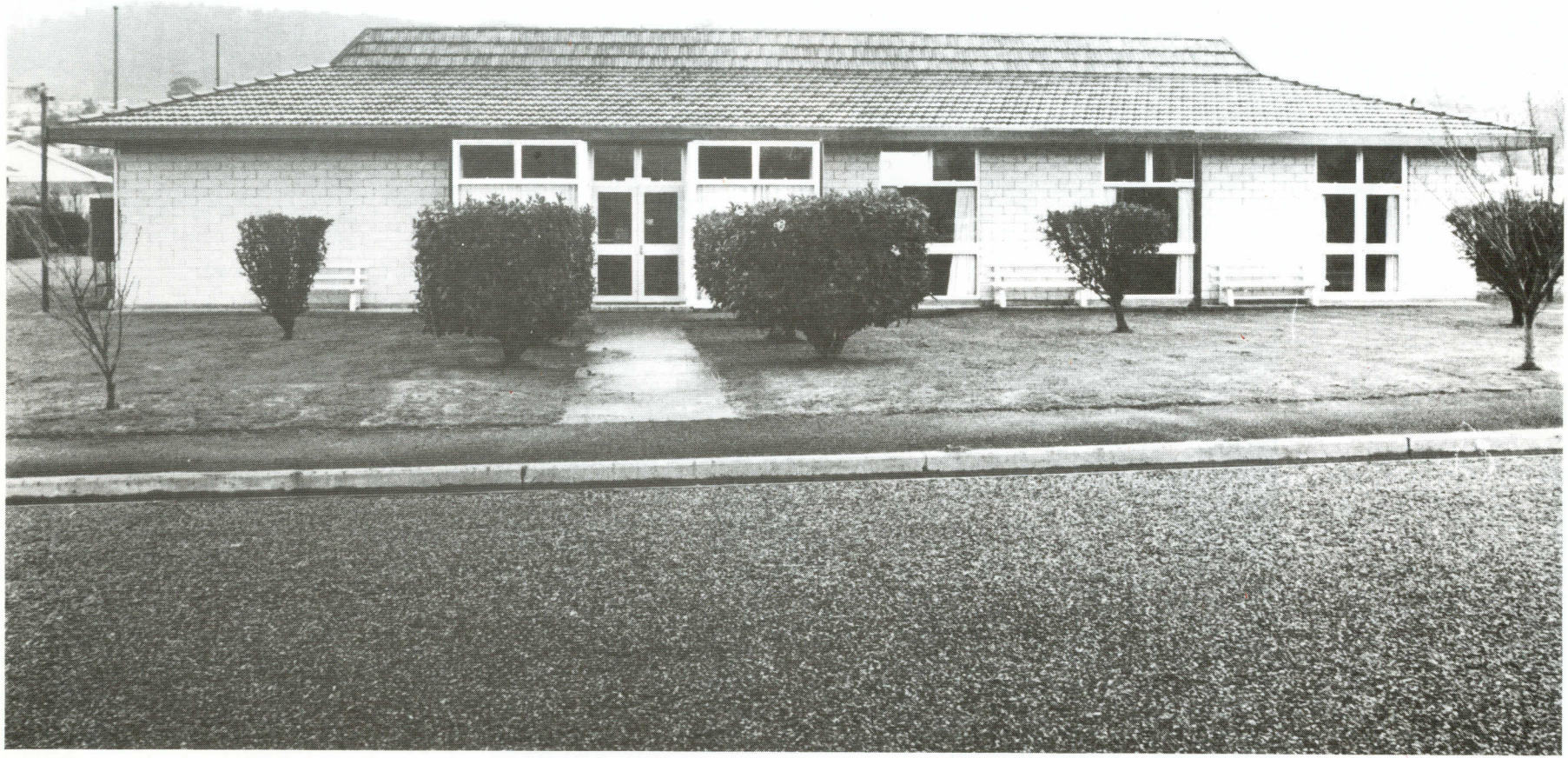
Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association



Annual General Meeting 1988

"The first twenty years"

Springtime—Section III

A view from Section III

Section II
Looking southeast

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TASMANIA.

LADY CLARK GERIATRIC CENTRE

No. 23 of 1968.

ANALYSIS.

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AN ACT to make provision with respect to the transfer to the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Inc. of certain Crown land and to provide for matters incidental thereto. [5 *July* 1968.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as the *Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Act* 1968. Short title.

Act Serial No. 628—1968—Price 8c. D. E. WILKINSON, Government Printer, Tasmania.

Interpretation. Cf. No. 16 of 1962, s. 2.

2 In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

"association" means the body incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act* 1964 by the name of the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Inc.;

"board" means the Board of the Hobart Public Hospitals District (within the meaning of the *Hospitals Act* 1918).

Transfer of certain Crown land to the association. *Ibid.*, s. 5.

3—(1) Subject to this section, the Governor, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, may convey and alienate to the association the whole or any part of the land described in the schedule, or may grant to the association any estate or interest in the whole or any part of that land.

(2) The Governor shall not exercise the power conferred on him by subsection (1) of this section unless he has received from the Minister a report in writing stating that the Minister is satisfied that the association is in a position—

(*a*) to provide and maintain on the land described in the schedule homes for aged persons of a satisfactory standard; and

(*b*) to provide and maintain facilities of a satisfactory standard for the use or benefit of persons residing in any home so provided.

Powers of board in relation to the association. *Ibid.*, s. 6.

4 The board may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into and carry out agreements or arrangements with the association—

(*a*) for the provision by the board of services and other facilities for the use or benefit of persons residing in any homes provided on the land described in the schedule; or

(*b*) for the use by those persons of any facilities or services provided by the board in connection with any hospital under its management and control.

THE SCHEDULE. (Section 3.)

CITY OF GLENORCHY.

4 ACRES 2 ROODS 26 PERCHES.

Commencing at a south-east corner of 10 acres 3 roods 29 perches as shown on survey plan 2519 filed and registered in the office of the Surveyor-General and Secretary for Lands at Hobart and bounded on the south-west by 250 feet 2⅜ inches north-westerly along that land on the north-west by 802 feet 7¼ inches north-easterly in several bearings again along that land along Brownes Lane along part of 50 acres purchased by H. Bilton and along Amber Street on the north-east by 336 feet 4 inches south-easterly in two bearings again along part of 50 acres aforesaid and along part of 30 acres 3 roods 5⁷⁄₁₀ perches acquired for hospital purposes again on the south-west and on the south-east by 400 feet 3 inches north-westerly and south-westerly in several bearings again along part of the last-mentioned land and thence again on the south-east by 482 feet 4 inches south-westerly in two bearings again along that land to the point of commencement as shown on survey plan 2519 filed and registered in the office of the Surveyor-General and Secretary for Lands at Hobart.

Foreword

This brief documentary is an historical record of the achievement over a few short years, of the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association Incorporated.

It provides an illustration of how a perceived need recognised by public spirited citizens can be satisfied to an appreciable degree, with dedication and team effort.

During a period of two decades, the Association was able to transform a meagre $43.00 and an area of unimproved land, to a $1.5 million housing and recreational centre with landscaped park-like surroundings. A complex capable of housing 144 elderly persons, in comfortable purpose built accommodation.

Many painstaking hours of planning and manual labour was provided by many people during the time of the Centre's development. Some of those people are still carrying on with the same indomitable enthusiasm whilst others who were great contributors have been called to a higher place.

To those great souls who have passed this way and to those of us who will surely follow, the Lady Clark Centre will be lasting testimony to dedication and compassion.

"When the long day is ending,
and the warmth has gone from the afternoon sun,
Home is happiness,
a place to contemplate the joys of living"

T.T.G.

Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association

President's Annual Report

1987/88

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

It is my very great pleasure to welcome you all here this evening, on this most significant occasion, the Association's 20th Anniversary.

In presenting my report for the year, I am mindful that it is the 20th time that such a report has been delivered to members of the Association and I am pleased to be able to say that the position of the Association, is in all respects probably more consolidated now than ever before. Our finances, as will be disclosed by our Hon. Treasurer when she presents her report, are in a sound position. Maintenance of the home units has been kept at a high standard, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Wally Fenton and our grounds have never looked better, due to the care and attention of our groundsman, Mr. Michael Triffett.

The success of the year of course stems from the efforts of your committee and from the dedication of the Association's officers. Our Hon. Secretary continues to administer the affairs of the Centre in a most efficient manner and he is ably supported by the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Betty Gower. Our Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Gurr, has maintained firm control of the Association's finances, and I am happy to report that we have again finished the year with a credit balance.

I mentioned in my 1986/87 report that committee members' attendance record was second to none in Tasmania and I repeat that statement this year. We are fortunate indeed to have a committee in which the dedication of its members is unquestionable.

To the officers and the Executive Committee I express sincere appreciation for a job well done.

PAINTING PROGRAMME

It is my pleasant duty to report that the painting programme which was commenced last year is now completed. The whole Centre has taken on a brighter appearance. The cost of the programme amounting to in excess of $11,000 is in my opinion well worthwhile.

AMENITIES—SOCIAL CLUB

It is pleasing to me to note that the Social Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ken Conway, is continuing to flourish. Mr. Conway is well supported by the Secretary, Mrs. Mary Burr; the Treasurer, Mr. Stan Foster; and a number of hardworking committee members. Our heartfelt thanks is due to all of them.

OBITUARY

Ladies and Gentlemen it is with a sad note that I mention the passing of three of our former residents. I refer to the late Mrs. Bowker, Mrs. Males and Mr. Tom Cullen.

We that are left are the poorer for their passing.

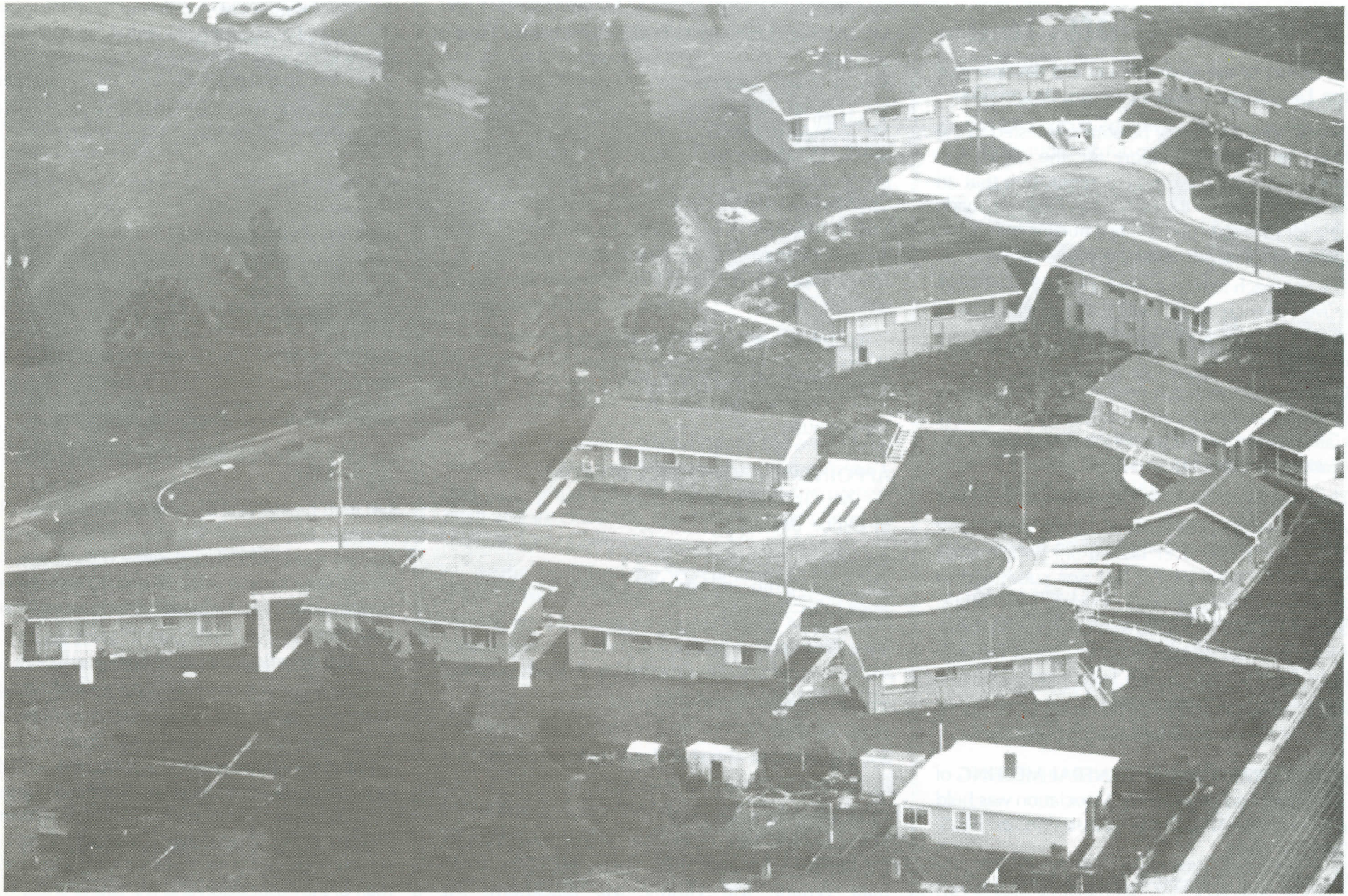
CONCLUSION

Ladies and Gentlemen, in conclusion let me again say what a privilege it has been to preside over a wonderful organisation. I have received the loyalty and support of not only officers, but from every member of the Executive Committee and for this I am grateful indeed.

I know the year has been a successful one and with your continuing support I feel sure that 1988/89 will prove to be just as successful.

Thank you one and all.

Kevin Harris
PRESIDENT



An aerial view of the partially completed Stages I and II. Some of the units were still under construction and groundworks and gardens were yet to be commenced.

The First Twenty Years

A short history of the establishment and development of the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association.

In late 1965 a group of persons interested in the provision of accommodation for the aged, approached the State Government requesting that an area of Crown Land on the Lady Clark Estate be made available for the establishment of a nursing home and associated facilities for aged people.

The approach to the Government was spearheaded by Mr. Terence Martin who was at that time a Member of the House of Assembly in the Parliament of Tasmania.

Concurrently with the request for land, moves were initiated to form an association and to have that association incorporated under the provisions of the Associations' Incorporation Act.

The Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association was duly formed and a Certificate of Incorporation was issued by the Registrar of Companies on 16 May, 1966.

Some little time later a Bill was submitted to Parliament by the Hon. M.G. Everett, QC, MHA, Minister for Health, for an Act to provide for the transfer of four and one quarter acres of Crown Land on the Lady Clark Estate, to the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association Incorporated.

The Act was proclaimed on 5th July, 1968.

THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association was held at the Claremont Ambulance sub-station, on Monday 5th July, 1968.

Minutes of that meeting read as follows:—

Those present were:

Mr. B. Griffiths, Administrator, Launceston General Hospital.
Mr. T. Gower, Executive Officer, Department of Health Services.
Mrs. K. Cane, Old People's Welfare Council.
Mr. L. Shea, Department of Health Services

Mr. T. Martin, MHA.	Mrs. C. Bridge
Mr. R. Thistlethwaite	Mrs. T. O'Brien
Mr. R. Harris	Mr. A. J. Taylor
Mrs. L. Black	Mrs. R. Wright
Mrs. P. Winnie	Mrs. D. Oliver
Mrs. B. Pilling	Mr. J. Blackburn
Mr. S. Thoms	Mrs. L. Barwick
Mrs. E. Thoms	Mr. A. Schluter

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

Mrs. J. Dean, Mr. R. Wright, Mrs. E. Gurr, Mr. D. Gurr, Mr. S. MacGregor, Dr. A.J. Foster and Mr. D. Woodhouse.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS

Mr. Griffiths took the Chair for the appointment of Office Bearers.

President

Mr. T.N. Martin—moved Mr. Gower, seconded Mr. Blackburn—carried.

Vice President

Mr. R.B. Thistlethwaite—moved Mr. R. Harris, seconded Mr. Blackburn—carried.

Hon. Auditor

Mr. J. Blackburn—moved Mrs. Wright, seconded Mr. R. Harris—carried.

Committee of Seventeen

Mrs. Barwick, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Gurr, Alderman Wright, Mr. Thoms, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Thistle-thwaite, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. D. Woodhouse, Mrs. Bridge, Mrs. E. Gurr.

The Minutes were confirmed on 20 August, 1969.

It will be noted that under the heading Committee of Seventeen, only sixteen persons were named and included were Mr. T. Martin and Mr. R. Thistlethwaite who had already been elected President and Vice President, respectively.

Minister's Representative

The Chief Executive Officer read a letter from the Minister for Health which nominated Mr. T. Gower as his representative on the Committee.

Representation of Financial Statement

Mr. Taylor said there was a credit of $43.49 made up as follows:—

Members	$16.00
Donation	$24.74
Interest	$ 2.74

It was moved Mrs. Barwick, seconded Mrs. Wright, that the Financial Statement be adopted —carried.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

During the period between July 1968 and early 1969, the Association experienced a period of inactivity. There was much procrastination and members of the Association became disenchanted with the lack of progress. The final death knell of the Nursing Home concept came about with 1969 State Government elections. The then Labor Government was defeated. Mr. Terence Martin resigned his position as Chairman of the Association and Mr. Laurie Shea, who was Chief Executive Officer, also severed his connection with the Association.

The Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association was for a short time in a state of limbo. It had a depleted Executive and the remaining members were losing interest. At a special meeting at the Claremont Hotel, it was suggested that the Association wind up its affairs and return the Crown Land to the newly elected Liberal Government.

On receiving a report from Mr. Tas Gower, the Government Nominee on the Board of Management of the Association, Dr. N.D. Abbott, MHA, who was the newly appointed Minister for Health, directed that a meeting of remaining members of the Association meet to try to salvage the Association and to regenerate enthusiasm. The meeting was duly called. Mr. Tas Gower was elected Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Don Gurr agreed to carry on as Hon. Treasurer and the remaining members agreed to do whatever they could to "keep the ship afloat".

It was obvious to the existing members of the Association that the organisation could not function successfully without a Chairman. It was agreed then that the Committee's first priority was to find a public spirited person with a high level of motivation towards care of the Aged, and one who would be prepared to accept the position of President of the Association.

Mr. Doug Lowe, MHA, who had recently been elected to Parliament was approached and agreed to accept nomination as President of the Lady Clark Association.

Mr. Lowe was elected President of the Association at the Annual General Meeting held at the Glenorchy Council Chambers on Wednesday, 20th August 1969.

Mr. J. Blackburn was elected Vice-President.

The newly elected committed for 1969 was as follows:—

Mr. D. Lowe (MHA)—President
Mr. J. Blackburn—Vice President
Mr. T. Gower—Chief Executive Officer
Mr. D. Gurr—Hon. Treasurer

Members—

Messrs: R. Wright, D. Woodhouse, J. Taylor, R. Thistlethwaite, R. Harris, S. Thoms, S. M. MacGregor, S. Gough, V. Taylor.

Mesdames: L. Barwick, D. Wright, D. Oliver, E. Gurr, J. Dean.

The year 1970 marked the beginning of a period of intense activity for the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association.

Planning for development of the Centre began in earnest and various building firms were asked to submit sketch plans for landscaping and construction of home units.

Finally, because costs submitted by several firms were beyond the financial resources of the Association, G.E. Walters Pty. Ltd. was requested to prepare plans and specifications, specifically for unit development at Lady Clark.

In the meantime, the Secretariat was involved in a fund raising campaign. Letters were sent off to all service organisations, i.e. Lions, Rotary, Apex as well as business firms such as Cadburys, Zinc Works, and Silk and Textiles.

The Southern Tasmanian Bookmakers Association were also asked if they could help.

The Association was gratified to learn that a number of the organisations contacted had responded with cash donations and eventually, 5% of the capital cost of construction of Stage I of the project was raised by what the Commonwealth Government termed "Genuine Charitable Endeavour".

In early 1970 G.E. Walters Pty. Ltd. submitted the plan previously requested by the Association.

The plan detailed a sealed cul-de-sac with kerbs and gutters, four 6¼ square Besser Block constructed units with tiled roofs.

By the end of 1970 eight units had been completed and occupied and six more were under construction and due for completion in early 1971.

The cost of the first eight units was $46,000 i.e. $5,750 each.

The "Founder donation" required from prospective residents was $3,300.

Mr. and Mrs. Thoms, Mrs. M. Cooley, Miss F. Greenwood and Mrs. W. Chambers were the first founder donors and occupied units one to four respectively.

History will show that by the end of 1977 a further 68 founder donors contributed amounts of between $3,300 and $5,000.

Cost of construction of course increased substantially during the period 1970/1977.

The Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association could not have proceeded with development without the financial input of the founder donors.

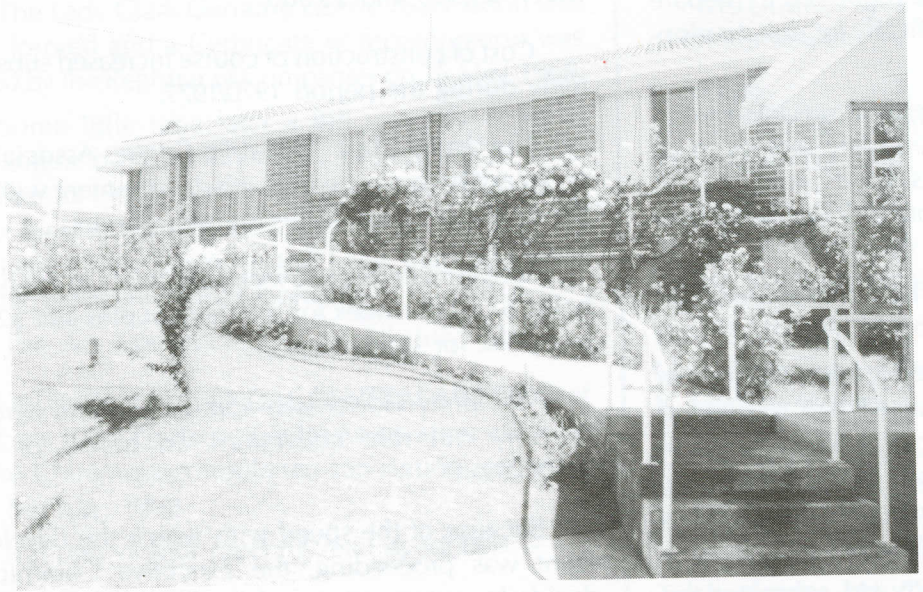
Rentals/maintenance fees were struck at the time, being $3.50 per week for married couples and $2.50 per week for single persons.

Mrs. Betty Gower was approached and agreed to carry out rent collections on behalf of the Association.

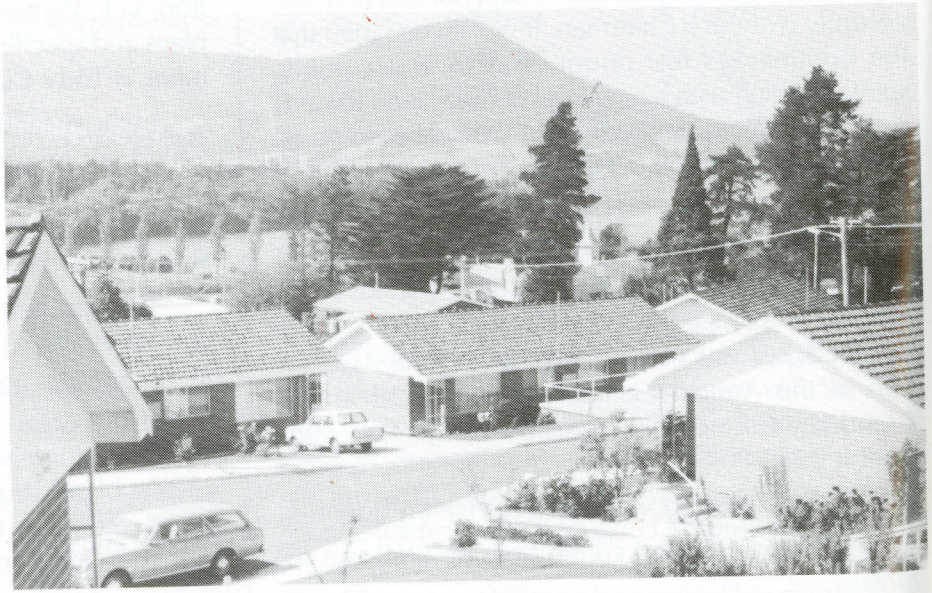
Because of the speed with which the development was proceeding, the Executive Committee decided to set up a "grounds" sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Robert Harris.

A part of Section III, looking towards Mt. Direction.

A view looking towards North-West.



Units 11 and 12 at the Centre.



A view from the Centre, Section I showing the Derwent River and Mt. Direction.

The Chief Executive Officer who had recently been appointed an Honorary Probation Officer, under the provisions of the newly enacted legislation, "The Probation of Offenders Act", was asked to approach the Attorney-General, the Hon. E.M. Bingham, QC, MHA, with a request that probationary offenders in the "work orders" scheme be allocated to the Lady Clark project. The request was complied with and from that period onwards, the grounds development programme was able to keep abreast of the building programme.

Mr. Harris was the driving force behind the grounds development, whilst Mr. Gower with the Saturday work orders team provided the necessary labour force to carry out the landscaping. Old pine trees were felled and carted away, soil was moved from place to place, shrubs and trees were planted and slowly the building site was transformed from heaps of soil, mud and rocks to a pleasant park-like setting.

The Association at that time recorded its appreciation of the contributions made by Mr. Vere Taylor and Max Cure of the Claremont/Brighton division of Rotary. They provided donations of truck loads of garden loam and quantities of grass seed.

The Claremont Division of Apex also provided cash donations as well as construction of a concrete pathway to connect two sections of the Centre.

The pupils from Rosetta High School raised funds for the Association and the Glenorchy Council donated a number of trees and shrubs for the Centre.

Nineteen seventy one was a year of great progress. Cul-de-sac No. 1 and the surrounding 14 units had been completed and occupied. Stage II which comprised a second cul-de-sac, landscaping and a further 12 units was also completed. Several old pine trees had been removed from this site and a vigorous tree and shrub plantation programme was being carried out.

Stages I and II were officially opened by the Minister for Health, the Hon. N.D. Abbott, MHA, on Sunday, 8 August, 1971.

Because of pressure of business Mr. Gower delegated his authority for supervision of the "Saturday Workers" to Mr. R. Harris, so from this point onwards, Mr. Harris took full control of the grounds improvement programme and consequent supervision of the labour force.

Planning for Stage III of the project had also begun in late 1971, and by early 1972, work had commenced on what was thought to be the final 20 units.

Concurrently with the planning for Stage III the Chief Executive Officer had been interviewing prospective founder-donors and holding discussions with the RSL and the War Widows' Guild. The RSL eventually declined to become involved in the building programme but the War Widows' Guild maintained its interest and decided to sponsor four units in Stage III. The Guild also requested and was granted representation on the Lady Clark Executive Committee. Mrs. Gladys Davis and Mrs. Lucy Drake were elected to the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting held in October, 1971.

The Executive Committee had by this time become a very cohesive force and members maintained an excellent relationship with each other.

One of the contributing factors to the harmonious relationships was the fact that during the period from 1970 onwards, the Committee had been holding its meetings with the good graces of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gurr, in their home a 8 Dobson Street, Rosetta. The Committee continued to meet at the Gurr residence until the end of 1973.

The end of 1972 saw the completion of a total of 46 units with a further six units in the initial stages of construction.

State Government elections in 1972 resulted in the fall of the Liberal Government and the return to power of the Labor Government under the leadership of the Hon. Eric Reece.

In the allocation of portfolios Dr. Alan J. Foster was appointed Minister for Health, Road Safety and Community Welfare.

Dr. Foster who was a specialist Geriatrician and an ardent campaigner for the welfare of aged people was approached and agreed to seek the Government's approval for the transfer of a further area of Crown Land fronting on Waldron Street. An area of over two acres of land was transferred to the Association in 1972.

The oft repeated task of raising funds was again delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, on this occasion funds were required for construction of a recreational facility.

A number of organisations made small donations of cash and there were two persons who made quite substantial donations. These were G.E. Walters, $500.00, and the major contributor Mr. E. Silberiesen who made the magnificent contribution of $7,000 towards construction costs of the recreation centre.

Claremont Division of Apex continued its generous support of the Association. The members constructed fences, installed letter boxes and carried out a number of other jobs which were all of great benefit to residents of the Centre.

The Saturday work force allocations had been increased and numbers now available to Mr. Harris for his grounds improvement programme, enabled much more work to be done in a shorter time.

The tree and shrub planting exercise was continuing and the whole Centre was starting to look a comfortable and relaxing environment.

Because of the number of units now occupied (52) and increasing family commitments, Mrs. Gower was forced to relinquish her rent collecting duties. Mrs. Lucy Barwick, who was one of the foundation members of the Executive Committee agreed to take on the task of collecting the rental/maintenance fees.

Construction of the Recreation Centre (Clubrooms) was completed in 1973 and a number of dedicated people began the task of furnishing the premises. Mr. and Mrs. Dans, Mr. Jack Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Foy and many others gave willingly of their time to ensure that the building was brightened up with curtains, floor coverings, etc.

Mr. Bill Hanneman became the Foundation Chairman of the newly formed Social Committee and Mrs. M.A. Foxton was the first Secretary of the Social Club. Both of these people did an enormous amount of work in the initial stages of setting up the Social Committee and recreational activities. Mrs. Foxton continued as Secretary for some years.

Mr. Don Gurr was given the task of procuring a suitable second-hand piano for the Centre.

The Moonah Rotariannes, and the "Cadbury Girls" under the leadership of newly elected Mrs. Joan Bushell raised funds and provided entertainment in the Clubrooms for residents of the Centre.

(The Recreation Centre was officially opened by the Hon. Brian Miller, MLC, on 2 May, 1980).

The year 1974 saw the end of a chapter in the Association's administration. Mr. Doug Lowe, MHA, who had served the Association with distinction as its President since 1969, found the burden of his Parliamentary duties too onerous to allow him the necessary time to continue as the Association's President.

He reluctantly resigned in 1974.

Mr. Chris Hallam, who had for a number of years shown a keen interest in the affairs of the Association, was asked if he would replace Mr. Lowe for the remainder of the financial year. Mr. Hallam accepted.

He continued to hold office as President until 1982.

Two other significant changes to the administrative set up occurred in 1974.

Mr. Don Gurr who has shown himself to be a most capable Treasurer since 1969, declined nomination for the position at the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd September, 1974.

Mrs. Betty Gurr was nominated at the same meeting to replace her husband as Treasurer, and was elected unopposed.

Mrs. Gurr has continued to occupy the position of Hon. Treasurer since her election in 1974.

1975 became a year of consolidation. Much had been achieved in beautification of the Centre. Residents had established small gardens and the "Saturday Workers" had prepared lawns, etc. However, the workload was becoming increasingly heavy for Mr. R. Harris, particularly with the number of probationary offenders that he was required to supervise each Saturday.

The Executive Committee decided to appoint some of the more able male residents of the Centre, as part-time assistants to Mr. Harris. Among these were Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Harper, Mr. Foster and Mr. Woolley.

These gentlemen provided Mr. Harris with the necessary back-up and residents, both present and in the future, will always be indebted to them for their efforts in helping to make the Centre the place that it is today.

Another milestone in development of the Centre was the Glenorchy Council's agreement to seal Waldron Street.

This matter had been a bone of contention for many months and residents were relieved that at last they were able to walk along a reasonably smooth road instead of negotiating pot holes and mud heaps.

The cost to the Association for its share of the expenditure for the sealing of Waldron Street was $2,725.40.

Construction of a further stage of development was commenced in 1975, i.e. units 53 to 68.

Because of increasing costs of construction, G.E. Walters Pty. Ltd. were asked to prepare a modified plan.

The revised plan prepared by G.E. Walters Pty. Ltd. included colorbond roofing material rather than tiles, a solid concrete base rather than brick piers and timber flooring, and some minor modifications in the interior design.

A new cul-de-sac was laid down and sealed kerbs and gutters formed.

The contract for the sixteen units was completed in 1976.

There was then a period of some months of inactivity in so far as building was concerned. The total energies of the Committee and its voluntary workforce was taken up with the beautification of the newly developed cul-de-sac. More trees were planted, more top soil was acquired and spread and a myriad of other minor tasks were attended to.

Finally in September 1977 the final four units of the complex were completed.

This development was the culmination of many years of hard work for the Association.

From a very humble beginning in 1968 when the Association's Liquid Assets totalled $43.49, it now administered a complex with a rating valuation of approximately $1.5 million.

It now appeared that the Association could rest on its laurels and gather its breath for a final period of consolidation. The original Centre residents appeared to be well pleased with progress over the years, whilst the newer ones expressed pleasure with their new surroundings.

Plans were discussed for the installation of a bowling green and later a croquet lawn. However, after a survey was conducted among residents it became evident that there was insufficient support for either of the proposed facilities.

Attention was drawn to the need for more room in the recreation hall. Increasing attendances at bowls matches, concerts, etc. highlighted the need for more space.

The Executive decided that the facility should be enlarged and consequently extensions to the building were carried out and completed in 1980.

A barbecue area was developed and barbecues were built free of charge per favour of the apprentices of the Hobart Technical College Bricklayers School.

1982 saw two important administrative changes to the Association.

Mr. Chris Hallam, who had been transferred to Devonport in his employment as Government Liaison Officer, did not seek re-election as President of the Association.

Mr. R. Harris, who had been Vice President of the Association for a number of years, was elected President.

Mrs. Betty Gower who had resumed rent collections for the Association was elected Assistant Secretary of the Association. This arrangement helped to lessen the administrative workload on the Chief Executive Officer.

In 1983 Mr. R. Harris retired as President of the Association.

Mr. K. Harris was nominated and duly elected to the position, a position he still occupies in 1988.

GROUNDS MANAGEMENT

Following administrative alterations to the Saturday Work Orders Scheme, it was becoming increasingly difficult to have sufficient numbers of "Saturday Workers" allocated to the Lady Clark Centre.

As a consequence, the Executive Committee decided to dispense with the services of the part-time groundsmen and the Probationary Offenders, and replace them with a full-time gardener.

Mr. Michael Triffett was appointed to the position in 1983.

Following a submission from the Chief Executive Officer in 1985, the Director of Red Cross agreed to provide a lending library facility of large print books for the Centre.

The service is operating most successfully and is well utilised by residents of the Centre.

CONCLUSION

The Lady Clark Geriatric Centre, as was initially envisaged, is now an entity in itself. It comprises some 72 home units as well as a recreation centre with associated facilities.

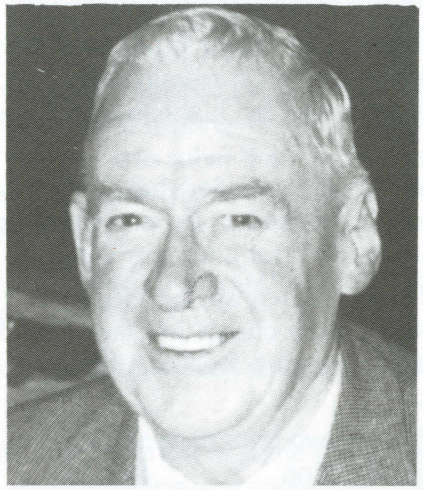
There is still an area of vacant land available for future development and although the present Executive Committee has no plans for expansion, with never ending changes in Government policy towards care and support of aged people, future Executive Committees may be persuaded to venture into the provision of services such as physio and occupational therapy, a hostel or similar facility.

With the passing of time who knows what the future may bring.

In this condensed summary of the Association's achievements over a 20 year period a number of less significant happenings have not been mentioned. Likewise a number of people presently living and others who have passed to the great beyond, have not been given sufficient acknowledgement of the value of their worth to the Association, during their periods of service. However, I am consoled by the knowledge that these people have known the satisfaction and fulfilment of serving their fellow man.

On behalf of the Residents of the Centre, I say to all of them, thank you for a job well done.

T.T. Gower
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Left to Right: (Back Row) Mr. B. Fenton, Mr. B. Harrington, H. Cooper, V. Jenkins, H. Hibberd, V. Harper. (Middle Row) Mr. F. Lewis, Mr. C. Hallam (Vice President), Mr. K. Harris (President), Mr. K. Conway, Mr. S. Foster. (Front) Mrs. E. Gurr (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. N. Miller, Mr. T. Gower (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. J. Bushell, Mrs. G. Davis, Mrs. M. Burr. (Inset) Mrs. B. Gower (Hon. Assistant Secretary) (top), Mr. R. Street (middle), Mrs. A. Franklin (bottom).

Committee Members

MR. K. HARRIS—*President*

Mr. Harris was born in Hobart on 9th March 1940. He was educated at the Robert Cosgrove Modern School and later at the Hobart Technical College. Mr Harris is a family man with a wife, Barbara, and three sons, Brett, Carl and Gregg. Mr Harris has been employed as a Carpenter by Cadbury, Fry and Pascal for the past 32 years.

He has been a member of the Executive Committee for the past 15 years, including 5 years as President.

Mr. Harris' other community interests include Apex, Rostrum and the Claremont Primary School Parents' and Friends' Association.

MR. C. HALLAM—*Vice President*

Mr. Hallam was born in Hobart and was educated at St. Virgils College. He commenced his employment with the Commonwealth Public Service, and later transferred to the State Government Service in the Premier's Department.

Mr. Hallam was later appointed to the position of Secretary to the then Premier, the Hon. E.E. Reece. He continued to hold that position during the Premierships of the Hon. W. Neilsen and the Hon. D.A. Lowe. Mr. Hallam is currently employed with the Tasmanian Gaming Commission.

Mr. Hallam's sporting interests include pacing. He has owned a number of pacers during his membership of the Tasmanian Pacing Club.

Mr. Hallam has been a member of the Lady Clark Executive Committee for 14 years including eight years as President.

MR. T.T. GOWER—*Hon. Secretary-Chief Executive Officer*

Mr. Gower was born in Queenstown in 1927. He was educated at the Lyell District High School and served in the A.I.F. during World War II.

Mr. Gower joined the Commonwealth Public Service and was employed by the Repatriation Department for nine years. He transferred to the State Public Service and spent a total of 32 years with the Departments of Education, Health Services and Community Welfare. Mr. Gower was the Senior Executive Officer in the Minister for Health's Office and served a number of Health Ministers including the Hon. M.G. Everett, QC, Dr. A.J. Foster, the Hon. D.A. Lowe and the Hon. Michael Barnard. He retired from the position of Co-ordinator, Disabled Persons' Services in the Department of Community Welfare, in 1986.

Mr. Gower is married with three grown up daughters, one of whom is married.

He has been the Hon. Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Lady Clark Association for the past 20 years.

MRS. E. GURR—*Hon. Treasurer*

Mrs. Gurr was born in Hobart and following completion of her education was employed privately as a Radiographer in both Hobart and Launceston. She later worked as a Radiographer at the Royal Hobart and Launceston General Hospitals.

Mrs. Gurr has been involved in a number of charitable organsations such as Meals on Wheels. She has been a member of the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Association for the past 20 years including the past 14 years as Hon. Treasurer.

Mrs. Gurr and her husband, Don, have lived in Glenorchy for the past 37 years. They have four children, three of whom are married.

MR. K. CONWAY—*Chairman, Social Committee*

Mr. Conway was born in Hobart and was educated at Bowen Road School. He enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy during World War II and served for 3½ years.

Mr. Conway is a resident of the Lady Clark Centre. He is married with six grown up children, all of whom are married.

Mr. Conway's main sporting interests are bowls and football.

MR. V. HARPER

Mr. Harper was born in Hobart and spent his early years in that city, working for the Hobart City Council and Henry Jones & Co. Ltd. He later spent some years working for the Mt. Lyell Company at Queenstown.

Mr. Harper spent 2½ years in the Army during World War II and following his discharge he commenced employment with Cadburys where he worked for 32 years.

Mr. Harper and his wife are residents of the Lady Clark Centre.

MRS. M. BURR—*Secretary, Social Committee*

Mrs. Burr was born at Crotty on the West Coast of Tasmania. She was educated at the Gormanston School and the Newcastle Technical College. Following a course of training she became a qualified Sister and later served as Matron of District Hospitals in Tasmania.

Mrs. Burr has been a resident of the Lady Clark Centre for the past five years.

MR. B. FENTON

Mr. Fenton was educated in Claremont and later served his apprenticeship as a Carpenter and Joiner, and has spent all of his working life in that trade. He has been involved with service organisations for many years and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Lady Clark Centre for the past 16 years.

Mr. Fenton is married with two grown up children.

Apart from family interests, Mr. Fenton's other main interest is travelling.

The 1971 Annual General Meeting in progress. Mr. Doug Lowe M.H.A. Chairman (left) Mr. T.T. Gower (Chief Executive Officer)

A FRIENDLY GAME

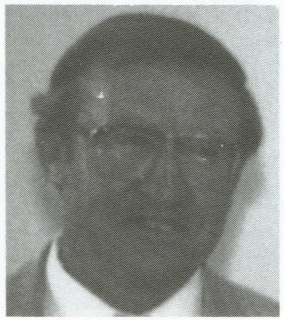
Mr. H. Cooper (left) watches Mr. S. Foster playing a shot in a game of pool. Both Mr. Cooper and Mr. Foster are Past Chairmen of the Lady Clark Social Committee.

PRESIDENT
Mr. K. Harris

HON. TREASURER
Mrs. E. Gurr

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Mr. T.T. Gower C.D.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Mrs. B Gower



HON. AUDITOR
Mr. M.L. McVilly
(Bc. Comm. A.A.S.A.)

Past and Present Office Bearers

PRESIDENTS

MR. T. H. MARTIN 1968-69
HON. D. A. LOWE 1969-74
MR. C. HALLAM 1974-82
MR. R. HARRIS 1982-83
MR. K. HARRIS 1983-Current

HONORARY TREASURERS

MR. J. A. TAYLOR 1968-69
MR. D. GURR 1969-74
MRS. E. GURR 1974-Current

HONORARY AUDITORS

MR. J. DEAN 1968-69
MR. J. BLACKBURN 1969-70
MR. M. L. McVILLY 1970-Current

HON. SECRETARY-CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

MR. L. L. SHEA 1967-69
MR. T. T. GOWER 1969-Current

HON. ASSISTANT SECREATRY

MRS. B. GOWER 1982-Current

Life Members

MR. J. A. TAYLOR 1973
HON. D. A. LOWE, MLC 1977
MR. C. H. OLNEY 1979
MR. S. THOMS 1980
MR. R. HARRIS 1982
MRS. M. E. FOXTON 1983
MRS. A. FRANKLIN 1986
MR. T. T. GOWER 1988
MRS. E. GURR 1988

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I gratefully acknowledge the assistance afforded me by members of the Executive Committee in furnishing details of their background, education and working life and for their support in the printing of this booklet.

I am also most appreciative of the assistance provided by my wife, Betty, in the research of material for inclusion in the publication.

To my daughters, Deborah and Tania, I am indebted for their patience and tolerance in the unenviable task of preparation of the transcript.

T. T. Gower

LADY CLARK GERIATRIC CENTRE INC.

Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the Year Ended 30 June, 1988

1986/87	GENERAL ACCOUNT	1987/88
	Receipts	
$27,519.78	Balance brought forward	$34,571.24
69,000.00	Maintenance Fees	71,808.00
22.00	Subscriptions	20.00
8,846.15	Donations	9,905.00
252.00	Insurance Claims	264.80
744.08	Reimbursements—Power, etc.	568.60
944.98	Bank Interest	1,068.33
140.00	Sales of Surplus Equipment	140.00
79,949.21	RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	83,774.73
$107,468.99	TOTAL	$118,345.97
	Payments	
$20,355.05	Rates	$21,628.93
2,198.24	Capital Expenditure	3,358.98
3,213.46	Insurance	78.71
8,999.00	Honoraria and Presentations	9,596.00
1,318.27	Light and Power	1,401.63
19,416.60	General Maintenance	19,661.50
16,164.25	Wages	17,645.91
559.88	Administration	557.70
273.00	Barbecue Expenses	333.69
400.00	Reimbursement—Carpets	—
—	Transfer to Investment Account	10,000.00
—	Refund of Maintenance Fees	23.00
72,897.75	TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR	84,286.05
$34,571.24	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AS PER CASHBOOK AND BANK	$34,059.92

1986/87	INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS (Term Deposits)—(2 Accounts)	1987/88
$57,636.61	Balance brought forward	$65,680.05
8,043.44	Interest (Net after Bank Charges)	8,253.03
—	Deposit (transfer from General Account)	10,000.00
$65,680.05	Balance carried forward	$83,933.08

CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

We, Kevin Harris and Elizabeth Gurr, being President and Treasurer respectively of the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Incorporated, hereby state:

1. That the Receipts and Payments Statements attached are drawn up so as to provide a true view of the financial position as at 30 June, 1988; and
2. That we are of the firm view that the Centre will be able to meet all commitments as they fall due.

Signed
K. Harris
PRESIDENT

E. Gurr
TREASURER

8 September, 1988

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the books and accounts of the Lady Clark Geriatric Centre Incorporated for the year ended 30 June, 1988.

I have been provided with all explanations and information required. I certify that, subject to the following note, the accounts are correct and in order in accordance with the books presented.

Note:

In verifying the total amount received by way of "Maintenance Fees" I have had to rely on the details of occupancy; the rental applicable thereto; and the fortnightly rentals received in respect of each individual unit, as verified by the Treasurer.

My certification has, therefore, been limited to the receipt and banking in total of the fortnightly rentals.

Signed
M.L. McVilly, B.Com. (Tas.), AASA,
AUDITOR

8 September, 1988

TIME FOR A BREAK

Messrs Cooper, Foster and Harper preparing a "Cuppa" after a practice session of indoor bowls.

View of Section I looking East

View of Section I looking West

A pleasant view looking towards Mt. Direction.

Peace and tranquility Section I