Council appreciates the letter received from the Premier, the Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A., dated June 27, 1947, in which he states, “The Government appreciates the valuable work of the Committees of the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association, without whom it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to have established the present service. We will be pleased to have your co-operation and help in the future, as in the past.”

This recognition from the Government itself of the splendid work carried out by the Baby Health Centres Committees throughout the State is encouraging to them, and it is satisfying to the Committees to know that the Government wishes for a continuance of their work, and desires their co-operation and help in the future developments of the Movement on the lines that it has been given during the 30 years of the Movement’s existence.

MUNICIPAL AND SHIRE COUNCILS.

Municipal and Shire Councils continue to take an active interest in the Centres and in the extension of this service in their districts.

The Councils have been responsible for the erection of many fine buildings. Further ones are contemplated both in Metropolitan and country Districts as soon as building conditions are easier. Permits for the Centre buildings have been granted, and their erection will shortly proceed. Plans for other Centre buildings are well in hand. As Councils bear the cost of the erection of these buildings, and are frequently helped by funds raised by their Baby Health Centre Committees, particularly in country districts, subsidies given by the Government towards their cost would greatly help the financial side of their erection.

Councils bear all the maintenance costs of their Centres, and the cost of the Sister’s salary, they receive a subsidy from the Government of £200 per annum for each full time Sister appointed, proportionately for part time Sisters employed. The award rate for Infant Welfare Sisters salaries is £7/0/6 per week.
Many Councils have increased the number of Sisters employed by them for Baby Health Centre work, others contemplate increasing their staff in the near future. These staff increases have been occasioned by the increasing attendances at the Centres. The Councils are to be congratulated on meeting these increasing demands of the Movement in their districts by extra staff, to ensure that the Sisters have adequate time to carry out the work efficiently for the Mothers. Some Councils provide cars for their Sisters use in visiting and travelling between Sub-Centres.

In some cases the Baby Health Centre Committee assists the Council with funds for the maintenance of the Centre, for the provision of a car for the Sister, or by arranging other transport facilities.

Where the Sister owns her car and uses it for her work, provision is made in the award for a re-imbursement towards the cost of the use of her own car. This cost is borne by the Council.

In many country districts, especially those unserved or sparsely served by train or bus services, a car is a necessity for the Sister to facilitate her transport from one Centre to another to carry on her work in part-time Centres, or to save her time in visiting the Mothers in their homes.

The Sister's time should be conserved and utilised in every way for the benefit of the Mothers, for whom her services are provided. Time wasted in travelling is uneconomic for Councils at present award rates of salary.

The Council is grateful to those Municipal Councils who support the work of the Mothercraft Home and Infant Welfare Training School with regular donations each year.

CHARITIES BOARD.

The Council desires to thank the Trustees of the Estate of the late Dr. Georgina Sweet, Alfred Bolton Estate, Alfred Edmends Estate, Edward Wilson Estate, Henry Gyles Turner's Estate, T. J. Summer Estate, J. R. Hartley Estate, Sir Wm. Austin Zelal Estate, Thomas Baker (Kodak), Alice Baker and Eleanor Shaw Benefactions Fund, David Syme Charitable Trust, "Walter and Eliza Hall" Trust, J. R. MacPherson Estate for grants towards the funds of the Association which have been of the greatest assistance to the work.


Donations are acknowledged from the following schools for lectures arranged by the Association—Brunswick Girls’ School, Coburg High School, Camberwell Church of England Girls’ Grammar School, Methodist Ladies’ College, Vaucluse Convent (Richmond), Convent of Mercy (Ascot Vale) and the Director of Catholic Education.

The following Councils are sincerely thanked for their donations—Brighton, Colac, Moorabbin, Port Melbourne, Sandringham, St. Kilda and South Melbourne.

CONCLUSION.

The year has been a successful and progressive one as regards the development of the Association’s activities, and the extension of Baby Health Centre Services to many new districts.

The Council values the very fine work carried out by all the Sisters in Charge of Centres, and appreciates their loyal and devoted services to the Mothers. Especially the Council wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the work of those Sisters, who have pioneered this Movement, and who have worked for it for many years, some for over 20 years. Some of these pioneer Sisters are now retiring, or have retired from the Movement, and their places are being taken by new and younger Sisters. These retiring Sisters will be greatly missed in their work by the Association, and by the
Mothers whom they have served so devotedly for many years. The warm wishes and thanks of the Association go to these Sisters in their retirement.

In leaving their work those Sisters pass on to those following them a wonderful tradition of service which we feel sure will be an inspiration to all those carrying on this work and service for the mothers of this country.

It has always been through the excellent and devoted work of the Sisters that the Movement has been built up, and the confidence of the mothers gained, as evidenced by their increasing attendances at the Centres. The Movement will continue to develop and progress in the future, as it has done in the past through the work of the Sisters; theirs is invaluable work in the Community and provides the most vital service of all—help and service to the Mothers, on whom the whole future security of our Nation depends. Sound family life is the only basis for National security and strength. Education in parenthood and family life is the key to its provision.

HERBERT H. OLNEY, President.

DORIS L. OFFICER, Hon. Secretary.
# Victorian Baby Health Centres Association

## ANNUAL RETURNS, 1946-47.

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LIST OF CENTRES.

ABERFIELD.—St. Andrew's Hall, St. Kinnord Street. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

ALBERT PARK.—18 Dundas Place. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 to 12 noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.

ALEXANDRA.—Perkins Street. Monday and Friday, 1.30 to 5 p.m.

ALPHINGTON.—Miller Street. Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.

ARARAT.—Town Hall. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday, 9.30 to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

ASCOT VALE.—147 Maribyrnong Road. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

ASPENDALE.—Life-Saving Club Hall. Friday, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

AUBURN.—241 Auburn Road. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BACCHUS MARSH.—Public Hall, Main Street. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

BADGER CREEK.—Route Visits. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BAIRNSDALE.—Nicholson Street. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.; Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BALLARAT.—Shire Hall. Thursday, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

BALLARAT.—Mair Street. Monday and Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BALLARAT (North).—Lydila Street. Tuesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BALLARAT (East).—Barly Street. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 1.30 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 5 p.m.

BALYNN.—Cherry Street (off Whitehorse Road). Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

BARHAM (N.S.W.).—Memorial Hall. Alternate Thursdays, 2 to 4.30 p.m.

BARWON HEADS.—Hitchcock Avenue. Alternate Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

BAYSWATER.—Public Hall, High Street. Tuesday, 1.30 to 5 p.m.

BEAUCHWORTH.—Shire Office, Ford Street. Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 5 p.m.

BELGRAVE.—Main Road. Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BELMONT.—Shire Hall. Monday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BENALLA.—Bridge Street. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BENDIGO.—Charing Cross. Monday and Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BERWICK.—High Street. Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4 p.m.

BIRCHVILLE.—Shire Hall. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1.30 to 5.30 p.m., alternate weeks.

BIRREGURRA.—C.W.A. Building. Friday, 2 to 4 p.m.

BLACKBURN.—Merton Park. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.

BLACK ROCK.—Cr. Bluff Road and Gordon Street. Monday and Tuesday, 9.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BOORAT.—Memorial Hall. Friday, 1 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

BORONIA.—Progress Hall. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BOX HILL.—The Oval, Whitehorse Road. Monday and Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

BOX HILL SOUTH.—Canterbury Road. Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

BRANXHOLME.—Mechanics' Hall. Monday, 1 to 4.30 p.m.

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BRIGHTON (North).—Parliament Street. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BRIGHTON EAST (Hurlingham Park).—Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Monday and Thursday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BRIGHTON BEACH (West St.).—Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BRIGHTON—Essex Lodge, Cross Street, S.A. Monday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BRUNSWICK.—Town Hall. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4 p.m.; Friday, 1.30 to 4 p.m.

BRUNSWICK EAST.—320 Lygon Street. Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and 1.30 to 4 p.m.

BRUNSWICK WEST.—Victoria Street. Monday and Wednesday, 1.30 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4 p.m.

BUNYON.—Shire Hall. Monday, Wednesday, alternate weeks.

BUNYIP.—Main Street. Tuesday, 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BURNLEY.—Barney Street (St. Bartholomew's Hall). Monday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

BURWOOD/HARWELL.—Trent Street, off Toorak Road. Monday and Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 to 12 noon.

CAMBERWELL.—Lonsdale Road (near Town Hall). Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.30 to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CAMBERWELL SOUTH.—Bowen Street (off Toorak Road). Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, 9.30 to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CAMPERDOWN.—Scout Street. Tuesday, 9.30 to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CANTERBURY (in Gardens).—Scott Crescent. Monday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CARDROSS.

CARLTON.—Y.B.H.C.A. Training School, 730 Swanston Street (near Women's Hospital). 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Monday to Thursday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CARLTON (Melbourne City Council).—730 Swanston Street, Carlton. Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CARNEGIE.—Truganini Road. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CARRUM.—Machines' Hall. Monday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

CASTERTON.—Monday and Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

CASTLEMAINE.—Town Hall. Monday and Thursday, 1 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9.30 to 11.30 and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CAULFIELD.—Hawthorn Road. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CHARLTON.—Shire Hall. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CHELSEA.—Municipal Buildings, Station Street. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

CHELTONHAM.—P. Nepean Road. Thursday, 9.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CLAYTON.—Clayton Road. Tuesday, 12 noon to 4.30 p.m.

CLIFTON HILL.—Mayor's Park, Heidelberg Road. Monday and Tuesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

COBourg.—Court House. Tuesday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

COHUNA.—Shire Hall, Market Street. Monday and Tuesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

COLAC.—Queen Street. Monday, 11.30 to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

COLEMAN.—Shire Hall. Tuesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

COLLINGWOOD.—Galvan Reserve, Park Street. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

COORABOOG.—Public Hall. Tuesday, 2 to 4.30 p.m.

CRANBOURNE.—B.H.C. Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

CRESWICK.—B.H.C. Monday, 1 to 4.30 p.m. alternate weeks.

CROYDON.—Daly Avenue. Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

DAYLESFORD.—Vincent Street. Every second Monday, 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

DERRINALLUM.—Main Street. Second and fourth Friday in each month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

DIAMOND CREEK.—St. John's C. of E. Sunday School. Thursday, 1 to 4.15 p.m.

DIGBY.—Memorial Hall. First and Third Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 2.30 p.m.

DONALD.—Shire Hall. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1.30 to 5.30 p.m. each alternate week.

DOOKIE.—C. of E. Hall. Second and fourth Monday each month, 2.30 to 5 p.m.

DROUIN.—Shire Hall. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

EAGLEHAWK.—Town Hall. Thursday, 9.30 to 11.30 and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

EAST DONCASTER & TEMPLESTOWE.—Methodist Church Building. Monday, 10.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

ECHUCA.—Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30 to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

ELMORE.—Town Hall. Monday, 11.15 to 4.15 p.m.

ELSTERNWICK.—Streetside, Cross Street.)

ELTHAM.—Public Hall. Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

ELWOOD.—St. Beech's Schoolroom, Ormond Road. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

EMERALD.—Main Road. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

ESSendon (Moonie Pondy).—Pascoe Vale Road. Tuesday, Thursday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

ESSendon North.—Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Monday and Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.

EUROA.—Binney Street. Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

FAIRFIELD.—4th Arthur Street. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4.15 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

FERNTRREE GULLY.—Main Road. Monday, 10 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.; Thursday, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

FITZROY.—Young Street (near Town Hall). Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.

FITZROY NORTH.—Edinburgh Gardens. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m.

GARRISON.—B.H.C. Monday, 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 4.30 alternate Mondays.

GEELONG.—McKillop Street. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

GEELONG (Combined Shire).—Commonwealth Bank Building, Malop Street. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1 to 4.30 p.m.

GEELONG NORTH.—"Osborne House", Swinburne Street. Monday, 10.30 to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.
GEELONG WEST.—Pakenham Street. Monday, 2 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

GEELONG.—B.H.C. Alternate Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

GIBBORNE.—Shire Hall. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4 p.m.

GLEN IRIS.—113 High Street. Tuesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

GLENROY.—Glenroy Hall. Alternate Tuesday mornings.

GLEN WAVERLEY.—Mechanics’ Hall. Thursday, 12 noon to 4.30 p.m.

GREENSborough.—Main Street. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.

GUNNEDAH.—Main Street. Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

HAMPSTEAD.—Brown Street. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4.30 p.m.

HAPPY.—Happy Street. Monday and Tuesday, 12 noon to 1 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4.30 p.m.

HAWTHORN.—319 Burwood Road. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

HEALESVILLE.—Shire Hall. Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

HEALTHCOTE.—B.H.C. Friday, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

HEIDELBERG.—Park Lane. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.; Wednesday, from 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.

HEIDELBERG WEST.—Altona Street. Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

HEYFIELD.—Temple Street. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon fortnightly.

HEWES.—St. Andrew’s Hall. Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

HURSTBRIDGE.—Main Road. Monday, 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

INVERLOCH.—B.H.C. First and third Tuesday of each month from 1.30 to 4 p.m.

JONGS.—15th Street. Monday and Wednesday, 1.15 to 4.30 p.m.

IVANHOE.—Waterdale Road. Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.; Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.15 p.m.

IVANHOE EAST (Lower Heidelberg Road).—Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

KENILWORTH.—Altamont. Alternate Tuesday afternoons.

KENSINGTON—FLEMINGTON.—Bellair Street. Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

KERRANG.—Con Club House. Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

KEW.—Denmark Street. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

KEW NORTH.—Pebble Street. Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

KEW EAST.—Smithallby Street. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

KOONDOOK.—Memorial Hall. Thursday (alternate weeks), 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

KOO WEE RUP.—B.H.C. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

KOROT—B.H.C. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1 to 4.30 p.m.

KURUMAN.—B.H.C. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. (fortnightly).

KURUMBA.—B.H.C. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. (alternate weeks).

LANG LANG.—B.H.C. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

LEICHTHOLZ.—Memorial Hall. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

LEONGATHA.—Municipal Chambers. Wednesday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

LILYDALE.—Melba Park. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

LISMORE.—William Street. Second Friday in each month, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; fourth Friday in each month, 1.30 to 4 p.m.

LOCINDALE.—W.C. Memorial Room Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. (alternate).

LOCKINGTON.—Memorial Hall. Tuesday, 1 to 4 p.m.

LONGWYRT.—B.H.C. Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

MAFFRA.—Johnston Street. Wednesday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Friday, 1 to 4.30 p.m.

MALVERN.—4 Barkly Avenue. Monday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

MALVERN NORTH (Tooronga).—1410 Malvern Road, Tooronga. Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

MALVERN SOUTH.—Junction of Waverley and Dandenong Roads. Monday, Thursday and Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

MALVERN EAST.—462 Waverley Road. Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

MANIFOLD HEIGHTS.—Methodist School Hall. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

MANSFIELD.—Highett Road. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 5 p.m.

MARYBOROUGH.—Clarendon Street. Monday and Thursday, 1.50 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 10 to 12 noon and 1.30 to 5 p.m.

MOUNT GJOA.—Main Street. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

MCKINNON.—149 McKenna Road. Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

MEENY.—Mechanics’ Institute. Monday, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

MELTON.—B.H.C. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

MERBEIN.—Box Street. Tuesday, 10.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. Wednesday, 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon; Friday, 11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

MERINO.—High Street. Second and fourth Wednesday in each month, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; first and third Wednesday, 3 to 4.30 p.m.

MILDURA.—Oak Avenue. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

MIRROO NORTH.—Shire Hall. Tuesday, 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

M itcham.—Soldiers’ Memorial Hall. Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 to 4 p.m.

MOAMA.—Shire Hall. First Thursday of each month.

MONTAGUE.—B.H.C. Wednesday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

MOUNT.—B.H.C. Monday, 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

MOORABIN.—Pt. Nepean Road. Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

MOUNT DANDENONG.—C.W. Rooms, Falls Road. Second and fourth Wednesday in each month, 1 to 4.30 p.m.

MOUNT EVELYN.—Mechanics’ Hall. First and third Wednesday in each month, 1 to 4.30 p.m.

MURRUMBEEBA.—65 Murrumbeena Road. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

NAR-NAR-GOON.—Thursday (alternate weeks), 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.
NATHALIA.—Town Hall Building. Monday, 10 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

NEWTOWN & CHILWELL.—Russell Street, Chilwell. Monday, 2 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

NOOTEE.-Noojee Hall. Wednesday, 1.15 to 4.15 p.m.

NORTH CARLTON (Newry Street).—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

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NORTH MELBOURNE.—Errol Street (Town Hall). Monday, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Wednesday, 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon; Thursday, 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

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ORMOND.—Grange Road. Monday, 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

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SEASTON.—Shire Hall. Thursday, 1.30 to 4 p.m.

SEVILLE.—Main Road. Thursday (second and fourth in each month), 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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VICTORIAN BABY HEALTH CENTRES' ASSOCIATION.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS, 1946-47.

Grants from Trust Funds.—

Trustee, Alfred Holtom Estate .......... £800 0 0
The H. V. McKay Charitable Trust .. 100 0 0
The Alfred Holtom Trust ............. 100 0 0
Trustee, The Edward Wilson Trust ... 100 0 0
The Lockhart Rosewall Memorial Fund 80 0 0
Thomas Baker (Korah), Alice Baker and Eleanor Baker Benefactions .......... 50 0 0
The David Byrne Charitable Trust .. 25 0 0
Trustee, Henry White Turner's Estate .. 20 0 0
Trustee, T. J. Smuts Estate ......... 15 0 0
Trustee, J. R. Hayley Estate ...... 10 0 0
Trustee, Mrs. A. D. W. Austin's Estate 5 0 0

Special Grant—from The H. V. McKay Charitable Trust—for
Long Bay Centre .................. £197 10 0

Donations—General—

Neate & Anglo-China Condensed Milk Co. Ltd. .. £25 0 0
Mrs. Herbert Olney .................. 17 11 0
Mr. A. M. McIvor ................... 5 3 0
State Savings Bank Officers' Association .... 5 0 0
Geelong Baby Health Centre .......... 3 2 0
J. M. Murray and Co. Ltd. ........ 1 10 0
Mrs. B. G. Goss .................... 1 0 0
Gippsland & Northern Cooperative Co. Ltd. .. 1 0 0

Municipal Councils—

Port Melbourne City Council .......... £6 0 0
K. M. Mills City Council .......... 5 5 0
Brighton City Council ............ 5 0 0
Schofield City Council .......... 2 3 0
North Melbourne City Council ...... 2 0 0

Donations in Appreciation of Lectures on “Mothercraft” arranged by the Association—

Director of Catholic Education .... £19 0 0
Coburg High School ............... 3 0 0
Camperdown Church of England Girls' Grammar School .......... 3 0 0
Methodist Ladies' College ........ 2 2 0
Bowen School ..................... 2 0 0
Convict of Mercy (Ararat) ...... 2 2 0
Valentine Convent (Richmond) .. 1 10 0

Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd.—

Guaranteed payment in connection with Central Collection of Waste Paper . £708 8 11

Grants and Donations—Training School and Mothercraft Home.—

Trustees, Dr. Georgina Sweet Estate £1,000 0 0
Pro Vita Projects ................. 31 10 0
Voluntary Helpers' Club .......... 25 4 0
Trustees, "Walter and Edna Holt" Trust 25 0 0
Trussell, R.H.C. Auxiliary (for Premature Babies) .... 9 0 0
Bentleigh Baby Health Centre, Mothers’ Club 5 5 0
Kraft Walker Cheese Company Pty. Ltd. 5 5 0
Mrs. H. G. Martin ................. 2 0 0
Mrs. C. O. White (England) for "Margaret White Prize" 2 2 0

£1,164 8 0
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Victorian Baby Health Centres Association

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1947.**

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<th>LIABILITIES</th>
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<td>General Fund —</td>
<td>Furniture and Equipment at Central Office valued at £100 0 0</td>
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<td>Balance at 30th June, 1946, before deduction of Building Fund £900 5 4</td>
<td>Commonwealth Government Bond 70 0 0</td>
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<td>Add Surplus for the year 128 11 4</td>
<td>State Savings Bank Accounts —</td>
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<td>General Account £100 1 8</td>
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<td>Creditor, Training School Telephone Account 18 14 10</td>
<td>Country Work Account 39 9 8</td>
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<td>Late Sir George Cuscaiden Memorial Balance 13 12 0</td>
<td>National Bank of Australasia Ltd. 646 18 7</td>
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<td>Debit in V.B.H.C.A. Training School 104 13 7</td>
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<td>£1,061 3 6</td>
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

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<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>To Salaries, Secretarial and Lecturing</td>
<td>£700 17 4</td>
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<td>General Expenses, Postages and Petties</td>
<td>98 6 6</td>
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<td>Printing and Stationery</td>
<td>170 6 3</td>
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<td>Grants to Centres</td>
<td>92 10 0</td>
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<td>Travelling Expenses—Lecturing Nurse</td>
<td>108 11 8</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
<td>19 9 7</td>
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<td>Electric Light and Heating</td>
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<td>Rent and Cleaning</td>
<td>86 15 0</td>
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<td>Audit Fee</td>
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<td>Equipment</td>
<td>16 14 0</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>28 13 5</td>
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<td>Transfer to V.H.C.A. Training School</td>
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<td>Transfer to Building Fund</td>
<td>33 3 9</td>
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<td>Surplus for the year</td>
<td>128 11 4</td>
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**Total Income:** £1,793 11 4

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<td>By Grants and Donations</td>
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<td>State Controller of Salvage</td>
<td>708 8 11</td>
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<td>Lecture Fees</td>
<td>24 2 0</td>
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<td>Sales of Milk Powder</td>
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<td>Children's Welfare Exhibition</td>
<td>216 0 0</td>
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<td>Less Payment</td>
<td>10 0 0</td>
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<td>Materials, Patterns, Booklets and Badges</td>
<td>26 15 0</td>
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<td>Less Payments</td>
<td>20 5 10</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>9 19 9</td>
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**Total Expenditure:** £1,793 11 4

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

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**Total Building Fund Account:** £33 3 9

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<td>By Transfer from General Fund</td>
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**Total Building Fund Account:** £33 3 9

TRAVELLING CENTRE.

LIABILITIES.

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<td>General Fund Balance at 30th June, 1946</td>
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<td>Less Deficit for the year</td>
<td>£78 7 11</td>
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<td>National Bank of Australasia Ltd</td>
<td>22 14 8</td>
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**Total Liabilities:** £572 1 10

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

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<td>To Salaries</td>
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<td>Repairs, Replacements and Spares</td>
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<td>Petrol and Oil</td>
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<td>Equipment and Work on New Caravan</td>
<td>£1,355 5 2</td>
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<td>Less Insurance received</td>
<td>1235 8 1</td>
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<td>Insurances</td>
<td>119 17 1</td>
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<td>Printing and Stationery</td>
<td>5 1 6</td>
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<td>Fares and Expenses</td>
<td>9 17 7</td>
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<td>Postages and Petties</td>
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**Total Income:** £1,185 4 0

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<td>By Donations</td>
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<td>Box on Caravan</td>
<td>22 17 6</td>
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<td>General Women’s Association</td>
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<td>Shire Grants</td>
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<td>Government Grant</td>
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<td>Deficit for the year</td>
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**Total Expenditure:** £1,185 4 0

SPECIAL APPEAL ACCOUNT.

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<td>To Balance at 30th June, 1946</td>
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<td>National Bank of Australasia Ltd. — Current Account</td>
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<td>Fixed Deposits</td>
<td>2,160 14 9</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>113 12 9</td>
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**Total Special Appeal Account:** £5,276 7 6

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<td>By V.H.C.A. Training School</td>
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<td>Balance</td>
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<td>National Bank of Australasia Ltd. — Fixed Deposits</td>
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**Total Special Appeal Account:** £6,067 13 10
MOTHERCRAFT HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

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<td>Cot Endowment</td>
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<td>Maintenance Fund — Balance at 30th June, 1946</td>
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<td>Transfers from —</td>
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<td>Less Deficit for the year</td>
<td>Additions during the year</td>
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1947.

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Melbourne, 6th, November, 1947.

C. C. A. George,
Hon. Treasurer.