

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

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1876 – 1879 From Humble Beginnings

1876

- **The Mooroopna hospital started as a small 2 bed wooden hut established on banks of the Goulburn river behind O'Brien Hall in response to growing settlement in Mooroopna (HSM)**
- Prior to its establishment ill patients had to travel to Bendigo or Kilmore and transportation occurred by coach or vehicle as there were no railways locally
- The initial patient – an aborigine requiring his leg to be set- was attended to by the local chemist, subsequent patients with serious issues were attended by Dr Heily from Rushworth.
- 4 patients were treated in the first year (*James*)
- No regular nurse for the first few years
- Community collection/donations organised to pay for new building
(*From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser - 19/10/1937 p. 88*)
- **5 acres reserved and wooden building made of logs and a bark roof was built (Mooroopna Hospital history in Kyabram Free Press and Deakin Shire Advocate 31/12/1909 p. 2) (Mooroopna Hospital : interesting reminiscences in Shepparton Advertiser 7/1/1910 p. 4)**

Key Dates

March 16 – Advertisement in Goulburn Advertiser for Public Meeting to elect a Committee to be held on March 25 at 2 pm in the School House (*Nice1976, VGG*)

March 23 - 2nd Advertisement in Goulburn Advertiser for Public Meeting to elect a Committee to be held on March 25 at 2 pm in the School House (*Nice1976, VGG*)

March 25 – Public Meeting to form Committee (*Nice1976, HSM*)

April 20 – Bank account opened with a deposit of 10.10.9 pounds (*Nice1976, McLennan, HSM*)

June 14 – First recorded Committee of Management meeting (*Nice1976, McLennan*)

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1877

- **Dr Dowson -first medical practitioner commences** (*From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser 19/10/1937 p. 88*) (James/ McLennan / HSM)
- **24 patients treated** (James) (Nice, 1976)
- **Art Union fundraiser – 1000 shares @ 1Pds 1/ each – 100 prizes of farming items** (McLennan, VGG, *From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser 19/10/1937 p. 88*)
- **First Government Grant of 300 pds received** (Nice, 1976) (Nice, 1986)
- **Special Board Meeting resolved that patients suffering from cancer, consumption, syphilis and all other incurable or contagious diseases would not be admitted** (Nice, 1976)
- **Midwifery patients excluded as births took place at home** (Nice, 1976)

Key Dates

February 26 – The Mooroopna and District Hospital incorporated into the Hospitals and Charities Act (Nice1976, HSM, VGG – 2/3/1977)

March 2 – Proclamation of Incorporation of Mooroopna Hospital (VGG- p. 443)

June 1 - Bylaws of the Board of Management of the Mooroopna Hospital published in Victorian Government Gazette (VGG)

September 14 – Committee meeting at Mooroopna School Room (Nice1976)

November – erection of new building began at Mooroopna site (McLennan, HSM)

1878

- **97 patients treated** (James)
- **1st House Steward appointed** (HSM)

1879

- **Dr Trood appointed first surgeon** (*From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser - 19/10/1937 p. 88*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions in Shepparton Advertiser, 19/8/1947 p. 11*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*) (Nice, 1976)

1880 – 1889 The Hospital Expands

1880

- **Additions to the hospital building (48 x 18 ft) included a waiting room, board room and new ward. A wash house and 16000 gallon underground tank were also added.** (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **Second Hospital Ball and Supper fundraiser held on 21st May** (*Nice – 1976*)
- **224 patients treated** (*James*)
- **Earliest record of a Committee** (*James*) – Minute Book – August (*McLennan*)

1881

- **A list of Public Charities shows Mooroopna Hospital ranked near the top as most expensive occupied bed cost in Victoria for 1880 – average number of beds = 12 at a cost of 72 pounds per bed** (*Comparative cost of public charities in Bendigo Advertiser 2/11/1881 p. 3*)

1882

- **Annual inspection by Mr Neal, The Government Inspector of Charities, showed the Hospital had 29 beds after adding a ward, was clean and in good order but ventilation required attention in wards 2 and 3** (*Reports on country Hospitals in The Argus 16/3/1882 p. 10*) (*Nice, 1976*)
- **A tender of 205 pounds to erect a new ward was accepted.** (*Nice, 1876*)
- **The female ward was very crowded. It included 5 patients beds and the nurse. It was suggested that a separate area adjoining the ward could be provided** (*Nice, 1976*)
- **The straw used for bedmaking rendered useless due to the roof of the straw house not being waterproof - chaf had to be used instead which was much more expensive** (*Nice, 1976*)

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1883

- **Beds made up on the floor as no funds to buy bedsteads** (*Nice, 1976*)
- **August- 3 ¼ acres adjoining current site purchased from Mr Archer for 150 pounds** (*McLennan*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **Samuel Lambert, Secretary of the Mooroopna Hospital, pleaded guilty to embezzling 160 pounds of Hospital funds and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment with hard labour in Sandhurst Goal** (*Alleged defalcations by a Hospital Secretary in Leader 25/8/1883 p. 39*) (*A defaulting Hospital Secretary in Argus 7/9/1883 p. 6*) (*Items of News in Mt Alexander Mail 19/9/1883*)
- 10 beds – Board room converted to a ward (HSM)

1884

- **The railway arrived at Shepparton, Mooroopna and Numurkah. This proved to be the safest way to convey the injured and sick to hospital. An ambulance was purchased to collect patients from the railway station** (*Nice, 1976*)
- **The original board room was turned into an operating theater to prevent the current process of screening off part of the ward to use as a theater** (*Nice, 1976*)
- **Cottage next to Athaneum Hall purchased from Mr Archer to serve as a Board Room so Board Room could be used to accommodate patients** (*Nice, 1976*)
- **Erection of brick laundry** (*McLennan*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Nathalia Herald 30/1/1885 p.3*)
- **Sports Day Fundraiser – 100 pounds was raised** (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **Appeal by Board for district clergy to adopt Hospital Sunday Fundraising Services to boost funds** (*Mooroopna Hospital Sunday Services in Nagambie Times 28/11/1884 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Sunday Services in Tungamah and Lake Rowan Express 4/12/1884 p. 2*)

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1885

- **Board resolved to build a new ward due to overcrowding and makeup beds on the floor** (*Current Topics in The North Eastern Ensign 13/2/1885 p. 2*)
- **7th Grand Annual Hospital Demonstration (Annual fete, sports day and fancy good bazaar) was held in the grounds adjoining the Hospital with a concert and ball in the evening to raise funds for the new ward – over 200 pounds was *made*** (*Advertising in Sportsman 18/2/1885 p. 3*) ([No title] in *Nathalia Herald & Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 12/3/1885 p. 2*)
- **Sports day held as a fundraiser towards the construction of a new ward made from bricks with 220 pounds realised. A number of contributions were made including 36 gallon cask from Castlemaine Brewery and more than 100 dozen cordials** (*Nice 1976*)
- **Brick laundry with a copper, troughs, wringer and lockers was added, No. 3 male ward doubled in size to 20 beds** (*Nice, 1976*)
- **Earliest Annual Report ending 30/6/1885 – included a summary of Finances since 1877** (*McLennan*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **Cases admitted included alcoholism (16), fractures, burns scalds and wounds (112) heart disease (16) ophthalmia (21) TB (20) pneumonia (156) rheumatism (16) stomach disease (13) typhoid fever (11) and ulcers (10)** (*HSM*)

1886/1887

- **Mooroopna fete attracts 1500 people due to special holiday being granted to all schools within 10 km and railway excursion tickets**
- **Refractory ward, Operating Theater, dispensary with underground cellar, wardsmens quarters and outpatients waiting and consulting rooms in brick building added –** (*Mooroopna Hospital Annual Meeting in Nathalia Herald and Picola, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 12/8/1886 p.2*)

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1887

- **Annual Hospital Fete a great success raising 245 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital fete in Shepparton Advertiser 8/3/1887 p. 3*) (*Balance-sheet Mooroopna Hospital Fete 1887 in Shepparton Advertiser p. 3*)
- **Magisterial enquiry held regarding the death of a patient at Mooroopna Hospital whilst being placed under the influence of chloroform prior to surgery that resulted in recommendations that when chloroform was to be administered that a second medical man be *obtained*** (*Death from chloroform in The Albury Banner and Wodonga Express 8/4/1887 p. 25*) (*The administration of chloroform in Weekly Times 9/4/1887 p. 6*) (*Magisterial inquiry at the Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 5/4/1887 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Board of Management:Monthly meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 19/4/1887 p. 3*)
- **Contagious ward built** (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)

1889

- **The amount of water supplied by the water trust was insufficient and therefore patients could not have baths. Water had to be carted in for hospital use** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/6/1889 p. 2*)
- **The successful tender for the erection of the contagious ward was 355 pounds.** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/6/1889 p. 2*)
- **48 typhoid patients in outbreak at a cost of 30 shillings each per week. Councils asked to contribute to cost of care with Patients generally requiring 8 weeks admission with some pts in hospital for up to 9 months** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/6/1889 p. 2*)
- **A bonus of 20 pounds to be distributed among the staff in consideration of the extra work due to Typhoid outbreak** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/6/1889 p. 2*)
- **July 25 – Arbor Day was held with residents planting orange and lemon trees in the ground of Hospital next to Masonic Hall (McLennan)** (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **Income 2510 pds - treated 415 patients** (McLennan) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)

1890 – 1899

1890

- The Education Department denied a request to allow district teachers to take collections for the hospital within their schools (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/9/1890 p. 2*)
- Public Health Board approved the charge of 2 pounds 2 shillings per week to Rodney Shire for the treatment of contagious cases (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/9/1890 p. 2*)
- Recommendations that fire escape doors be provided and that castors be placed on the beds making them easier to remove in case of fire (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/9/1890 p. 2*)
- 459 patients treated (*James*)

1891

- Hospital purchased a Marquee for 21 pounds to house patients due to overcrowding in the wards due to ongoing repairs (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/1/1891 p. 3*)
- Open Air Hospital Sunday on the River Bank with ministers of various denominations and music by the Shepparton Brass Band and school children singing (*Hospital Sunday in Shepparton Advertiser 3/2/1891 p. 2*)
- Fete attracted 3000 visitors with 100 horsemen in the procession - net profit of 300 pounds was made on the day (*Mooroopna Hospital Fete in The Age 11/3/1891 p. 6*)
- Hospital has 45 beds – Ward 1 = 5 beds (male) Ward 2 = 8 beds (female) Ward 3 = 20 beds (male) Ward 4 = 4 beds (refractory) Wards 5 & 6 = 4 beds each for contagious patients. Accommodation for females is good but refractory and contagious wards had to be used for ordinary male cases (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 14/4/1891 p. 2*)
- Inaugural Hospital Sports Demonstration Day in Tatura raised 60 pounds for the Hospital (*The Hospital Fete in Tatura in Kyabram Union 22/5/1891 p. 1*)

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1892

- **Dr J W Florance appointed House Surgeon (*James, McLennan*) – he was honorary surgeon from 1885 and gave continuous service until 1927 when the new system of residents was inaugurated** (*From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser - 19/10/1937 p. 88*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)

1893

- **Staffing consists of 13 employees, a house surgeon, 4 honorary medical officers (1 at Mooroopna and 3 in Shepparton) Accommodation is for 30 males and 8 females and 4 males and 4 females in the infectious ward plus 2 beds in the refractory ward. Need for telephonic communication between the doctors houses and the Hospital was noted as unsatisfactory** (*Mooroopna Hospital. The Inspectors report in Shepparton Advertiser 20/5/1893 p. 2*)
- **A second male ward with 20 beds was built on the south side with a contract price of 950 pounds and completed price of 1325 pounds including extras, funded predominantly by the activities of "Ladies Committees" set up throughout the district** (*From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser - 19/10/1937 p. 88*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)(*The new ward at Mooroopna Hospital : "Ladies Fund" in Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 29/6/1893 p. 2*)(*The Hospital new ward in Shepparton Advertiser 15/7/1893 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital : the new ward in The Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 14/12/1893 p. 5*) (*Mooroopna Hospital : a beneficent institution in The Kyabram Union and Rodney Shire Advocate 27/7/1894 p. 5*)
- **Foundation stone for new ward laid by Hon J Sternberg MLC in August and the new ward opened in December** (*The Mooroopna Hospital: the new ward – laying the foundation stone in Shepparton Advertiser 12/8/1893 p. 2*) (*New ward for Mooroopna Hospital in Cobram Courier 13/7/1893 p. 3*) **Demolition work in 1935 uncovered the stone with a sealed jar containing newspaper clippings of the day** (*Relics of 1893. Unearthed at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 14/2/1935 p. 1*)
- **Two of the largest donors for the financial year - The State Schools Collection donated 222 pounds and Tatura Sports committee donated 121 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 29/7/1893 p. 2*)
- **1892/93 year – 490 patients treated with average per day of 43.3 with 45 deaths** (*The Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1893 p. 2*)

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1894

- **Donation from the Tatura Sports Committee of 136 pounds** (*Country News in The Argus* 11/5/1894 p. 6)
- **2,300 pounds raised locally** (*Mooroopna Hospital : a beneficent institution in The Kyabram Union and Rodney Shire Advocate* 27/7/1894 p. 5)
- **Accommodation for 72 patients and 4th largest Hospital outside Melbourne** (*Mooroopna Hospital : a beneficent institution in The Kyabram Union and Rodney Shire Advocate* 27/7/1894 p. 5)

1895

- **Mrs Jones, Matron for 15 years died at the Hospital** (*Mooroopna, Thursday in The Argus* 4/1/1895 p. 6) (*Death of Mrs W Jones in Shepparton Advertiser* 5/1/1895 p. 3)
- **Sir John Madden attended an open air Hospital Sunday service in Mooroopna with 2000 people attending it is Mr Archer's field and raising 80 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital Sunday : address by the Chief Justice in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate* 29/11/1895 p. 2) (*Mooroopna Cottage Hospital in the Age* 27/11/1895 p. 6)

1896

- **Miss Jessie Edwards becomes first nurse to gain her certificate at the Hospital after completing 5 years predominantly under Matron Jones** (*The District Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser* 5/3/1897 p. 3) (*Advertising: Hospital nurse examination in Shepparton Advertiser* 3/7/1896 p. 2)(Nice, 1976)
- **1895/96 - 508 inpatients for the year with a daily average of 52 and mortality rate of 7.86% and 105 operations performed –** (*Mooroopna Hospital Annual Report in Shepparton Advertiser* 31/7/1896 p. 2)

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1897

- ***Spiroptera Reticulata* found in beef being prepared by the chef – only found once before in Victoria** (Important discovery at Mooroopna : the *Spiroptera Reticulata* in Shepparton Advertiser 26/3/1897 p. 2) (An ideal cook in Mt Alexander Mail 27/3/1897 p. 4)
- **Female nurses employed in all wards** – (Mooroopna Hospital Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 30/7/1897 p. 3)
- **Special Hospital appeal to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee year and reduce the Hospital overdraft raised 800 pounds** – (Mooroopna Hospital Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 30/7/1897 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital : the special appeal in Shepparton Advertiser 28/5/1897 p. 2) (Queen's sexagenary commemoration fund in Shepparton Advertiser 30/3/1897 p. 3)

1898

- **Number of cases admitted for the year 671** – (Mooroopna Hospital Annual Report in Nathalia Herald and Picola, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 4/8/1898 p. 4)
- **New kitchen and dining room added** – (Mooroopna Hospital Annual Report in Nathalia Herald and Picola, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 4/8/1898 p. 4)
- **Proposal to hospital board for consideration that convalescing patients should do more work on the hospital grounds** (Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian 10/6/1898 p. 2)
- **Inspector of Charities finds that everything is in order at Mooroopna hospital and recommends the building of a new kitchen, patient dining room and lavatory and closet for Ward 2 as well as additional fire extinguishers** (Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 10/6/1898 p. 2)
- **Another cow is required to provide milk and the cow paddock was sown with Lucerne seed** (Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/12/1898 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian 16/9/1898 p. 2)

1899

- The large numbers of cases with typhoid fever (74 in the 1898/99 financial year) caused extra work for the surgeon and nursing staff (*Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian* 28/7/1899 p. 5)
- A new kitchen and dining room for convalescing patients was provided and new bathroom and lavatories for Ward 2 (*Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian* 28/7/1899 p. 5)
- Praise from the Inspector of Charities on the economical working of the Hospital with a daily average bed cost of 38 pounds compared to the average for all Hospitals of 56 pounds (*Inspector of Charities report in Shepparton Advertiser* 15/12/1899 p. 3)
- Shire grants have substantially increased after an appeal from the Board – recognizing the value they get from the Hospital treating all contagious diseases they refer to them (*Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian* 28/7/1899 p. 5)
- Lord Brassey attends Hospital Sunday Services in the Athaneum Hall – collections for the day were 110 pounds (*Hospital Sunday demonstration in Shepparton Advertiser* 28/11/1899 p. 3) (*Mooroopna Hospital in The Argus* 29/11/1899 p. 8)
- Dr Florance appeals to the public for a supply of tobacco for patients at Christmas as Hospital were “out of weed” (*Advertising: A Christmas treat in Shepparton Advertiser* 22/12/1899 p. 2)

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1900

- **Inspector of Charities reports Mooroopna Hospital as one of the best supported Institutions in the colony** (*Inspector of Charities Report in Tatura Guardian 19/1/1900 p. 6*)
- **Board members requested to join the procession at the annual fete** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/2/1900 p. 3*)
- **The female ward continually overfilled-new ward of 24 beds to proceed** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 27/7/1900 p. 2*)
- **Ambulance Shed at the Railway Station was repaired and painted** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 10/8/1900 p. 4*)
- **Mooroopna Hospitals offer of beds for returned soldiers would be accepted if necessary** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian 17/8/1900 p. 8*)
- **The Health Department requested that a small area of ground be set apart for 2 tents for temporary accommodation of at least 1 person with suspected bubonic plague, the board suggests that 1 or 2 nurses be inoculated. No suitable grounds available near the hospital, same to be located in adjoining paddock-subject to owners permission** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian 13/4/1900 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 20/4/1900 p. 3*)
- **1899/1900 - 574 patients treated with 43 deaths and a daily average of 62 (James)** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 27/7/1900 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 31/7/1900 p. 3*)

1901

- **Nursing staff = 2 sisters and 7 nurses assisted by 2 wardsmen – currently doing alternate 12 and 14 hour days with 1 afternoon a week off only and unhappy with their long hours – Board to investigate adding 2 more probationers and reducing shift length** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/1/1901 p. 2*)
- **1900/01 – 631 patients admitted with 53 deaths and a daily average of 63** (*Mooroopna Hospital : Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 26/7/1901 p. 2*)
- **Dr Florance requests the Hospital purchase a new operating table as the current one makes operations lengthy and difficult** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Tatura Guardian 13/12/1901 p. 6*)

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1902

- **High praise and feedback from a long stay (8 months) patient** (*A few notes on the Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 23/5/1902 p. 3*)
- **Nurse Selina Thomas was requested to resign by the Board for poor conduct and refuses whereupon the Board dismisses her.** (*Nice, 1976*) (*Mooroopna Hospital : dismissal of Nurse Thomas in Shepparton Advertiser 28/10/1902 p. 3*)
- **July 31 - The successful opening of the Victoria Ward for female patients by Lady Madden who was presented with a key as a souvenir. A special train containing dignitaries arrived at Mooroopna railway station and the Shepparton Mounted Rifles formed the escort. 250 guests were provided with "all manner of dainties, most tastefully placed". Dr J. V Heily laid the memorial stone which was fitting as he was one of the doctors who founded the hospital 25 years earlier. The new Victoria Ward was built without any government grants** (*Mooroopna Hospital. Opening the Victoria Ward : successful celebrations in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1901 p. 3*)
- **Mooroopna hospital was debt free with 16 Honorary surgeon and 1 house surgeon employed** (*Mooroopna Hospital. Opening the Victoria Ward : successful celebrations in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1901 p. 3*)
- **The annual Hospital Sunday open air service deemed a success** (*Mooroopna Hospital Sunday in Shepparton Advertiser 26/11/1901 p. 3*)
- **Nursing Staff consists of matron, sister and 11 nurses in training –** (*Mooroopna Hospital Medical Officers Annual Report in Tatura Guardian 8/8/1902 p. 7*)
- **1901/02 – 645 inpatients with a daily average of 70 patients, mortality rate 6%. Typhoid cases = 59** (*Mooroopna Hospital : Medical Officer's annual report in Tatura Guardian 8/8/1902 p. 7*)

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1903

- **Mass resignation of Medical staff – 11 of the Honorary medical/surgical staff resigned in objection to a believed appointment to staff of a Melbourne Doctor – the Board informed staff that this was not the case and after a meeting of the Goulburn Valley Medical Association the resignations were withdrawn** (A hospital difficulty : resignation of a medical staff in *The Age* 14/2/1903 p. 11) (A Hospital trouble settled in *The Ballarat Star* 28/2/1903 p. 3)(The doctors and the hospital : overcoming the difficulty in *Shepparton Advertiser* 27/2/1903 p. 3)
- **1902/03 - Cost per bed 42Pounds 15 shillings – again cheaper than many other Hospitals** (Mooroopna Hospital : Annual Meeting in *Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser* 4/8/1903 p. 3)
- **1902/03 – Number of patients admitted is 789 with a daily average of 71.5. Large number of typhoid cases (142) with the majority coming from the Waranga Basin** (Mooroopna Hospital in *Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate* 14/8/1903 p. 7)
- **Board seek Government funding for receiving lunatics** (Mooroopna Hospital : Annual Meeting in *Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser* 4/8/1903 p. 3) (Lunacy reform in *The Argus* 8/8/1903 p. 18)
- **Fish to be substituted for some of the beef and mutton on patients menu as a cheaper option** (Mooroopna Hospital in *Shepparton Advertiser* 10/4/1903 p. 3)
- **Hospital fete have the Metropolitan Police Band present** (Mooroopna Hospital fete in *Shepparton Advertiser* 6/3/1903 p. 3)
- **The hospital made arrangements for conveying patients from the railway station to the hospital** (Mooroopna Hospital in *Tatura Guardian* 13/2/1903 p. 4)
- **“Harvest Appeal” from Board requesting bags of corn or the equivalent in produce or money to clear the Hospitals debt** (Mooroopna Hospital : harvest thanksgiving offering in *The Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser* 1/12/1903 p. 2)

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1904

- **Harvest Appeal raises 590 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 22/7/1904 p. 2*)
- **The Government statist ask for patient particulars to enable complete information to be supplied to the Register for family and friends and in the cause of statistical science** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/5/1904 p. 3*)
- **The nurses dining room painted by one of the patients who will paint the operating theatre next** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/5/1904 p. 3*)
- **New hot water service tender awarded to Metter Bros and installed - reticulated to all the wards, operating room, bathrooms, laundry, kitchen and scullery** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Numurkah Leader 16/6/1904 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 12/8/1904 p. 3*) (Nice, 1976)
- **The board suggested that firewood be cut elsewhere and not on site so the noise of the sawing doesn't disturb the patients** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/5/1904 p. 3*)
- **Two new Probationary nurses joined the staff – Elsie Jones and Agnes Black** (*Mooroopna Hospital in The Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 15/3/1904 p. 2*)

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1905

- **Whisky reported missing from the Hospital cellar to the Board with the Wardsman and one of the patients convicted of theft and serving one month and two weeks in jail**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 3/3/1905 p. 4) (Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 14/4/1905 p. 4)
- **Hospital Fete a great success with almost record attendance and expected profit of 230 pounds**
(Mooroopna Hospital fete : a splendid gathering in Shepparton Advertiser 10/3/1905 p. 3)
- **Appeal to the district for 600 pounds towards a new laundry after Premier promises 300 pounds if funds can be raised. Total reached early in 1906.**
(Mooroopna Hospital – appeal for 600 pounds in Numurkah Leader 27/10/1905 p. 4)(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/4/1906 p. 3)

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1906

- **Annual Sports gathering (Fete) had record attendances with record prize money and entries. Melbourne Police band and a troupe of Highland dancers leading the procession and an expected sum of 180 pounds raised** (Mooroopna Hospital fete in *The Age* 16/3/1906 p. 8) (Shepparton Sports gathering. Eighth annual fete. In *Shepparton Advertiser* 16/2/1906 p. 4)
- **Board unanimously agreed that either Matron or Sister must be present at the Hospital at all times as the Institution was too important to be left solely in the control of the nurses** (Mooroopna Hospital in *Shepparton Advertiser* 9/3/1906 p. 4)
- **Request to Shire Council for the instillation of a lamp at the side entrance of the hospital (corner of McKenzie Ave) "for the convenience of patients coming to the hospital from all parts of the district at night "** (Mooroopna Hospital in *Shepparton Advertiser* 19/6/1906 p. 3)
- **Purchase of cows deemed best methods still of milk supply** (Mooroopna Hospital in *Shepparton Advertiser* 27/7/1906 p. 3)
- **Subscriber meeting urged for the Hospital grounds to be extended and artistically laid out as air space was curative and that a cottage be erected for mentally afflicted patients with specially trained nurses to attend them** (Improvement for the Mooroopna Hospital in *Shepparton Advertiser* 10/8/1906 p. 1)
- **Overdraft in December is 1089 pounds** (Mooroopna Hospital in *Shepparton Advertiser* 14/12/1906 p. 3)

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1907

- **Official opening of new steam laundry**

(Mooroopna Hospital : new steam laundry : official opening : Chief Secretary present. in Shepparton Advertiser 19/7/1907 p.3)(Hospital laundry in The Australian 10/8/1907 p. 34) (Opening a Hospital laundry in The Age 18/7/1907 p. 6)

- **The Hospital is connected to the Shepparton telephone Exchange at a cost of 3 pound p.a.**

(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 12/4/1907 p. 3) (Goulburn Valley in Benalla Standard 9/7/1907 p. 3) (Goulburn Valley in Benalla Standard 4/6/1907 p. 3)

- **The board determined that the average stay should not exceed 30 days however no patients are to be turned out at the extirpation of that limit**

(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/8/1907 p. 3)

- **A bore for water was put down - water found at 35 feet and sent for testing**

(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/8/1907 p. 3)

- **Case treated at Mooroopna Hospital of transmission of snake venom via dog bite after dog bit man and then died from the snake bite**

(Transmitted snake venom : dying dog bites a man in The Argus 20/12/1907 p. 8)

- **1906/07 – Number of patients admitted = 564 and 432 outpatients – daily average of 60.5. Number of deaths = 48. Daily average cost of 46 pounds**

(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 26/7/1907 p. 3)

- **Mooroopna Hospital Sunday record collection of 59 pounds for the days activities**

(Mooroopna Hospital Sunday in Shepparton Advertiser 26/11/1907 p. 3)

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1908

- **Staff directed to only give details to the Hospital contractor for funerals after private funerals were being carried out by others** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 18/12/1908 p. 3*)
- **Inspector of Charities reports after his visit that the operating theatre is not big enough for a Hospital of its size and proper nurses quarters need to be erected as well as fly proof door and windows** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/5/1908 p. 3*)
- **Hospital Ball was held at Undera with a record attendance of 120 couples attending, dancing until 5 am** (*Undera Hospital Ball. A brilliant success in Kyabram Guardian 14/7/1908 p. 2*)
- **Cows disposed of as feed too expensive – milk to be purchased now and the paddock let** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 14/8/1908 p. 3*)
- **Staff criticised re. location where clergy can visit convalescing patients - use of the Board Room ruled out as Dr. Florence disagrees with the Board's decision for use of Board room in favour of a small room in the old contagious ward to which clergy express their objection** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 14/7/1908 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 18/8/1908 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/9/1908 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/10/1908 p. 3*) (*Hospital trouble: the staff criticised in Kyabram Guardian 22/9/1908 p. 3*)
- **1907/08 - Overdraft 1310 pounds – expenditure on lighting and fuel is growing rapidly** (*Mooroopna Hospital : annual balance sheet in Kyabram Guardian 28/7/1908 p. 3*)

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1909

- **Deputation to the Premier from the Committee of Management for a grant of 1500 pounds matched equally by the Hospital towards improvement of Nurses Quarters (known as the “Kennels”)**

(Mooroopna Hospital : interesting reminiscences in Shepparton Advertiser 7/1/1910 p. 4) (To help the afflicted : New nurses quarters & operating theatre wanted at Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 23/3/1909 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital in Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka and Moira Advertiser 9/2/1909 p. 3)

- **New Nursing Quarters proposed as a 2 storey building with upper level used for bedrooms and sitting room for nursing staff and the lower level for an operating room, staff dining room and dispensary**

(To help the afflicted : new nurses' quarters and operating theatre wanted at Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 23/3/1909 p. 4)

- **The House Committee reported that the Matron and 4 nurses were studying cooking at the Shepparton Continuation School and approved a Perfection stove to enable them to pursue their studies at the hospital**

(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 14/5/1909 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 14/5/1909 p. 2)

- **1908/09 - overdraft of 1551 pounds**

(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 20/7/1909 p. 1)

- **Board endorsed decision to refuse confinement cases after request from Shepparton Ladies Benevolent Asylum**

(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 10/12/1909 p. 4)

1910 – 1919 The First World War Years

1910

- **A list of patients suitable for an asylum had was sent to the Inspector of Charities**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/4/1910 p. 3)
- **Latest consideration of new Nurses Quarters, to include 8 single rooms, 4 double bedrooms, nurses sitting room, matrons bedroom, dining room, lavatories, presses and pantries and be single story due to monetary constraints despite the desire of a 2 storey building**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/4/1910 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 19/4/1910 p. 3)
- **1909/10 – bank overdraft of 1330 pounds - number of patients admitted = 722 with daily average of 60 and average length of stay = 30.5 days. Number of deaths = 65 Daily average cost per bed = 49 pounds**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 2/8/1910 p. 2)
- **Increase in death rate at Hospital due to admission of old age pensioners and others on the verge of death when admitted**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 2/8/1910 p. 2)

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1911

- **Board reject new modified plan for Nurse Quarters as rooms too small – Hospital Board hoping for a grant of 1000 pounds and they will raise the balance of the cost**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 17/1/1911 p. 4)
- **Annual Shepparton Sports Day (Demonstration) Fundraiser abandoned – too much work for the current return – a concert day was held instead and raised approx. 30 pounds – nearly 10 pound above last years Sports Day**
(Funds for the Hospital : Annual Demonstration abandoned: straight-out giving preferred in Shepparton Advertiser 27/1/1911 p. 4) (Hospital demonstration in Shepparton Advertiser 11/4/1911 p. 3)
- **Tatura Hospital Sports Day has record attendance with a record amount of 120 pounds anticipated**
(Tatura Hospital Sports in Kyabram Guardian 21/4/1911 p. 3)
- **Discussion of admitting maternity cases who could not afford a nurse or Dr resulted in a survey of the Honorary surgeons – 5 responses showed 3 were against and the 2 for it expressed that a separate ward would be necessary**
(Hospital Committee debate: the Maternity Ward question : Mr Whitehead emphatic in Shepparton Advertiser 16/6/1911 p. 3) (Maternity cases in Shepparton Advertiser 14/7/1911 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 15/8/1911 p. 3)
- **Lack of an infectious Diseases Ward - Board recognizes need for an infectious ward after 2 nurses contract diptheria**
(Mooroopna Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 15/12/1911 p. 3)
- **Inspector of Charities report from December visit found the daily average cost per bed is 55 pounds which is very good, the local contribution was the best in the state for the class of Hospital however the small payment by inpatients was a weakness and payment of auditors was mentioned – the Hospital should look to obtaining honorary auditors**
(Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 15/3/192 p. 3)

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1912

- **Sister Elsie Jones appointed matron after 2 years as head sister**
(Mooroopna Hospital Board in Kyabram Guardian 12/1/192 p. 3)
- **The Nurses Home was opened on July 17 for a cost of approx 3000 pounds with 9 single bedrooms, 4 double bedrooms, 2 sitting rooms, 3 bathrooms, 4 pantries and linen presses and the matrons dining room**
(Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11) (New Nurses Home : opened at Mooroopna in Riverine Herald 18/7/1912 p. 2) (The nurses quarters in Kyabram Guardian 19/7/1912 p. 3) (New nurses home in Shepparton Advertiser 14/6/1912 p. 3) (Nurses' home in Shepparton Advertiser 19/7/1912 p. 3) (The opening ceremony in Shepparton Advertiser 19/7/1912 p. 3)
- **Hospital Sports Day at Mooroopna was a great success with an expected profit of 100 pounds**
(Hospital Sports at Mooroopna in Kyabram Guardian 22/11/1912 p. 3)
- **Overdraft at end of year of 1346 pounds**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 17/12/1912 p. 3)

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1913

- **Pupil Nurses Salaries increased pa from 10 to 12 pounds (first year), 15 to 18 pounds (second year) and 20 to 26 pounds pa (third year)**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 18/4/1913 p. 4)
- **1912/13 inpatients treated = 828 with a daily average of 60**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 8/8/1913 p. 4)
- **3 Benevolent Asylum patients admitted**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 19/8/1913 p. 3)
- **Cost of vegetable garden upkeep versus tender for supply discussed by Board - agreed to continue with garden and matron to monitor consumption over the year**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/11/1913 p. 3)
- **Inspector of Charities reports that inpatient payments were meagher and that “patients who are treated at the Hospital should be in a position to pay more than what is obtained from them” . He also found no fever ward with tuberculosis cases treated on the verandah was a risk but that the Hospital is “well-managed”.**
(Inspector of Charities in Kyabram Guardian 18/11/1913 p. 2)(Charity Inspectors Report in Shepparton Advertiser 13/11/1913 p. 3)
- **Storm on 30 December blows down part of the Female Ward**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 19/1/1914 p. 4)

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1914

- **Quotes obtained for a 10 bed Infectious Ward** – (*Infectious Ward at Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 27/1/1914 p. 4*)
- **Concern and discussion over current size of Hospital Overdraft – 2264 pounds – Secretary to make application to individual patients to pay a fair contribution** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/2/1914 p. 4*) (*Hospital patients who won't pay in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 17/3/1914 p. 4*)
- **Sterilizing plant purchased** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 24/4/1914 p. 6*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Sports in Shepparton News 22/1/1914 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 13/8/1914 p. 3*)
- **Treasury notifies Hospital that 2 pound 2 per week would be contributed to them for treatment of certified military and naval patients** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 15/9/1914 p. 4*)
- **Hospital Finances – Board discussed option of Shire Council contributions increasing given the huge overdraft the Hospital has** (*Hospital Finances in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 22/9/1914 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Finances : contributions of Shires in Kyabram Guardian 25/9/1914 p. 6*)
- **Picnic Race Meeting held at Mooroopna Racecourse in aid of the Hospital with 30 pounds taken at gate** (*Mooroopna Picnic Races in The Argus 30/11/1914 p. 9*)
- **Money from Race meetings and collection boxes at local hotels received as donations** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 10/12/1914 p. 4*)

Mooroopna Hospital Nurses Quarters



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1915

- **Board recommends building of 10 bed infectious Disease Ward at a cost of 750 pounds which subsequently increases to 1000 pounds – Board to seek funds from Shires** (*Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 15/7/1915 p. 3*) (*Infections Ward for Mooroopna Hospital in The Age 24/7/1915 p. 13*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 10/9/1915 p. 3*) (*Infectious Diseases Ward at Mooroopna Hospital in Nagambie Times 8/10/1915 p. 3*) (*Infectious ward at Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 22/10/1915 p. 4*)
- **Electric lights installed in the hospital at a cost of 160 pounds – operations can be performed at any hour of the day now** (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 14/6/1915 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: Annual Meeting: Election of Officer in Shepparton News 2/8/1915 p. 3*)
- **Contractor for groceries at the Hospital unable to supply sugar due to war shortage** (*No sugar for Hospital in The Age 3/6/1915 p. 12*)
- **First Australian nurse to die in Egypt was trained at Mooroopna Hospital – Nurse Louisa Bicknell – died from septic poisoning in the arm** (*Nurse dies at the front in Kyabram Guardian 2/7/1915 p. 2*) (*Nurse Bicknell in Shepparton Advertiser 1/7/1915 p. 3*)
- **Board agrees to allocate 10 beds for military patients upon recommendation from Dr. Florance** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/7/1915 p. 4*) (*Returning wounded soldiers in Kyabram Guardian 20/7/1915 p. 3*)
- **Cards to be printed and given to patients to read re. notification of payment** (*Payment of patients in Kyabram Guardian 20/8/1915 p. 3*)
- **Overdraft increases to 2685 pounds - bank refused to extend overdraft – with Board deciding to appeal to the public for produce to assist** (*Mooroopna Hospital : Increasing the overdraft : further municipal assistance suggested in Kyabram Guardian 15/6/1915 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Nagambie Times 6/8/1915 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Board. Dealing with the overdraft in Shepparton Advertiser 14/10/1915 p. 3*)

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1916

- **Steps taken to form a medical club or society** (*Mooroopna Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 21/2/1916 p. 4*)
- **Wardsman complained that 12 or 13 hours per day was too much, an additional wardman to be considered** (*Mooroopna Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 21/2/1916 p. 4*)
- **1915/16 – Daily average number of patients = 66.7 with a cost per head of 52 pounds** (*Rich patients at the Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/11/1916 p. 1*)
- **Income 4843 pds – treated 888 patients** (McLennan) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **Hospital Button Day Fundraiser– 10000 approved by the Board with a picture of the Nurses Quarters on them and the inscription “Mooroopna Hospital, September 1916”** (*Under the clock in Shepparton Advertiser 10/8/1916 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Button Week in Murchison Advertiser and Murchison, Toolamba, Mooroopna and Dargalong Express 15/9/1916 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital button day in Kyabram Guardian 19/9/1916 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital button week in Shepparton News 18/8/1916 p. 2*)
- **Queen Competition Fundraiser – a public meeting formed a Committee to hold a Queen competition in aid of Echuca and Mooroopna Hospitals with Mooroopna Queen Miss Dawes narrowly winning and raising 287 pounds** (*Echuca Hospital: financial assistance needed : Queen competition suggested in Kyabram Guardian 4/7/1916 p. 3*)(*Kyabram Queen Competition in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 1/8/1916 p. 3*) (*Queen Competition in Kyabram Guardian 11/8/1916 p. 3*)(*Hospital Queen competition: selection of Queens in Kyabram Guardian 15/8/1916 p. 4*) (*Kyabram Queen Competition : Mooroopna Queen gains the honor in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 6/10/1916 p. 3*)
- **Infectious Diseases Ward – plans approved and site chosen – 2 special wards of 4 beds each plus 2 fever wards with two beds each to be located where the orchard is – estimated cost of 1338 pounds. Lowest tender is accepted for the build.** (*Infectious Diseases Ward in Shepparton News 21/9/1916 p. 4*) (*Infectious Diseases Ward in Shepparton Advertiser 21/9/1916 p. 3*) (*Proposed infectious ward in Shepparton Advertiser 18/12/1916 p. 1*)
- **October - Flood invaded the nurses quarters, laundry, kitchen and refractory ward with main wards free of water** (*Hospital flooded out in The Australian 7/10/1916 p. 41*) (*Goulburn Valley: Mooroopna evacuated : flood waters in Hospital: people refuge in tree-tops in Argus 28/9/1916 p.6*)
- **Inspector of Charities reports “this is a very fine Hospital, is doing splendid work and serves a large and important district” and of the Nurses Quarters “I know of nothing better in the State”.** (*Rich patients at the Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/11/1916 p. 1*) (*Inspector of Charities report in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 14/11/1916 p. 4*)
- **Year ends with Hospital in very poor financial position with an overdraft of approx. 2400 pounds – Board feel Shire Councils and public should be made aware with letters to be sent to Council and Public Bodies** (*Mooroopna Hospital : financial position serious in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 14/11/1916 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 9/11/1916 p. 2*)

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1917

- **Government Grant of 500 pounds towards the Infectious Ward** (*Mooroopna Hospital Infectious Ward in Shepparton Advertiser 19/2/1917 p. 2*)
- **Queen Competition from Nagambie to the Murray fundraiser suggested after success of the previous year competition with Echuca – hoping to clear overdraft – however Board resolved to hold off for the present as Hospital was already asking for a lot from the public and the timing was not opportune** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/3/1917 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 12/4/1917 p. 3*)
- **Mooroopna tree planting in honor of nurses and soldiers who have gone to the front from the district** (*In memory of our boys : tree planting at Mooroopna in Shepparton Advertiser 24/9/1917 p. 3*)
- **Matron Jones enlists in war** (*Presentation to Matron Jones by Mooroopna Hospital Board : off to war in Shepparton Advertiser 11/6/1917 p. 3*)
- **1916/17 – Total patients treated = 831 with daily average of 56 - mortality rate of 6.75** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 26/7/1917 p. 3*)
- **Monetary position improves due to large increase in receipts - 88 pound overdraft as at 30/6/1917** (*Mooroopna Hospital. The Annual Report in Kyabram Guardian 14/8/1917 p. 4*)
- **The need for increased beds – 25 more beds purchased** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 11/10/1917 p. 2*)
- **Dr Florance installs his own X-ray plant in Hospital** (*Mooroopna Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 13/9/1917 p. 3*)
- **Egg Appeal by Hospital resulted in 750 dozen being received as of the November Board Meeting** (*Mooroopna Hospital Egg Day in Shepparton News 27/9/1917 p. 1*)(*Mooroopna Hospital Egg Day in Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 2/10/1917 p. 3*)(*Egg day for Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 28/9/1917 p. 3*)(*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 27/11/1917 p. 3*)

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1918

- **Infectious Ward – temporary occupation in March is granted as accommodation in main building was being taxed and delay in opening was due to inability to find a compliant incinerator. Demand increased rapidly due to diphtheria epidemic with a peak of 43 patients on the ward on 5 April and beds moved from other wards** (*The Infectious Ward at Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 14/3/1918 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Committee in Shepparton Advertiser 11/4/1918 p. 3*)
- **Wardsmen Mr's Beale and Harris enlist** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 9/5/1918 p. 2*)
- **Wheat Appeal raises 116 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital Committee in Shepparton Advertiser 17/6/1918 p. 1*)
- **Board agreed to Queen competition to be held in conjunction to the Annual Ball. Keen interest was noted and passed that annual subscriptions could be accredited to Queens. Held at Undera – 350 pounds was raised.** (*Mooroopna Hospital Committee in Shepparton Advertiser 17/6/1918 p. 1*) (*Undera: Queen competition and annual donations in Shepparton Advertiser 13/6/1918 p. 3*) (*Successful function at Undera: Hospital Ball and Queen competition in Kyabram Guardian 28/6/1918 p. 3*)
- **1917/18 – 1211 patients treated – largest in the history of the Hospital – 386 were due to diphtheria. The daily average was 65 patients with average cost per bed of 70 pounds which is lower than any other country hospital in the state – the state average is 94 pounds. Staffing of 17 nurses, 4 wardsmen and 16 other employees** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 29/7/1918 p. 3*) (*Victoria's leading country Hospital in Port Fairy Gazette 14/11/1918 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 19/8/1919 p. 4*)
- **Appeal for eggs again very successful with more than 1000 dozen eggs received** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 19/11/1918 p. 2*)
- **Shortage of rooms for Nursing staff at Nurses Home – 10 additional rooms required** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 19/11/1918 p. 2*)
- **Commissioner of Pensions to contribute to the maintenance of invalid and old age who remain in hospital more than 28 days continuously** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 19/11/1918 p. 2*)
- **Public Peace Appeal launched in December to raise 3000 pounds for urgent repairs and extensions to Hospital** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton News 14/11/1918 p. 4*) (*The Mooroopna and District Hospital in Shepparton News 9/12/1918 p. 1*) (*Peace, peace: Mooroopna Hospital building and repair appeal in Numurkah Leader 26/2/1919 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital building & repair appeal in Kyabram Guardian 7/2/1919 p. 4*)

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1919

- **The telephone system was extended into the wards** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 17/1/1919 p. 4*)
- **Acting Matron paid 125 pounds** (*Changes at the Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 14/1/1919 p. 3*)
- **Queen Competition raises 300 pounds for the Hospital** (*Queen Competition in Nathalia Herald and Picola, Narioka, Kotupna and Moira Advertiser 11/2/1919 p. 2*)
- **Influenza Epidemic – Number of nurses increased to 22 to assist with increased patient numbers and east side of verandah on Sternberg Ward extended to fit another 20 patients. Kyabram School opened as a temporary Hospital to cope with peak of outbreak** (*Influenza epidemic: 30 cases in Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 2/5/1919 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: big increase of patients: staff increased in Kyabram Free Press and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/5/1919 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 20/5/1919 p. 3*) (*State school to be opened as temporary Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 9/5/1919 p. 3*)
- **1918/19 – Patients admitted = 1258 with daily average of 72.13 and mortality rate 6.5 %. Outpatients treated = 129 Credit balance of 2646 pounds at EOFY.** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 8/8/1919 p. 4*)
- **Matron Jones returns from her war Service** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 17/6/1919 p. 3*) (*Matron Jones arrives in Kyabram Guardian 24/6/1919 p. 3*)
- **Board resolved to abolish the Refractory Ward and refurb for administration purposes** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 16/9/1919 p. 3*)
- **Agreement given to Shire of Rodney to splay off the SE corner of the hospital grounds to improve the high and low road approaches and render the side approach less dangerous** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 18/11/1919 p. 2*)
- **Commonwealth Button Day fundraiser – October 24 - 50% of proceeds from button sales to aid Medical Charities –** (*Mooroopna Hospital Button Fund in Kyabram Guardian 21/10/1919 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 14/10/1919 p. 3*)
- **Senior sister role to be paid 85 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 21/11/1919 p. 4*)

1920 – 1929

1920

- **Trained Nurses Association notified Hospital that applicants would need to have an educational certificate of merit or its equivalent and obtain a cookery certificate before a Nurses Certificate is awarded** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/4/1920 p. 3*)
- **Diphtheria Outbreak** (Diphtheria in country in *The Argus 14/5/1920 p. 9*)
- **Refractory Ward renovations as well as additions to Sternberg Ward completed** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 18/5/1920 p. 3*)
- **Retirement of Dr Heily** (*Farewell to Dr Heily in Kyabram Guardian 18/5/1920 p. 3*)
- **Senior Sisters salary increased from 85 to 100 pounds annually and the matron from 85 to 100 per annum** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 14/9/1920 p. 4*)
- **James Fairley to supply 18 quilts at 29/9 each** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 14/9/1920 p. 4*)
- **Dr Annie Bennet appointed as Assistant Medical Officer to Dr Florence** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 14/9/1920 p. 4*)
- **1919-1920 – credit balance of 3271 pounds. Average cost per bed was 74 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital Annual Meeting in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 6/8/1920 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 2/8/1921 p. 3*)
- **Charity Football Match raises 70 pounds for Hospital** (*Charity Football Match in Numurkah Leader 29/9/1920 p. 3*)
- **Appeal for donations of Christmas gifts for Hospitalised patients** (*Christmas Cheer : appeal by Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 10/12/1920 p. 2*)

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1921

- **Canvas blinds purchased for verandahs of Nursing Home for nurses sleeping there** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 10/3/1921 p. 3*)
- **Rushworth Wood Day Carnival raises approx. 450 pounds in it's most successful effort to date** (*Rushworth wood day carnival in Kyabram Guardian 5/4/1921 p. 1*)
- **Fancy Dress Ball held at Undera was attended by 100 couples and raised 90 pounds for the Hospital** (*Undera: fancy ball for the Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 28/4/1921 p. 3*)
- **Small laboratory established with Bacteriological Outfit of incubator and drying oven to detect Diphtheria and other germs** (*Treatment of infectious diseases : Dr Florances suggestion in Kyabram Guardian 19/4/1921 p. 1*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 12/5/1921 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 3/8/1921 p. 2*)
- **Building works include Kitchen additions, verandah extension for Sternberg Ward, renovation of old laundry and erection of overhead covers for walkways between wards** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 12/5/1921 p. 2*)
- **Public appeal for donations due to increased expenses with increase in patient numbers due to diphtheria outbreak** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 4/5/1921 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 28/4/1921 p. 3*)
- **Matron Jones awarded DSO for services rendered as a nurse of the war front** (*Matron Jones awarded DSO in Kyabram Guardian 19/7/1921 p. 5*)
- **Nursing staff increased to 27 due to diphtheria outbreak** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 2/8/1921 p. 3*)
- **Railway Ball at the Star Theatre raises 45 pounds for the Hospital** (*The railway ball in aid of Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 25/8/1921 p. 3*)
- **1920/21 – credit balance of 4983 pounds.** (*Mooroopna Hospital. Annual meeting of contributors : credit balance of 4983 pounds in Shepparton Advertiser 1/8/1921 p. 4*)
- **Additional water storage is required to keep the vegetable garden going** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 17/11/1921 p. 3*)
- **Architects engaged to prepare a master plan for updating the Hospital to cater for increased demand - Board approved plans for alterations to Hospital and grounds to update to a 200 bed Hospital with demolition of only 1 building proposed – work to be staged due to high cost** (*Mooroopna Hospital: developmental proposals in Shepparton Advertiser 15/8/1921 p. 1*) (*Mooroopna Hospital buildings : proposed improvements in Kyabram Guardian 16/8/1921 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 21/12/1921 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 3/8/1921 p. 2*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: Superintendent's annual report in Kyabram Guardian 5/8/1921 p. 1*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 2/8/1921 p. 3*)

1922

- **Infectious Ward Relocation** – the present ward is far too small and requires removal to another site. Dr Florance favours a location away from the Hospital. A conference between the Board and representatives from the District Councils agreed to keep the ward on the Hospital site with Councils contributing towards to cost of the new ward on a quota system – plans for a 75 bed ward to cost approx 4000 pounds. Plans (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 14/2/1922 p. 4*)(*The treatment of infectious diseases in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 17/3/1922 p. 5*) (*Round the Board: Secretary Maher's Statement: great increase in number of patients in Shepparton Advertiser 13/3/1922 p. 3*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: Infectious ward problem considered by conference in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 12/9/1922 p. 5*)(*Mooroopna Hospital Infectious Ward in Shepparton Advertiser 11/9/1922 p. 6*)
- **Toolamba's Sports day /gymkhana for the Hospital raised between 80 and 100 pounds** (*Toolamba's effort for the Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 14/4/1922 p. 6*)
- **Fire in the female ward due to a defective chimney in a stove – principally water damage only** (*Fire at Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 6/6/1922 p. 3*) (*Fire at Mooroopna Hospital : excitement amongst the patients in Kyabram Guardian 9/6/1922 p. 4*)
- **1921-22 - 1367 patients treated with an average stay of 22.5 days, average cost per bed 87 pounds and mortality rate of 6.29%. Credit balance of 4809 pounds.** (*Mooroopna Hospital Annual Report in Kyabram Guardian 4/8/1922 p. 1*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Annual Meeting in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 4/8/1922 p. 4*)
- **Plans for additions to the Nurses Home are being prepared due to shortage of space**(*Mooroopna Hospital Annual Meeting in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 4/8/1922 p. 4*)
- **Plans for upgrades to the drainage system due to the drainage of the Hospital including the Infectious Ward passing untreated into the street channel** (*Mooroopna Hospital Annual Meeting in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 4/8/1922 p. 4*)
- **Railway Ball raises 191 pounds for the Hospital** (*The railway ball : net profit 191 5/4 in Shepparton Advertiser 25/9/1922 p. 5*)
- **The State Treasurer stated it was imperative that all casualties brought to the hospital originating from violence or negligence are to be immediately reported to the police** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/11/1922 p. 6*)
- **Hospital telephone to be connected to the Mooroopna Exchange as soon as continuous service could be effected** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 18/12/1922 p. 5*)(*District News : Mooroopna in Kyabram Guardian 30/1/1923 p. 1*)

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1923

- Photo of Mooroopna hospital Weekly times, Sat 17/11/1923 pg 41



- **Hospital currently has 2 male wards, 1 female ward and 1 infectious ward with accommodation for 104 patients which can be increased to 150 by the use of verandahs in times of demand. Staffing is 2 Drs, matron, 4 sisters, 24 trainees, 3 wardsmen and 15 general staff.** (*Mooroopna Hospital : interesting statistics in Kyabram Guardian 6/7/1923 p. 1*)
- **Infectious Ward – Health Commission limits number of beds on planned new ward to 13 male and 13 female from the 50 beds plus 20 on verandahs as overflow that were planned** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/2/1923 p. 3*)
- **Rushworth Wood Carnival raises nearly 200 pounds** (*For the Hospital: Rushworth wood carnival nearly 200 raised in Kyabram Guardian 10/4/1923 p. 1*)
- **Credit balance as at 30/6/1923 of 4794 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 3/8/1923 p. 4*)
- **Egg Day Appeal – Public Appeal to children in schools this year for eggs** (*Mooroopna Hospital: Egg Day Appeal in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 19/9/1923 p. 3*)
- **Football fundraiser match between Nathalia and Mooroopna raises 59 pounds** (*Football in aid of Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 5/10/1923 p. 6*)
- **The New Charities Board allocates Mooroopna Hospital 1400 pounds in its first distribution of grants** (*Charities vote : first distribution by Board in Herald 22/12/1923 p. 5*) (*Charities Board : first annual grants in The Argus 24/12/1923 p. 3*)
- **Victoria's nursing registration legislation was passed** (*Nurses Bill passed : Dr Argyle delighted in Herald 7/12/1923 p. 3*)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 90 pounds

Total number of patients treated: 1132

Average daily number of patients: 79.45

Average length of stay: 25 days

Mortality Rate: 7.6

Outpatient Appointments: 222

(*Mooroopna Hospital : Annual Meeting in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 3/8/1923 p. 3*)

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- **Sports meeting and Railway Ball fundraiser held on New Years Day** (*Railways and Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 7/1/1924 p. 4*)
- **Recommendation that 2 additional sisters be appointed as the matron was overworked and when the cook was unobtainable was required to work in the kitchen** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 17/3/1924 p. 4*)
- **Death of Dr Heily, one of the Hospital founders** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/5/1924 p. 6*) (*The Late Dr Heily in Kyabram Guardian 13/5/1924 p. 1*)
- **Infectious patients now able to pay all prescribed fees directly to the hospital secretary upon discharge rather than the relevant shire – shires still liable for any deficiency** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/5/1924 p. 6*)
- **The board asked the secretaries of Mooroopna and Echuca hospitals to provide 4 artists for the upcoming concert** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/5/1924 p. 6*)
- **1923/24 – 1299 patients with a daily average of 81.4 and average stay of 23 days. Mortality rate = 5.5 % with 232 outpatient attendances. Total average cost per bed was 95 pounds.** (*Mooroopna Hospital: Annual meeting of contributors in Shepparton Advertiser 7/8/1924 p. 3*)
- **The first report of the Hospital and Charities Board proposes upgrades to 9 Hospitals, including Mooroopna, in regional Victoria to Base Hospitals to help alleviate the pressure on Metropolitan Hospitals. Base Hospital level status requires a number upgrades including a midwifery and children's ward which was currently not available. Estimated statewide expenditure is 130000 pounds over 4 years. Charities Board grants Mooroopna Hospital permission to raise 25000 pounds for it's building works** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/5/1924 p. 6*) (*Hospital congestion : report of Charities Board, proposals for relief in The Age 18/7/1924 p. 9*) (*Hospital question : country "Base Hospitals" in The Age 13/11/1924 p. 11*) (*For country people : full "hospital facilities" in Sun News-Pictorial 14/11/1924 p. 27*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/12/1924 p. 4*)
- **Drainage – No scheme has been settled on to date with two acres of land at the rear of the Hospital purchased for the reception of drainage effluent after disinfection** .(*Drainage of Mooroopna Hospital: a vexed question in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 15/4/1924 p. 1*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: Annual meeting of contributors in Shepparton Advertiser 7/8/1924 p. 3*)
- **Egg Appeal a success again with Junior Red Cross Circles donating 1805 dozen eggs in addition to 120 dozen from other sources** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/12/1924 p. 4*)
- **Telephone Attendant appointed** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 17/11/1924 p. 3*)
- **Workmen employed on the Waranga Basin decide to assist with fundraising via a weekly contribution paid fortnightly by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/10/1924 p. 6*)
- **ANF recommends salaries of 104 pounds for a general certificate nurse and 156 pounds for a matron** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 13/10/1924 p. 6*)

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- **6 month Appeal launched (January – June) to raise 25000 pounds to meet the requirements to attain Base Hospital status – including a Children’s Ward, Maternity Ward, Sewerage system, Resident Drs accommodation and administrative offices** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/12/1924 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital : extensive alterations mooted. In Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 17/12/1924 p. 3*) (*25000 wanted : Mooroopna Hospital appeal in Kyabram Guardian 12/12/1924 p. 5*) (*Mooroopna Hospital : appeal for 25000 in Shepparton Advertiser 15/1/1925 p. 5*)
- **Wheat donated by District Farmers to Hospital** (*Wheat for Mooroopna Hospital in Cobram Courier 12/2/1925 p. 2*)
- **Ministry promises 7000 pounds toward the special appeal for upgrades to Base Hospital level** (*Shepparton and district in The Argus 13/3/1925 p. 17*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/3/1925 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Appeal : Government grant of 7000 in The Age 7/3/1925 p. 16*)
- **Mooroopna Hospital registered as a general training school for nurses** (*Shepparton in The Argus 15/4/1925 p. 7*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/4/1925 p. 10*)
- **1924/25 – Cash balance of 8905 pound. Patients admitted for the year = 1122 Daily average number of patients = 83 with average length of stay = 24.5 days and mortality rate 5.8 % . Average daily cost per bed = 98 pounds. Outpatient appointments = 260.** (*Mooroopna Hospital: Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1925 p. 5*)
- **Mooroopna hospital is 3rd largest hospital in Victoria outside Melbourne** (Nice, 1976)
- **Charity Race Meeting organised to raise funds for Mooroopna and Echuca hospitals – over 200 pounds profit expected** (*Charity Race Meeting in The Argus 22/4/1925 p. 15*) (*For the Hospitals : big race meeting at Mooroopna in Kyabram Guardian 8/5/1925 p. 3*) (*Hospital benefit meeting at Mooroopna : profit between 200 and 300 in Shepparton Advertiser 7/5/1925 p. 9*)
- **Hospital Special Appeal is extended by 3 months to 30/9 as total to date is 10250 - final total including grants raised was 21975** (*Mooroopna Hospital : the special appeal in Shepparton Advertiser 2/7/1925 p. 9*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Special Appeal : over 1000 raised: appeal extended to September 30th in Kyabram Guardian 14/7/1925 p. 4*) (*Mooroopna Hospital Special Appeal 16000 raised in Kyabram Guardian 27/10/1925 p. 5*)
- **The Victorian Civil Ambulance Service considered Shepparton would be a suitable place to establish an ambulance but with no success** (*Civic ambulances : establishing country services in The Argus 5/8/1925 p. 13*)
- **Railway Ball raises approx. 70 pounds** (*Railway Ball as Hospital benefit : sum of nearly 70 netted in Shepparton Advertiser 7/9/1925 p. 5*)
- **Additions to the Nursing Home completed with furniture costing 3222 pounds** (McLennan) (*Mooroopna Hospital’s proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/6/1925 p. 3*)
- **Infectious Ward moved from main street to rear of Hospital** (Nice – p. 177) (McLennan) (*Mooroopna Hospital’s proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1925 p. 5*)

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- **Underground drainage and sanitation works added** (HSM) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)

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1926

- **Extension to verandah and roof of Female Ward Completed** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/4/1926 p. 6*)
- **Governor General Lord Stonehaven visits** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/3/1926 p. 2*)
- **Big Building Program commences with Administrative Building (2 storey with ground floor consisting of doctors offices, matron and Board and lecture room and top floor resident Dr's apartments and balcony), Kitchen extension, dining rom block, maids home (8 rooms + sitting room) and covered walkways** (*From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser - 19/10/1937 p. 88*)(*Mooroopna Hospital : big building program : to be brought up to "Base" Standard in Shepparton Advertiser 11/11/1926 p. 10*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **1925/26 – credit balance of 9758 pounds 1376 patients were treated with a daily average of 85.4 and an average stay of 22.5 days. Mortality rate was 5.8. Outpatient appointments were 699. Daily average bed cost was 100 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 5/8/1926 p. 3*)
- **Shortage of nurses – 4 additional nurses are required with no recruitment success. Investigation showed Mooroopna's salary for probationary nurses was lower than other Hospitals – salaries to be increased to 26 pounds in Y1, 31 pounds in Y2 and 36 pounds in Y3 – all with a uniform allowance of 5 pounds. Sisters will be paid 110 pounds.** (*Mooroopna Hospital Finances in Kyabram Guardian 11/6/1926 p. 3*)(*Probationer nurses wanted : higher salaries offered by Mooroopna Hospital in The Age 12/6/1926 p. 18*)(*Is it any wonder? In The Sun News-Pictorial 24/11/1926 p. 3*)(*Shortage of nurses in Nathalia Herald 30/11/1926 p. 1*)
- **Egg Day Appeal from Committee of Management resulted in 1649 dozen including 1453 dozen from Junior Red Cross Circles** (*Mooroopna Hospital. Egg Day Appeal in Numurkah Leader 22/9/1926 p. 5*) (*Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 20/12/1926 p. 6*)
- **Pillow Appeal – request for kapok pillow donations** (*Mooroopna Hospital: kapok pillow campaign in Shepparton Advertiser 18/10/1926 p. 3*)(*Mooroopna Hospital : kapok pillow campaign in Numurkah Leader 27/10/1926 p. 8*)
- **Annual sports day at Mooroopna raises 47 pounds** (*Mooroopna Hospital Sports: successful gathering in Kyabram Guardian 10/12/1926 p. 2*) (*Hospital sports in aid of Mooroopna Hospital : very successful gathering in Shepparton Advertiser 13/12/1926 p. 6*)

1927

- **Hospital facts – Board of Management = 21 members, Nursing staff = matron, 5 sisters and 30 trainees and a staff of 20.** (*Hospital Sunday : the State Premier attends in Shepparton Advertiser 28/4/1927 p. 4*)
- **Big Building Program completion projected as April with an unfurnished cost of 11040 pounds - Nurses and Maids Homes are single storey but constructed to allow a 2nd storey in the future if required** (*Mooroopna Hospital: its new buildings in Kyabram Guardian 1/3/1927 p. 1*)
- **Jubilee Appeal to mark Hospitals 50 years to run until 30/6 targeting the maintenance account which has doubled in the last 10 years** (*Mooroopna Hospital: Jubilee year in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 8/2/1927 p. 1*) (*Mooroopna Hospital : Jubilee appeal in Cobram Courier 31/3/1927 p. 2*) (*The fiftieth year : Mooroopna Hospital Jubilee Appeal : 200 donors of 10 pounds suggested in Shepparton Advertiser 7/4/1927 p. 9*)
- **Premier attends Hospital Sunday at Undera** (*Hospital Sunday : the State Premier attends in Shepparton Advertiser 28/4/1927 p. 4*)
- **Hare shoot fundraiser – Yabba Hospital Committee shot 230 hares and numerous rabbits to raise funds for the Hospital** (*Hospital hares in Mirror (Perth) 9/7/1927 p. 5*)
- **1926-27 - 1748 pts treated annually. Average stay in hospital 21 days. The daily number of patients treated is 100 compared to 85 the previous year and a total of 1748. 640 outpatient attendances. The cost per bed is 94 .10 pounds with a mortality rate of 4.8.** (*Mooroopna Hospital : fifty-first annual meeting : patients treated average over 100 daily in Shepparton Advertiser 25/8/1927 p. 2*)
- **The Board reports that “for the past 51 years, the people of the district have been alive to the responsibility for the upkeep of their hospital”** (*Mooroopna Hospital :fifty-first annual meeting : patients treated average over 100 daily in Shepparton Advertiser 25/8/1927 p. 2*)
- **The Egg appeal saw 1453 dozen eggs donated as well as various soaps, jams, vegetables and other useful items** (*Mooroopna Hospital :fifty-first annual meeting : patients treated average over 100 daily in Shepparton Advertiser 25/8/1927 p. 2*)
- **First Resident Medical Officers appointed (1 senior and 1 junior) and Dr Florance resigns as Medical Superintendent after 35 years and is appointed Chairman of the Honorary Medical Staff Group. Dr Annie Bennett as resigns.** (*Mooroopna Hospital :fifty-first annual meeting : patients treated average over 100 daily in Shepparton Advertiser 25/8/1927 p. 2*)(*Hospital staff changes in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 16/8/1927 p. 3*)(*Nice, 1986*) (*Resignation of Dr. Florance : distinct loss to Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 16/8/1927 p. 4*)
- **Railway Ball a huge success with over 300 guests** (*Railway Ball : splendidly attended function in Shepparton Advertiser 29/9/1927 p. 9*)

1928

- **Mooroopna Hospital – “One of the best in the state “ according to Mr Glencross, Chairman of the Charities Board and President of the Country Hospitals Association. It is in the same class as Ballarat and Geelong and treating more patients but needs maternity and children’s wards**
(Mooroopna Hospital : one of the best in the state views of Charities Board Chairman in Shepparton Advertiser 12/3/1928 p. 10) (“One of the best in State” but Mooroopna Hospital needs new wards in The Sun News-Pictorial 10/3/1928 p. 31)
- **1927/28 – 1843 inpatients for the year – the highest number to date. Daily average patient number is 109.9 with average length of stay 21 days. Daily cost per bed is 115 pounds. Mortality rate is 5.5 and there were 938 outpatient attendances.**
(Mooroopna Hospital: annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1928 p. 6)
- **Nurse Jean Benny dies of typhoid after nursing 2 patients with typhoid**
(Patients live but nurse dies : typhoid fever proves fatal at Mooroopna in The Sun News-Pictorial 20/3/1928 p. 26) (Nurse Jean Benny in Kyabram Guardian 27/3/1928 p. 3)
- **Appeal to Public for 4500 pounds to meet liabilities before June 30 due to large increase in patient numbers and purchase of additional blankets and ongoing project commitments**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 21/5/1928 p. 3) (4500 wanted for Mooroopna Hospital in The Sun News-Pictorial 12/5/1928 p. 30) The Hospital : Shepparton’s responsibility : money to be raised quickly in Shepparton Advertiser 25/6/1928 p. 7)
- **GV Schools fundraised a total of 209 pounds from which a cystoscope outfit, diathermy plant and anaesthesia gas and oxygen plant were purchased**
(Goulburn Valley Schools help Mooroopna Hospital in Cobram Courier 5/4/1928 p. 2)(Magnificent effort : Goulburn Valley schools help Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 23/2/1928 p. 5)
- **Charities Board report to Parliament reports that Mooroopna Hospital raised more money than any other country Hospital in the year ended 30/6/1928 - an amount of 4668 pounds**
(Mooroopna Hospital : a fine record in The Nathalia Herald 5/3/1929 p. 4)
- **Tatura Red Cross Auxiliary was formed**
(Tatura Red Cross Auxiliary for Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 20/7/1928 p. 3)
- **Tenders accepted for supply and erection of new boiler, smoke stack and boiler house as well as a steam heating unit at a cost of 5018 pounds**
(Mooroopna Hospital: annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1928 p. 6)
- **A steam cooking unit, steam distribution, hot water circulation, sterilisers and hot tables are installed which will provide “the latest modern method of warming wards”**
(Mooroopna Hospital: annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1928 p. 6)(Mooroopna Hospital : work commenced on heating unit in Nathalia Herald 7/8/1928 p. 1)
- **9 cases of Scarlett Fever**
(Mooroopna Hospital: annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1928 p. 6)
- **Commercial Bank grants the Hospital an overdraft of 3800 pounds after additional funds are required to finance the new heating unit**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/10/1928 p. 9) (Hospital heating unit : further funds necessary, overdraft to be obtained in Shepparton Advertiser 17/9/1928 p. 3)
- **Ladies Auxiliary’s formed at Shepparton, Mooroopna and Numurkah**
*(Mooroopna Hospital : annual meeting in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 7/8/1928 p. 4)
(Mooroopna Hospital: Shepparton Ladies Auxiliary formed at request of Mayoress in Shepparton Advertiser 7/5/1928 p. 5) (Mooroopna Hospital : Red Cross Branch formed and Auxiliary to Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 25/6/1928 p. 3)
(Shepparton ladies auxiliary in The Age 27/7/1928 p. 12)*

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- **Treatment of venereal patients at the Hospital discussed with Dr Grutzner wanting a portion of the verandah petitioned off for the male patients with women treated on the ward- Board investigating if they could be transferred to Melbourne**
(Venereal patients at Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Guardian 15/1/1929 p. 4)
- **Board in favour of the establishment of Community Hospitals with accommodation for private cases and public patients and the availability for all Medical Practitioner in the district to admit patients**
(Community Hospital: Charities Boards plan's in Shepparton Advertiser 21/2/1929 p. 7)
- **Typhoid Fever outbreak**
(Typhoid Fever: twenty four in Hospital, twenty diagnosed as typhoid so far in Shepparton Advertiser 4/3/1929 p. 4)
- **Annual Public Appeal – need to raise 7500 pounds by 30/6 to cover expenditure**
(Correspondence. Mooroopna Hospital annual appeal in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 20/3/1929 p. 4)(Mooroopna Hospital Annual Appeal in Nathalia Herald 19/3/1929 p. 2)(Mooroopna Hospital : urgent need of funds in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 9/4/1929 p. 2)
- **Contributors encouraged to contribute in small weekly amounts if this is easier to manage**
(Mooroopna Hospital : scheme for weekly contributions in Nathalia Herald 26/3/1929 p. 4)
- **Deficit due to Building Expansion Program (Nice, 1986)**
- **Cannery staff contribute 50 pound to Hospital Appeal**
(Mooroopna Hospital : contribution of 50 from cannery staff and other employees in Shepparton Advertiser 2/5/1929 p. 5)
- **1928/29 – Debit balance of 976 pounds.**
(Mooroopna Hospital finance in The Age 20/7/1929 p. 26)
- **Mr Rosson appointed honorary dental surgeon**
(Mooroopna Hospital : ordinary Board meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1929 p. 6)
- **John Longstaff commissioned to paint a portrait of Dr Florance for 100 guineas**
(Hospital to get picture by famous artist in The Sun-News Pictorial 4/10/1928 p. 2) (Portrait of Dr Florance in Nathalia Herald 27/11/1928 p. 3)(Shepparton in The Age 12/7/1928 p. 14)
- **Mooroopna Hospital Sports Day raised 272 pounds**
(Mooroopna Hospital sports: wind-up meeting, 272 raised for Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/12/1929 p. 8)
- **Mooroopna Sports Day raises 75 pounds with the Victoria Police Band in attendance**
(Mooroopna Gala Day : Hospital sports successful, gate takings 75 in Shepparton Advertiser 21/11/1929 p. 5)
- **Dispenser employed part-time on a 3 month trial**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 14/11/1929 p. 7)
- **Hospital finishes year with worsening overdraft after building program and ever increasing patient numbers – Secretaries recommendations to remedy this include all revenue regardless of sources going toward the Maintenance account and a sum of 5000 pounds be the target from annual subscribers**
(Hospital finances: overdraft stands at 3287, a serious position in Shepparton Advertiser 10/10/1929 p. 6) (Cannot balance ledger : Hospital owed 1265 by municipalities in The Sun News-Pictorial 11/10/1929 p. 37)(Hospital finances:

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secretary's recommendations adopted in Numurkah Leader 27/11/1929 p. 4) (Financial position of Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 12/12/1929 p. 5)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 129 pounds

Total number of patients treated: 1689

Average daily number of patients: 102.6

Average length of stay: 22 days

Mortality Rate: 5.68

Outpatient Appointments: 780

(Mooroopna Hospital : ordinary Board meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1929 p. 6)

1930 – 1939 - The Great Depression Years

1930

- **Big decrease in use of drugs and disinfectants due to the employment of the Dispenser – a saving of twice their salary**
(Mooroopna Hospital: Annual Meeting in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 13/8/1930 p. 4)
- **3 resident doctors employed**
(Mooroopna Hospital: contributors annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 7/8/1930 p. 3)
- **Nurses trained at Mooroopna were occupying responsible positions in big Hospitals throughout Australia – a sign they were being trained well**
(Mooroopna Hospital: contributors annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 7/8/1930 p. 3)
- **Operating loss of 1600 due to a reduction in private contributions and bequests – a sign of the tough economical times**
(Mooroopna Hospital: contributors annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 7/8/1930 p. 3)
- **The Charities Board advised that maternity cases are not to be admitted to the general wards after admission of a few “extremely necessitous” cases - it is not a midwifery Hospital**
(Mooroopna Hospital: contributors annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 7/8/1930 p. 3)
- **Infectious Diseases Ward – A conference between local shire representatives and members of the Board agreed to revised fees and allocation of costs for the infectious diseases ward**
(Mooroopna Infectious Diseases Ward : conference at Mooroopna in Shepparton Advertiser 20/3/1930 p. 2)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed:

Total number of patients treated: 1682

Average daily number of patients: 93

Average length of stay: 20 days

Mortality Rate: 5.2

Outpatient Appointments: 1961

(Mooroopna Hospital: contributors annual meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 7/8/1930 p. 3)

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1931

- **Fundraising for the hospital organised in the form of Mr Trevaskis's trained bird and animal show which will visit 40 locations within the Hospitals district – fee to be donated to the Hospital**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/6/1931 p. 4)
- **Financial resolutions to save money are introduced including Uniform Allowance discontinued for pupil nurses, contracting for vegetables, a reduction of 170 pounds pa in salaries and a reduction in the quantity of electricity, steam and water be effected**
(Mooroopna Hospital: finance committee in Shepparton Advertiser 14/9/1931 p. 4)
- **Permission to admit intermediate patients from 1/7/1931 for a fee of 3 pound/ 3 a week**
(Intermediate patients : Charities Board discussion in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 21/4/1931 p. 4)(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 30/6/1931 p. 1)(Treatment at Mooroopna Hospital : Charities Board approves in Shepparton Advertiser 16/4/1931 p. 3)
- **Egg Appeal Week – 1753 dozen collected by the Junior Red Cross**
(Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1932 p. 6)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 127 pounds *(Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1932 p. 6)*

Total number of patients treated:

Average daily number of patients:

Average length of stay:

Mortality Rate:

Outpatient Appointments:

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1932

- **The need for financial assistance for Mooroopna hospital-urgent. "There is a pressing need for organising efforts that will result in contributions flowing into the coffers"**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 6/6/1932 p. 4)
- **Borough of Shepparton asking that school aged patients discharged following an infectious disease be notified to be examined by their own medical advisor or the Borough Medical Officer within 6 days to obtain a certificate of clearance from isolation**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/5/1932 p. 6)
- **Diphtheria Outbreak – 69 cases were admitted in one month with 56 on the ward at one time**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/5/1932 p. 6)
- **Hospital representatives attending public meetings before end of financial year to "inform those attending the position of the institution and the prospects of keeping up the present efficiency"**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 16/5/1932 p. 6)
- **Dr Florance died after 48 year association with Hospital**
(Personal in The Australasian 30/7/1932 p. 10) (A pioneer medico : funeral of Dr. J.W. Florance in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 26/7/1932 p. 1) (Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 15/8/1932 p. 6)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 108 pounds

Total number of patients treated: 1638

Average daily number of patients: 95.83

Average length of stay: 21 days

Mortality Rate: 4.27

Outpatient Appointments: 576

(Annual Meeting in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1932 p. 6)

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1933

- **260 pounds of cotton wool required annually**
(*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 16/5/1933 p. 1*)
- **231 operations performed over 4 months**
(*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 16/5/1933 p. 1*)
- **Reunion of 30 former nurse trainees in conjunction with “Back to Mooroopna” celebrations - held on lawn in front of Nurses Home with afternoon tea provided by the Mooroopna Ladies Auxiliary**
(*Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 16/5/1933 p. 1*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: review of year in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1933 p. 6*) (*Mooroopna Celebrations in Shepparton Advertiser 20/4/1933 p. 3*)
- **Income of 11990 pds**
(*McLennan*) (*Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11*)
- **Loan of 20000 pounds to be obtained to fund construction of children's ward, maternity ward, intermediate wards, operating theatre, outpatients department, and additions to the nurses home**
(*Mooroopna Hospital: review of year in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1933 p. 6*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: improvements suggested in The Argus 29/6/1933 p. 10*) (*Mooroopna Hospital: new wards and operating theatre proposed in The Age 29/6/1933 p. 7*)
- **Appointment of 3rd resident medical officer and a Masseur**
(*Mooroopna Hospital : two further appointments in Shepparton Advertiser 14/12/1933 p. 1*)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 103 pounds

Total number of patients treated: 1850

Average daily number of patients: 106.38

Average length of stay: 20 days

Mortality Rate: 4.8

Outpatient Appointments: 1457

(*Mooroopna Hospital: review of year in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1933 p. 6*)

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1934

- **Difficulty attracting Medical Staff as paying less than other Rural Hospitals**
Hospital problem : services of junior doctor: salaries to be increased in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/2/1934 p. 4)(Scarcity of doctors : salary offer increased at Mooroopna in Ouyen Mail 19/2/1934 p. 2)
- **Diphtheria Outbreak – Hospital overcrowded as it faces it greatest numbers ever due to the outbreak with a total of 181 patients in during one period with 81 in the isolation ward – 2 Marquees erected near the isolation ward were required to house patients. A huge expense to the Hospital as well as the medical and nursing staff**
(Mooroopna Ward overcrowded: an acute problem in Shepparton Advertiser 15/3/1934 p. 1) (Infectious Diseases: Municipal Conference on accommodation in Shepparton Advertiser 12/4/1934 p. 1) (Infectious diseases : grave position at Mooroopna in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/3/1934 p. 1)
- **Diphtheria outbreak – visitors banned for a week as visitor suspected as carrier**
(Diphtheria outbreak : hospital isolated in The Herald 8/2/1934 p. 10)(Diphtheria outbreak : ban on Hospital visitors in The Sun News-Pictorial 9/2/1934 p. 30)(Diphtheria outbreak : better position reported at Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 20/2/1934 p. 1)
- **Many residents treated under the immunisation scheme against diphtheria**
(Diphtheria outbreak: immunisation as preventive in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 29/3/1934 p. 1) (Diphtheria outbreak : serious position in Goulburn Valley in The Age 8/3/1934 p. 14)
- **Sketch and plans for new Hospital were passed by Board costing approx 25000 pounds with it stipulated that 80% of the building contract to use local labour**
(New hospital at Mooroopna in The Argus 10/5/1934 p. 5)(Chance for local builders in new Mooroopna Hospital contracts in Shepparton Advertiser 10/5/1934 p. 5)
- **Vegetable garden ceased and gardeners employment terminated as running at a loss**
(Improved position shown at monthly meeting of Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 10/5/1934 p. 5)
- **A credit balance of 18 pounds for the years activity is reported for the 1933/34 financial year with 1318 pounds received for infectious diseases assisting**
(Mooroopna Hospital shows credit : position improves by 496/8/ pounds in Shepparton Advertiser 12/7/1934 p. 5)
- **Board resolves to add intermediate wards to the plans for the new Buildings**
(Intermediate ward in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1934 p. 4)
- **Rebuild to commence with Nurses Home where every nurse will have their own single room**
(Mooroopna Hospital Buildings : extensive program: up-to-date Nurses quarters in Shepparton Advertiser 2/8/1934 p. 1)
- **Duke of Gloucester visited**
(Triumphal tour in Rodney Shire. Mooroopna: Duke visits Hospital in Kyabram Free Press ND Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 13/11/1934 p. 3) (Royal visit to Goulburn Valley: stop at Mooroopna in Shepparton Advertiser 13/11/1934 p. 3)
- **Hospital Rebuild cost exceeds original estimate – additional 10000 loan received from the Government and 5000 pounds to be raised locally**
*(Mooroopna Hospital re-building: cost greatly exceeds original estimate) in Shepparton Advertiser 13/12/1934 p. 5)
(Hospital building : 5000 short for completion of Mooroopna scheme in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 18/12/1934 p. 1)(Mooroopna Hospital grant further 10000 allocated in Shepparton Advertiser 12/12/1934 p. 2)*

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Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 96 pounds (*Mooroopna Hospital year in retrospect in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1935 p. 6*)

Total number of patients admitted: 2156

Average daily number of patients: 123.4

Average length of stay: 20 days

Mortality Rate: 4.6

Outpatient Appointments: 1446

Number of Operations Performed: 838

(*Mooroopna Hospital: annual meeting of subscribers in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 7/8/1934 p. 1*)

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1935

- **Mooroopna leads the state in voluntary contributions towards maintenance**
(Hospital contributions : Mooroopna leads the whole state in Shepparton Advertiser 10/1/1935 p. 1)
- **Man dies under anaesthetic while having a necessary procedure - inquest finds anaesthetic has been skillfully administered**
(Man dies under anaesthetic in Sun News-Pictorial 21/1/1935 p. 9)
- **Intermediate Patients charges fixed by the Charities Board -Medical patient 3/3 per week and surgical patients 3/13/6 per week**
(Hospital patients : intermediate charges fixed in Shepparton Advertiser 15/2/1935 p. 2)
- **A case of Infantile Paralysis admitted to the Hospital**
(Paralysis case at Mooroopna in The Herald 6/3/1935 p. 4)
- **Hospital Sunday at Ardmona raises 25 pounds and was attended by Brigadier Bouchier**
(Hospital Sunday at Ardmona in Shepparton Advertiser 8/4/1935 p. 3)
- **Hospital Art Union investigated as a fundraiser for the Hospital and "Back to Shepparton" and Lottery approved as a fundraiser for 6000 pounds required for the Building fund**
(Hospital Art Union? Suggested aid for Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press ND Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 11/1/1935 p. 3)(Mooroopna Hospital : art union for funds favoured in The Age 10/1/1935 p. 12) (Art Union suggested to help Mooroopna Hospital : legal difficulties hard to overcome. In Shepparton Advertiser 10/1/1935 p. 1)(Back to Shepparton and hospital lottery in Shepparton Advertiser 21/11/1935 p. 1)
- **Six prime lambs make over 112 pounds as a fundraiser at the opening of the new municipal saleyards**
(Cabinet minister as auctioneer : six prime lambs realise over 112 in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 6/2/1935 p. 8)
- **Hospital Auxiliary Ball a great success with presentation of 12 debutantes and 600 dancers in attendance**
(Annual Hospital Auxiliary Ball : six hundred dancers attend in Shepparton News 6/6/1935 p. 2)
- **Municipal grants to Mooroopna Hospital are among the lowest in the State- Board to contact Councils to voluntarily increase their grants.**
(Mooroopna Hospital finance : municipal grants among lowest in state in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1935 p. 8)
- **Junior Red Cross and Schools across the region undertake fundraising for furnishing the new Children's Ward raising in excess of 325 pounds**
(Helping Mooroopna Hospital : schools and the Children's ward in Shepparton Advertiser 29/8/1935 p. 1) (Magnificent response : district schools support Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 13/12/1935 p. 3)(The children set an example in Shepparton Advertiser 12/12/1935 p. 4)
- **Mooroopna hospital advanced to status of Base Hospital, one of 8 across the state**
(Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11)
- **New isolation ward erected with 40 beds – almost double the current number – at a cost of 3400 pounds which is to be borrowed on the security of the local Councils**
(Infectious Diseases Ward: new building to be erected in Shepparton Advertiser 15/6/1934 p. 1)(Nice, 1986) (Mooroopna Hospital extensions : municipalities shares in Shepparton Advertiser 16/10/1935 p. 5)
- **Theatre Sister salary restored to 138 pounds annually**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 23/12/1935 p. 1)

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- **Charities Board officials visit with advice on things to be done before the Hospital can move from a Grade B Hospital to a Grade A Hospital – a name change was suggested to reflect it's growth however Board members agreed they could not exclude Mooroopna from the name**
(Charities officials in Mooroopna in Shepparton Advertiser 21/11/1935 p. 1)
- **Housekeeper appointed at 3 pounds 3 shillings per week**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 23/12/1935 p. 1)
- **Year finishes with 16613 required by the Board – 2 appeals to run concurrently with money split between building and maintenance accounts**
(Vital appeal for Mooroopna Hospital : 16613 needed by the Board in Shepparton Advertiser 5/12/1935 p. 1)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 117 pounds

Total number of patients treated: 1834

Average daily number of patients: 99.5

Average length of stay: 19 days

Mortality Rate: 5.17

Outpatient Appointments: 1613

(Mooroopna Hospital year in retrospect in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1935 p. 6) (Fewer patients in Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 11/7/1935 p. 5)

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- **District Schools raise 349 pounds for the Children's Ward**
(Hospital Appeal : District schools raise 349 in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 21/2/1936 p. 3)(Remarkable effort by Goulburn Valley School children : raised 350 for Children's Ward" in Shepparton Advertiser 20/2/1936 p. 3)
- **Charities Board Report reveals payments from patients at Mooroopna Hospital show a considerable variation from Hospitals in the same group work with suggestion that Hospital should attempt to collect fees from defaulting patients**
(Defaulting Patients of Mooroopna Hospital : Charities Board suggests action be taken" in Shepparton Advertiser 20/2/1936 p. 10)(Hospital contributions: Mooroopna's inpatients paying too little" in Numurkah Leader 25/2/1936 p. 4)
- **Government assistance sought as Hospital face grave financial position with shortfall for Building project and to furnish new wards – Organiser appointed by Board to conduct a special appeal to relieve the situation**
(Mooroopna Hospital : grave financial position, government assistance sought" in The Age 22/5/1936 p. 16)(Hospital seeks more assistance : no funds to furnish new wards at Mooroopna" in The Sun News-Pictorial 23/5/1936 p. 31)
(Mooroopna Hospital finances in grave position : Board decides to appoint Organiser" in Shepparton Advertiser 20/11/1936 p. 21)
- **Hospital Fete raises 134 pounds**
(Hospital fete : large sum raised" in Shepparton Advertiser 6/4/1936 p. 2)
- **New re-modeled building opened costing 35000 pounds with furnishings - on the ground floor are administrative offices, board room, lecture hall, dining room, store rooms, laboratory, X-ray Unit, Drs residence, new male and female wards, children's ward, dispensary and outpatients. First floor there are 2 new operating theatres, male & female surgical wards, intermediate male and female wards (for private paying patients) and maternity ward.**
(From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser - 19/10/1937 p. 88)(History and progress of Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/10/1937 p. 88)
- **206 beds**
(Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11)
- **Nurse Quarters enlarged so that each nurse has own single bedroom**
(Mooroopna Hospital's proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11)
- **Dr Trood, first Mooroopna Hospital Doctor dies**
(First Mooroopna Hospital Doctor dies in Melbourne in Shepparton Advertiser 7/1/1936 p. 1)(Death of Mooroopna Hospital's first surgeon in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 8/1/1936 p. 5)
- **Patients and staff suffer disturbed sleep after cow with bell around it's neck regularly visits Hospital at night to eat the green grass**
(Mooroopna Hospital problem : a cow and a bell" in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1936 p. 1)

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- **Nurses salaries are increased – the Board agrees to increase the salary to sisters in charge of wards to 138 pds per year with the Operating Theatre sister to be paid 140 pds and the new Maternity Ward sister to be paid 138 pds.**
(Nurses' salaries increased : Mooroopna Hospital decision in Shepparton Advertiser 22/1/1937 p. 1)
- **Twelve family members of one family admitted to Infectious ward with Diphtheria – mum and 11 children**
(Family of twelve all in Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 1/1/1937 p. 1)
- **Public Appeal for funds – aiming for 7000 Pds to fund an X-ray plant and to complete furnishing the new building**
(Nice, 1986) (Hospital appeal in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 13/1/1937 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital : officials make appeal for Building fund" in Numurkah Leader 2/3/1937 p. 4)(7000 drive for Mooroopna Hospital to vastly improve services for G.V. and Southern riverina" in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 13/1/1937 p. 3)
- **Mooroopna Cannery employees all contributed and donated 116 pds to the Building Fund**
(Hospital gift Mooroopna Cannery employees" in Shepparton Advertiser 29/3/1937 p. 4)
- **Hospital is staffed by Matron, 9 sisters and 50 trainees**
(From wooden hut to modern institution in Shepparton Advertiser - 19/10/1937 p. 88)
- **Overdraft is 3856 pds– Board reports that monthly cost of maintaining the Hospital is 1000 pds and an increase in revenue is required to meet commitments**
(Hospital Finance : Mooroopna overdraft is 3856 in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 23/2/1937 p. 4)
- **Loss of 34 pounds for 1936/37 financial year**
(Mooroopna Hospital: small attendance at Annual Meeting" in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 17/8/1937 p. 1)
- **Patient revenue is lowest of any Hospital in the State though it had increased from 4% to 12%. The State average was between 35 to 40% - Hospital to consider appointing a Committee to issue account which is what is done in some other Hospitals**
(In-patients fees. Lowest in State at Mooroopna" in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 22/6/1937 p. 1)
- **Movable Hospital Plant was purchased for 242 pds and allows patients to be x-rayed in bed**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/11/1937 p. 9)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed:

Total number of patients treated: 2099

Average daily number of patients: 110.8 *(Base Hospital Annual Report in Shepparton Advertiser 12/8/1938 p. 7)*

Average length of stay:

Mortality Rate: 5

Outpatient Appointments: 1810

(Mooroopna Hospital: small attendance at Annual Meeting" in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 17/8/1937 p. 1)

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- **Infantile paralysis after care ward established to care for the victims of poliomyelitis with trained masseur appointed**
(Paralysis after-care : Mooroopna Base Hospital approved in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 25/1/1938 p. 4) (After care: Mooroopna Centre approved in Shepparton Advertiser 21/1/1938 p. 13) (After-care treatment: Base Hospital to serve North-Eastern district in Shepparton Advertiser 10/1/1938 p. 1)
- **Hospital begins the year deep in debt and unable to pay bills - Maintenance account in March was overdrawn at 7293 while the bank limit was 4500**
(Cannot pay accounts : Mooroopna Hospital's financial position" in Benalla Standard 18/2/1938 p. 1)(Deep in debt : Mooroopna Hospital: Government aid wanted in The Age 18/3/1938 p. 14)
- **Wood day – 100 tons of wood cut at the rear of the Mooroopna Cemetery for the Hospital**
(Wood day : Mooroopna Hospital effort : 100 tons and 100 degrees in Shepparton Advertiser 25/3/1938 p. 1)
- **Hospital adopts new Admission system where liability of patients is defined upon admission after completion of an Admission Form with the Hospital Secretary**
(Admittance to Hospital: Mooroopna adopts new system L liability of patients defined" in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 26/4/1938 p. 1)
- **Queen Carnival reintroduced to raise funds throughout the district for the Hospital**
(Mooroopna Hospital : district Queen Carnival favored" in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 10/5/1938 p. 3) (Mooroopna Hospital : an open letter to the General Public" in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 12/8/1938 p. 5)(Queen Carnival for hospital : whole area served to assist: sedan car for winning Queen" in Shepparton Advertiser 9/5/1938 p. 1)
- **Visitors Day to the new wing held in lieu of an official opening as part of Shepparton centenary celebrations**
(“Base Hospital Opening postponed: objection raised to Sunday date” in Shepparton Advertiser 17/10/1938 p. 1)
- Nursing Staff = 17 (50 hr week) – not enough space in Nurse Home so they were sleeping on the verandahs (Nice, 1986)
- **For the first time since opening the Hospital reported in it's December meeting that it is unable to pay all it's accounts with a 920 pound shortfall – exceeding the bank allowed 6000 pound overdraft**
(Hospitals plight in Argus 20/1/1939 p.3)

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Average daily cost of bed: 122 pds**
- **Total number of patients treated: 2346**
- **Average daily number of patients: 140.8**
- **Average length of stay: 21.9**
- **Mortality Rate: 4.5**
- **Outpatient Appointments: 2168**
- **Number of Births: 148**
- **Operations : Major: 345 Minor: 438 Dental: 58 Total = 850**
(Base Hospital Annual Report in Shepparton Advertiser 12/8/1938 p. 7)

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- **Hospital finances are dire at start of the year with Hospital unable to meet wages and suggestions the Board resigns or portions of the Hospital be closed – overdraft of 6000 pds is breached**

(Desperate situation in Shepparton Advertiser 23/1/1939 p. 2) (Hospital finances : Mooroopna's desperate position in Benalla Standard 3/2/1939 p. 1)(Mooroopna Base Hospital finance crisis in The Sun News-Pictorial 20/4/1939 p. 36)(Mooroopna defaults : move to increase overdraft to 10000 pds : wages and interest commitments overdue in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 25/4/1939 p. 6) (Mooroopna Hospital wards may close through lack of money in Numurkah Leader 24/1/1939 p. 1)(Serious financial position : increased overdrafts limit reached : suggestion that whole Board resign in Shepparton Advertiser 20/1/1939 p. 1)

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1940

- **Special Grant sought from the Charities Board to alleviate it's financial position as it exceeded it's 6000 overdraft limit with heavy commitments to come**
(Hospital to appeal to Government: acute problem worries Board: special sub-committee appointed in Shepparton Advertiser 15/3/1940 p. 8)
- **Urgent call to community to raise 7000 pounds**
(lost Mooroopna) (Advertising in Kyabram Free Press & Deakin Shire Advocate 6/2/1940 p. s1) (Advertising in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 31/1/1940 p. 6) (Advertising in Shepparton Advertiser 2/2/1940 p. 10)
- **Laundry renovated and extended with purchase of new washing machine, steam presses, steam ironer and drying room**
(Mooroopna News and Jottings. A housewife's dream come true: elaborate new Hospital laundry : washing without worry in Shepparton Advertiser 5/2/1940 p. 4)
- **First Aid and Home nursing classes for the public offered by Dr. Bennett and Sister Maggs**
(First-aid and Home Nursing classess in Shepparton Advertiser 1/7/1940 p. 5)
- **Inspector Charities notifies the Board that they have decided against erecting buildings in the Hospital grounds for Internees and the Hospital will only take major surgical and maternity internee cases**
(No Hospital buildings for Internees : Base Hospital to take only major surgical and maternity cases in Shepparton Advertiser 18/10/1940 p. 1)

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Average daily cost of bed: 187 pds** (Years work revised: President's report at Hospital Annual Meeting" in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1941 p. 5)
- **Total number of patients treated:**
- **Average daily number of patients:**
- **Average length of stay:**
- **Mortality Rate:**
- **Outpatient Appointments:**

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- **The Moorroopna Base Hospital in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 26/2/1941 p. 4)**
- **Appointment of Honorary Doctors to the Hospital changed from selection by a local Advisory Board of 3 Drs and 4 Board members to the Charities Board**
(Appointment of Honorary Doctors : deputation to Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 21/2/1941 p. 1)(Base Hospital Medical Staff in Shepparton Advertiser 4/7/1941 p. 2)(Honorary Medical Staff at Hospital : appointment procedure brings lengthy discussion in Shepparton Advertiser 25/7/1941 p. 5)
- **Dr McKellar providing 1st Aid classes at the fire station**
(Moorroopna Jottings. First aid classes in Shepparton Advertiser 16/6/1941 p. 3)
- **Massage Department established– Masseuse appointed to treat inpatients and out patients with fees from intermediate and private patients paid to the Hospital**
(Years work revised: President's report at Hospital Annual Meeting" in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1941 p. 5)
- **Hospital Appeal for 6500 pounds falls short with patriotic causes impacting upon collections**
(Presidents appeal in Goulburn Valley Stock and Property Journal 26/2/1941 p. 4)(Appeal for Hospital opened at Star Theatre yesterday in Shepparton Advertiser 21/4/1941 p. 1) (Hospital Appeal: nearly 1000 from Shepparton in Shepparton Advertiser 30/6/1941 p. 1) (Hospital Appeal L not a success says secretary in Shepparton Advertiser 20/6/1941 p. 1)
- **Matron requests the appointment of a tutor sister – Sister Mary Maggs appointed first qualified Sister Tutor**
(Tutor sister needed in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1941 p. 2) (Corbet, 1991 p. 21)
- **Bank Overdraft slightly reduced on last year to 5279 pounds at end of financial year where total expenditure for the year was 24.058 pounds**
(Hospital Annual Meeting. Bank overdraft slightly reduced in Shepparton Advertiser 18/8/1941 p. 1) (Base Hospital finances : slight improvement over past twelve months in Shepparton Advertiser 18/7/1941 p. 1)
- **Radiologist appointed to work part-time in Shepparton and Wangaratta and new Stanford X-ray equipment purchased – Hospital can now undertake all types of X-ray and treat cancer with Radon**
(Country News in Argus 28/4/1941 p. 2) (New X-ray plant installed at cost of 2513 4 / in Shepparton Advertiser 25/4/1941 p. 1) (Hospital X-ray Department in Shepparton Advertiser 18/7/1941 p. 3) (Years work revised: President's report at Hospital Annual Meeting" in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1941 p. 5)(Radiology Dept for Hospital : hope to be established within few weeks in Shepparton Advertiser 21/3/1941 p. 1) (Radon for Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 20/6/1941 p. 2)
- **Moorroopna Trained nurses enlist – 12 sisters enlist over the last 12 months for overseas service**
(Hospitals fine record in Shepparton Advertiser 15/9/1941 p. 1)
- **Nurses Home to be erected for approx. 6000 pounds – (not including furnishings) due to overcrowding with nurses sleeping on verandahs - 30 rooms to be furnished with a variety of activities undertaken to raise the funds**

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(Nurses Home additions progressing in Shepparton Advertiser 25/8/1941 p. 2) (Nurses Home at Hospital : 6000 building to be erected in Shepparton Advertiser 24/2/1941 p. 1) (New Nurses Homes: work has commenced in Shepparton Advertiser 24/3/1941 p. 1) (Talent shown in nurses concert in Shepparton Advertiser 19/12/1941 p. 10)

- **A need for Maintenance and upkeep of the Hospital garden was identified with a Mooroopna Hospital Gardens Committee formed at a Public meeting and them succeeding in getting 100 pounds pa from the Shire and Burrough of Shepparton and Rodney Shire for maintenance**
(Committee appointed. Base Hospital garden in Shepparton Advertiser 15/9/1941 p. 1) (Hospital garden : support by Rodney Shire in Shepparton Advertiser 28/11/1941 p. 3)
- **Nurses hold a concert to raise funds for the new Nurses Home with profit of 50 pds**
(Talent shown in Nurses concert in Shepparton Advertiser 19/12/1941 p. 10)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 181 pds

Total number of patients treated: 2731

Average daily number of patients: 130

Average length of stay:

Mortality Rate: 4.1

Outpatient Appointments:

Births: 194

(173 patients for month: Mooroopna Hospital Report in Shepparton Advertiser 25/7/1941 p. 8) (Years work revised: President's report at Hospital Annual Meeting" in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1941 p. 5)

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1942

- **Difficulty obtaining firewood for the boilers due to the war. Shepparton and Ardmona Fruit Growers Association organised a wood day. Over 700 tons of wood – 4 months supply – was cut and stacked for the Hospital in 2 days**
(District wide effort : four months supply stacked in Shepparton Advertiser 17/4/1942 p. 1)(Shortage of wood : Hospital's plight in Shepparton Advertiser 19/12/1941 p. 1)
- **Charities Board of Victoria introduces a new scheme where fees must be collected weekly after assessment of the patients ability to pay**
(Standardised Hospital Management in Shepparton Advertiser 21/8/1942 p. 1)
- **Accountant appointed at a salary of 350 pds**
(Nice, 1986) (Personal in Shepparton Advertiser 23/10/1942 p. 2)(Personal in Shepparton Advertiser 20/11/1942 p. 2)(Personal in The Argus 29/10/ 1942 p. 2)

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1943

- **Hospital renamed to Mooroopna and District Base Hospital**
(Changed Hospital name in Shepparton Advertiser 13/8/1943 p. 5)(Advertising in Numurkah Leader 24/8/1943 p. 2)(Nice, 1986)
- **Hospital staff form a War Savings Group to raise funds for the war**
(Hospital forms war savings group in Shepparton Advertiser 30/3/1943 p. 3)

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1944

- **Storeman appointed**
(Nice, 1986) (Preference issue raised : Hospital Board appointment in Shepparton Advertiser 18/2/1944 p. 1)(Hospital Store-keeper : Castlemaine man appointed in Shepparton Advertiser 17/3/1944 p. 8)
- **New Hospital record with 280 patients admitted in one month with 170 inpatients on one day**
(280 patients admitted : new Hospital record in Shepparton Advertiser 21/4/1944 p. 3)
- **Record crowd of approx. 1000 at Annual Hospital Ball with 20 debutantes presented and 200 pds raised**
(Record crowd at annual Hospital Ball : twenty pretty debutantes presented in Shepparton Advertiser 9/6/1944 p. 9)
- **TB Chalet approved to be built at Hospital and funded by the Government at a cost of 10000 pds but uncertainty about the Hospitals future site meant lengthy delays and no action until 1948**
(TB Treatment centres : Mooroopna suggested in Shepparton Advertiser 9/6/1944 p. 6)(New State Health plan announced : Country Chalets and other Hospitals in The Sun's News-Pictorial 21/7/1944 p. 12) (Combating TB : country Chalets started in The Age 1/12/1944 p. 2)(Doctors training for country TB work in Labor Call 6/6/1946 p. 3)
- **Hospital Overdraft of 2679 pds as at 30/6/1944 - net loss of 1347 pds due entirely to losses from the intermediate section**
(Hospital overdraft in Shepparton Advertiser 21/7/1944 p. 2)(Base Hospitals' year reviewed : increased admissions; intermediate section loss in Shepparton Advertiser 11/8/1944 p. 1)
- **Auxillaries instrumental in reducing the maintenance expenditure by donating and funding a large number of goods to the Hospital including refrigerators, furniture for the Residents Drs rooms, IV sets and a baby bottle steriliser**
(Base Hospitals' year reviewed : increased admissions; intermediate section loss in Shepparton Advertiser 11/8/1944 p. 1)(Hospital Auxillary Annual Meeting : record years work reported in Shepparton Advertiser 28/7/1944 p. 6)
- **Deficiencies in current buildings noted by Board members and senior staff including shortage of intermediate accommodation, number of nurse's sick bay or linen rooms, new children's ward, new resident medical officer's quarters, renovation of NO. 1 Nurses Home and inadequate kitchen. Drs recommend a new community Hospital be built in Shepparton**
(Nice, 1986) (New multi storied Hospital mooted : should present Hospital be scrapped? In Shepparton Advertiser 17/11/1944 p. 3)(New Hospital wing : proposed Mooroopna alterations in Shepparton Advertiser 27/10/1944 p. 1)
- **Board Motion passed that a new Hospital be built – Inspector of Charities to visit in New Year to look at proposals**
(Nice, 1986) (New Hospital proposed in Shepparton Advertiser 22/12/1944 p. 2)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed:

Total number of patients treated: 2908

Average daily number of patients: 139.85

Average length of stay:

Mortality Rate:

Outpatient Appointments: 4630

Births: 198

(Base Hospitals' year reviewed : increased admissions; intermediate section loss in Shepparton Advertiser 11/8/1944 p. 1)

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1945

- **Nursing sisters from Mooroopna hospital served as military nurses in World War 2**
(Hospitals' fine record in Shepparton Advertiser 15/9/1941 p. 1)(Shepparton nurse rescued from Sumatra : more POW names released in Shepparton Advertiser 18/9/1945 p. 4)
- **Order of the British Empire awarded to Miss Elsie Jones in New Year Honours List**
(Nice, 1986) (OBE award to Mooroopna : Matron Jones honored in Shepparton Advertiser 2/1/1945 p. 1)(Knighthood for Lord Mayor of Melbourne in Weekly Times 3/1/1945 p. 4) (Country woman honored in Weekly Times 3/1/1945 p. 18)(Matron Jones O.B.E. : congratulated by Rodney Shire Council in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 26/1/1945 p. 5)

Activity (Financial Year)

Average daily cost of bed: 280 pds (Charities Board Circular in The Horsham Times 2/7/1946 p. 2)

Total number of patients treated: 2660 (AR 1944/5)

Average daily number of patients: 144.25 (AR 1944/45)

Average length of stay: 19.79 days (AR 1944/5)

Outpatient Appointments: 4339 (AR 1944/5)

(Difficult times ahead in Hospital Finance : abolition of means test no help declares retiring President in Shepparton Advertiser 23/8/1946 p. 2)

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1946

- **Following a suggestion from the Charities Board the age and marital status of patients is to be deleted from their bed-head cards**
(Hospital bed cards in Shepparton Advertiser 26/3/1946 p. 1)
- **Registration granted to Tatura Hospital to become an annexe of Mooroopna and being renamed Mooroopna and District Base Hospital – Tatura Annexe**
(Hospital merger? In Shepparton Advertiser 18/4/1946 p. 1) (Tatura BN Hospital : Mooroopna takes control in Shepparton Advertiser 18/10/1946 p. 3) (AR 1946/7)
- **Annual ball raised 300 pounds even though there were 200 less dancers**
(Hospital Ball 325 profit in Shepparton Advertiser 2/7/1946 p. 9) (AR 1946/7)
- **Shepparton Ladies Hospital Auxiliary donated an Occupational Therapy table (10 pds), an Ultra-Violet Lamp (23 pds) and donated 96 pds made by catering for the Big Business Ball**
(AR 1946/7)
- **Shortage of staff, patient accommodation hospital activity**
(Domestic staff shortage at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 22/11/1946 p. 3)(Accommodation at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 18/10/1946 p. 3) (Extra Hospital accommodation is urgent : Mooroopna Hospital now “outmoded” in Shepparton Advertiser 9/7/1946 p. 1)(Nursing Service : more staff urgently required in Shepparton Advertiser 22/2/1946 p. 4)
- **Plans drawn up for a new mortuary and a block containing a pathology lab, physiotherapy department, plaster room and dental room**
(Difficult times ahead in Hospital Finance : abolition of means test no help declares retiring President in Shepparton Advertiser 23/8/1946 p. 2)
- **Loss of 3567 pds due mainly to increase in nursing salaries, shortening of working hours and domestic staff wage increases**
(Difficult times ahead in Hospital Finance : abolition of means test no help declares retiring President in Shepparton Advertiser 23/8/1946 p. 2)
- **Weekly expenditure = 1000 pounds**
(Mooroopna Hospital’s proud traditions : Institution grew from humble beginnings: Influence of Dr Florance and Matron Jones in Shepparton Advertiser 19/8/1947 p. 11)
- **Letter from Charities Board to Shepparton Borough Council advising land should be reserved for Hospital purposes as at some time it will be necessary to move the Base Hospital elsewhere or acquire land adjacent to it – the former seeming more probable**
(Nice, 1986)(New Hospital inevitable L Borough asked to reserve land in Shepparton Advertiser 10/12/1946 p. 1)

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Average daily cost of bed:**
- **Total number of patients treated: 2579**
- **Average daily number of patients: 151**
- **Average length of stay: 21 days**
- **Mortality Rate:**
- **Outpatient Appointments: 3476**

(Difficult times ahead in Hospital Finance : abolition of means test no help declares retiring President in Shepparton Advertiser 23/8/1946 p. 2)

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- **Patient Library sponsored by Red Cross Society was established with services commencing on February 20 to patients by members of the Mooroopna Red Cross**
(Nice, 1986) (For Hospital mobile Library in Shepparton Advertiser 11/10/1946 p. 1) (Extension of services in Shepparton Advertiser 7/2/1947 p. 3) (New Library for Mooroopna in Weekly Times 26/2/1947 p. 33) (Red Cross Library : presentation to Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 28/2/1947 p. 2)
- **The Shepparton Ladies Auxillary donated 673 pounds through Balls and Christmas cheer events**
(Ladies Hospital Auxillary in Shepparton Advertiser 25/7/1947 p. 2)
- **The Apex Club of Shepparton efforts saw the installation of a miniature X-ray camera that is hoped to be used to carry out mass X-ray surveys as an anti-tuberculosis measure**
(350 for Apex anti-TB appeal in Shepparton Advertiser 19/9/1947 p. 1) (X-ray for anti-TB in Shepparton Advertiser 21/3/1947 p. 1)(Board members x-rayed for TB in Shepparton Advertiser 7/11/1947 p. 15)
- **1st Hospital Sunday Radio all day Appeal on 3SR from the Hospital – 16000 pds contributed**
(Nice, 1986) (16000 for 3SR Hospital appeal in The Argus 30/6/1947 p. 4) (Hospital radio appeal in Shepparton Advertiser 23/5/1947 p. 9)(Hospital broadcast in Shepparton Advertiser 18/4/1947 p. 11)
- **A woman was appointed to the Board for the first time**
(First woman on Hospital Board in Shepparton Advertiser 21/3/1947 p. 1)(First woman member welcomed by Hospital Baord in Shepparton Advertiser 18/4/1947 p. 1)
- **Nurses uniform changed to all white uniform**
(Nice, 1986) (New uniforms for Hospital nurses in Shepparton Advertiser 21/11/1947 p. 2)
- **Fifth largest country Hospital in Victoria with charitable donations ranking Mooroopna 3rd highest ahead of Ballarat and Mildura**
(Comparison of Hospitals in Shepparton Advertiser 19/3/1948 p. 4)
- **Additional salaries of 3000 pds predicted for the 47/48 financial year due to the 40 hour week**
(Forty hour week will cost Hospital 3000 in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 26/9/1947 p. 14)

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Total number of patients treated: 3039** (AR 1946/7)
- **Average daily number of patients: 154.89** (AR 1946/7)
- **Average length of stay: 18.6 days** (AR 1946/7)
- **Outpatient Appointments: 6170** (AR 1946/7)

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1948

- **Sister Vivian Bulwinkel visits the Hospital on behalf of the War Nurses Memorial Appeal**
(Nursing hero to visit Mooroopna in Shepparton Advertiser 16/1/1948 p. 12)
- **No male nurses employed due to accommodation difficulties**
(No male nurses for Mooroopna in Cobram Courier 9/1/1948 p. 4)
- **Staffing issues at the start of the year with only 1 resident medical officer at the Hospital**
(Only one doctor at Base Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 20/2/1948 p. 5)
- **1000 people were x-rayed in a week in a free mass screening event for TB with free buses provided from Shepparton.**
(Over 1000 tested for TB : surveys to be continued in Shepparton Advertiser 13/2/1948 p. 1)(Anti TB drive off to slow start : mass survey at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 10/2/1948 p. 1)(Mass x-ray : free service at Hospital next week in Shepparton Advertiser 6/2/1948 p. 4)
- **40 hr week approved for nurses and places strain on nurses who have to perform domestic duties like sweeping floors and washing dishes when domestic staff are not there - additional nurses recruited to help**
(English war nurses t start at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/3/1948, p. 2)(Forty hour week for nurses in Shepparton Advertiser 15/6/1948 p. 13)
- **2nd Physiotherapist employed due to heavy workload with a monthly average of 284 appointments**
(Additional physiotherapist for Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 23/4/1948 p. 1)
- **The purchase of a 30 hospital ward from Bonegilla Military Hospital was transported to Mooroopna and equipped as a TB Chalet**
(TB Chalet for Mooroopna : Hospital Board inspection in Shepparton Advertiser 18/7/1947 p. 1) (TB Chalet work at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 19/3/1948 p. 3)
- **Radio 3SR Hospital Appeal raises 1220 pounds**
(AR 1947/48)
- **Red Cross institutes Diversional Therapy and Handicrafts with voluntary teachers**
(AR 1947/8)
- **To accommodate the additional staff required for the TB Chalet, 3 buildings which formed the Nursing Staff Quarters at Waranga Military hospital were purchased, transported and remodeled to accommodate 18 Mooroopna nurses**
(Accommodation for nurses in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1947 p. 2)(AR 1947/48)
- **Charities Board advises Hospital Board that Hospital Services of the GV were being thoroughly investigated after the Minister for Health was invited to visit the Hospital to discuss their dire situation – the needs of the GV were 273 beds but only 164 are available.**
(Hospital Services in Goulburn Valley: visit of Health Minister sought in Shepparton Advertiser 18/6/1948 p. 1)
- **Best financial result for years with Hospital showing a 3024 pound profit**
(Hospital shows 3024 profit in Shepparton Advertiser 22/7/1948 p. 2)
- **Health Minister visits and agrees current facilities are inadequate to meet the requirements of the district and urges the Board to adopt a policy of the establishment of a new up-to-date Hospital with the present campus being used for aged care. Current shortcomings are reported for all areas.**
(Health Minister urges new Hospital : present facilities inadequate in Shepparton Advertiser 24/9/1948 p. 1)

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Activity (Financial Year)

- Total number of patients treated: 3060** (*Hospital shows 3024 profit in Shepparton Advertiser 22/7/1948 p. 2*)
- **Average daily number of patients: 160.61** (*Hospitalisation in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 25/8/1949 p. 15*)
- **X-ray Department Examinations: 3309**
- **Pathology Department tests: 3321**
- **Physiotherapy Department Treatments: 3289**
- Outpatient Appointments: 7710** (*Hospital shows 3024 profit in Shepparton Advertiser 22/7/1948 p. 2*)
(AR 1947/48)

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1949

- **Charities Commission announces the new Hospital will be built in Shepparton on the corner of Balaclava Rd and Wyndham St at a cost of 750000 with 350 beds. Four other sites were considered including 2 in Mooroopna and Fairley's paddock in Shepparton.**
(Nice, 1986)(New Hospital will be built in Shepparton in The Argus 29/3/1949 p. 5) (Large Hospital for Shepparton in The Age 29/3/1949 p. 5) (Shepparton iste sleected for new Base Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 29/3/1949 p. 1)
- **Hospitals & Charities Commission survey shows the GV region has 291 existing beds but currently requires 304 with 410 required in the next 15-20 years**
(Hospital bed shortage presents big task in The Age 7/5/1949 p. 2)
- **3 blocks of land adjacent Tatura Annexe will be purchased by Mooroopna Hospital for erection of staff accommodation**
(Staff quarters for Hospital Annexe in Shepparton Advertiser 20/5/1949 p. 9)
- **Medical Superintendent appointed by the Board for a period of 2 years on a salary of 1500 pds pa plus residence**
(Mooroopna Hospital: Medical Superintendent in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 25/8/1949 p. 6)
- **Board seek 5000 pounds maintenance / grant finance from the Charities Commission to cover cost of TB Chalet shortfall – Chalet can hold 29 beds but funded for 21 despite average number of patients on the ward being 24**
(TB Chalet problem in Shepparton Advertiser 18/11/1949 p. 1)

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Average daily cost of bed:**
- **Total number of patients treated:**
- **Average daily number of patients: 159.8** *(Hospitalisation in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 25/8/1949 p. 15)*
- **Average length of stay:**
- **Mortality Rate:**
- **Outpatient Appointments:**

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1950

- **Triplet boys born by caesarean – first to survive in Shepparton region**
(... and now we have triplets in Argus 7/11/1950 p.1) (Mother and her triplets all well in Argus 8/11/1950 p. 3) (Hospitals first triplets “lovely” in Shepparton Advertiser 10/11/1950 p.8)
- **New Pathology Department / Mortuary built**
(Building progress at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 24/11/1950 p. 12) (Mooroopna Hospital activities in Cobram Courier 9/3/1951 p. 5)(Prefab houses at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 22/9/1950 p. 13)
- **Ambermere Private Hospital freehold is put up for sale and passed in. The Hospital purchases it for 11225 pds for use as an intermediate Women’s Hospital**
(Future of Ambermere in Shepparton Advertiser 21/6/1950 p. 1) (Future of Ambermere in Shepparton Advertiser 18/8/1950 p. 7) (Ambermere fails to reach reserve in Shepparton Advertiser 8/8/1950 p. 1) (Ambermere as Women’s Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 17/10/1950 p. 9)
- **Hospital Overdraft = 15814 pds**
(Mooroopna Hospital overdraft 15814 in Cobram Courier 28/7/1950 p. 1)
- **GV Doctors and senior staff of Mooroopna Hospital listened to first landline lecture ever heard in Victoria - lecture was from a Professor of Medicine at Yale University, USA**
(Doctors make history at unique lecture in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1950 p. 1) (Medical progress : unique Mooroopna lecture in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 17/8/1950 p. 17)
- **Rodney Shire Council write to Hospitals and Charities Commission opposing new Hospital site in favour of Mooroopna Golf Course site**
(Rodney Shire Council opposes new Hospital site in Shepparton Advertiser 29/8/1950 p. 1)
- **New 404 bed Hospital (beds = 234 public, 86 intermediate, 36 semi-private, 48 private) is being planned for Shepparton by the Hospitals and Charities Commission – to be erected on the north-west corner of Balaclava Rd & Wyndham St – 5 or 6 storey building of steel or concrete frame costing more than 1.5 million pounds.**
(404 bed hospital planned for Shepparton in Shepparton Advertiser 20/10/1950 p. 1) (1500000 Shepparton Hospital: five or six storey building in Kyabram Free Press & Deakin Shire Advocate 23/11/1950 p. 10)
- **Dr F.W Grutzner tells Shepparton Councillors that Mooroopna Hospital is severely overcrowded**
(Country Hospitals are overcrowded ; in debt in Argus 15/7/1950 p. 8)
- **An architect is appointed by The Hospitals and Charities Commission and Wyndham St site is declared suitable for new Hospital by the Hospitals and Charities Commission**
(Hospital site suitable in Shepparton Advertiser 31/10/1950 p. 1)(Hospital plans taking shape in Shepparton Advertiser 19/9/1950 p. 10)
- **Hospital is averaging 190 patients a day but new Hospital will be a 10-12 year wait**
(Multi-storied Hospital still a decade distant in Shepparton Advertiser 17/11/1950 p. 12)
- **Mooroopna Building Committee suggest the Commission increase new Hospital capacity to 446 beds to cater for growth – births are expected to = 500 this year, a 75% increase in just 2 years**
(Thoroughness in New Hospital planning in Shepparton Advertiser 22/12/1950 p. 12)

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1951

- **Requirements for the new Hospital were outlined as The Board requests Council to reserve additional parklands at the Hospital site near the intersection of Balaclava Rd and Wyndham St – currently the bed classifications are 128 surgical, 128 medical, 6 for sick nurses and 32 isolation. Maternity allocation is to be determined and a Children's ward between 30 and 60 beds is still to be determined**
(Plans for 400 bed multi-storied Hospital : City Council asked to reserve parklands in Shepparton Advertiser 22/3/1951 p. 1)
- **New Pathology, Mortuary & Post-Mortem Room and Chapel completed and in use**
(Nice, 1986)(Hospital tenders in Shepparton Advertiser 21/5/1948 p. 12)(15560 additions for hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 21/5/1948 p. 1)(Mooroopna Hospital Activities in Cobram Courier 9/3/1951 p. 5)
- **Rushworth Bush Nursing Hospital expresses interest in becoming an Annexe of Mooroopna Hospital**
(Rushworth move for Hospital Annexe in Shepparton Advertiser 18/5/1951 p. 8)
- **The Hospital Board votes against a state proposal to raise funds for Hospitals from Lotteries**
(Mooroopna Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 4/1/1951 p. 3) (Spot news from country in The Argus 20/1/1951 p. 10) (Hospitals discuss lottery proposal in The Age 25/1/1951 p. 7) (Poll suggested on Hospital Lotteries in Shepparton Advertiser 26/1/1951 p. 9) (Hospital Chief against Lotteries in Shepparton Advertiser 2/5/1952 p. 1) (Hospitals as lever for State Lottery in Shepparton Advertiser 19/6/1953 p. 1)
- **Town clerk informs the community that the new Shepparton base Hospital will be ready earlier than the 10-12 years as predicted**
(Shepparton Base Hospital speed-up expected in Riverine Herald 7/8/1951 p. 2) (New Base Hospital in six years "good progress with plans in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1951 p. 1)
- **Repairs to Ambermere are undertaken and expensive – The Hospital re-opens Ambermere for 4 months and then decides to lease it out due to staff shortages and the pending establishment of a larger maternity ward at Mooroopna. Ambermere is leased by 2 Kyabram midwives who continue it as a Maternity Centre**
(Footing the bill for Ambermere in Shepparton Advertiser 23/2/1951 p. 1) (Hospital back in private control in The Age 1/6/1951 p. 3) (Hospital Boards' move to lease Ambermere in Shepparton Advertiser 18/5/1951 p. 1) (Ambermere change over in Shepparton Advertiser 1/6/1951 p. 1)
- **Superficial Therapy Department has been set-up**
(Mooroopna Hospital activities in Cobram Courier 9/3/1951 p. 5)
- **Five prefab cottages for nursing staff built and now occupied to alleviate the acute shortage of staff quarters**
(Mooroopna Hospital activities in Cobram Courier 9/3/1951 p. 5) (Prefab houses at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 22/9/1950 p.13) (Nurses' prefabs ready in Shepparton Advertiser 20/7/1951 p. 2) (Staff problems. Mooroopna Hospital discussion in Kyabram Free Press & Deakin Shire Advocate 25/1/1951 p. 11)
- **Tatura Annexe faces staffing shortages and relies on temporary staff to remain open**
(Annexe may close in Shepparton Advertiser 20/7/1951 p. 14) (Tatura Annexe to remain open : temporary staff avert crisis in Shepparton Advertiser 31/7/1951 p. 1)
- **Overdraft = 22065 pds**
(Hospital overdraft in Shepparton Advertiser 20/7/1951 p. 14)
- **Hospitals and Charities Commission refuses permission for a second time for an additional 45 bed pre-fabricated maternity ward to be built at Mooroopna – advice was to add 10 beds to the**

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current Mooroopna site or Ambermere – the Board later approves a new 30 bed maternity ward proposed by the Commission for Mooroopna

(Maternity Ward again refused in Shepparton Advertiser 22/6/1951 p. 15) (Maternity Block at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 21/9/1951 p. 3) (Births up but no beds in The Argus 18/5/1951 p. 7) (More maternity beds promised for Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 3/8/1951 p. 1)

- **2 deaths from Murray Valley Encephalitis after outbreak in the region – Medical Superintendent Dr. Benson praised by WEHI for prompt reporting of cases and assistance to research team from Melbourne investigating it based at Mooroopna Hospital**

(No fresh cases of brain disease in Shepparton Advertiser 27/2/1951 p. 1) (Research in encephalitis in Shepparton Advertiser 22/3/1951 p. 1) (Encephalitis virus isolated in Shepparton Advertiser 18/5/1951 p. 8)

- **Kitchen renovations urgently required – Board to request funds from Premier**

(Quandry about kitchen in Shepparton Advertiser 19/10/1951 p. 1)

- **Hospital and Charities report for 1951 shows Mooroopna Hospital is 3rd highest in country Victoria Hospitals for charitable donations but has the longest average stay per patient of 17.4 days**

(Base Hospital status high in Shepparton Advertiser 23/11/1951 p. 1)

- **Outpatient Clinics increased to 4 per week from December 3**

(Nice, 1986)(More out patients clinics in Shepparton Advertiser 23/11/1951 p. 1)

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1952

- **Maternity bed shortage with only 15 beds are available in the Maternity Ward – new 40 bed Ward is being planned but advice from the Commission is that funds will not be available. Board to contact Premier.**

(Maternity beds shortage at Mooroopna in Shepparton Advertiser 21/3/1952 p. 8)(No funds available for Mooroopna Maternity wing in Cobram Courier 3/7/1952 p. 1) (Midwifery tangle : answer to Hospital disappoints in Shepparton Advertiser 21/11/1952 p. 1)(Temporary quarters : midwifery staff hospital plan in Shepparton Advertiser 17/10/1952 p. 1) (Maternity ward grant sought in Shepparton Advertiser 27/5/1952 p. 8)

- **Shire of Rodney appeals to Premier & Hospitals and Charities Commission to review the site for the proposed Base Hospital and consider land immediately at the rear of the present Mooroopna Hospital**

(Base Hospital: site issue re-opened in Kyabram Free Press & Deakin Shire Advocate 8/5/1952 p. 11)

- **Overcrowding of Hospital's Nursery causes spread of skin infection among babies**

(Hospital overcrowding cause of skin disease among babies in Shepparton Advertiser 23/5/1952 p. 1)

- **District Nursing Service commenced – appointment of District Nurse & purchase of a car**

(HSM) (Nice, 1986)(District nurse's car in Shepparton Advertiser 23/11/1951 p. 16)(District nurse to get car in Shepparton Advertiser 21/12/1951 p. 5) (Nursing Service: January in Shepparton Advertiser 14/12/1951 p. 3)(Wide service provided by visiting nurses in The Age 27/5/1952 p. 5) (Corbet, 1991)

- **Engineers Workshop built next to Boiler House, Mortuary converted to Store and Store converted to staff accommodation**

(Nice, 1986) (No funds available for Mooroopna Maternity Wing in Cobram Courier 3/7/1952 p. 1)

- **Kitchen improvements are made including an additional cool room and new stainless steel sinks** *(Nice, 1986)(Hospital finances in Shepparton Advertiser 19/9/1952 p. 3)*

- **Test bores sunk on new Hospital site – proposed Wyndham St north site abandoned due to unsuitability of site and excessive construction costs. Two trial bores at Mooroopna shown to not be satisfactory – sites now narrowed to 2 in Shepparton however there is no site in Shepparton that will stand a 7 or 8 storey building**

(Progress in building at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 26/2/1952 p. 7)(Conflict on new Hospital location in The Age 29/4/1952 p. 13)(Proposed Hospital site abandoned in Shepparton Advertiser 22/4/1952 p. 8) (Base Hospital : site issue re-opened in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 8/5/1952 p. 11) (Hospital site bores were unsuitable in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 2/10/1952 p. 14) (Only two sites now for Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 4/7/1952 p. 1) (Boring for Hospital site unsatisfactory in Shepparton Advertiser 21/11/1952 p. 8) (Shepp. Hospital foundations unsatisfactory in Riverine Herald 26/12/1952 p. 4)(Proposed Hospital site abandoned in Shepparton Advertiser 22/4/1952 p. 8)

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Average daily cost of bed:**
 - **Average daily number of patients: 168.4**
 - **Mortality Rate:**
 - **Operations Performed: 1222**
- Total number of patients treated: 3673**
Average length of stay:
Outpatient Appointments:

(3673 treated at Mooroopna in Shepparton Advertiser 22/8/1952 p. 1)

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1953

- **Alterations to Maternity Ward increase bed numbers by 5**
(Mooroopna Hospital progress in Shepparton Advertiser 17/2/1953 p. 10)
- **Hospital takes out 20000 pound Public Risk Insurance Policy**
(Hospital takes out Public Risk Insurance Policy in Shepparton Advertiser 20/2/1953 p. 2)
- **White ant damage a continuing problem with Hospital spending up to 200 pounds pa replacing timber**
(Hospital will have hard battle for building funds in Shepparton Advertiser 20/3/1953 p. 16)
- **Uncle Bobs raises over 400 pounds for the Children's Ward by staging a concert at the Star Theatre in Shepparton**
(Uncle Bob's raise more than 400 pds in initial effort in Shepparton Advertiser 14/4/1953 p. 10) (Vaudeville treat at Shepparton in Shepparton Advertiser 2/4/1953 p. 1)
- **Wards reshuffled to accommodate large Children's Ward and Female Surgical Ward**
(Reshuffle of Wards at Hospital in Shepparton Advertiser 22/5/1953 p. 7)
- **Past-Trainees reunion in conjunction with "Back to Mooroopna"**
(Nice 1986) ("Back-to-Mooroopna" Programme in Shepparton Advertiser 20/3/1953 p. 1) (Early Mooroopna events recalled in The Age 7/4/1953 p. 5)
- **Mooroopna Gold Course declared unsuitable for a multi-storey building and Shepparton site No, 2 – the corner of Balaclava Rd Wyndham St deemed as best option to date after bore-testing**
(Mooroopna Gold Links site unsuitable for Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 25/6/1953 p. 9) (Could erect large Hospital in The Age 19/6/1953 p. 4) (Six-storey Hospital? In The Sun News Pictorial 19/6/1953 p. 5) (Hospital site decision in Shepparton Advertiser 19/6/1953 p. 1) (New sites for Hospital investigated in Shepparton Advertiser 3/3/1953 p. 1)
- **Hospital has 238 beds with 140 nurses and a daily average of inpatients of 164.3**
(Hut that grew in Argus 18/8/1953 p. 22)
- **Surplus Operating budget of 9000 pounds**
(Hospital shows a profit in Riverine Herald 17/8/1953 p. 4)

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1954

- **Opposition to the proposed new hospital from Rodney Shire included “Position is that we have a base hospital in Mooroopna which is doing an excellent job, but a lot of power drunk politicians and public servants think another hospital should be built in Shepparton” (Cr Anderson)**
(Mooroopna Hospital site is major problem in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 9/12/1954 p. 6)
- **Management of Ambermere taken over in June becoming a Midwifery Hospital until 1958 – mothers and babies transferred from Mooroopna**
(Nice, 1986) (Seventy-ninth annual report of Mooroopna Hospital in The Shepparton News 2/9/1955 p. 9)
- **QEII & Prince Philip passed through Mooroopna and Tatura – patients and staff line the road outside Hospital**
(Nice, 1986)(Queen had no time to change in The Argus 6/3/1954 p. 19) (What the Queen and Duke will do here in The Weekly Times 24/2/1954 p. 62) (Queen’s happy day with GV people in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 11/3/1954 p. 1)
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- **Rodney Shire continue to fight to keep new Hospital in Mooroopna**
(Rodney to use powers to retain Hospital in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 1/7/1954 p. 15) (Hospital site row still on in The Argus 1/5/1954 p. 6) (Rodney still opposes new Hospital site in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 10/3/1955 p. 18) (Cr Anderson challenges Mr Nice to public debate in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 27/1/1955 p. 1)
- **22 acres on the corner of Numurkah Road and Graham St chosen as site for new Hospital - Stage 1 to start in 3 years and provide midwifery accommodation and outpatients facilities. Shepparton City Council purchase the site and is holding the land for the Hospital. When all completed Mooroopna Hospital used to accommodate elderly people**
(New Hospital for “the Valley” : 20-acre site at Shepparton in Argus 28/10/1954 p. 7)(20 acre site at Shepparton : new Hospital for the Valley in The Argus 2/10/1954 p. 7) (Seventy-ninth annual report of Mooroopna Hospital in The Shepparton News 2/9/1955 p. 9)

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1955

- **80 people attended a Public Meeting convened by Rodney Shire Council in the Mooroopna Hall to protest the transfer of Hospital facilities to Shepparton – citing it's importance to Moorropna's economy, access by the Public and the potential waste of 2 million pounds. A petition is to be circulated across the region to garner support. Hospital Board object to misleading statements and disown the petition.**
(Mooroopna to petition Premier on Hospital site : Shepparton move unfair, unjust in SN 14/1/1955 p. 1)(Base Hospital site : petition ready in SN 19/1/1955 p. 1) (Board disowns petition : Hospital site protest : objection to misleading statements at meeting in SN 21/1/1955 p. 1)
- **Purchased Una Hospital in Shepparton and the block of land adjoining it for 13000 pounds and took over management of its 20 beds on March 1. Needed to assist with accommodation shortages in Mooroopna** *(Seventy-ninth annual report of Mooroopna Hospital in The Shepparton News 2/9/1955 p. 9)(Hospital buys Una in SN 21/1/1955 p. 1)(Una Hospital change over in SN 18/2/1955 p. 1)(Hospital takes over Una in SN 18/3/1955 p. 1)*
- **Architects present a 5 year plan to increase capacity at Mooroopna with a costing of 50000 pounds – included are increasing midwifery from 8 to 10 beds and one birth room a new timber outpatients building, doulbung x-ray department increasing children's ward by taking over south-west wing of infectious diseases block and construction of 5 3-bedroom cottages for staff**
(50000 additions for Hospital : five year plan submitted in SN 18/3/1955 p. 1)
- **Board direct that all Probationer Nurses be vaccinated for smallpox**
(Vaccination for nurses : Hospital Board decision in SN 20/5/1955 p. 1)
- **Hospital Ball held at the Star Theatre with 17 debutantes declared a "scintillating success" with 500 attending**
(Hospital Ball a scintillating success : happy function at Star Theatre in SN 30/5/1955 p. 3)
- **Hospital budget presented shows a required expenditure of 700 pounds per day to cover costs**
(Hospital costs 700 per day :Board adopts budget in SN 17/6/1955 p. 1)
- **Hospital gets nearly 8000 pounds from 3SR Hospital Appeal**
(Hospitals appeal raises 28338 : Mooroopna to get nearly 8000 in Shepparton News 27/6/1955 p. 1)
- **Shepparton Ladies Auxiliary setup a monthly sewing circle to make garments for the Hospital**
(Sewing circle for Hospital in Shepparton News 4/7/1955 p. 3)
- **Goulburn Valley Hospital Regional Council is formed comprising all Hospitals in the GV region – it's role to make recommendations to member Hospitals & the Commission**
(Mutual aid plan for GV Hospitals : regional Council formed in Shepparton News 22/7/1955 p. 1)
- **Name "Goulburn Valley" suggested as regional name for the Hospital at a meeting of District Hospital Representatives**
(Naming Hospital region in Kyabram Free Press and Rodney and Deakin Shire Advocate 11/8/1955 p. 12)
- **Two bedrooms added to the Resident Medical Officers Quarters and additions made to Medical Superintendents residence**
(Seventy-ninth annual report of Mooroopna Hospital in The Shepparton News 2/9/1955 p. 9)
- **Dr F.W Grutzner, Dr W.L Armstrong and Dr. J.A Kennedy retire from the Honorary Medical Staff and accept appointments as Honorary Consultants**
(Seventy-ninth annual report of Mooroopna Hospital in The Shepparton News 2/9/1955 p. 9)
- **Hospital has a surplus of 336 pds however Tatura Annexe has a deficit of 3551 pounds**

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(Hospitals big bill in Shepparton News 2/9/1955 p. 1)

- **Medical Superintendent reports no improvisation could make the present facilities adequate and it would be a short-sighted money-wasting policy after the Health Minister declares facilities adequate for the present**

(Hospital wards like barn : appalling staff conditions in Shepparton News 23/9/55 p. 1)

- **Shortage of nurses reported by Medical Superintendent – hard to complete with more modern Hospitals**

(Hospital needs more nurses in Shepparton News 21/11/1955 p. 10)

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Number of inpatients Treated : 6187**
- **Number of Outpatient Appointments 17627**
- *(Seventy-ninth annual report of Mooroopna Hospital in The Shepparton News 2/9/1955 p. 9)*
- **Births : 285** *(Births outnumber deaths : Sheppartons vital statistics in Shepparton News 13/1/1956 p. 8)*

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1956

- **An Almoner (Trained medical-social advisor) is appointed – the first one other than Geelong in a country Hospital**
(Mooroopna Hospital may appoint Almoner : recommendation to the Board in Shepparton News 20/1/1956 p. 3)
- **Hospital facing deficit of 10000 pounds due to reduced Government Grant**
(Reduced Govt grant could stultify Hospital progress : Mooroopna facing 10000 loss in Shepparton News 20/1/1956 p. 1)(Hospital need urgent in Shepparton News 12/3/1956 p. 1)
- **Medical Superintendent criticises the Hospital Commission – the new Hospital should be started immediately due to poor conditions at Mooroopna**
(Hospital to tell Minister : wards like a rabbit warren in The Argus 18/2/1956 p. 7)(“Rabbit Warren” Base Hospital outmoded : Medical Chief caustic on “patchwork policy” in Shepparton News 17/2/1956 p. 1)
- **WR Ponting Nurses Home at Tatura opened – named after ex-Rodney Shire President. – total cost of 8000 pounds it will provide accommodation for 5 nurses**
(Nurses Home opened in Shepparton News 28/5/1956 p. 1)
- **Health Minister tours the Hospital and told by staff and Board that the Hospital is “Patchwork” and at 252 beds of which 95 are in timber buildings it has not kept pace with the doubling of population in the region over the last 10 years**
(Health Minister told of “patchwork” Base Hospital : finance bar to new building in Shepparton News 28/5/1956 p. 1)
- **Radio 3SR Hospital Appeal raises almost 6000 pounds for Mooroopna Hospital – 30000 pounds was raised for the region**
(Hospitals appeal: 30000 raised in Shepparton News 25/6/1956 p. 1)
- **Approval from The Hospital and Charities Commission for Nurses Aide Training to commence in association commenced with Melbourne Nursing Aide Training School at Toorak**
(Nice, 1986) (Nurses Aides to be trained at Mooroopna in Shepparton News 20/6/1956 p. 1)
- **Hospital fees rise substantially with private patients paying 25/4/- per week and semi-private 22/1/- and public patients double to 12 guineas pw. From 1/7/56 all patients are required to undergo an income test for classification**
(Hospital fees up in Shepparton News 27/6/1956 p. 1)(Means test for Hospital now in Shepparton News 20/7/1956. 2)
- **Uncle Bob’s Club in Shepparton donated 310 pounds to Children’s Ward which purchased a mobile fish pond.** *(Uncle Bob’s have good year in Shepparton News 18/7/1956 p. 1)*
- **Tuesday August 14th – new daily birth record of 8 babies**
(New Hospital births record in Shepparton News 17/8/1956 p. 1)
- **Salk Vaccine provided for immunisation against Polio – Drs from Hospital assist vaccinations**
(Salk next month in Shepparton News 14/9/1956 p. 1)
- **A Reduced Government Grant for 1957 and the Boards decision to remain within it’s available finance foreshadows possible ward closures and dismissal of staff in the future**
(Hospital may close wards : financial crisis foreshadows drastic cuts in services in Shepparton News 16/11/1956 p. 1)(Hospitals “new lease” for one month in Shepparton News 21/12/1956 p. 1)
- **Pathologist appointed with house purchased for them to reside in**
(Nice, 1986) (Hospital may close Wards : financial crisis foreshadows drastic cuts in services in Shepparton News 16/11/1956 p. 1) (House for Pathologist in Shepparton News 21/10/55 p. 5)

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1957

- **Hospital defers reduction of services with more funds becoming available**
(Hospital again defers reduction decision : summary of financial position in Shepparton News 18/1/1957 p. 1)(Hospitals could "finish" Government : Mr GC Moss criticises lack of finance in Shepparton News 7/1/1957 p. 1)
- **Cuts to expenditure on provisions resulting in lower meal quality, reduction in staff overtime and burning of brickettes are measures brought in to manage the growing deficit with Hospital on target for a 20000 deficit budget**
(Hospital cuts services in Shepparton News 22/3/1957 p. 1)
- **Matron Elsie Jones and her Deputy Sister Crane retire after a combined 84 years of services to the Hospital - a testimonial fund is opened for the public to contribute.**
(Reminiscences of bygone days by Hospital Matron and deputy : 84 years of service in Shepparton News 4/1/1957 p. 4)(Public testimonial for dedicated nurses " Matron Jones and Sister Crane leave Mooroopna Hospital this week in Shepparton News 11/2/1957 p. 1) (Ex-trainees honor matron in Shepparton News 15/2/1957 p. 1)(Hospital "greats" honored in Shepparton News 1/4/1957 p. 1)
- **Queen Carnival is re-introduced after 20 years raising 15761 pounds to assist the Building Appeal - Gillian Gaylard from Tatura crowned Mooroopna Hospital Queen**
(Queen Carnival for Hospital in Shepparton News 26/4/1957 p. 8) (Hospital thanks Gillian in Shepparton News 23/8/1957 p. 1)(Hospital Queen Quest to Tatura girl in Shepparton News 26/7/1957 p. 1) (Queen crowned in Shepparton News 26/7/1957 p. 1) (Six beautiful queens bow to Queen of Goulburn Valley in Shepparton News 26/7/1957 p. 6)
- **Slow paying intermediate patients are impacting Hospital finances with nearly 10000 pounds owed over several months – patients have 5 months to pay upon discharge before Collectors are called in but Hospital would like payment to be made promptly after discharge**
("Slow pays" irk Hospital Board in Shepparton News 24/4/1957 p. 1)
- **Shepparton City Council lobbies the Hospital & Charities Commission to commence the new Hospital build with the Outpatients Building instead of spending funds on an Outpatients Building in Mooroopna as planned**
(Out-patients Block sought by city in Shepparton News 15/5/1957 p. 1)
- **A special appeal for 20000 in April, May and June to raise funds for the building and maintenance programme – namely erect an Outpatients block at Mooroopna to be named the Elsie Jones Outpatient Block - and Birth Suite and Nurses Home at Ambermere**
(Hospital appeals for 20000 : extensions imperative in Shepparton News 5/12/1956 p. 1)(Hospital needs 10000 in Shepparton News 19/10/1956 p. 1) (Hospital launches a 20000 appeal in Shepparton News 8/4/1957 p. 1)
- **Hospital & Charities Commission still cannot guarantee there would be a substantial building in Shepparton within 4 or 5 years due to the poor government financial situation**
(No Hospital in five years in Shepparton News 17/5/1957 p. 1)
- **A record amount of 13000 pounds raised for Mooroopna and Tatura Hospitals from the 3SR Hospital Appeal**
(Record sum raised for our Hospitals in Shepparton News 24/6/1957 p. 1)
- **All staff members to be vaccinated against Asiatic Flu**
(Flu Guard for Hospital staff in Shepparton News 21/6/1957 p. 1)
- **4 Preliminary Training Schools for Nursing with an intake of 37 new nursing students including 3 from Fiji. 28 Nurses sat final examinations and completed training. Committee of Management approved the Staff Year being made one of Postgraduate Training for an additional certificate.**
(Hospital Matron reviews nurses education in SN 2/9/1957 p. 6)(AR 1957/58)

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Activity (FY)

- **Total number of patients treated:** 5037
- **Average daily number of patients:** 167.2
- **Average length of stay:** 12 days
- **Outpatient Appointments:**
- **Operations Performed**
(AR 1956/57)

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1958

- **The addition of operating theatre, birth suite, 2 bed acute ward and service rooms complete at Tatura Annexe.**
(AR 1957/58)
- **Total 321 staff at Mooroopna – comprising 87 Trainee Nurses, 58 Trained Nurses, 28 Nursing Aides/Mothercraft Nurses, 14 Honorary Medical Staff, 8 Paid Medical Staff, 11 Technical Staff, 13 Administrative Staff and 102 other.**
(AR 1957/58)
- **A 7 bed nurses home built at Ambermere and alterations made to convert it to a 13 bed Midwifery Hospital with 2 labour wards, a sterilising and work room, babies food room and an extended operating theatre. First baby born is presented with a silver spoon.**
(New Maternity Hospital opened today in SN 28/7/1958 p. 1) ("Silver spoon" baby at Ambermere in SN 1/8/1958 p. 1) (Annexe "just in time" in SN 8/8/1958 p. 1) (AR 1957/58)
- **The purchase of a Major Luminaire Operating Lamp and second Anaesthetic machine for theatre**
(Your Hospital needs your help on Sunday in SN 20/6/1958 p. 1)(AR 1957/58)
- **Hospital reduces fees for intermediate patients who are housed on verandahs due to accommodation shortages**
(Hospital balcony fees reduced for intermediate patients in SN 20/6/1958 p. 2)
- **Regional Medical Library established**
(Hospital Chief calls for support in SN 4/9/1959 p. 3) (AR 1957/58)
- **Hospital and Charities Commission commit to funding improved Laundry Facilities at Mooroopna despite the new Hospital using greater linen – centralised laundries are favoured and Mooroopna will require only a small portion of the current boiler capacity**
(Hospital laundry in SN 18/4/1958 p. 2)
- **Board adopt the policy that all private and intermediate accounts must be paid on discharge or arrangements made for early payment after a report shows that 10000 is outstanding in the annual turnover**
(“Slow pays” worry Hospital Board in SN 23/5/1958 p. 1)
- **Rushworth Wood Day Committee donate 700 pounds to Hospital – the result of appeals and social activities over the last 12 months**
(Rushworth wood day raises 700 for Mooroopna Hospital in SN 20/6/1958 p. 3)
- **Radio 3SR Hospital Sunday Appeal conducts its 12 annual appeal and raises 5628 pounds for Mooroopna Hospital – an amount down on last year**
(Hospital Sunday Appeal raises 30000 in SN 23/6/1958 p. 1)
- **State Schools of the GV raise 240 pounds for the maintenance of the Inspectorates Cot in Childrens Ward**
(District schools at the Hospital in SN 4/7/1958 p. 1)
- **A cheque for 15615 pounds was received by the Hospital from the estate of Miss Mary Jane Irvin – the largest bequest in the Hospital’s history – a gesture of appreciation for her care as a patient**
(15000 hospital gift in SN 11/8/1958 p. 1)(Big cheque for hospital in SN 13/8/1958 p. 2)(AR 1957/58)

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- **16 nurses graduated and received their certificates and badges at the Hospital AGM**
(16 new ladies of the lamp in SN 29/8/1958 p. 1) (Nurses repeat their historic pledge in SN 3/9/1958 p. 1)
- **4 British Drs are recruited for 2 year appointments due to shortage of medical graduates from the University of Melbourne**
(British Drs at hospital in SN 8/10/1958 p. 1) (Hospital Chief calls for support in SN 4/9/1959 p. 3)
- **Health Minister in reply to a 7 page petition from Shepparton City Council said that pending approval by the Hospitals and Charities Commission the Board and Council should commence planning for a staged 300 bed Hospital on the Numurkah Rd site costing approx. 2 million pounds – with tenders being called before 30/6/60**
(Minister gives “go ahead” to plan 2 million Base Hospital in SN 10/11/1958 p. 1)(City Council submits case for New Hospital in SN 10/11/1958 p. 3)
- **Commission decides that New Hospital to potentially be a single storey as cheaper to build and easier to stage – bed capacity of 140 with the first stage to be Midwifery accommodation of 40 beds followed by outpatients and Casualty Departments. Work at Mooroopna to be kept at a minimum deferring a new outpatient building and 100000 to be raised for the project by the Community**
(Shepparton may have “Pavilion” Hospital in SN 19/12/1958 p. 1)
- **Children’s ward decorated for Christmas in “Alice in Wonderland theme**
(Fairyland at Hospital in SN 22/12/1958 p. 2)

Activity (FY)

- **Total number of patients treated:** 4860
 - **Average daily number of patients:** 156.5
 - **Average length of stay:** 11.75 days
 - **Operations Performed:** 2219
- (AR 1957/58)*

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1959

- **Uncle Bob's Club donate 3 Aquacool air conditioning units to Hospital – 1 for the Nursery and 2 for Children's Ward** (*"Cooler's for Hospital in SN 23/1/1959 p. 1)*
- **300 past trainee nurses attend a reunion at the Nurses Home and "The Mooroopna and District Hospital Past-Trainees Association" is formed to facilitate future communication between ex-Trainees** (*Nice, 1986) (300 at Hospital reunion in SN 9/3/1959 p. 2)*
- **Radio 3SR Hospital Sunday appeal raises 5067 pounds for the Mooroopna and Tatura Hospitals** (*Hospital Appeal raises 54000 in SN 22/6/1959 p. 1)*
- **Butchering equipment costing 400 pounds is purchased to allow staff to cut it's own meat** (*Hospital meat change in SN 22/6/1959 p. 3)*
- **Deficit of 1707 pounds - staff shortages have assisted in keeping the deficit down** (*Staff shortage helps budget in SN 17/7/1959 p. 2)*
- **Infectious Diseases Ward closes due to low numbers of patients and staff shortages. Patients are transferred to single rooms attached to wards in the main block** (*Nice, 1986) (Staff shortage at Hospital in SN 29/6/1959 p. 1)*
- **Board express concern that the new Hospital needs to be 180 beds due to population growth not the 135 planned by the Commission – concern also over Pavilion style. 5 Labour rooms and 2 major theatres and one minor theatre as well as increased space in most areas planned including outpatients and the store as it was foreseen to service both Hospitals with additional space for medical records, library, occupational therapy blood bank and a district nurses office.** (*Base Hospital planning outpaced by population growth in SN 21/8/1959 p. 1)(Another step towards Base Hospital in Shepparton in SN 21/8/1959 p. 3)*
- **21 nurses celebrated their Graduation Ceremony at the Mechanics Institute in Mooroopna with the Lighting of the Lamp ceremony** (*Nurses Graduation Ceremony in SN 2/9/1959 p. 6)*
- **A defibrillator is purchased at a cost of 150 pounds upon request by the Honorary Medical Staff Group** (*Heart machine in SN 23/10/1959 p. 1)*
- **Debate about multi-story building for new Hospital – development is easier with single storey option as can't work in building when it is being extended – progress would have to be done in Blocks. Architects believe multi-storey would be better but it may not work with the Commission brief for the project.** (*Multistorey Hospital favored by Architects in SN 23/10/1959 p. 1)*
- **Bursaries worth 300 pounds for 3 years offered to matriculating students interested in studying Physiotherapy or Social Work (Almoners) on condition they spend 3 years at Mooroopna Hospital upon completion of their studies – 1 Bursary was granted** (*Hospital Bursaries offer in SN 30/12/1959 p. 3) (300 pound bursary in SN 6/1/1960 p, 1)*

Activity (Financial Year)

- **Total number of patients treated: 9210** (*Hospital admissions in SN 2/9/1959 p. 2)*

1960 – 1969 Times of Change

1960

- **35000 pound capital works grant ANNOUNCED BY THE Hospitals and Charities Commission – 10000 for alterations and new equipment, and 25000 for a new Laundry at Mooroopna**
(35000 Hospital grant in SN 6/1/1960 p. 1)
- **State Government fee increases dictate that Hospital fees will increase markedly with means testing of patients to continue – despite this a deficit is still anticipated due to rising cost and an increase in book debtors is likely**
(Steep increases likely in Hospital fees in SN 19/2/1960 p. 1)
- **Members of the Mooroopna Hospital Graduates hold their 2nd reunion party at the Hospital**
(Nurses reunion in SN 22/2/1960 p. 2)
- **Noise complaints are received from patients re. loud transistor radio's – staff to monitor patients use and minimise the noise nuisance**
(Hospital curb on noisy radios in SN 22/2/1960 p. 2)
- **Pathology Department converted to Pharmacy and Pharmacy to a Casualty Theatre** *(Nice, 1986)*

Activity

Total number of patients treated: 5120

Outpatient Appointments: 20246

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1969/70)

Average daily number of patients: 152.1

Babies Born: 686

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1961

- Assumed Admin responsibility for Waranga & District Memorial Hospital (*Nice, 1986*)
- Pathology, Blood Transfusion and Sterile water services developed (*Nice, 1986*)

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1962

- **December - Premier Henry Bolte inspected Hospital and committed to first stage of new Hospital Building** *(Nice, 1986)*
- **New Laundry constructed providing a central linen service – processing commenced in October and within 12 months they were processing 9 tons a week of linen** *(Nice, 1986)*
- **Glazed windows with cane blinds replaced the fly wires and canvas on the Hospital verandahs making it more comfortable for patients housed on the verandahs** *(Nice, 1986)*

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1963

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- April – approval to commence drawing s for new Hospital – proceed with planning Midwifery Ward, support services and staff accommodation (*Nice, 1986*)
- Committee purchased the Masonic building adjacent to the Hospital – renovations were done and it was opened in 1964 as the Elsie Jones School of Nursing (*Nice, 1986*)

Activity

Total number of patients treated: 5390

Outpatient Appointments: 21485

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(*AR 1966/7*)

Average daily number of patients: 155.25

Babies Born: 745

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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- May 27th Commencement ceremony with Major of Shepparton presenting title of land to Committee in exchange for 1 pound and Hospital President drive the first pile in. *(Nice, 1986)*

Activity (FY)

Total number of patients treated: 5338

Outpatient Appointments: 25592

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1964-5)

Average daily number of patients: 153.01

Babies Born: 769

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1965

- **Ambermere Annexe no longer required, sold to the Mental Health Authority for 30,000 pounds** *(AR 1964/5)*
- **Midwifery Ward, Boilerhouse and 2 staff residences were completed and opened by Dr. John Lindell Chairman of Hospitals & Charities Commission** *(Nice 1986)(AR 1983/84)*
- **October- First inpatients moved to Shepparton (40 beds - Obstetrics)** *(HSM) (Nice, 1986)*

Activity (FY)

Total number of patients treated: 5373

Outpatient Appointments: 27111

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1964/5)

Average daily number of patients: 154.35

Babies Born: 741

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1966

- **Sister J. Temple tops the state in her final Nursing Examination**

(AR 1966/7)

Activity (FY)

Total number of patients treated: 5389

Outpatient Appointments: 30379

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1966/7)

Average daily number of patients: 157

Babies Born: 755

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1967

- **Operating surplus of \$3868**
(AR 1966/67)
- **Purchase of ECG machine from funds raised by Sherbourne Apex Club**
(AR 1967/8) 1967 or 1968??
- **Meals on wheels service commenced, meals cooked by hospital kitchen and delivered by volunteers.**
(AR 1966/7)
- **Medical Records Department constructed**
(AR 1966/7)
- **Fundraising Appeal for next stage of new campus raised \$154000+**
(Nice, 1986) (AR 1967/68)
- **Formation of the "Goulburn Valley Base Hospitals Ladies Auxillary" and the "Shepparton & District Medical Wives Group" to raise funds**
(Nice, 1986) (AR 1966/7)

Activity (FY)

Total number of patients treated: 5403

Outpatient Appointments: 29344

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1966/7)

Average daily number of patients: 149.2

Babies Born: 835

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1968

- **Remodeling of Ward 6 and Outpatients and the renovation of Una were completed**
(AR 1967/68)
- **Royal Melbourne Hospital & St Vincent's are each providing a senior RMO on rotation**
(AR 1967/8)
- The second stage of the hospital commenced, this included outpatient, the casualty department and a medical diagnostic department

Activity (FY)

Total number of patients treated: 5810

Outpatient Appointments: 31015

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1967/8)

Average daily number of patients: 146.4

Babies Born: 842

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1969

- **Medical Record Administrator appointed** (*Nice, 1986*)
- **Southern Aurora derailment near Euroa resulted in 14 victims being transported to Mooroopna** (*Nice, 1986*)

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1970 – 1979 Expanding Services

1970

- **Stage 2 completed for Goulburn Valley Base Hospital - Pathology, Outpatients and Blood Bank moved to Shepparton although Casualty (ED) and Radiology remain at Mooroopna until general beds built.**
(AR 1969/70)(AR 1970/71)
- **Change to Nursing Trainees training program - Nurses given dedicated time off wards to attend lectures in study blocks.**
(AR 1969/70)
- **Surplus of \$2342 – despite wage increases**
(AR 1969/70)
- **State Nursing Final Examinations held at Mooroopna Hospital for the first time**
(AR 1970/71)
- **Welfare Officer and Speech Therapist appointed**
(Nice, 1986) (AR 1969/70)

Activity (FY)

Total number of patients treated: 5668

Outpatient Appointments: 34980

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1969/70)(AR 1970/71)

Average daily number of patients: 159.4

Babies Born: 854

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1971

- Hospitals and Charities Commission of Victoria divide the state into 5 sectors - Goulburn Valley area in sector 2 and centered on Wangaratta. *(AR 1970/71)*
- Day Hospital is set up for elderly patients in Shepparton as a trial in the space to be occupied by Casualty and Radiology. *(AR 1970/71)*
- Mooroopna become a designated Nursing Examination Centre – students no longer have to travel to Melbourne to sit exams *(Corbet, 1991)*
- Speech Therapist service -1 day per week. *(AR 1970/71)*
- Occupational Therapy department established *(AR 1970/71)*
- Dermatologist Outpatient Clinic commenced very fortnight *(Nice, 1986)*

Activity (FY)

Total number of patients treated: 5893

Outpatient Appointments: 38368

General Nurse Training Graduates: 15

(AR 1970/71) (AR 1971/2)

Average daily number of patients: 157.8

Babies Born: 950

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1972

- **2 bed Coronary Care Ward developed by partitioning and area in Mooroopna Ward 3.** *(AR 1971/2)*

7 staff members have 25 LSL.

- **Nursing Aide Training Program revised and content increased** *(AR 1971/2)*
- **Ex Matron Elsie Jones passed away on 5/8** *(AR 1971/2)*
- **4 flats built on land purchased adjoining Hospital grounds** *(Nice, 1986)*

Activity

Total number of patients treated: 6396

Outpatient Appointments: 44163

General Nurse Training Graduates:
(AR 1971/2)(AR 1972/73)

Average daily number of patients: 156.18

Babies Born: 985

Nurse Aide Graduates:

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1973

- Administration building complete but only partially being used until Stage 3 is complete (AR 1972/73)
- A 3rd Senior Medical Officer commenced (AR 1972/73)
- Midwifery Service discontinued at Tatura Hospital (Nice, 1986)
- 46 bed "Old Peoples Ward" opened in December with maximum occupancy reached in May 74. Ward named Grutzner House in recognition of service by Dr F.W. Grutzner – a plaque is unveiled in April 74. (AR 1973/74)
- Received accreditation for training from Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (AR 1973/74)

Activity (FY)

Total number of inpatients treated: 6292
Number of Outpatient Attendances: 51945
General Nurse Training Graduates: 21
(AR 1973/74) (AR 1972/73)

Average daily number of patients: 167.05
Babies Born: 911
Nurse Aide Graduates: 17

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1974

- **January – new 1600 hour Curriculum for General Nurse Training was accepted by Victorian Nursing Council** *(AR 1973/74)*
- **Drawings & specifications for stage 3 of new GVBH to contain 2 ward blocks of 48 beds each, Operating Theatres and Food Services submitted to the Hospitals and Charities Commission for a cost of \$3.4 million.** *(AR 1973/74)*
- 3SR have their annual hospital appeal
- **May – GV River flooded and matched 1916 level – Civil Defence Force called to construct levies. Flood water entered new boilerhouse and fuel tank, managers residence, Medical Superintendents residence, Engineers residence and staff cottages 6 & 7. Patients evacuated from Grutzner House to TB Chalet and Wards 2 and 3 due to fear levy wouldn't hold.** *(Nice, 1986) (AR 1973/74)* Photos - Lost Mooroopna
- **ENT Service commenced** *(Nice, 1986)*

Activity (FY)

Total number of inpatients treated: 6366
Number of Outpatient Attendances: 55458
General Nurse Training Graduates:
(AR 1973/74)

Average daily number of patients: 176.27
Babies Born: 900
Nurse Aide Graduates:

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1975

- **Contract to Hansen & Yunken Pty Ltd to build Stage 3 valued at \$4,511,238, this is the highest priced building in the GV area.** (AR 1974/75)
- **No Honorary medical staff for the first time in 99 years with no applications for the positions -** (AR 1974/75)
- **Hospitals and Charities Commission agreed to the proposal to remodel Mooroopna to accommodate 60 aged care beds in addition to Grutzner House when stage 3 is ifnished and a further 50 when stage 4 is complete** (AR 1974/75)
- **Department of Family Medicine is established in March 1975 with Dr. G. Jones as Director plus 1 trainee** (AR 1974/75)
- **Uncertainty over future funding due to Medibank** (AR 1974/75)

Activity (FY)

Total number of inpatients treated: 6515	Average daily number of patients: 198.3
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 57711	Babies Born: 947
General Nurse Training Graduates:	Nurse Aide Graduates:

(AR 1975/76)(AR 1974/75)

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1976

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- **Re-orientation to Nursing Programme commenced earl in 1976 with 5 nurses completing it** *(AR 1975/76)*
- **Centenary celebrations include Garden party attended by Victoria Governor Sir Henry Winneke in March and Centenary Ball conducted by Apex Club.** *(AR 1975/76)*
- **GV Uncles Club donate a colour TV to Children's Ward** *(AR 1975/76)*
- **Decrease in TB cases ensures there is no need for large TB ward so old Chalet building converted to Physio, Medical Library and a modified CSSD Department space.** *(AR 1975/76)*
- **Stage III comprising 96 beds Operating Theatres, Food Services, intense care ward, CSSD and staff amenities is 50 % complete** *(AR 1975/76)*
- **Audiology Department established** *(AR 1988/9)*
- **Paving and landscaping around main entrance with a visitor's car park being developed.** *(AR 1975/76)*
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- **Geoffrey Nice publishes "Hospitals are people: The history of Mooroopna and District Base Hospital"** *(AR 1975/76)*
- **Over 1100 attended a Nurses Seminar over 3 days as part of the Hospitals Centenary celebrations in November** *(AR 1986/77)*

Activity (FY) (Excl. Tatura)

Total number of inpatients treated: 6617
Number of Outpatient Attendances: 131415
General Nurse Training Graduates:
(AR 1976/77) (AR 1975/76) (AR 1979/80)

Average daily number of patients: 147.84
Babies Born: 910
Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1977

- Visiting Medical Officers included physicians Dr Larwill, Dr Quilty, Surgeons, Dr King , Dr Gunn, Gyneas Dr McAuliffe, Dr Heatherington, Pediatrician Dr Levin.
- **Changes to Mooroopna Hospital include Ward 1 becoming children's ward and Ward 2 becoming rehabilitation and respite ward. Ward 5-6 to accommodate overflow of acute patients from Shepparton.**
(AR 1976/77)
- Staff members conducted a bed push through the streets to raise money for furniture ad equipment.
- **November 2 - Committee of Management approves the changes of Hospital names to Goulburn Valley Base Hospital and Mooroopna Hospital and incorporates Waranga Memorial Hospital**
(AR 1977/78)
- **Stage III of Shepparton Campus completed at a cost of over \$6500000**
(AR 1976/77)
- **No Occupational Therapist or Speech Pathologist for most of the year**
(AR 1977/78)
- Stoma Therapy Service commences ??
- **Reorientation to Nursing course is discontinued**
(AR 1977/78)

Activity (FY) (Excl. Tatura)

Total number of inpatients treated: 6883

Average length of stay: 7.9 days

Number of Outpatient Attendances: 164009

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1976/77) (AR 1979/80)

Average daily number of patients: 149.15

Babies Born: 879

Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1978

- **A 13 week inservice course commences for newly trained nurses to help them adjust to their role**
(AR (1977/78)
- **Purchase of Cardiac Arrest Cart from funds raised by Sherbourne Apex Club.** *(AR 1977/78)*
- **38 Nurses commenced General Nurse Training** *(AR 1977/78)*

Activity (FY) (Excl. Tatura)

Total number of inpatients treated: 7574	Average daily number of patients: 151.59
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 158789	Babies Born: 899
Average length of Stay: 7.3 days	
General Nurse Training Graduates: 20	Nurse Aide Graduates: 17
<i>(AR 1977/78) (AR 1979/80)</i>	

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1979

- **Staffed Professional Library established** *(AR 1979/80)*
- **\$100000 raised by community groups toward furniture and equipment for new Hospital** *(Nice, 1986)*
- **July 22 – new Shepparton Buildings opened by The Governor Siir Henry Winneke and Stage 3 named the Geoffrey Nice Wing in recognition of Manager Geoffrey Nice’s 34 years of service to the Hospital** *(AR 1978/80)*
- **August 11 – move of Mooroopna patients to Shepparton by Goulburn Valley Ambulance Service. Service Clubs were matched to Departments to help them move. New Facilities include 8 ED cubicles and 1 double one for resus, 3 operating theatres, 6 bed ICU/CCU, CSSD, X-ray and Pharmacy.** *(Nice, 1986) (AR 1979/80)*
- **Mooroopna campus left with Grutzner House and Ward 5 with long stay patients, Dental Department(temporarily) and steam and maintenance services with some Allied Health. Part of the Old Nursing School building to house an historical display of the Hospital** *(Nice, 1986) (AR 1979/80)*
- **Geriatrician and Medical Social Worker added to Staff** *(AR 1979/80)*
- **October - New Pathology Department opened and named the Dr Norman Young Pathology Laboratory in honour of a previous Director of Pathology** *(Nice, 1986)(AR 1979/80)*

Activity (FY – Acute) excl. Tatura

Total number of patients treated: 7066

Outpatient Appointments: 124754

Average length of stay: 6.9 days

General Nurse Training Graduates:

(AR 1979/80)

Average daily number of patients: 134.53

Babies Born: 827

Nurse Aide Graduates:

1980 – 1989 Goulburn Valley Base Hospital Years

1980

- **Retirement of Manager, Mr Geoffrey Nice** (AR 1979/80)
- **Establishment of a Nutrition Department** (AR 1979/80)
- The social workers continue to assist elderly with accommodation despite the scarcity of nursing homes
- An average of 50 donors per session attend the GVBH Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service
- **No Emergency Power Generating Facility – to be added in 80/81 Works Program** (AR 1979/80)
- The appointment of 2 Aboriginal Health Aides to provide a liaison service between the hospital and the community
- **Demolition of old Children's Ward at Mooroopna** (AR 1979/80)
- **Staffing = 740 Visiting Medical Staff = 33 Resident Medical Officers = 12 (Including 3 rotating from St Vincent's)** (AR 1979/80)

Activity (FY - Acute) (Excl Tatura)

Total number of inpatients treated: 6520
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 181727
Average length of stay: 7.0 days
General Nurse Training Graduates: 29
(AR 1979/80) (AR 1983/84)

Average daily number of patients: 126.51
Babies Born: 946
Linen Processed: 804766 kg
Nurse Aide Graduates: 19

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1981

- **Ward 2 at Mooroopna refurbished and opened as a 24 bed Rehabilitation Ward** (AR 1981/82)
- **400 w Emergency Generator installed at Shepparton** (AR 1981/82)
- A total of 648 EFT including Tatura annexe
- **Patient Reporting System introduced in the Medical Record Department** (AR 1982)
- Dental clinic opens at Shepparton campus
- **Introduction of Patient Reporting System** (AR1988/9)
 - Occupational therapists include new program for patients following heart attacks
 - The new Medical Ancillary Wing opened providing accommodation for physiotherapists, Medical records, Audiology, Speech pathology, Dental clinics and the ECG clinic
 - Fundraising through various auxiliaries and the 3SR Radio Hospital Appeal raised \$23,082
 - The Oncology Chemotherapy Clinic has official association with the Alfreds Hospital Department of medical Oncology
 - Dental clinic relocated from Mooroopna to Shepparton
 - The restructuring of the Personnel department ensure that personnel practices are standardized and coordinated
- **Annual Report for 1980/81 awarded a silver for Distinguished Reporting by the Australian Institute of Management** (AR 1982)
- **Hospital Board must reduce membership number to 12** (AR 1982)
- **Granted 3 years Accreditation by ACHS** (AR 1982)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 6601
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 227024
A&E Attendances: 26690
General Nurse Training Graduates:
(AR 1983/84)

Average daily number of patients: 127.9
Babies Born: 958
Pathology Tests: 280605
Nurse Aide Graduates:

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1982

- **Introduction of the Volunteer Service to the hospital** (AR 1982/3)
- **New engineering workshops, a supply department and a kiosk approved at a cost of \$850,000**
- **Day Hospital opened in Mooroopna in refurbished Wards 5 & 6** (AR 1982/3)
- **Refurbishment of Intensive Care Nursery** (AR 1982/3)
- **Ladies Auxillary raise \$1100 with a champagne and chicken lunch and fashion parade at Mooroopna Golf Club** (AR 1982/3)
- **Nutritional department revises hospital menus to incorporate therapeutic diets** (AR 1982)
- **Two Aboriginal Liaison Officers providing a valuable link between ward staff and aboriginal patients** (AR 1982/83)
- **Ultrasound Unit opened** (AR 1982)
- **5 bed Nursing Home Unit opens at Tatura Hospital** (AR 1982)
- **24 bed Nursing Home Unit approved by Health Commission for Mooroopna** (AR 1982) 8
- **Appointment of the first Fellow in General Practice** (AR 1982)
- **Accredited by RACOG as a training Hospital for the Diploma of Obstetrics** (AR 1982)
- **Cost Centre accounting introduced** (AR 1982)

Activity (FY – Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 7196
Total Nuber of Outpatient Appointments: xxxx
Operations: 3239
Average Length of Stay: 6.9 days
(AR 1983/84)

Average daily number of patients: 129.1
Babies Born: 954
Pathology Tests: 280605

1983

- **The introduction of the 38 hour week causes staffing issues – many staff continue to work 40 hours with an ADO once a month** (AR 1983/84)
- **Staff shortages and tight financial controls saw reduction of services and patient throughput including the Closure of Ward 2 in Mooroopna** (AR 1983/84)
- **Major renovation to the Nurses Home in Mooroopna completed** (AR 1983/84)

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- The inclusion of a distressed relatives room within the ED (AR 1983/84)
- The provision of a six bed Day Procedure Unit (AR 1983/84)
- Social work and nutritional department relocated to Senior Staff house along with Occupational Therapy to create a second paramedical block (AR 1983/84)
- Full time RMO added to Anaesthetics / ICU/CCU (AR 1983/84)
- The installation of a Cytotoxic Drug Cabinet to assist Pharmacy staff with the safe handling of drugs (AR 1983/84)
- The installation of an articulated watering system at Shepparton installed to reduce the labor costs of watering (AR 1983/84)
- Cost Centre Accounting commenced with Department Heads assumed Responsibility for control of their budgets (AR 1983/84)
- CTG and Incubator added to Midwifery Ward (AR 1983/84)
- 663.16 Total EFT (including Tatura and Mooroopna) (AR 1983/84)
- Refurbishment of Ward 3 in Mooroopna and Commission as a 24 bed Nursing Home (AR 1983/84)
- Microcomputer added to Finance Department (AR 1983/84)
- Nursing Home refurbishment at Mooroopna adding kitchen, lounge and recreational facilities (AR 1983/84)
- Bonegilla building demolished (Nice, 1986)

Activity (FY - Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 7505

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 237784

Average Length of Stay: 6.7 days

General Nurse Training Graduates: 18

(AR 1982/3) (AR 1983/84)

Average daily number of patients: 131

Babies Born: 997

Enrolled Nurse Graduates: 14

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1984

- **12 trade Apprentices commenced work in financial year bring number of Apprentices employed to 23** *(AR 1983/84)*
- **Commencement of Enrolled Nurse Training solely conducted at GVBH – replacing training in conjunction with Melbourne School of Nursing** *(AR 1988/9)*
- **The introduction of Medicare – significant numbers dropped their Private Health Insurance to rely on Medicare** *(AR 1983/84)*
- **Hospital became an affiliated teaching Hospital with the University of Melbourne and it's Royal Melbourne Hospital Clinical School - groups of 4th year medical students began 6 week rotations** *(AR 1983/84)*
- **New Supply store opened – service to extend to smaller Hospitals in the region** *(AR 1985)*
- **1984 Hospital/Ambulance Staff Ball – “Pioneer Days” proceeds used for equipment in the Emergency Department** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Purchase of whole body CAT Scanner for \$525000 - awaiting construction of building before it can become operational** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Divisional structure put in place for Visiting Medical Staff** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **4th Year Medical Students begin 6 week surgical rotations – staff teaching are given Associate appointments with UoM** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Federal Government announce move of General Nurse Training to CAE's from 1990 – Hospital favours Dookie Agricultural College option for GV region** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **The Victorian Dental Scheme enables a patient to have full upper and lower dentures constructed for \$30** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Introduction of a central dictating system** *(AR 1988/9)*
- **1984 staff Revue “A Christmas Roast” is attended by 400 GVBH and Private Hospital staff at Sir Ian McLennan Centre** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Two surgical wards – B4 and B5 combine to become 1 Surgical Unit comprising smaller 8-10 bed units** *(Corbet, 1991)*
- **Daily rest period introduced to Maternity Ward** *(AR 1985) 84 or 85?*

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 7431

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 109353

Average Length of Stay: 6.7 days

General Nurse Training Graduates: 24

(AR 1983/84)

Average daily number of patients: 131.6

Babies Born: 988

Nurse Aide Graduates: 8

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1985

- **RMO's increased from 7 to 9 (6 seconded from Melbourne)** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **The introduction of the Lanier Central Dictation System have enabled doctors to transmit information directly to the hospitals central information system allowing discharge summaries to processed quicker** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **The commencement of the Regional Dietetics Service to Seymour, Kyabram, Cobram and Numurkah** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Ward 2 in Mooroopna closed for 3 months due to lack of staff** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **All blood donors to be thoroughly screened for any high risk groups due to AIDs virus** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **The Patient Assessment Information System (PAIS) was used to assess the needs of each ward in relation to patient care-this identified a heavy workload and staff shortages** *(AR 1984/85)*
- **Nursing staff refuse to perform "Non Nursing duties"-these are now attended by domestic, catering, clerical and pharmacy staff** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **The opening of the Hospital Kiosk by the Mooroopna Base Hospital & Goulburn Valley Base Hospital Past Graduates Association – staffed by paid staff assisted by volunteers and open 9 am – 8 pm 7 days a week**
(Corbet, 1991)
- **Pathology Courier Service established** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Graduate Nurse Program commences** *(AR 1985/6)*
- **Una Nursing Home refurbished** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Mooroopna Chapel is refurbished and dedicated at multi-deonominational Ceremony on 8/12/85** *(AR 1984/5)*
- **Budget overrun of \$281655** *(AR 1985/6)*
- **Sketch Plans drawn for Paediatric Ward** *(AR 1985/6)*
- **Nurses Strike - five-day action led by the Royal Australian Nursing Federation (RANF) to protest low wages, high workloads, and non-nursing duties – safe patient care maintained throughout** *(AR 1985/6)*
- **GVBH and Ambulance Service Staff Charity Ball was held at the Civic Centre which was transformed into a huge plane for the "International" theme** *(AR 1986)*
- **2nd SAG Revue held at Sir Ian McLennan Sports Centre in Mooroopna with "Anything Goes" theme** *(AR 1986)*
- **16 beds at Una Nursing Home closed** *(AR 1985)*
- **New Bylaws come into operation and Hospital Exective and Visiting Medical Staff Group representatives are granted full voting membership on the new Patient Care Review Committee** *(AR 1986)*
- **Hospital participate in Youth Guarantee Scheme with 12 positions allocated to young unemployed people to work and train for a 12 month period** *(AR 1986)*

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 7656
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 92888
Average Length of Stay: 6 days
Pathology Tests: 305034
(AR 1985)

A&E Attendances: 13907
Babies Born: 1060
Operations: 3112

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1986

- **Statewide Nurses strike for 50 days-** more than 4,000 Nurses walked out to demonstrate against cuts to health budget/ban on agency staff/low wages/classifications downgraded- non striking nursing staff, other staff and volunteers utilised at GVBH to provide patient care *(AR 1986/7)*
- **Toshiba CT Scanner commences operation** after building is constructed to house it *(AR 1985/6)*
- **The introduction of the Ambulance Services Air Service** *(AR 1986/7)*
- **The Junior Staff Home is converted to a 16 bed Low Dependency Ward (E1)** opened to assist with reduction of waiting list *(AR 1986/7)(Corbet, 1991)*
- **Assistant Divisional Directors appointed to Mooroopna Campus** to provide more autonomy for Mooroopna Campus *(AR 1986/7) (Corbet, 1991)*
- **Community Liaison Officer appointed for medica, PR and fundraising** *(AR 1985/6)*
- **30 students commenced General Nursing training and 20 commenced Enrolled Nursing training** *(AR 1985/86)*
- **Biomedical Engineering Service is established** to support complex equipment in use at the Hospital *(AR 1985/6)*
- **New Lift installed at Mooroopna Campus** *(AR 1985/6)*
- **Budget Deficit of \$430655** *(AR 1986/7)*
- **HOSPRO system introduced in Pathology** to streamline test reporting and finance functions *(AR 1986/7)*
- **33 General Nursing Graduates** *(AR 1986/7)*
- **Hospital Revue "It's a gas"** is a sell-out with staff from all Divisions participating *(AR 1986/7)*
- **GVBH / GV Ambulance Service Charity Ball is celebrated** with a Video and TV theme *(AR 1986/7)*
- **Apprentice employment = 19 across 7 trades** *(AR 1985/6)*

Activity (FY – Acute)

Acute Admissions:

Outpatient Attendances: 97736

Length of Stay: 5.6 days

Pathology Tests: 326301

(AR 1985/6)(AR 1986/7)

Births: 1031

Operations: 3539

A&E Attendances: 25700

Meals on Wheels Meals: 45082

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1987

- **Final design for new 28 bed Children's ward. A proposed 5.1 million dollar cost of which it is hoped 1.25 will be raised by the local community plus 250000 for equipment making a total target of \$1.5 million** (AR 1986/7)
- **Resident Medical Officers Lodge compl**
- **Mooroopna Base Hospital Graduated Honour Roll of WW1/WW2 nurses unveiled in the foyer of Mooroopna Hospital** (Corbet, 1991)
- **New high-temperature incinerator installed at Shepparton campus to safely burn all waste including cytotoxic waste** (AR 1986/7)
- **Mooroopna Extended Care Centre façade receives a facelift with painting** (AR 1986/7)
- **First Apprentice Dental Technician appointed** (AR 1986/7)
- **Satellite Pathology Laboratory introduced at Cobram Hospital** (AR 1986/7)
- **Humprey B Bear visits the Children's Ward** (AR 1986/7)
- **Ronald McDonald visits the Children's Ward** (AR 1986/7)?
- **Medical / Surgical imprest introduced** (AR 1986/7) 86 or 87?
- **Rotation programme introduced between Admission staff and Ward Clerks** (AR 1986/7)
- **New Pay System serves 5 Hospitals in our Region** (AR 1986/7)
- **Midwifery Ward – Stage 2 of refurbishment is completed** (AR 1986/7)
- **Honour Roll unveiled in by Past Graduates Association in memory of past graduates who saw active service** (AR 1986/7)
- **Operating Deficit of \$166086** (AR 1987/8)

Activity (FY – Acute)

Acute Admissions: 8352

Outpatient Attendances: 108568

Length of Stay: 5.9 days

Pathology Tests: 241101

(AR 1986/7)

Births: 1026 (8 sets of twins)

Operations: 3668

A&E Attendances: 23575

1988

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- **Jean Watt Honour Board is erected in the Hospital Kiosk with details of equipment donated from Kiosk proceeds**
(Corbet, 1991)
- **Non-metropolitan Critical Care Course is accredited with the Victorian Nursing Council**
(AR 1988/9)
- **Orchardists of GV donated fruit for 1 day and SPC staff donated 1 day of labour to produce 556926 cans of fruit with a profit of \$333 353 for the Children's Ward Appeal**
(AR 1987/8)
- **10 bed Day Procedure Unit (DPU) is established above the catering Department**
(AR 1987/8)
- **Auxiliary to support Mooroopna Extended Care Centre is formed**
(AR 1987/8)
- **\$1.9 million in community pledges are received by the Children's Ward Appeal Committee by 30/6 – more than the required \$1.5 million. Shepparton Auxiliary contributed \$50000. A grand total of \$2.2 is finally achieved.**
(AR 1987/8)(AR 1988/9)
- **The Elsie Jones School of Nursing records its last intake of Registered Nurses before local training moves to Dookie College under the CAE model** (AR 1988/9) (Corbet, 1991)
- **Operating deficit of \$229877 for financial year**
(AR 1987/8)
- **Health Department of Victoria released the Goulburn / North Eastern Health plan – with a target of 347 beds by 1996 and a new Emergency Department in 5 years**
(AR 1988/9)

Activity (FY – Acute)

Patient Admissions: 9306

Outpatient Appointments: 167 943

(AR 1987/8)

Births: 987

Operations: 4078

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1989

- 10 year anniversary of move – reduction in acute bed numbers still from move from Mooroopna results in shortage of acute beds and a growing waiting list (AR 1988/9)
- The first 8 nurses graduate from the NMCCC (Non-metropolitan Critical Care Course) (
- The official opening of the Avram Children's Wing by the Premier Mr Cain with more than 700 guests– named in recognition of the \$250,000 donation from the Avram family. (AR 1988/9)
- New digital telephone system installed, integrating Shepparton and Moorropna with all incoming calls received by a single console (AR 1988/9)
- Shortage of acute beds means waiting lists for all categories are the longest in rural Victoria (AR 1988/9)
 - Pathology Service provides a daily courier service to 10 Hospitals in the region (AR 1988/9)
 - Nursing Graduates = 20 Registered Nurses, 15 SEN's and 8 NMCCC (AR 1988/9)
 - Deficit of 530400 for financial year (AR1988/9)
 - Installation of "OfficePower software makes reporting easier (AR 1988/9
 - 4th year medical students from St. Vincent's commence rotations to GVBH (AR 1988/9)
 - Victorian Sheffield Shield cricket team visits the Hospital (AR 1988/9)
 - General Nurse Refresher course commences (AR 1988/9)
 - Staff Safety Development Officer appointed (AR 1990)
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Activity (FY – Acute)

Acute Admissions: 9300

Outpatient Attendances: 131115

Length of Stay: 5 days

Pathology Tests: 217 655

(AR 1988/9)

Births: 962

Operations: 4045

ED Attendances: 28389

Linen Processed: 1,092000 kgs

1990 – 1999 The Decade of Funding Cuts

1990

- Nursing graduates include 24 General Registered Nurses, 16 State Enrolled nurses and 14 Critical Care (Non Metropolitan) Course. *(AR 1990)*
- 45 Medical students graduated from the University of Melbourne Clinical School *(AR 1990)*
- The development of a Master Site Plan for both Shepparton and Mooroopna campuses *(AR 1990)*
- Bed constraint and financial limitations meant the hospital could not meet local demand with elective admissions substantially reduced to meet budget shortfalls *(AR 1990)*
- Elective procedures waitlist 853 at EOFY *(AR 1990)*
- A microcomputer network was installed to handle payroll, Workcare and staff leave. A local accounting system and a pharmacy specific management system were also installed.
(The way we were in SN 26/10/2018 p. 18)
- Radiology Department renovated with a new X-ray room added and office extension *(AR 1990)*
- Central Linen Service has a major refurbishment – now services 33 institutional customers *(AR1990)*
- A review of the Administration Division sees Domestic Services and Engineering combining, Finance and Supply combining and Employment, Payroll and Safety combining *(AR 1990)*
- Nursing Graduates = 24 Registered Nurses, 16 SEN's and 14 NMCCC nurses *(AR 1990)*
- Neonatal Audiology Screening Program commences *(AR 1990)*
- Pharmacy Department takes part in its first clinical trial *(AR 1990)*

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 9956

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 169417

Average Length of Stay: 5.2 days

Meals on Wheels: 50785 meals

(AR 1990)

A&E Attendances: 29215

Babies Born: 1044

Pathology Tests: 229190

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1991

- Discussions with the Government to amalgamate the Psychiatric Services provided by Ambergmere Hospital under the Goulburn Valley Base Hospitals board of management *(AR 1991)*
- \$250,000 donated by the Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Foundation for the development of a dedicated Day Procedure Unit *(AR 1991)*
- Government funding enabled an increase in intensive care beds and the appointment of a Director of Accident and Emergency *(AR 1991)*
- Medical Records Department and Nursing Administration completed *(AR 1991)*
- The final group of General Nurses trained at GVBH graduate and the programme ceases after 100 years *(Corbet, 1991) (AR1991)*
- The development of a Graduate Nurse Program *(AR 1993)*
- Redevelopment of Obstetric Theatre recommended by Review Panel *(AR 1991)*
- Dermatology Services commence *(AR 1991)*
- NMCCC continues and is the only VNC approved post-basic general nursing course in the region *(AR 1991)*
- Intorduction of a continental breakfast *(AR 1991)*
- New fire ring main and upgraded hydrants and hose reels at MECC *(AR 1991)*
- Carers Support Group for Stroke sufferers established *(AR 1991)*
- Open Day at MEXX during Senior Citizens Week *(AR 1991)*
- Nursing Graduates = 33 General Nursing, 17 SEN's and 15 NMCCC *(AR 1991)*

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 10434

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 176364

Average Length of Stay: 5.0 days

(AR 1991)

A&E Attendances: 22534

Babies Born: 995

Operations: 4441

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1992

- Only 2 patients on the surgical waiting list without a booked admission date *(AR 1992)*
- Admission rate of 25% of all Accident and Emergency attendances *(AR 1992)*
- State of the art Toshiba Ultrasound and Doppler unit purchased, which allows doppler examinations which had previously only been available in Melbourne *(AR 1992)*
- Occupational Health & Safety Department created *(AR 1992)*
- Personnel department oversaw restructuring and 13 staff took up enhanced resignation packages *(AR 1992)*
- The proclamation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act legislation and formation of EEO Committee *(AR 1992)*
- Regional Podiatry Service established *(AR 1993)*
- Pathology Department can now manufacture its own blood products *(AR 1992)*
- 25 nurses undertaking tertiary study to upgrade their qualification *(AR 1992)*
- Appeal for \$25000 launched to fund renovations of the old Nurses Home at Tatura Hospital to provide a recreation room, 2 consulting rooms, a kitchen and toilets *(AR 1992)*
- Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy introduced in Theatre resulting in a considerable decrease in LOS *(AR 1992)*
- Nursing Graduates include 13 General RN's, 8 SEN's and 8 NMCCC nurses *(AR 1992)*
- Operating surplus of \$222000 *(AR 1992)*
- Tatura Hospital Nursing Home has an occupancy rate of 99.8% and a waiting list *(AR 1994)*
- CAM/SAM funding introduced *(AR 1994)*

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 10761

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 151992

Operations: 4273

(AR 1992)

A&E Attendances: 20146

Babies Born: 959

Meals on Wheels: 44953 meals

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1993

- The introduction of a Quality Assurance Program, with Committee's recognized for Statutory purposes (AR 1993)
- Goulburn Valley Base Hospital Fair was held on Graham St Campus attended by more than 5,000 people, raising \$18,000 (AR 1993)
- The introduction of casemix funding to replace traditional expenditure based budgeting introduced across Victorian Hospitals (AR 1993)
- Regular manual handling training sessions have resulted in back injuries reduced by 50% (AR 1993)
- Medical ward moved from the West to the East end of B block so that Rehabilitation services could be transferred from Mooroopna to Shepparton (AR 1993)
- Boom gates installed in public and staff carparks to accommodate parking and traffic flow (AR 1993)
- Voluntary redundancies continue (AR 1993)
- District Nursing Service participating in national study to identify minimum data base set for community nursing (AR 1993)
- Lecture series on AIDs provided (AR 1993)
- Linen processed = 1223846 kg (AR 1993)
- Cash surplus of \$264000 (AR 1993)
- Computer Processor upgraded, Officepower enhanced and APGEN Supply System installed (AR 1993)
- 8 Enrolled Nurses and 8 NMCCC Nurses complete their studies (AR 1993)
- Ward 3, MECC – re-classified as a slowstream rehabilitation unit and named Mary Coram Wing (AR 1993)
- Ward 2, MECC – acute rehabilitation – transferred to Shepparton (AR 1993)
- Day Hospital transferred to Shepparton in old Outpatients space (AR 1993)
- CAT Scanner replaced at a cost of \$765000 (AR 1993)
- Former Atheneum Hall in Mooroopna is restored and developed as the Hospital's Historical Centre housing the Geoffrey Nice Collection amongst other historical items (AR 1993)
- Patient Master Index is computerised (AR 1993)
- Linen Service introduces staff incentive scheme based on output to increase efficiency (AR 1993)
- Library Service commences visiting Service to Kyabram Hospital (AR 1993)
- Finance Department assumes responsibility for Yea & District Memorial Hospital (AR 1993)
- EDU commences a 24 hr ambulatory Blood Pressure Service and an EEG Service (AR 1994)
- Mooroopna Campus kitchen becomes a receiving kitchen and is Kitchen is upgraded to facilitate the cook/chill system to outside organisations (AR 1993)
- Hospital Discharge Planning Co-ordinator appointed (AR 1994)
- Tatura Hospital celebrates its 60th birthday with the opening of the old Nurses Home as a Community Centre and an afternoon tea and Anniversary Ball (AR 1994)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 11297

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 157683

Operations: 4352

(AR 1993)

A&E Attendances: 20216

Babies Born: 1028

Meals on Wheels: 44930 meals

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1994

- Significant reductions to staffing continue (AR 1994)
- Visiting Urology service commences (AR 1994)
- Major orthopedic surgery waiting times is less than 3 months (AR 1994)
- Ongoing difficulties recruiting Anaesthetists and Obstetricians (AR 1994)
- First hospital accreditation survey by Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (AR 1994)
- \$20,000 raised by staff completing the Murray to Moyne bike ride (AR 1994)
- Annual Hospital Fair raises \$22000 (AR 1994)
- Food Services Department successfully tendered to provide meals for Benall, Echuca and Shepparton Police Stations and Shepparton Adult Activities Centre (AR 1994)
- Nursing Graduates = 10 SEN's and 8 NMCCC nurses (AR 1994)
- Final group of 10 SEN's commence training – SEN training is transferring to TAFE scetor in 1995 (AR 1994)
- Accreditation of Registrar positions in Surgery and Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AR 1994)
- Preadmission Clinics commence for orthopaedic, general surgery and gynaecology patients (AR 1994) 93 or 94?

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 12145

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 150160

Operations: 4983

(AR 1994)

A&E Attendances: 20595

Babies Born: 998

Meals on Wheels: 41992 meals

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1995

- Plan to close Mooroopna campus and relocate to Shepparton (AR 1995)
- Work commences on new Psychiatric Hospital on Monash St. to replace Ambergmere (AR 1995)
- The integration of the Goulburn Valley Centre Against Sexual Assault into GVBH includes the relocation to new premises in Nixon St (AR 1995) 94 or 95?
- Ongoing difficulty obtaining specialist medical staff. Currently only 1 obstetrician who cannot be oncall 24 hours per day (AR 1995)
- Funding obtaining to pilot a "Hospital in the Home" - (AR 1996)
- July 1st - The Hospital assumes responsibility for the management of the Goulburn Valley Area Mental Health Service in line with the Governments mainstreaming of Psychiatric Services (AR 1996)
- Hospital based State Enrolled Nursing ceases at Goulburn Valley Base Hospital (AR 1995)
- GVBH record lowest Workcover premium of all Public Hospitals in Victoria (AR 1995)
- Payroll system moves to "Peruse" (AR 1995)
- 2nd Ultrasound Unit purchased (AR 1995)
- Steris sterilizing system purchased for endoscopic instruments (AR 1995) 94 or 95?
- Hospital Master Plan receives DHCS approval to proceed to schematic Design and Costing stage (AR 1995)
- GV Radiology commences Nuclear Medicine Service (AR 1995)
- Food Services produce 35000 cook/chill meals (AR 1995)
- NMCCC ceased in 1994 – GVBH affiliated with RMH and students now undertake a UoM Postgraduate Diploma via University of Melbourne (AR 1995)
- Food Services and Environmental Services join to create Hotel Services (AR 1995) 94 or 95?

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 12778
Total number of Outpatient Appointments:
Operations: 5627
(AR 1995)

A&E Attendances: 22008
Babies Born: 976

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1996

- **March 1 - Waranga Memorial Hospital and Goulburn Valley Base Hospital amalgamated** (AR 1996)
- **Funding obtained for Telemedicine Pilot Project to enable electronic clinical communication between metropolitan teaching hospitals and GVBH** (AR 1996)
- **Community Clergy continue to support our hospital Chaplaincy service** (AR 1996)
- **Primary Nursing model of care is being implemented** (AR 1996)
- **Out of Hours satellite pharmacy established** (AR 1996)
- **Cook-Chill production of all foods is fully operational with all production achieved Monday to Friday** (AR 1996)
- **The Annual hospital fair raises \$23,000** (AR 1996)
- **Interpreter service established** (AR 1996)
- **New Psychiatry Facility is completed on the Graham St campus comprising a 20 bed inpatient unit and a Community Services building - opened on July 31st by The Hon. Rob Knowles, Minister for Health and Aged Care** (AR 1996)
- **Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay – staff and members of the Shepparton Triathlon Club - raised \$14000** (AR 1996)
- **GV Radiology lease space at Graham St campus for a Nuclear Medicine Facility** (AR 1996)
- **Hospital Executive and Board and VMSG Chairmen visit our Sister Hospital in China – the Wuxi No. 3 Peoples Hospital** (AR 1996)
- **Tatura Hospital Upgrade completed with additional storage facilities, refurbishment of a 2 bed ward and the Nursing Home bathroom and construction of a new front entrance and day room** (AR 1996)
- **Annual Report produced as a diary** (AR 1996)
- **An appeal launched on November 7 to raise 1.1 million dollars from the community for the new Accident and Emergency building as well as inpatient units** (AR 1997)
- **Community Services Unit in Nixon St commences operation** (AR 1997)
- **Pathology Courier services Swan Hill Hospital** (AR 1997)
- **Consultative Committee established with management and elected staff reps looking to improve productivity and communication** (AR 1997)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 14469
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 70835
Meals on Wheels: 38003 meals
(AR 1996)

A&E Attendances: 22599
Babies Born: 893
Linen Processed: 1059953 kg

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1997

- Significant donations are received for the Hospital Building Appeal with 35000 from GV Auxiliary, 20000 from Friends of GV and 25000 from GV Heartbeat - a significant amount was received from the Estate of the late Vera Farrell also. (AR 1997)
- Successful bid to establish University Department of Rural health in conjunction with University of Melbourne and Consortia members (AR 1998)
- Return delegation visit from our sister Hospital in China with a formal Agreement signed (AR 1997)
- Casemix funding is unable to meet the cost of providing inpatient services – deputations to the Minister continue (AR 1997)
- Patient's admitted to the new Fairley Wing prior to its formal opening in 1998 (AR 1998)(AR 1997)
- A new ACHS Accreditation Program – EQuIP is introduced (AR 1998)
- Paediatric Diabetes Educator role commences (AQOCR 2002)
- 5 year Development Plan for Goulburn Vally Area Mental Health Service (AR 1997)
- GVBH successfully awarded tender for the management of the new Shepparton Multicultural Hostel (AR 1997)
- 450000 project to upgrade fire protection and early warning systems on Graham St campus (AR 1997)
- Hospro applications extended to Outpatients leading to more effective patient flow (AR 1997)
- Planning commences for the purchase and installation of a LAN (AR 1997)
- Clinical Indicator Programmes being refined with feedback from medical staff (AR 1997)
- Approval for accredited Registrar positions in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Anaesthetics from their respective Colleges (AR 1997)
- EDU expand and set up a service in the Community Services Unit in Nixon St. (AR 1997) 96 or 97
- Medical Record Department changes name to Health Information Service (AR 1997)
- Una House currently houses Community Options, Rural Health Team Rural Withdrawal Support Service and District Nursing – upgraded carpark and ramp to facilitate access (AR 1997)
- Hospital Patient Transport Service (non-emergency) commences (AR 1997)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 13788
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 74310
Operations: 5479
(AR 1997)

A&E Attendances: 21336
Babies Born: 896

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1998

- Transfer of Mary Coram Ward patients from Mooroopna to the refurbished Rehabilitation Unit in Shepparton and Grutzner House patients to their new Shepparton building in Monash St (AR 1997/8)
- Renal dialysis commences at GVBH (AR 1997/98)
- Mooroopna campus (Formally Mooroopna District Base Hospital) sold (AR 1997/98)
- The opening by Premier Jeffrey Kennett of the 70 bed \$8.2 million Fairley Wing which accommodates Midwifery, Surgical, Day Procedure Unit, Emergency Services and a refurbished Intensive Care Unit – named in recognition of the \$400000 contribution by Sir Andrew and Lady Mietta Fairley's Foundation (AR 1997/98)
- The opening of the \$600,000 Haemodialysis Unit (AR 1997/8)
- Year 2000 Working Party formed to work toward Year 2000 compliance (AR 1997/98)
- Name Change – November 16 - Goulburn Valley Base Hospital becomes Goulburn Valley Health (AR 1999/2000)
- Taskforce established between Goulburn Valley Health and Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative to work together to improve the health status of the region's Aboriginal population – adoption of the Koorie Health Service Agreement – the first of its kind in Australia (AR 1997/98)
- Commencement of redevelopment of old Midwifery Ward to Allied Health Wing (AR 1997/98)
- Chosen as Lead Hospital in Hume Alliance for the implementation of a regional IT and Telecommunications Strategy worth \$5 million over 3 years (AR 1997/98)
- Koori Birthing Programme begins with midwives visiting Rumbalara (AR 1997/8)
- Medical Unit relocated upstairs in old Surgical Ward (AR 1997/98)
- ICD-10-AM coding for all discharges is introduced (AR 1997/98)
- Launch of "James goes to Hospital" video (AR 1997/8)
- Dental Clinic numbers drop as Government Co-payment scheme is introduced (AR 1997/98)
- Weekly X-ray Service to Nathalia Hospital commences (AR 1997/8)
- Weekly teleconferencing by PCAS with St. Georges Hospital in Melbourne commences (AR 1997/8)
- Murray to Moyne cycle relay raises a record \$20000 (AR 1997/8)
- First EquiP ACHS survey – awarded 3 years accreditation (AR 1999)
- Meet and Greet Program commences using volunteers who provide navigational assistance to visitors (AR 1997/8)
- Hospital Fair is held in the Queeb's Gardens with a \$24000 profit (AR 1997/8)
- Refurbished Allied Health Wing opened by Don Kilgour MLA (AR 1999)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 14853
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 71865
Average Length of Stay:
(AR 1997/98)

A&E Attendances: 21257
Babies Born: 933
Meals on Wheels: 40000

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

1999

- The Central Linen Service sold to Gouge Country Services (AR 1999)
- Prime Minister John Howard visits and presents hospital with accreditation certificate (AR 1999)
- The Minya Barmah room officially opened and available for use by Aboriginal patients and their families (AR 2000)
- Contingency plans developed and in place in preparation for the year 2000 (AR 2000)
- New Grutzner House Psychogeriatric Unit officially opened (AR 1999)
- 5,864 patients treated in Operating Theatre (AR 1999)
- New PABX telephone system installed with access to 900 extensions (AR 1999/2000)
- Computerised blood bank testing installed (AR 1999/2000)
- ACAS and PGATT join at the new Centre for Older Persons Health campus (AR 1999/00)
- CAMHS acquires videoconferencing facilities and they are installed in the Paediatric Tutorial Room (AR 1999/2000)
- MCU – 20 rehab beds + 20 GEM beds (AR 1999)
- Simplified Board of Management By-laws and Operational Practices approved and adopted (AR 1999)
- Patient Care Review Committee declared Approved QA body re. Health Service Act (AR 1999)
- Separate accommodation (2 single rooms) created for DVA patients on Medical Ward and opened by Victorian RSL President Mr Bruce Ruxton (AR 1999)
- GVH and Rumbalara awarded 1998 Australian Healthcare Association Healthcare Innovation Award at VHA conference (AR 1999)
- GVH awarded Maternal & Child Health Services contract by City of Greater Shepparton (AR 1999)
- Awarded Meals on Wheels contract for next 5 years (AR 1999)
- GV Health is the Information Technology hub of the Hume Alliance of Rural Hospitals providing services to 8 other Hospitals = 300 networked computers and 900 users (AR 1999)
- Inaugural rural Postgraduate Diploma of Midwifery through La Trobe University Wodonga commences with 2 students employed at GVH (AR 1999)
- Paediatric HITH Pilot Program commences (AR 1999)
- Relocation of Oncology to old Emergency Department (AR 1999)
- Dream House project launched by AV Jennings & Rotary Club of Shepparton plus local trades and businesses to raise funds for Oncology (AR 1999)
- Tatura Hospital refurbishment – all patients moved to MECC temporarily while work is undertaken (AR 1999)
- Palliative Care Unit opened at Waranga Hospital by Mr Noel Maughan MLC (AR 1999)
- ACAS completed 1022 assessments (AR 1999)
- UoM DRH offers opportunities for joint appointments of specialists at GVH – Prof. David Simmons joins staff as a Diabetes Specialist and Dr Desiree Yap as an Obstetrician/Gynaecologist (AR 1999)
- Installation of pneumatic transport system between A&E, ICU and Pathology to reduce transit times (AR 1999)
- Murray to Myne Cycle Relay raises \$18000 (AR 1999)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated:

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 84475

Meals on Wheels : 36000 meals

A&E Attendances: 22918

Babies Born: 1033

(AR 1999)

2000 – 2009 The New Millennium

2000

- The year 2000 arrived without serious incident due to meticulous planning by Y2K committee (AR 1999/00)
- ACHS Periodic Review was successfully completed (AR 1999/00)
- The introduction of the Geriatric Evaluation and Management in the Home program - clients can be assessed at home (AR 1999/00)
- Graduate Midwife Program implemented (AR 1999/00)
- An information Technology (IT) help desk established to assist staff (AR 1999/00)
- Tatura Hospital renovation (AR 1999/00)
- University of Melbourne's Department of Rural Health academic and teaching facilities completed with Office space and Lecture Theatre and Tutorial rooms (AR 1999/00)
- Dialysis Unit increased from a 3 to 6 day service (AR 1999/00)
- Installation of MRI machine (AR 1999/00)
- Compactus added to HIS – Department is remodelled and 200000 records moved (AR 1999/00)
- "Huff n Puff" group and Tai Chi lessons commence in Physiotherapy (AR 1999/00)
- OT Services to CRC, Nathalia Hospital & Numurkah District Hospital commence (AR 1999/00)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 17797
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 58607
Average Length of Stay:

A&E Attendances: 23703
Babies Born: 952

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2001

- **Survey by Australian Council on Healthcare Standards awards GV Health 4 years accreditation** *(AQOCR 2002)*
- **Monthly Quality Showcase introduced to allow staff to highlight activities and achievements** *(AQOCR 2002)*
- **Family Planning Clinic commences** *(AQOCR 2002)*
- **Winner of Quality of Care Public Reporting award for Rural Hospitals** *(AQOCR 2002)*

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated:

Total number of Outpatient Appointments:

Average Length of Stay:

(AQOCR 2002)

A&E Presentations: 25735

Babies Born:

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2002

- The Health Records Act introduced to ensure that all hospitals have an obligation to securely store information – all staff now sign a confidentiality agreement specifying how information is to be used and accessed (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Mortuary lounge refurbished to provide greater comfort for families during this difficult period (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Car accidents remain greatest cause of injury for people presenting to the Emergency Department (AQOCR 2001/02)
- New Palliative care Room opened- funded by Kiosk Auxiliary (AQOCR 2001/02)
- 3 theatres and a treatment room cater for 5 General Surgeons, 3 Orthopedic Surgeons, 1 Urologist, 2 ENT Surgeons, 3 Gynecologists and a visiting Paediatric Surgeon. (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Part-time Pain Nurse commences (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Colposcopy Clinic commences (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Average waiting time for category 1 patients awaiting surgery was 8 days (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Falls and Mobility Clinic commences (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Deficit of \$1.682 million (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Non-invasive ventilation introduced in ICU (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Diverdional Therapists joined Mary Coram Unit (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Wet Hume PMHEI Team commenced with 2 mental health workers and a psychiatrist to provide service to young people at risk of developing serious mental health problems (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Magistrates Court Liaison Officer is appointed to provide assessment of Court attendees who appear to have a mental illness (AQOCR 2001/02)
- Waranga Campus was successful with both Aged Care Standards Agency and ACHS Accreditation (AQOCR 2001/02)
- First intake of 11 UoM Rural Clinical School students who commence in Shepparton in Semester 8 of their course (AQOCR 2002/03)
- “Having a baby at GV Health” a review of maternity services was completed in conjunction with UoM – leading to a revised model of Antenatal care being developed (AQOCR 2002/03)
- Hume Breast Services Enhancement Program launched a website detailing Breast Services (AQOCR 2002/03)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 19009
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 71737
Operations: 5471

A&E Attendances: 27112
Babies Born: 849 (16 sets of twins)

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2003

- **Nursing staff recruited from as far away as Ireland and South Africa due to nursing shortages** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **The World Health Organisation issues global alert for SARs virus. GV Health has first suspected cases in Victoria. Negative Pressure Isolation Room was added to Medical Ward.** (AQOCR 2002/03) (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **736 admissions to Wanyarra, Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Unit** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **Infant hearing screening testing program commenced** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **Linda Lawrence (GVH midwife for 18 years) is awarded Victorian Midwife of the Year** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **PARC on Maude - a subacute mental health service pilot commenced providing short-term accommodation for 8-10 people suffering an acute psychiatric illness** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **New medication system introduced with new trolleys dfro each ward and new order form to facilitate generic prescribing** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **HITH commences for new mothers choosing early discharge** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **GV Health commenced contributing data to VICNISS** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **7 sets of twins are born in the month of April** (AQOCR 1002/03)
- **Two Midwives completed the first Midwifery Refresher Program offered at GV Health** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **GVAMHS awarded an Achievement award by The Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Services in recognition of it's partnership with Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **GV Health awarded the Quality of Care Reporting Award for Regional Hospitals for the 3rd consecutive year** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **ACHS Organisational wide Survey and Mental Health Services Review were successful** (AQOCR 2003/04)
- **Bus donated to GVH and shared with Waranga now provides previously housebound residents with outings** (AQOCR 2003/04) 2003 or 2004
- **Interpreter Services provided in 21 languages with most requested Arabic, Turkish and Albanian** (AQOCR 2002/03)
- **Surgical Services streamlined leading to reduced cancellations**
- **1498 staff with almost 800 nurses** (AQOCR 2002/03)
- **Integrated Incident Reporting System introduced** (AQOCR 2002/03)
- **Patient Satsifaction Monitor rating of 75 – above similar Hospitals in Victoria who rated 72 and the statewide average was 71** (AQOCR 2002/03)

Activity (FY - Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 21083
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 80291
Average Length of Stay: 2.64 days
(AR 2003/04)(AQOCR 2003/04)(AQOCR 2002/03)

Operations: 5926
Babies Born: 948 (incl. 20 sets of twins)

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2004

- In the March Quarter GV Health's Emergency Department treated more patients than St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne (AR 2003/04)
- GV Health supports undergraduate, graduate and post graduate students from medical, nursing and allied health disciplines from a variety of Universities and TAFE with 150 nursing placements in 2003/04 as well as 49 undergraduate allied health students (AQOCR 2003/04)
- Staff screening program undertaken to detect Asymptomatic, Non-infectious TB – 702 staff participated (AQOCR 2003/04)
- HARP – new program provides additional home support for people on waiting lists (AQOCR 2004/05) 2003 or
- The introduction of the Intensive Care Unit Medical Emergency Team (MET) call process to manage unwell patients across the hospital (AQOCR 2004/5)
- An average of 79 people per day present to the Emergency Department in 2003/04 year with 13 snakebites treated. A program to fast-track category 4 and 5 patients was implemented to ease waiting room congestion. (AQOCR 2003/04)
- Interpreter Services were provided in 19 languages with the most used Arabic, Turkish and Albanian (AQOCR 2003/04)
- GV Health Consumer Consultative Committee is established (AQOCR 2004/5)
- GV Health Master Plan Completed (AQOCR 2004/05)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 22714

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 87960

Average Length of Stay: 2.61 days

(AR 2003/04)(AQOCR 2003/04)

A&E Attendances:

Babies Born:

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2005

- **Parkville passed accreditation with the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency meeting all 44 care standards** (AQOCR 2004/05)
- **New Library and Clinical Skills Lab construction completed in conjunction with University of Melbourne with Commonwealth funding** (AR 2004/5)
- **Refurbishment of Specialist Consulting Suites completed** (AR 2004/5)
- **\$370,000 donated through various community service groups and GV Health Auxiliaries** (AQOCR 2004/5)
- **GV Health is one of the largest recruiters of International Medical Graduates with 24 employed from countries including Sri Lanka, Nigeria Fiji and India** (AQOCR 2004/05)
- **Tatura Hospital judged cleanest hospital in Victoria in a DHS cleaning audit** (AQOCR 2004/5)
- **Early Psychosis Service established – the 4th one in the state – case management for up to 3 years is provided for young people between 16 and 25 experiencing their first psychotic episode.** (AQOC Report 2004/05)
- **Medical Ward Bathroom Upgrade – 8 new ensuites have been added to Medical Ward** (GV Health Building Works Update – November 2005)
- **Nurse Practitioner pilot program developed for the Emergency Department with 12 month funding** (AQOCR 2004/05)
- **A 1300 telephone number established to triage calls to GV Area Mental Health triage** (AQOCR 2004/5)
- **Most Patients (93%) admitted the day of their surgery rather than a day prior** (AQOCR 2004/5)
- **Budget surplus of \$6000 – huge turnaround from the previous years 3.541 million deficit** (AQOCR 2004/5)
- **Diabetes website is launched** (AR 2006)
- **Dementia Care Workshop is held at Tatura and attended by 100 personnel from the region** (AR 2006)
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Activity (FY - Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 23316

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 87708

Average Length of Stay: 2.48 days

(AR 2004/5)(AQOCR 2004/5)

A&E Attendances:

Babies Born: 1000 (15 sets of twins)

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2006

- Integrated Care Services Building, named the Visy Cares Centre was opened. This incorporates a Café, a number of community programs as well as providing 12 dental chairs in the Dental service.
- Marjorie Cup Played-Football match between young people with Diabetes and staff to raise community awareness of Diabetes (AR 2006)
- 1610 staff employed with an average age of staff 42 years (AR 2006)
- Emergency Department renovated and expanded to include 8 bed Emergency medical Unit (EMU) for short term patients (AR 2006)
- Leigh Gibson, Director of Community & Integrated Care is presented with a Rural Health Professionals award by the Minister for Health & VHA (AR 2006)
- Creation of Gana n Burri Birth Suite – a culturally welcoming environment for aboriginal women – opened in NAIDOC week (AR 2006)
- Interpreter Services provided in 30 languages (AR 2006)
- Employment of Clinical Psychologist in Wanyarra (AR 2006)
- More than 50 % of all operations are “Day stay only” (AR 2006)
- 2 Nurse Practitioner roles are established in the Emergency Department to treat Cat. 4 & 5 patients (AR 2006)
- Second largest employer of International Medical Graduates in Victoria with Doctors from 22 countries (AR 2006)
- First Diabetes Nurse Practitioner in rural Victoria (AR 2006)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 23413

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 106932

Average Length of Stay: 2.57 days

(AR 2006)

A&E Attendances: 34765

Babies Born: 1044

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2007

- July - the new Eyre-Tynan Emergency Department officially opened – named after Constable Damian Eyre and Constable Steven Tynan who were killed in the Walsh St murders in 1988. The Blue Ribbon Foundation donated \$250,000 towards emergency medical equipment (AQOCR 2008)
- A \$1 million dollar CT machine and MRI machine that cost 4 \$ Million dollars installed in newly constructed MRI suite and opening by Minister Andrews (AQOCR 2008)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated:

Babies Born: 1135

(AQOCR 2008)

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 112632

Average Length of Stay: 2.36 days

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2008

- **Renovations to Grutzner House psycho-geriatric facility to increase the number of beds to 25** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **100% compliance with 24 safe food service standards** (AQOCR 2007/08)
- **New wayfinding signage** (AQOCR 1007/08)
- **34 different languages used by Interpreter Services within the hospital** (AQOCR 2007/08)
- **Newly refurbished Ron Taig Neonatal Nursery opened by Betsy Taig** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **Hotel Services prepared 297205 meals in financial year** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **Awarded Premier's Award for Regional Health Service of the Year** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **Introduction of single client system in Integrated Care Centre** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **Operating surplus of \$2.434 million** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **2 Paediatric Postgraduate Physiotherapy training positions created in conjunction with RCH and UoM** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **Paediatric Integrated Cancer Care Service (PICS) commenced in collaboration with RCH** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **OWL Project initiative to manage Osteoarthritis patients on waiting list** (AQOCR 2007/8)
- **Dr Peter Eastaugh recognized by Victorian Rural Dr Awards for his contribution to rural communities** (AQOCR 2007/08)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 23591

Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 130520

Average Length of Stay: 2.4 days

(AQOCR 2007/8)

A&E Attendances: 35853

Babies Born: 1174

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2009

- Car parking and landscaping project completed increasing capacity by 200 cars *(AR 2010)*
- Newly constructed GP Medical Clinic at Rushworth was opened by The Honorable Warren Snowdon MP *(AR 2010)*
- Planning underway for Cancer and Wellness Centre *(AR 2010)*
- Goulburn Valley Stroke Clinical Network established *(AR 2010)*
- ORACLE FMIS introduced in Finance *(AR 2010)*
- Finalist in the Premier's Award for Regional Health Service – achieving a High Commendation award *(AR 2010)*
- Redevelopment works at Ambermere completed *(AR 2010)*

Activity (FY - Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 23438
Total number of Outpatient Appointments:
Average Length of Stay: 2.41 days

A&E Attendances:
Babies Born:
Operations: 7719

2010 – 2019 The Technology Boom

2010

- **New automated medication dispensing units in various wards** (AQOCR 2011)
- **The Health promotion Unit and the Centre Against Sexual Assault presented a comedy show for 460 students and teachers. “No means “no”” - information was provided around respectful relationships and consent** (AQOCR 2011)
- **16% of all women giving birth are aged 35 years or greater** (AQOCR 2011)
- **Total Equivalent Full-Time staff (EFT) = 1304** (AR 2010)
- **181 fleet cars available to staff** (AR 2010)
- **Approximately 6,620 kgs of paper is recycled** (AR 2010)
- **External Cleaning Audit results showed Shepparton, Tatura and Waranga campuses were well above the Statewide Quality level of 85% with Tatura rating 99.7%** (AR 2010)
- **All Category 1 elective surgery patients treated within the required 30 days** (AR 2010)
- **Implementation of VHIMS for quality and risk management** (AR 2010)
- **Hospital tours for English Language Students performed in partnership with GOTAFE Multicultural Education Centre** (AQOCR 2011)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 23438
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 143571
Average Length of Stay: 2.41 days
(AQOCR 2010)

A&E Attendances: 32572
Babies Born: 1168
Operations: 7719

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2011

- **Purpose built family room opened at Wanyarra Acute Adult Inpatient Mental Health Service** (AQOCR 2011)
- **Virtual Geriatrician program introduced to increase access to Geriatricians** (AQOCR 2011)
- **Residential In Reach program commenced to support residents within their aged care facility as an alternative to attending the Emergency Department** (AQOCR 2011)
- **Waranga Memorial Hospital celebrates 50 years with afternoon tea, RAAF Brass Quartet and Rhys Muldoon** (AQOCR 2012) (SN 13/2/12)
- **The Peter Copulos Cancer and Wellness Centre opened by Deputy Premier Mr Peter Ryan - 1.9 million doalls raised through the GV Health Foundation with Peter and Maria Copulos donating \$300,000. This center provides 10 chair, 2 bed medical day stay oncology unit plus education and consulting rooms** (AQOCR 2012)
- **Fire destroys old Mooroopna Hospital** (SN ?)
- **Grutzner House becomes the new home of the Shepparton Historical Society** (SN 2/8/11)
- **A Vocational Education Training in Schools program in partnership with Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE and the Technical Education Centre is started, during which students from years 11 and 12 spend time at the hospital and complete their Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance and Health Service Systems.** (SN 13/2/12)
- **September 16 - New Oncology Unit opened by Shepparton MP Jeanette Powell** (SN 17/9/11)
- **Sexual Health Nurse Practitioner commences work at GV Health**
(Talking about sex education in SN 28/9/2018 p. 14) (AQOCR 2012)(SN 6/1/12)
- **Midwifery Group Practice commences with 4 midwives providing continuity of care for mums** (AQOCR 2012)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 26640
Total number of Outpatient Appointments:
(AQOCR 2012)

A&E Attendances: 34432
Babies Born: 1179

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2012

- Teddy bears picnic held at GV Health. Children bought their bears to be bandaged and checked by medical students in a bid to make the hospital less fearful for children (AQOCR 2012)
- The Sanctuary opened. This is a place for people of all faiths to utilise for prayer, meditation or quiet reflection (AQOCR 2012)
- “Give me 5 for Kids” campaign, led by radio station 3SR raised \$65,000 for paediatric equipment (AQOCR 2012)
- Allied Health Wing refurbished (AR 2013)
- Interpreter Services provided in 35 languages (AQOCR 2012)
- New Clinical Governance structure introduced (AR 2012)
- Cultural insight training program run by Yorta Yorta Nations for 20 senior staff and Board members (AR 2012)
- Dr Mark Harris recognised by Rural Workforce Agency, Victoria for his outstanding contribution to rural medicine (AR 2013)
- Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation Service (VPRS) commences service saving parents trips to Melbourne (AQOCR 2012)
- Mobile Dental Clinic Service to Residential Aged Care Facilities on a 2 year rotation of scheduled visits (AQOCR 2012)
- Record births for the year to date - >1200 (SN 26/6/12)
- Exhibition by Bill Kelly at GVH documenting his surgery experience at GVH (AQOCR 2012)
- 2 full-time resident oncologists commence work (AQOCR 2012)
- More than 300 registered Volunteers – new turquoise shirts introduced to make them easily identifiable (AQOCR 2012)
- The University of Melbourne Rural Clinical School has produced the highest number of local graduates in a decade - Nine medical students from across the Goulburn Valley will graduate next month, achieving a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Medical Science. (SN 3/7/12)
- Goulburn Valley Health will provide specialist psychiatry training by next year which will encourage professionals to remain in the region. (SN 19/7/12)
- Drs start using i-pads on wards - At least 10 doctors are using their personal iPads to access information such as patient details, history and test results. (SN 13/9/12)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 27878
Total number of Outpatient Appointments:
(AQOCR 2012)

A&E Attendances: 32768
Babies Born: 1255

150 Years of GV Health - Timeline of Milestone, Significant & Interesting Events

2013

- **Headspace program established in High St. to support mental health in young people** (AR2013)
- **Patient Experience Tracker (PET) used to monitor patient satisfaction in “real time”** (AR 2013)
- **266 beds at Shepparton campus with 2,076 employees and 310 volunteers and 8 Auxiliaries** (AR 2013)
- **Chronic Pain Clinic established** (AR 2013)
- **Advanced laparoscopic and pelvic floor surgery commences** (AR 2013)
- **Goulburn Valley Health will receive eight additional sub-acute beds and expand its rehabilitation unit with a \$1.75 million injection from the Federal and Victorian governments.** (SN 9/2/13)
- **Seven residents from Waranga Aged Care Hostel were evacuated after floodwater got into their rooms.** (SN 1/3/13)
- **Goulburn Valley Health has expanded the Elsie Jones Student Education Centre as part of its commitment to increasing clinical placement days. The 365 sq m expansion includes 22 staff office spaces, four computers with internet access, student lockers and a lounge for socialising, a meeting room, a kitchen, showers and video conferencing facilities.** (SN – 12/3/13)
- **Diabetes Clinic for pregnant women commences** (AR 2014)
- **Dental Service awarded the UoM Vice Chancellors Staff Engagement Excellence Award** (AR 2014)
- **Multidisciplinary Care Team established for cancer patients** (AR 2013)
- **Renovation of the Hub and relocation of EDU to the old Oncology space** (AR 2013)
- **Establishment of Movement Disorder Nurse position** (AR 2013)
- **Quality of Care Report delivered online and in multiple languages.** (SN 29/11/25)

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2014

- **CREATE Our Future Organisational values launched** (AR 2015)
- **Launch of 2014-18 Strategic Plan** (AR 2015)
- **The Shepparton Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch provides funds to support prostate cancer nursing specialist** (AR 2015)
- **The Goulburn Valley Drug and Alcohol Service commenced in partnership with Odyssey House and SalvoCare** (AR 2015)
- **Opening of Rosewood-Women's Health Service – combining Womens' Health, Gynaecology and Midwifery Services and MAFU in one location** (AR 2014, AR 2015)
- **GVH is first ACHS member to undertake 4 different Accreditation surveys simultaneously** (AR 2014)
- **Accreditation with RANZCOG for 4 years to undertake training positions** (AR 2014)
- **Goulburn Valley Health is redeveloping Shepparton's historic W. B. Hunter building into a multimillion-dollar health and wellbeing hub. The hub will include eight clinical treatment rooms and seven therapy rooms. It will house about 140 staff members, including community nursing services, allied health, case management, counselling, pathology and some diagnostic services.** (SN 10/1/14)
- **Two medical students are returning to their roots, joining a group of 30 interns that began their placement at Goulburn Valley Health this week – Sam Seker and Sheldon Hall.** (SN 11/1/14)
- **Copulos donation - Copulos Group managing director Stephen Copulos announced \$1.5 million to be donated to health services in the Goulburn Valley over next 10 years for health and cancer services.** (SN 8/8/14)
- **Goulburn Valley Base Hospital's Medical Ward is home to a new acute stroke unit** (SN 17/9/14)
- **Una House (102-104 Corio St) sold for \$755 000 after recently being used as the centre for Home Nursing Services before their move to the Hunter Building** (SN 11/11/14)
- **New MRI scanner arrives weighing 6 tonnes and needing to be craned in** (SN 30/10/14)
- **Funding of more than \$1.5 million to modernise the hospital's Mental Health Facilities - the Community Mental Health Service building and Adult Mental Health Inpatient Unit will be redeveloped, including a discrete bedroom wing for women. There will also be dedicated bathrooms for women, single bedrooms for all patients and a dedicated reception and entry area and access to natural light.** (SN 8/11/14)
- **Victorian Deputy Premier Peter Ryan and Victorian Health and Ageing Minister David Davis announced the commitment of \$7 million to fund the co-location of Waranga Memorial Hospital and Waranga Hostel on to one site** (SN 14/11/14)
- **Companion Awards introduced and awarded to Paul Archer, Simon Furphy and Sam Renato** (AR 2015)
- **Drug and Alcohol Liaison Services commence in Emergency Department** (AR 2014)
- **Aboriginal Employment Plan is launched** (AR 2014)
- **New patient TV, phone and nurse-on-call system installed throughout Hospital** (AR 2014)
- **Waiting list for elective surgery decreased thanks to surgeries performed at Kyabram, Cobram, Benalla and Shepparton Private Hospitals** (AR 2014)
- **Elective Admissions relocated to an easy to access zone** (AR 2014)
- **New digital radiography equipment in Emergency Department** (AR 2014)

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2015

- Mobility Scooter parking bay designed and implemented at Community Health @ GV Health site (AR 2015)
- GV Health Research Unit established (AR 2015)
- To celebrate NAIDOC week, GV Health staff participated in workshops led by community Elders to decorate clay turtles. The turtles will be used as an art installation at Community health @ GV health site (AR 2015)
- The introduction of "Code Grey" as a response to occupational Violence and aggression against staff (AR 2015)
- Renovations worth more than \$1 million to Mary Coram Unit and the Medical Ward will start today - and include replacing the linoleum flooring, painting and upgrading the ensuites in the Mary Coram and medical units to be more accessible. (SN 19/1/15)
- Freemasons donate a vehicle for GV Breast Care Nurses (AR 2016)
- Executive go live on Twitter (AR 2016)
- GVH Companion awards are presented to Lorraine Riordan and Chris McPherson (AR 2016)
- The Goulburn Valley has a dedicated Prostate Cancer Support Nurse thanks to a big bunch of blokes and a lunch. While other nurses in Australia are funded by the Federal Government, Shepparton's nurse is community funded under a three-year \$300000 agreement between the Shepparton Biggest Ever Blokes' Lunch and Goulburn Valley Health. (SN 24/2/15)
- Hospital Capacity Reporting - According to the research by former Australian Medical Association Victoria president Doug Travis, Goulburn Valley Health is using, on average, more than 90 per cent of its point of care resources. These are not just hospital beds but trolleys, treatment tables and even chairs used for day procedures. (SN 3/4/15)
- Specialist heart care now available in GV - Through a partnership with St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, Goulburn Valley Health will host visiting cardiologists each week. (SN - 29/4/15)
- Emergency Department expansion - Works to double the size of Goulburn Valley Health's emergency department began this week. The community-funded works, expected to be completed later this year, are designed to help manage patient flow through the department. (SN 8/5/15)
- Mobile dental van 450000 added to GV Health dental service - A new government-funded dental van promises to provide mobile dental services to those who previously found access difficult. Secured with almost \$450 000 in Federal Government funding, the white IVECO van has been equipped with x-ray machinery, an instrument steriliser and is wheelchair accessible. The Goulburn Valley Health service has begun providing appointments and treatment to aged care residents in remote communities. (SN 2/7/15)
- Goulburn Valley Health Community Advisory Group has been formed with members being advised of their positions in the past few days. The committee, chaired by Member for Shepparton Suzanna Sheed, will help relay community input into the redevelopment of the hospital. (SN 27/10/15)
- New logo release as part of re-branding - The new logo was unveiled at GV Health's annual general meeting last week. Chief executive Dale Fraser said the rebranding represented the health service's "professional identity and commitment to providing excellent health services". (SN 5/12/15)
- Shepparton's Goulburn Valley Health will pilot the state's first public \$360 000 teledentistry pilot project after it was launched yesterday afternoon by Victorian Health Minister Jill Hennessy. Teledentistry is a videolink in the dental room that gives local general dentists in Shepparton the ability to show live images and communicate with specialist staff at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne via the internet. (SN 5/12/15)
- Volunteer Team win Shepparton Council award (AR 2015)
- New GV Health website launched (AR 2015)

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- **ERCP technique in introduced to Theatre** *(AR 2015)*
- **ANZAC Day event - 100 years (Nurses at War)** *(AR 2015)*
- **ChefMax system introduced to ensure correct meal reaches correct patient** *(AR 2015)*
- **“My health in Shepparton” booklet detailing local health services is released to support newly arrived refugees – available in print and online** *(AR 2015)*
- **GV Health Community Advisory Group formed and chaired by Suzanna Sheed, MP for Shepparton** *(AR 2016)*
- **Medical Day Stay and Transit Lounge relcoated to new area near main Graham St entrance** *(AR 2016)*
- **GV Dental Clinic named 2015 Dental Clinic of the Year in the Dental Services, Victoria Public Oral Health Awards** *(AR 2016)*

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2016

- **GV Health's Disability Action Plan developed and implemented** (AR 2017)
- **2 new Oncologists commence** (AR 2016)
- **GV Health Fundraising Strategy 2016-2020 released - \$800000 raised by fundraising in financial year** (AR 2016)
- **Staff Reward and Recognition Program launched – 4 staff presented with inaugural awards at AGM** (AR 2016)
- **Nocturnal Dialysis Service introduced – a first for regional Victoria** (AR 2016)
- **Security upgrade - Goulburn Valley hospitals were some of the big recipients from the first round of the Victorian Government's \$20 million Hospital Violence Prevention Fund announced on Monday. GV Health will use the funds for the installation of door access controls to 57 internal and external doors across the hospital.** (SN 1/1/16)
- **Goulburn Valley Health is among the best performed of 21 metropolitan and regional Victorian hospitals judged on the length of stay of acute-care patients. The Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO) report Hospital Performance: Length of Stay analysed 21 of Victoria's biggest hospitals and focused on length of stay, considered one of the key indicators of efficiency and performance, during the period from 2011-12 to 2013-14.** (SN 12/2/16)
- **New ED opened - Goulburn Valley Health chief executive Dale Fraser praised the \$700 000 renovation of the hospital's emergency department at its official opening yesterday. Community contributions for the renovations came from GV Health Foundation (\$454 000), Shepparton Central Rotary Club (\$85 000), Tatura Milk (\$10 000), Blokes and Boats (\$7000), anonymous donors and other community organisations.** (SN 24/3/16)
- **Funding announcement for GV Health - Five million of the Victorian Government's \$168.5 million funding for the redevelopment of Goulburn Valley Health's Shepparton hospital will be rolled out in the 2016-17 financial year. Budget papers yesterday revealed \$28 million will be made available in 2017-18, \$55 million in 2018-19, \$45 million in 2019-20 and the remainder thereafter. The redevelopment includes the construction of a new four-storey tower, three new operating theatres, two additional wards and an extended emergency department with double the capacity. It also includes a refurbished maternity unit and new special-care nursery and the expansion of dialysis and medical imaging services. Construction is expected to start in 2018 and while the completion of the redevelopment was initially slated for 2020, budget papers suggest the complete roll-out of the funding and finish of the project will be early 2021.** (SN 28/4/16)
- **Facilities improvement - At the Waranga Campus of GV Health in Rushworth, staff and locals were overjoyed at the \$10 million that was announced to merge Waranga Aged Care Hostel and Waranga Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home into a single site.** (SN 16/12/16)
- **First Annual GV Health Resarch Fair is held** (AR 2017)
- **Additional \$2 million for Emergency Department to improve throughput** (AR 2017)
- **Health Assistant in Nursing Traineeship position commence** (AR 2016)
- **Chemotherapy Service for CAU commences** (AR 2016)
- **Pharmacy refurbishment completed** (AR 2016)
- **Redeveloped Staff intranet site launched** (AR 2016)
- **Transiton to Retirement Program launched** (AR 2016)
- **Development and commencement of the Certificate IV in Clinical Classification – one of 2 run in Victoria** (AR 2016)
- **8 RAPID beds open in Medial Unit** (AR 2016)
- **Trauma-informed Services Manager appointed** (AR 2016)

2017

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- **Memorandum of Understanding signed with GV Hospice** (AR 2017)
- **The development of a gender specific female wing at Wanyarra Acute Psychiatric Unit to increase safety and provide a sense of empowerment** (AR 2017)
- **10.5 % increase in Government funding is announced for 2017/18 year**
(Extra cash injected : GV Health to receive 185.543 million from Victorian Government in SN 19/7/2017 p. 3)
- **Biggest ever Blokes lunch fundraiser held at Eastbank with over 700 in attendance**
(SN 19/8/2017 p. 4)
- **2nd Annual Research Fair is held at Eastbank with speakers from La Trobe, Deakin, Melbourne and Federation Universities**
(SN 23/8/2017 p. 2) (Closing health gap: GV Research Fair a healthy way to build bridges between bush and city in SN 23/10/17 p. 7)
- **Health Minister confirms 12 Paediatric beds will continue to be funded after uncertainty about the future number of beds**
(SN 26/6/2017 p. 3)(We need all the beds : concern over a possible drop in children's beds in Hospital Redevelopment in SN 12/6/2017 p. 3)
- **New Bowel Cancer Nurse Service - Goulburn Valley Health can offer more comprehensive support to those suffering with bowel cancer thanks to the newly-established bowel cancer support nurse position. The bowel cancer nurse role was made possible thanks to the Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch and money raised by the Georgopoulos family and community.**
(Turning a tragedy into a positive in SN 3/2/17 p. 5)
- **Shepparton Marketplace run a "Big change for small change" fundraiser to raise funds for a new bed in Children's Ward**
(Every little bit helps : your small change will go a long way to helping buy a new bed in SN 18/9/17 p. 2)
- **Lendlease is announced as the Company undertaking the 168.5 million Hospital rebuild with work to commence before the end of the year on a new 4 storey tower with 64 inpatient beds, 10 ICU beds, 7 operating theatres and a new kitchen and morgue Additionally a new Emergency Department double the size and new Women's and Children's Wards**
(A healthy shot : Lendlease to perform Shepparton Hospitals 168.5 million rebuild, Minister announces in SN 5/10/17 p. 1)
- **No Helipad in Redevelopment. Because of the way the building was built there was no north-south flight path, which would have limited a helicopter's ability to land in certain wind conditions. Other complications included plant rooms on the roofs of several of the buildings, which would make it impossible for helicopters to land without extensive construction.**
(SN 19/10/17)
- **GVH Departments have a singlet decorating competition to celebrate Movember**
(Outspoken singlets : imaginative GV Health contest raises prostate cancer awareness in SN 29/11/2017 p. 2)
- **Reduce the red tape campaign underway to reduce the number of policy documents from 187 to 15** (AR 2017)
- **Companion of GV Health awards presented to Dr John Hetherigton and Mr Graham Hill** (AR 2018)
- **CCTV upgraded to whole of Shepparton site with a control room** (AR 2018)
- **Healthy options (traffic lights) implemented in the Glasshouse Café** (AR 2018)
- **Implementation of a new model of care for CAMHS** (AR 2018)

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- **A short film about local mental health services was produced to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people understand that this service is welcoming and accessible. The film was produced with input from local Elders, Rumbalara Cooperative and consumers** *(AR 2018)*
- **New Community Engagement Plan developed** *(AR 2018)*
- **GV Health Nursing workforce numbers >1000 including 50 graduates, 16 postgraduates and 450 undergraduates doing placement. There are 17 educators across all streams. Another 150 nurses will be required when the redevelopment is complete.** *(Nursing a career for life in SN 2/3/2018 p. 22)*
- **CSSD has a major equipment grade with \$650000 spent on new Belimed Sterilizers and Washers** *(Cleaning up with next gen upgrade in SN 9/3/2018 p. 27)*
- **A Refresher course for Registered Midwives is run in collaboration with Western Health to boost staff numbers**
(Seeking midwives : GV Health looking for registered midwives for its Maternity Unit in SN 10/7/2018 p. 5)
- **Goulburn Valley Quilters donate specially made quilts to the Dialysis Unit**
(Brightening the day for patients in SN 12/7/2018 p. 5)
- **Dedicated Wound Clinic commences 2 mornings a week in the Community Health Building**
(New Clinic to improve outcomes in SN 19/7/2018 p. 3) (Let's talk about wounds in SN 16/7/2018 p. 3)
- **Advent of RAPU - Improved patient flow, shorter wait times and better quality of care are hoped to be the outcomes of a new Rapid Assessment Planning Unit at Goulburn Valley Health. The early assessment, early intervention model was launched last month and has resulted in 20 beds dedicated to a special area in the medical ward.** *(SN 19/4/18)*
- **Hospitals Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023 is released** *(Hospital's AGM highlights key achievements in SN 23/11/18 p. 19)*
- **32 Medical Graduates & 35 Graduate Nurses commenced work** *(AR 2018)*
- **Community Interlink launched with GV Health and 18 other Health Services providing locally governed Home Care Packages** *(AR 2018)*
- **Master Plan developed for Graham St and feasibility study for a Comprehensive Cancer Centre** *(AR 2018)*
- **Nurse Practitioner Steering Group reconvened to provide oversight and governance** *(AR 2018)*
- **Appointment of Addiction Medicine Specialist** *(AR 2018)*

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- The 10 million dollar refurbishment and redevelopment of the Waranga Aged Care Hostel is completed with the decommissioned Waranga Memorial Hospital moving to the new Facility and changed to Waranga Health. The change incorporates an increase in beds and additional services and consolidates all acute, aged care and community services in one site.
(*Rushworth redevelopment fast facts in SN 13/4/2018 p. 25*)
- The GV Foundation celebrates 30 years in operation, contributing \$335,000 in 2019 (AR 2019)
- Stage 1 Redevelopment Funding - \$58M boost - part of “stage one plus”, which will help deliver 24/7 imaging services in the expanded emergency department. Specifics include two new X-ray rooms, a CT scan room, an ultrasound room and an additional operating theatre. (SN 19/9/19)
- Opening of new Dialysis Unit - Goulburn Valley Health officially opened its new 16 chair state-of-the-art dialysis unit yesterday. It is the first building unveiled as part of the hospital’s \$229million stage one redevelopment. (SN 26/10/19)
- Goulburn Valley Primary Care & Population Plan 2019-23 approved (AR 2019)
- Clinical Placement Co-ordinator position introduced in Nursing (AR 2020)
- All GVH Executives participated in LGBTIQ+ training through Uniting Care (AR 2019)
- New Strategic Plan 2029-23 released (AR 2019)
- \$30 million funding announcement for Australian Government Community Health and Hospital Program – 26 million for Integrated Cancer Centre and 4 million for Children and Young Person Service Hub (AR 2019)
- Breakeven financial result for financial year (AR 2019)
- Implementation of Daily Operating System (DOS) to improve discharge times (AR 2019)
- Wayfinding – Executive endorse the use of artwork created and donated by a staff member for wayfinding points (AR 2019)
- Community Interlink wins Minister for Disability, Ageing & Carer’s Award for Excellence in Public Aged Care at 2019 Victorian Public Healthcare Awards (AR 2020)
- Oncology Service and Genesis Care Agreement provides local radiotherapy service to cancer patients (AR 2020)
- Bundle Project in Surgical, Medical and RAPU is implemented to embed bedside handover with hourly patient rounding and care boards to increase patient engagement (AR 2020)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated:
Total number of Outpatient Appointments:

A&E Attendances:
Babies Born:

2020 – 2026 The COVID Years

2020

- The opening of the new Emergency Department and the closure of the old Emergency department for refurbishment (AR 2020)
- March 11 - COVID declared pandemic by World Health Organisation (WHO)
- March 16 - Victorian Government declares a State of Emergency (AR 2020)
- September 13 – Victorian Government declares a State of Disaster (AR 2021)
- All staff required to wear masks while on duty with some departments requiring staff in full PPE (AR 2020)
- Acute respiratory clinic and isolation ward established (AR 2020)
- Many staff now working from home, - temperature screening and daily attestations for those that work (AR 2020)
- Telehealth used to ensure services are still available (AR 2020)
- Volunteers suspended – contact maintained throughout pandemic with some volunteers doing other activities such as knitting and sewing at home (AR 2021)
- Advent of HOPE Service - Victoria's Hospital Outreach Post-suicidal Engagement program will be rolled out at Goulburn Valley Health this year - the program would ensure those at risk of suicide who attended a clinical setting would be followed up by a service provider within 72 hours of presentation. (SN 14/2/20)
- Covid - Goulburn Valley Health has announced the establishment of a COVID-19 screening station and acute respiratory clinic. The screening station is located in front of the GV Health Emergency Department and will test members of the public who have symptoms of the coronavirus daily from 10 am to 6 pm. (SN 18/3/20)
- Covid testing - Goulburn Valley Health has purchased additional pathology equipment that could diagnose a coronavirus case on-site within a day, in preparation for a potential mass COVID-19 outbreak in the Greater Shepparton region. (SN 25/3/20)
- 1st Covid Patient - An inpatient at Goulburn Valley Health has tested positive for COVID-19. (SN 30/3/20)
- Additional testing setup - The extra testing will be carried out via drive-through and walk-up clinics, as well as through mobile clinics, which will visit homes and workplaces. Construction workers, supermarket workers and agricultural workers will also be targeted in this extra testing. (SN 29/4/20)
- New testing site at Showgrounds - The new testing site, at Shepparton Showgrounds, will be open from 10am to 2pm. (SN 14/5/20)
- New Emergency Department opens - the new emergency department at GV Health has opened.; Triage rooms, open cubicles, bariatric room, resuscitation bays and isolation rooms are all part of the additions to the new emergency department. (SN 29/6/20)
- New Inpatient Building opens - a number of services have moved into Goulburn Valley Health's new Inpatient Unit Building as part of its \$229.3million redevelopment. The five-storey building, located in Graham St, Shepparton, now contains the Critical Care Unit (formerly Intensive Care Unit), Surgical Unit, Theatre and Day of Surgery Admission. (SN 24/7/20)
- Goulburn Valley Health moves to reduce elective surgery, and requests all hospital visitors to wear face masks. (SN 14/7/20)

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- **Hundreds face wait for testing in heat - Shepparton's demand for COVID-19 testing went through the roof yesterday, with hundreds flocking to the city's testing sites after the recent coronavirus outbreak. Patrons of both Goulburn Valley Health and the Shepparton Showgrounds' pop-up testing sites experienced lengthy waits, with police informing people they might have to stand in line for six hours. Yesterday Mr Sharp added the Australian Defence Force was expected in 24 to 48 hours to assist** (*SN 15/10/20*)
- **Hume Shepparton ACAS successfully tendered for RAS and begin delivery of service** (*AR 2021*)

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2021

- January 18 - the new 5 story inpatient tower opened by Minister for Health Martin Foley. This tower includes 2 new 32 bed inpatient wards, the mortuary, new kitchen, 4 new Theater spaces, critical care unit and plant areas (AR 2021)
- GV Cares in association with GV Health and other local services required to set up food/medicines for vulnerable people within the community during August outbreak (gslp.com.au)
- Acute Respiratory Testing Clinic in Emergency Department (AR 2021)
- GV appoint first Anaesthetic Research Co-ordinator in a regional area Australiawide (AR 2021)
- March 22 - Vaccination Hub set up at the Shepparton Macintosh Showgrounds (AR 2021)
- Elective surgeries and other services decreased due to COVID restrictions (AR 2021)
- The Goulburn Valley Local Public Health Unit established with 20 full-time positions (AR 2021)
- Vaccine rollout - Shepparton has been confirmed as one of nine Victorian hubs chosen for the rollout of the Pfizer vaccine, with Goulburn Valley Health to oversee vaccinations in the region. (SN 4/2/21)
- March 10 - First Vaccinations - History was made at Goulburn Valley Health yesterday when the first COVID-19 vaccination was administered. Shepparton's Dr Mark Harris, who has been on the front lines of Shepparton's COVID-19 fight, was chosen as the first recipient of the Pfizer jab. (SN 11/3/21)
- Jabba the Bus rolled out – (SN 7/9/21)
- August – largest Covid outbreak in Shepparton – Multiple contact sites including schools - some 20,000 people of the 60,000 living in Shepparton-Mooroopna would be confined to their homes. (SN 19/8/22)
- Jabba the Bus has been joined by a new COVID-19 vaccination bus after GV Health unveiled Maxine Vaccine at the Shepparton Showgrounds yesterday. (SN 22/10/21)
- Telemedicine - GV Health, has partnered with My Emergency Doctor to gain access to additional virtual emergency specialist physician support. (SN 13/10/21)
- YPARC funding announcement - The planned 10-bed residential facility run by Goulburn Valley Health is part of a \$141 million Victorian Government investment announced on Wednesday. (SN 19/11/21)

Activity (FY -Acute)

Total number of inpatients treated: 35420
Total number of Outpatient Appointments: 70243
Telehealth Appointments: 9251
(AR 2021)

A&E Attendances: 36110
Babies Born: 742
Vaccinations: >40000 in catchment

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2022

- **October-Goulburn Valley sustains the most extensive flooding this century.** *(AR 2023)*
- **Drs flown on chartered flight from Melbourne and Australian Defense Force staff required to assist staff to come to work at hospital during floods** *(AR 2023)*
- **Special Care Nursery, new Child and Adolescent Unit opened** *(AR 2022)*
- **The extended Emergency Department opened containing 36 new treatment spaces, 2 X-Ray rooms, CT and Ultrasound room, dedicated paediatric zone and isolation rooms** *(AR 2022)*
- **Vaccination Hub and COVID testing sites closed** *(AR 2023)*
- **Vaccinations occurred in Public health services, workplaces, Correctional centers, Places of worship, Aged Care Facilities, Community Halls, at Home and even in paddocks** *(AR 2022)*
- **International search for staff – GVH staff have attended Job Fairs in the United Kingdom and Ireland, Dublin, London, Manchester and Glasgow to recruit staff for around 230 full-time equivalent clinical positions are being created by the redevelopment, with stage one due to be completed in July.** *(SN 3/6/22)*
- **Funding for Residential In-Reach Nurse Practitioner Service = 0.4 EFT** *(AR 2023)*
- **Relaunch of new GV Health website and Monday Message** *(AR 2023)*
- **Victorian Public Healthcare Awards 2022 – 4 awards for GV Health including Highly Commended for GV Health Vaccination Service / Jabba the Bus and a Finalist in Improving Aboriginal Health for the Possum Skin Cloaks in Oncology** *(AR 2023)*

Activity (FY)

Total number of inpatients treated: 35360
Babies Born: 883
COVID tests: 87848

A&E Attendances: 39477
Vaccinations: 788000

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2023

- Ongoing staff shortages (AR 2024)
- Victoria's first regional Paediatric Allergy Clinic opened after a 12 month trial (AR 2024)
- The unveiling of the Waranga Health Wall Memorial (AR 2024)
- Government funding for GV health announced - GV Health was allocated \$502,121, broken down into \$312,958 for medical equipment and \$189,163.18 for engineering/infrastructure equipment. (SN 20 / 1 23)
- GV Health home to state-of-the-art prostate cancer diagnostic equipment - transperineal biopsy machine saving patients a trip to Melbourne. (SN 5/1/24)
- Boost to Maternity - Goulburn Valley Health's maternity services have been given a boost, with accommodation for partners during postnatal periods, more continuity of care and a bed for water births coming in mid-March. (SN 10/3/23)
- The inaugural Ladies Who Lunch event held by the GV Health Foundation on Sunday, October 29 raised over \$100,000 for women's cancer services in the Goulburn Valley. (SN 5/1/24)
- Advent of IVF Services - In partnership with the Royal Women's Hospital, Women seeking public fertility care could visit their GP or specialist, who will refer them to the Royal Women's Hospital, and they will organise eligible patients to access treatment at GV Health. (SN 27/11/23)
- GVH and GVPHU launch "Improving the health of our communities together, primary care and population health plan 2023-2029" (AR 2024)
- Improved patient flow through Emergency Department via a fast-track model "Timely Emergency Care Collaborative" (AR 2024)
- Junior Medical Officer lounge completed (AR 2024) (AR 2025)
- E-scripts goes live for Outpatients (AR 2024)
- Solar panels are installed at Tatura and Wragga capuses (AR 2024)

Activity (FY)

Total number of inpatients treated:
Total number of Outpatient Appointments:
Average Length of Stay:

A&E Attendances:
Babies Born:

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2024

- The introduction of water births in Maternity (AR 2024)
- \$10 million dollar grant announced for funding to support the establishment of 18 new staff accommodation units in Monash St (AR 2024)
- Accreditation success with no recommendations from the NSQHSSA survey (AR 2025)
- “GV Doctors” launched – a new community for all Drs across the GV to be supported by GV Health (AR 2024)
- Blocking of external USB’s on Hospital network to tighten security (AR 2024)
- Rotary Club Annual Charity Golf Day raises \$30000 for 6 postgraduate nursing scholarships (AR 2024)
- SAP replaces e-Recruit for Personnel Management (AR 2024)
- Introduction of monthly Pulse meetings for Executive to update all staff on GVH news and developments (AR 2024)
- New Cultural Awareness e-learning package launched for all staff (AR 2025)
- Learning and Development Hub – a new Sharepoint site launched containing personal and leadership resources (AR 2025)
- New GVH Companions awarded to Ross McPherson, Bruce McNeil, John Panton, Dr John McKellar, Suzanna Sheed and Graham Hofmeyer (AR 2024)
- Council sell land to GV Health at market value for 2 projects – Staff accommodation and Early Parenting Centre (SN3/4/24)
- Refurbishment of Dining Room at Graham St campus (AR 2025)
- Water Vapour Therapy (Rezum) to treat Prostate Cancer being introduced at GV Health (SN 1/5/24)
- Euroa Hospital joins GV Health - Euroa Hospital officially became a campus of Goulburn Valley Health on Monday, August 12. (SN 16/8/24)
- Goulburn Valley Health receive funding for a specialised women’s health clinic. (SN 4/10/24)

Activity (FY)

Total number of inpatients separations: 38640
Babies Born: 904
(AR 2024)

A&E Attendances: 43161

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2025

- **10 bed Youth Prevention and Recovery Care Centre (YPARC) constructed** (AR 2025)
- **New Staff accommodation project commences** - 18 self-contained units, 15 single-room flats and three double flats, and a direct and secure connection to the hospital to improve safety for staff on call after hours. (SN 17/3/25)
- **Implementation of new Patient Administration System (PAS)** (AR 2025)
- **ICU - National training accreditation from College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand** (AR 2025)
- **New Spiritual Care Service and Co-ordinator appointed** (AR 2025)
- **Doctors in Training Advisory Committee launched for Junior Medical staff to raise issues with the Chief Medical Officer** (AR 2025)
- **Paediatric Diabetes Clinic launched at Greater Shepparton Secondary College** (AR 2025)
- **Dr Ru Udayasiri awarded for Outstanding contribution by Medical Specialist at the Victorian Rural Health Awards** (AR 2025)
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee established** (AR 2025)
- **Minyah Barmah room reopens after refurbishment** (AR 2025)
- **Silhouette Wound Monitoring system introduced to improve wound assessment and management** (AR 2025)
- **Donation of \$200000 to GV Foundation by Ian Brereton** (AR 2025)
- **Research training opportunities provided to Allied Health staff including Introduction to Research Program and Introduction to Research ECHO** (AR 2025)
- **RACP accredited GV Alcohol and Drug Service with an Advanced Training position in Addiction Medicine** (AR 2025)
- **AOD Nurse Practitioner candidate endorsed by AHPRA as Nurse Practitioner** (AR 2025)
- **Transit Lounge reopens after refurbishment to increase capacity** (AR 2025)

Activity (FY)

Total number of inpatient separations: 37011

A&E Attendances: 42605

Babies Born: 952

(AR 2025)

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2026

- 150th Hospital celebration

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Change to practice- From then to Now-photos

- From stockings and starch to sneakers and scrubs (photos of each)
- Male Drs as Misterys and Nurses as Sisters to male nurses and female Drs- photo
- From home grown to international staff
- From onsite to university trained
- From traction wards to fracture clinics
- From Change rooms to change at home
- From quarantine hospitals to Stay at home directives
- From smoking on the wards to Do Not Smoke public health campaigns
- From Community funded hospitals to government funded
- 10 day stay post birth to 24 hour stay
- From The Dr is always right to lets Google it!
- Elderly cared for at home to specialist Aged Care homes
- From full time to mostly part time
- From paper records to electronic
- From Masseurs (Physiotherapists) to multiple Allied health services
- From hospital gowns to your own pajamas

Reunion ball!!! For all past and present GV Health employees

Used as a fundraiser