ADULT DEAF & DUMB SOCIETY

of Victoria (Incorporated)

62nd ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1946

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DEAF MUTES

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VICE-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The problem of winning the war which beset us over nearly six strenuous years has been solved, but a problem as big even if more peaceful faces us: "The need for Post-War Reconstruction."

This reconstruction affects each and every one of us, and certainly falls more heavily on the afflicted within our Community.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society has much to repair and reconstruct in order to meet the constantly increasing demands of those whom it serves in our Community, but we know that we can with the ready assistance of the Society's many friends face the years ahead with confidence and knowledge of continued support.

Thank you for your efforts.

R. F. Sanderson H. L. Bedggood (Vice-Presidents)

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria

(INCORPORATED)

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1946-47

Patrons:

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WINSTON DUGAN, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE President: MAJOR-GENERAL SIR JULIUS BRUCHE, K.C.B., C.M.G.

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Secretary-Accountant: Mr. H. F. McCREA

Superintendent of Blackburn Home: Mr. DOUGLAS ABRAHAM Welfare Superintendent and Missioner: Mr. E. A. REYNOLDS

Women's Welfare Officer: Miss E. R. EMPSON Residential Welfare Officer: *Mr. J. M. JOHNSON

Collectors-City and Suburbs: Messrs. *H. BLACKMORE and *B. GRAYDEN

Collectors—Country: *Messrs. T. D. McRAE and *H. G. CAMPBELL.

6 GEELONG BRANCH

Hon. Secretary: Miss C. MONAHAN

Meeting Place: Free Lending Library, Geelong.

BALLARAT BRANCH

Honorary Superintendent: Mr. H. LUDBROOK Meeting Place: The Orphanage, Victoria Street, Ballarat *Deaf

Form of Bequest

I bequeath the sum of £ : to the Treasurer for the time being of the ADULT DEAF AND DUMB SOCIETY OF VICTORIA, JOLIMONT SQUARE, MELBOURNE EAST, for the use of the said Society, for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

The Society's work must go on year in and year out. To do this the Board of Management has laid long distance plans for the development and well being of the Deaf.

These plans will be possible only by the help of our friends—that is why we suggest that you be good enough to remember this Society when planning your personal affairs.

We would like to emphasise that this Society has no connection whatever with any other organization and is almost wholly dependent upon voluntary subscriptions for its upkeep.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Adult Deaf and Dumb Society

OF VICTORIA (Incorporated)

In submitting this, the Sixty-second Annual Report, the Board of Management places on record its sincere thanks for the support so willingly given by its many hundreds of subscribers. Were it not for this support, this Society would be in grave danger regarding its long-range plan of building for, and care of, the Adult Deaf within the community of Victoria.

The Board of Management fully realizes that the years ahead will call for patience and strenuous work if we are to reach the objective set, particularly when we realize that not only have we just passed through five years of war, but also through years unprecedented in our history for shortages of materials, skilled and unskilled labour. The Balance Sheet looks particularly healthy, but that is only so because of careful management and the knowledge that the future would call for heavy expenditure—that when we can replace all the worn-out buildings, and plant, and attack the general decay brought about by years of non-replacement—our finances will be sadly reduced and now the credit balance possibly turned into a debit, unless we can continue to raise substantial sums to meet these increased costs and necessary repairs.

AIMS

It is the aim of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society to continue to provide facilities for their people—where they do not already exist to bring them into being, and where amenities are already in operation—and a considerable number are—to improve them and extend them and thereby help every person in this State who may be so afflicted.

It is a fact that the Deaf and Dumb, cannot be included in any general scheme for the community as a whole, since their affliction creates peculiar difficulties and requires special provision for its amelioration.

On a percentage basis the number of deaf people in the community is very small, but collectively, and seen together at their Welfare Centre, the number is very substantial and it is, therefore,

in the economic interests of the community, and to the deaf themselves, that the work should be encouraged and assisted, as the Government does not subsidise this particular part of the community other than those who are totally disabled or receive in common with other people invalid or other pensions.

Until such time as it is realized that the Deaf and Dumb form a definite class isolated by their lack of power to hear and converse in the usual way—this position seems likely to continue. Therefore, this Society has made, and will continue to make, every effort to meet demands for education, training, employment and the social and religious activities so necessary to help our people.

THE CHURCH

Being founded on Christian principles, the Society has a Church where the Deaf and Dumb gather for worship and thanksgiving.

Services are often conducted by visiting clergy whose words are interpreted in the language of gesture (sign language). These services are held regularly every Sunday and Prayer and Lesson every Thursday evening. The Church being undenominational, Ministers and Lay Preachers of various denominations are welcomed.

EMPLOYMENT

During the war the Deaf played a very honourable part, and with rare exceptions have since carried on this fine tradition.

The Society, wherever possible, endeavours to find employment that is congenial and of a type which offers some degree of permanency. The reader will readily agree that many avenues of employment are not suitable for those who are doubly handicapped such as the Deaf and Dumb, but results in the main speak very well for the co-operation between employers and employees.

The Society is always very glad to hear of employers ready to employ our people, and a special register is maintained for this purpose.

INTERPRETING

In matters concerning the Deaf, it is unfortunate that we hearing people know very little.

This double loss is not apparent until personal contact is made. Therefore, interpreting is a most important link for the community. This is supported by the number of calls made on the staff, embracing visits to employers, Doctors, Dentists, Oculists, Legal and Government Offices and Hospitals, and it is only by the patience

and understanding on both sides through the medium of interpreting that the one can understand the other, and vice versa.

It is interesting to note that during the year the following visits were made:—

Employment and Follow-up visits		70
Court and Police Work, etc. (some of this in t	he	
Country)		20
Hospital and home visits ov	ver 4	-00
Taxation, Government Departments, Legal Office	ces	56
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Weddings, Funerals, Etc.		1 2

GENERAL

Many hundreds of lectures, also Church Services, were conducted in the sign language.

INDIVIDUAL CASES

In addition to the above, Officers of the Society always arrange for country visitors, their accommodation, meeting trains, etc., and the other one-hundred-and-one things that have to be attended to in such circumstances, also advice on personal problems.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. F. W. Spry, a Vice-President of the Society, and a Member of the Board since 1932. Mr. Spry also served as Hon. Treasurer 1933-35, as Chairman 1935-41, and took a keen and active interest in the work of the Society and the welfare of the Deaf Community; his passing is a great loss to us all.

Mr. M. J. Hoath tendered his resignation as a Member of the Board and Mr. F. W. Cox was appointed in his stead. Mr. Hoath has served the Society and the Deaf Community since 1929 and it is regretted that pressure of other affairs prevented his continuance. The Board has recommended his appointment as a Life Governor of the Society in recognition of the sterling services rendered by him.

THE GUILDS

Both the women's and the men's guilds have their regular meetings throughout the year where lectures, debates and discussions on current topics are held. It is also the training ground for future committee members in the general carrying out of the Society's policy.

THE DEAF COMMITTEE

The Deaf elect their own committee of ten members, whilst two representatives are appointed from the Board of Management, making a committee of twelve. This committee is entrusted with the control of the inner activities of the Society, and its work is greatly appreciated by the Deaf Community and the Board of Management.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

There are occasions when even the most serious of matters must submit to a period of relaxation, and the Society does in its programme foster everything that is good and healthy in sport and entertainment and relaxation.

Every member has a choice according to his wishes, ability or inclination, of billiards, table tennis, chess, draughts, quoits and all other indoor games, whilst for outside sport, cricket, lacrosse, and tennis are indulged in in their proper season. General activities are covered by dancing, lectures, library and picture nights.

HOSTELS

As the Society is unable to proceed at present with its long-range plan for building a hostel designed to accommodate 40 or 50 people; work on a temporary hostel for young men has commenced in our grounds at Jolimont. However, we emphasise that this is a temporary arrangement, and we hope when finance, labour and materials are available the erection of the big hostel can be undertaken. This, however, will cost a very considerable sum of money, and is one of the many things for which we are planning.

"TALKABOUT"

A small book with the above title is published monthly for the benefit of the Deaf of Victoria.

Copies are also sent Interstate and overseas, keeping interested friends posted on our activities.

OUR HOME AT BLACKBURN

Our Home at Blackburn is called upon to accommodate and care for all dependent Deaf, such people embrace those who are aged, infirm, blind or mentally defective or unable for some reason to support themselves. The only exceptions made are those unfortunates who are uncontrollably mental, permanently bedridden or infectious cases. The Home—and it is a home in the fullest sense

of the word—offers complete care to these people who normally would be unable to afford such skilled attention. The Home accommodates both sexes under conditions which allow every attention to be given their particular wants.

Treatment and methods of treatment have been a particular work at Blackburn for many years past, and this study has given the Superintendent and Matron a very great understanding of the afflicted which has definitely lessened the patients' problem, thereby saving them from worse hurt than might have been the case had the particular person been in hands less competent to deal with them. So successful has been the treatment over the years that many occupations are willingly indulged in such as sewing, growing flowers and fruit, and care of poultry, whilst we also find some of the patients keen on domestic duties of the more simple type, and where such evidence is shown, it is encouraged by every means.

It is not too much to say that the Blackburn Home becomes a most important place in the small universe of these people. Fortunately, during the past year, the Home has secured more manpower, and for that reason many improvements such as painting and other essential repairs have been made by the staff and it should always be remembered that this home has no rest for 365 days in every year.

INVITATION

It is to the support of the Blackburn Home that many people make their donations and we reiterate our invitation to visit the Home at any time in order to see just exactly what happens to any and every such donation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ARE MADE TO-

Miss ALICE GRAHAM. To whom again this year we are indebted for generous financial assistance. We hope she will be well enough to visit us during the coming year when all members of the Society will be very pleased to see her again.

Rev. F. A. HAGENHAUER. Our warmest thanks for conducting services in our Church, and also for the inspiring Services at Cairns Memorial Church.

Rev. J. H. FREWIN, M.A. Our thanks for conducting Services during the past year.

Misses C. and B. MONAHAN. For the good work done on behalf of the Geelong members.

Mr. H. LUDBROOK, of Ballarat. For co-operation through the year.

Mr. F. BELL. Who has acted as our efficient and friendly M.C. at our dances for many years.

Dr. SELWYN SUTTON. For unfailing help on behalf of the patients at Blackburn. During the year the Doctor has examined every patient and given his reports or instructions to the Superintendent. Also to Mrs. Sutton for her many kindnesses to our Home patients.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS. To the various doctors and nurses who have been very kind and attentive to our afflicted community.

BLACKBURN HOME AUXILIARY. To its members for gifts and many added comforts to our Home.

BLACKBURN MASONIC LODGE. For their help to our Blackburn Home and many kindnesses throughout the years.

MITCHAM MASONIC LODGE. For their help to our Blackburn Home last year and for many past years.

Mr. A. E. SAYNOR. For donations and thoughtfulness for the needs of our Home at Blackburn throughout the year.

Mr. S. A. BURGESS. Our thanks for a great deal of work done in his own time and at his own cost.

To many Companies for donations at Christmas time and the pleasure these have given our patients.

HEADQUARTERS AND HOME STAFF. To our Superintendents and Matron, who have as usual done such a splendid job—also to the Clerical Staff at Jolimont for their loyal co-operation.

Mr. J. M. Johnston has completed 21 years' service with the Society—and a suitable presentation was made to him to mark the occasion.

Subscribers. We appreciate very much the goodwill, financial assistance and gifts so generously given by our subscribers and friends throughout the year. We have been greatly encouraged by their generosity and assure them that for every subscription whatever form it takes, we are indeed grateful.

H. BEDGGOOD, Chairman.

C. R. B. JAMES, Hon. Director.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DEAF COMMITTEE

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the Sixty-second Annual Report of the year's activities for your approval.

Thursday Evenings. Thursday Evening Meetings are the "high-light" for most of our folk, the main features being Lectures, Lantern and Cinema Shows, Quiz Nights, etc. The standard of the entertainment has been of a high order and well maintained, much of our thanks being due to hearing friends who have brought along their own up-to-date machines.

We are thankful that hostilities have ended and that Peace is again with us and we trust that it will not be long before we are able to commence building our long desired new Club Rooms.

Temporary Hostel: Work has commenced on the Temporary Hostel for boys, and it is hoped that 12 to 14 male boarders will be comfortably housed before very long.

Divine Services: Divine Services have been conducted regularly throughout the year. Holy Communion has been celebrated on several occasions by Rev. J. Frewin, M.A., and Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, M.A. We extend our thanks to both gentlemen.

Two special services for the benefit of our Community were conducted throughout the year, first at Hawthorn West Presbyterian Church and secondly at Cairns Memorial Church, East Melbourne.

Five weddings were celebrated.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday, March 17th.

Geelong: Meetings have been held regularly each month at the Geelong Branch and it has been pleasing to see the increased attendance throughout the year.

Socials, etc.: Saturday Evening Recreation Gatherings, Quarterly Rallies, Dances, etc., are as popular as ever, and with the intro-

duction of Table Tennis our Society is indeed a happy place of entertainment and recreation for our folk.

Sport: We are sorry to report that Billiards is in the "hibernating" state, but we feel confident that, with the return of cloth and rubber, interest will be as keen as in the past.

Our Lacrosse Club has now entered its third season and has done very well, being transferred to A Grade Section. We are pleased and proud to report that the sportsmanship of the players has been praised by Referees and Opposing Clubs.

The Tennis Club reports quiet progress, but feels that with the coming Interstate competition a resumption of training and play would be made before long.

The Chess Club is making a name for itself representative of the sportsmanship of our members.

Our Cricket Club enjoyed a good season, although the form was below premiership standard. Members are looking forward to a good season in the Summer.

The Guilds. The Men's and Women's Guilds continue to play an important part in the well-being of our Society.

Much good work has been done by the members of the Women's Guild with assistance at the suppers on Thursday and Saturday evenings, also on many other occasions.

Queensland Carnival Trip Fund. Great interest and excitement has been noticed at our Club Rooms, the reason being Socials and Evenings organized for the purpose of raising funds for the Deaf and Dumb Carnival which is to be held at Queensland during the Christmas-New Year period 1946-47. Success seems to be assured if receipts are any criterion.

In conclusion, your Committee extend thanks to those who, by their co-operation and assistance, have materially lightened its work throughout the year and hope and pray that the Almighty Benefactor will continue to bless our work and those who assist us.

J. HUNT, Honorary Secretary to Deaf Committee.

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(Sgd.) E. H. PEACOCK, Hon. Treasurer. 9th September, 1946.

Sgd.) HENRY F. McCREA, Secretary. 2nd September, 1946.

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I have examined the books and accounts of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of Victoria (Incorporated) for the year ended 30th June, income from all sources, and its expenditure on all accounts. With respect to the balances represented by assets in the various statements of accounts and found them to be in order.

(Sgd.) O. R. MACDONALD, Chartered Accountant (Aust.).

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Subscriptions 1945-46

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