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Guide to the Bendigo Health Collection

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WHAT IS THE BENDIGO HEALTH COLLECTION?

There are three-hundred-and-forty individual volumes across forty-one series in the Bendigo Health collection. All series are open access with a small number of records closed due to privacy or conservation reasons. The first records were produced in 1856 and the latest records in 2018. This is the first consignment of records transferred from Bendigo Health to the Public Record Office Victoria. Records include, among others, patient registers and case notes, minutes (a record of business dealt with at meetings) and reports made to the managing committees. A second consignment is currently in the process of being transferred. There is no estimated time for this second collection to be released at this stage.

WHAT IS BENDIGO HEALTH?

The Bendigo Gold District General Hospital and the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum were the first two agencies within this series to be established. All other agencies included in this collection are ancillary services run under the auspices of these two agencies. The Hospital and Asylum also underwent several name changes until they were brought together as Bendigo Health Care Group in 1995. Between the auxiliary groups, name changes and mergers, the collection is formed of records from fifteen individual agencies. A timeline showing this evolution can be found below and will help you navigate to the appropriate agency. At different times, some ancillary agencies had a reach in either service or patient admission far beyond Bendigo, including Mildura, Swan Hill, Echuca and Gisborne.

HOW CAN I ACCESS THIS COLLECTION?

All open access records can be ordered through the PROV online catalogue for viewing at the Bendigo Reading Room (only on Bendigo Regional Archive Centre open days). The records cannot be viewed at the Victorian Archive Centre, the Eureka Centre or the Geelong Heritage Centre Reading Rooms, and copies cannot be ordered. Private search agents, as listed on the PROV website, may be engaged to view and record items if you are not able to visit the Bendigo Reading Room or arrange your own proxy.

1853	BENDIGO GOLD DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL
1857	BENDIGO BENEVOLENT ASYLUM
1868	+ SANDHURST INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
1873	+ BENDIGO RECEIVING WARD
1884	+ LYING-IN WARD
1885	- INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
1886	BENDIGO BENEVOLENT ASYLUM & LYING IN HOSPITALS
1920	- LYING-IN WARD
1930	BENDIGO & NORTHERN DISTRICT BASE HOSPITAL
1937	BENDIGO BENEVOLENT HOME
1950	+ NORTHERN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF NURSING
1962	+ LODDON HOSPITALS REGION GROUP LAUNDRY & CENTRAL LINEN SERVICE
1963	BENDIGO HOME & HOSPITAL FOR THE AGED
1972	+ <i>BENDIGO PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES</i>
1988	ANNE CAUDLE CENTRE
1989	- <i>NORTHERN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF NURSING</i>
1992	BENDIGO HOSPITAL
1995	BENDIGO HEALTH CARE GROUP

+/- = Ancillary service added or closed

VPRS 18834 – Bendigo & District Gold Hospital Contributory Fund Secretary Reports

Number of records: 1
Date range: 1945-1953
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: Unknown
Format: Typed
Includes names: Yes

The Contributory Fund was set up in 1945 to provide reimbursements on hospital costs for donors or their dependents who were admitted to any registered Victorian hospital. Management was undertaken by members of the Hospital Committee of Management. Information included in the reports is mainly finance-related and references decisions made by the committee, and also lists of subscribers for certain years.

Sample of content

- 'The Hospital engineer Mr Tope has undertaken to carry out the required alterations to the Fund office'
- 'Visits to the Ordinance Factory to establish a group were commenced and 144 enrolments have been made'
- 'Gunbower Butter Factory is circularizing all clients intimating it will pay annual contributions deducting the amount from the cream cheque'
- 'I suggest that a further £1,000 worth of bonds be sold giving us a working credit balance of approximately £400'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18834/records>

VPRS 18835 – Bendigo & Northern District Base Hospital – Loddon Hospitals Regional Council Minutes & Reports

Number of records: 1
Date range: 1954-1980
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: Unknown
Format: Typed
Includes names: Yes

The Council was established in 1954 to 'collaborate in a plan of hospital development through a scheme of regional organisation'. It was a forum for regional hospitals to discuss issues, provide updates, share practices, and make decisions about broader issues. The meetings were attended by representatives from hospitals, care homes, ambulance services, bush nursing services and the Hospitals & Charities Commission. Districts represented included Bendigo, Berriwillock, Birchip, Castlemaine, Charlton, Cohuna, Dingee, Donald, Dunolly, Echuca, Elmore, Heathcote, Inglewood, Kerang, Kyneton, Lockington, Maldon, Mid-Murray, Mooroopna, Nyah, Rochester, Sea Lake, St Arnaud, Swan Hill, Wedderburn & Wycheproof. Meetings of the Regional Council were held three-four times per year. This volume includes minutes from the inaugural meeting.

Sample of content

- 'Survey of laundry services found Rochester find difficulty handling theatre linen without proper facilities and Cohuna has a laundress and household equipment but would be interested to have laundry done at Echuca if transport could be arranged'
- 'It was suggested that a dietitian from Prince Henry's Hospital speak to the group at the next meeting'
- 'Swan Hill hospital is worried that 3SH will stop their annual radio appeal as two other stations connected with the campaign have stopped.'
- 'The nursing profession should be made a respectable profession for men. There must be a large field of potential nurses amongst young men'
- 'Agreement to renovate and update the first floor of the Kyneton Hospital bluestone building'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18835/records>

VPRS 18868 – Bendigo & Northern District Base Hospital Chief Engineer Monthly Reports

Number of records: 3
Date range: 1962-1982
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten
Includes names: Yes

The Chief Engineer would submit a report to the Hospital Committee each month relating matters about various parts of his role including equipment, infrastructure, repairs, roads and facilities.

Sample of content

- May 1966 – Mr R Lee is leaving to join BHP as a junior engineer and after a study based at Newcastle Technical College, he will be going to sea.
- October 1967 – Watering has been restricted to hand held hoses throughout the grounds including the bowling green.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18868>

VPRS 18860 – Bendigo & Northern District Base Hospital Advisory Board Minutes (House, Finance, Management, Advisory and Boilery & Laundry Committees)

Number of records: 13
Date range: 1975-1992
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Typed, left-hand margins are difficult to read in some volumes due to the method of binding
Includes names: Minimal

These volumes record the meeting minutes of the Hospital's Advisory Board, House Committee, Boiler House & Laundry Joint Committee, and the Management Committee. They note issues considered and

decisions taken by the various groups, and include information on correspondence, tenders, staffing and finance.

The minutes are bound together in one or two year blocks, and the minutes colour coded by group:

- Pink – Advisory board
- Green – Finance committee
- White – Management committee
- Yellow – House committee
- Grey – Boiler & laundry joint committee

Sample of content

- '(Green) October 1979 – The Public Trust Office advised that the hospital is named as sole beneficiary of the Violet M Brown estate valued at approximately \$2,810.'
- '(White) May 1982 – The following points were noted from the Infection Control Officer – the numbers of patients being treated with MRSA [methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus] were down and that a contaminated water spray used for flowers in the ward had been found and subsequently withdrawn'.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18860>

VPRS 18850 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Committee of Management Notices of Motion

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1859-1881

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten into templated columns

Includes names: Mainly contributors only

Note that only 18 pages in this volume have content. Each notice of motion put to the Asylum Committee of Management was recorded in this volume. A notice of motion was a request for the Committee to make a decision or ruling on a specific matter. Each motion is recorded with the date of the motion and the decision, the person making the request (mover or proposer), and the decision reached by the Committee.

Sample of content

- '1881 – that the cash (£2,500) be withdrawn from the Bendigo Permanent Land & Building Society unless security be given to the satisfaction of the officers, and it be placed at deposit in the Commercial Bank'
- '1872 – that a memorial stone be laid in one of the pillars of the portico now in course of erection and that the arrangement of the same be referred to the Building Committee'
- '1873 – that 20/ a week allowance to superintendent for horse feed to commence on October 7'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18850>

VPRS 18866 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Applications for Indoor Relief

Number of records: 37

Date range: 1860-1909

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Individual page templates handwritten, later typed

Includes names: Yes

To be treated within the Asylum as a patient, a person would need to be a subscriber (pay a nominated fee at intervals) or present a written certificate from a subscriber. This was the mechanism used to provide support for people in destitute circumstances. These certificates had to be presented to the Superintendent by each Tuesday afternoon and were then considered by the Committee of Management the same day.

Each entry starts with the date and 'Gentlemen, having minutely inquired into the circumstances of the bearer, and satisfied myself that he/she is a fit object for reception into the Asylum, I beg to recommend for admission...' and is followed by the Superintendent's signature, the committee signatures on the reverse, occasionally a letter of referral, and the following details (not always completed) for the patient:

- Name, age & place of birth
- Parents' names and profession
- Length of time in the colony & current place of residence
- Former occupation, any real estate owned and current means of subsistence
- Marital status and whether there are children; local friends/relatives and their professions
- Infirmity or complaint
- Name of the person recommending

Sample of content

November 1863

William Atkin, 70, born Nottingham England

Parents David & Ellen Atkin, stocking manufacturer

Twelve years in Victoria, currently at White Hills

Formerly a charcoal burner, no means of subsistence or property; married, two boys (dead)

Senility, rheumatism and inflammation of the bladder

No friends or family in the colony

Recommended by NG Drought

June 1908

Margaret Gunsh, 70, born Ireland

Parents Edward & Bridget Dillon, farmers

Forty-three years in Victoria, currently at Gunbower

Old age pensioner, old age pension of 10 shilling per week; married, no issue

Senile decay

John Gunsh, husband, labourer, Gunbower

Recommended by GR Eakins MD Echuca Hospital

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18866>

VPRS 18808 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Annual Reports

Number of records: 17

Date range: 1861-1995

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Bound printed copies of each year's annual report. Some are individual, some are bound together into volumes of several years.

Includes names: Minimal

This series holds all the published annual reports for the Asylum. Each copy includes the year's financials, as well as information about key staff and office bearers, main activities, developments and infrastructure. Lists of contributors and donors are included, sometimes categorised by headings including 'Mining & Other Companies', 'Benefit Societies', 'Chinese Contributions' and 'Grants from Corporate Bodies'.

Sample of content

- '1864 – During the past year 99 persons have been admitted into the Asylum, of whom 17 have been children and 1954 heads of families have received outdoor relief being an increase of 1237 over the number of the previous year.'
- '1859 – The style of the building is after the Italian manner, plainly carried out. The building will be heated on the second and third floors by a hot air apparatus after the improved plan of Mr Chilton, Boston US, the value of which system lies in the method of constructing a large air chamber round the furnace and not 'firing up' too strongly so that the air drawn from the outside is only heated, not burnt or decomposed'.
- '1877 – Chinese contributions per Messrs Chin Kit & Le Wah, Ah Po, Ah Hen, George Young, Hop Yit, Hin Kew, Kin Hoy, A Tie, Sum Quong Mou... etc'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18808>

VPRS 18839 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Visiting Committee Records

Number of records: 9

Date range: 1862-1942

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten, handwritten into printed templates

Includes names: Yes

Report Books

A brief entry is made on each occasion that the Committee visited the Asylum and each member signed their name to the entry. It makes short notes as to any issues found or suggestions from staff which are then raised to the Asylum Committee.

Sample of content

- 'January 1913 – The Committee visited the various wards and found them in good order and no complaints from inmates. It is suggested that the wards be scrubbed in the morning in order that they may have time to thoroughly dry'
- 'May 1933 – Inspected the various wards and found all in excellent order and the inmates enjoying the bright sunshine and appeared well, also inspected the grounds and gardens and congratulated Mr Mahar in his attempts to save expense in manufacturing asbestos for packing steam pipes at much less cost than purchased article.'

Visitors' Books & Register

These volumes record the name and remarks of all visitors to the Asylum. The remarks record a variety of things, usually the person they are visiting or the purpose of their visit.

The Register is a record of people visiting the officials of the Asylum. At the rear, there is a single page listing the superintendents of the Asylum with their signatures (some cut and pasted from other documents).

Sample of content

Visitors' Books

- 'October 1876 – Mrs Birchmore, to visit Sarah Davies'
- 'October 1883 – W Fraser, teacher'
- 'April 1887 – James Lee Wah, to visit the Chinese'
- 'April 1963 – Yogi Bear and Huckleberry Hound, Tongala Victoria'

Visitors' Register

- 'September 1844 – AD Wermuth, Chief Commissioner of the German Empire – highly delighted by the asylum and the manner in which it was kindly shown to us'
- 'May 1923 – Rev S M Solomon, Melbourne Hebrew Congregation'
- 'Nov 1873 – Sir G and Diamantine Bowen – I am much pleased with the arrangements of this Benevolent Asylum as also with those of the Bendigo Hospital which I also visited on this day'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18839>

VPRS 18849 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Register of Inmates

INDEX AVAILABLE – BENDIGO FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1870-1941

Navigation: Surnames grouped alphabetically then chronologically by admission date

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

This volume records the name, age, religion, birthplace, occupation, cause of admission, sponsor, locality and if foreign, year of arrival for inmates admitted to the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum (from 1937 the Bendigo Benevolent Home). Some entries also include notes on discharge or death.

Sample of content

- '1901 October – Margaret ALICE, 68, Roman Catholic, born Ireland, charwoman, received from Melbourne, paralysis, recommended by Victorian Government, died Apr 1901 apoplexy'
- '1899 January – Too Tang WONG, 69, pagan, born China, miner, received from Bendigo, blindness, recommended by Wing Chung Sing, died senile debility February 1899'
- '1915 August – Karl EGGERS, 81, born Germany, labourer, received from Mildura, old age, recommended by BBA committee, died Jun 1915'
- '1935 July – Henry MADDERN, 65, Methodist, born South Australia, bushman, received from Castlemaine, destitute, war pensioner, metho drinker, discharged 1935'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18849>

VPRS 18859 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Committee of Management Minutes

Number of records: 5

Date range: 1877-1939

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

This series records the minutes of meetings held weekly by the Asylum committee of management. Items discussed included decisions on applications for relief, admission and discharge of patients as well as issues arising from reports received by the Medical Officer, Matron and Superintendent.

Sample of content

May 1928

Mrs M Simmons, 27, with five children living in Bakewell Street Bendigo was granted 9/0 per week in kind. Her husband only gets occasional work. 12/- per week is charged for her house, her eldest child is six and youngest thirteen months. She expects another in August.

August 1934

Mrs Esther Ball of 122 Lily Street applied for relief for herself. Her husband is in Mont Park and all her children are provided for through the Children's Welfare Department, her total income being £1.10.6. She was granted four weeks at 5/- per week.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18859/records>

VPRS 18838 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum & Lying-In Hospital Superintendent Reports

Number of records: 5

Date range: 1884-1934

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: NO

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

These volumes contain the weekly reports submitted by the Superintendent of the *Asylum* to the Committee of Management. The reports include notes on the admission, discharge and death (age and cause) of patients, distribution of sustenance & relief (including 'special' funds like the Single Men Sustenance Fund and the Mayor's Relief Fund), gifts received and monthly summaries on patient numbers.

Sample of content

- 'Sixteen distributions of outdoor relief were made to sixteen families, six of whom were travellers passing through the district'
- 'William McCrae was admitted to the Malignant ward on the 11th from the Melbourne Hospital'
- 'During January, 380 distributions of groceries were made'
- 'I visited four Chinese residing at Kangaroo Flat, all very old and decrepit'
- 'William Davis, aged 75, native of Sweden, died 24 February from diarrhoea'
- 'Gifts received and gratefully acknowledged – Mr Toll of Gunbower, 49 oranges; Williams the Shoeman, shoes; Favalaro Brothers, two Christmas cakes; Mrs Cahill, one sheep; Messers HM Leggo & Co, assorted jams and Irish stew'
- 'Joseph Waley did not avail himself of aid on 23rd'
- '936 distributions made of outdoor relief during the month to a daily average of 244 adults and 83 children at a cost of £66.11.7'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18838>

VPRS 18837 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Honorary Medical Officer's Reports

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1885-1892

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: NO

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

Whenever the Honorary Medical Officer visited the *Benevolent Asylum* or its ancillary services, he recorded between a paragraph and a page of notes outlining who he saw, what he did, and feedback received. These were submitted to the *Asylum's* Committee of Management. Notes cover medical aid provided, deaths occurred.

Sample of content

- 'Examined Brunton suffering from syphilis'
- 'John Lucy's opiate to be increased to 35 drops'
- 'Was called to the Lying In Hospital between 12 and 1 in the morning and upon arrival there I found a girl had been admitted named Lizzie Davis, she had had a miscarriage of about two or three months age'
- 'Visited Asylum today, Ah How died yesterday from fistula'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18837>

VPRS 18848 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Annual List of Inmates

Number of records: 3

Date range: 1897-1934

Navigation: Chronological; male patients units 1 & 3, female patients unit 2

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

Divided by male (units 1 & 3) and female patients (unit 2), these registers contain details of patients admitted to the *Asylum*. For each patient, the register records the date of admission, age, birthplace, religion, residential area, occupation, cause of admission and discharge details.

Sample of content

- 1894 17 July – Margaret Thomas, 83, senile debility, domestic, Presbyterian, born Spain, from Ballarat, died '20 April 1898'
- '1896 11 May – Elizabeth James, 70, cataracts, school teacher, Church of England, born England, from Huntly'
- '1896 13 September – Emma Holland, 33, paralysis, barmaid, Presbyterian, born Tasmania, from Melbourne'
- '1905 20 May – Frances C Slumph, 75, old age, milliner, Church of England, born India, from Inglewood'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18848>

VPRS 18863 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Building & Finance Committee Minutes

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1905-1942

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

Only twenty-two pages of this volume have content. It records the minutes of meetings held by the Building & Finance Committee of the *Asylum*. The meetings seem to be intermittent, with only a dozen meetings being minuted. Matters discussed included activities of the committee, reports submitted, correspondence received and decisions made.

Sample of content

- '1908 after the matter had been thoroughly discussed and the boiler at the Hospital inspected, it was agreed to recommend the committee to obtain a new boiler'
- '1919 it was resolved to obtain estimates for repairs and underpinning foundations in the old matron's quarters on ground floor'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18863>

CURRENT UNDER CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT
VPRS 18851 – Bendigo Benevolent Asylum Outward Letter Books

Number of records: 1
Date range: 1909-1911
Navigation: Chronological with a general alphabetic index at the start of the volume
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten with some typed
Includes names: Yes

This volume records copies of letters sent by the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum and Lying-In Hospital.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18851>

VPRS 18856 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Register of Patients

INDEX AT FRONT OF SOME VOLUMES

Number of records: 9
Date range: 1856-1889
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten into templated columns
Includes names: Yes

These volumes record the admission to and discharge of patients at the Bendigo Gold District Hospital. Information taken includes date of application, admission and discharge, name, age, occupation, native place, cause/disease, result, relatives, religion and remarks.

Sample of content

- March 1884 – Fanny Frost, 14, domestic service, born Sandhurst, Golden Square, Salvation Army, ward ten, referred by superintendent, typhoid fever, cured, discharged April 1884
- June 1885 – Woy Chung, 56, gardener, born China, lives Kangaroo Flat, pagan, ward three, referred by Mayor, pneumonia, died July 1885
- February 1887 – John Gill, 17, miner, born Victoria, California Gully, presbyterian, ward five, referred by Mayor, fractured tibia and fibula, cured, discharged March 1887

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18856>

VPRS 18854 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Index To Admission & Discharge Registers

Number of records: 4
Date range: 1856-1965
Navigation: Surnames grouped alphabetically then chronologically by admission date
Complete: No (missing 1 July 1922-30 Jun 1923)
Format: Handwritten
Includes names: Yes

This series is an index to the Bendigo Gold District General Hospital & Bendigo (later Northern District Base Hospital) Admission & Discharge Register (VPRS 18855). Each index book lists the patient's name and dates of admission and discharge.

Sample of content

- 'Dot Craven admitted 17 September 1918 discharged 9 October 1918'
- 'Peter Hopley admitted 14 February 1905 discharged 20 February 1905'
- 'Karl Reihl admitted 9 February 1907 discharged 17 April 1907'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18854>

VPRS 18858 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Committee of Management Minutes

Number of records: 7

Date range: 1857-1930

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: Yes

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

These volumes record the minutes from the monthly meetings of the Hospital committee of management. They address decisions made, matters discussed, correspondence, tenders, staffing, reports and finances.

Sample of content

September 1927

Re: Lansell gift, £4,600 – Mr Hyett referred at length to the great generosity of Mrs George Lansell and moved that the best thanks of this Board be tendered to Mrs Lansell for her most noble and generous benefaction and that we place on record our deep appreciation for her spontaneous gift.

September 1874

The following tenders were received for the half-yearly supplies viz groceries (individual prices given for tea, sugar, butter, eggs, potatoes, rice, oatmeal & barley): P Mooney, Bisset & Coy, Taylor & Coy, Moore Bros. Moore Bros tender accepted tea, sugar, no sample sent. Messrs Hayes and Inglis to call on Moore Bros and get sample.

December 1929

The following made application for probation nurses and were placed on the waiting list on the motion of Mr Whitehead and Mr Wallis: Grace Terry, Mary Francis Hayes, Doris V Lysson, Lillian J Reith, L Margaret King, Mabel Agnes McGuffin, Dorothy HM Anderson, Eileen M Darryan.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18858>

VPRS 18847 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Register of Outpatients

Number of records: 6

Date range: 1881-1915

Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten
Includes names: Yes

This series is a simple register of all outpatients attending the Bendigo Gold District General Hospital. For each patient, the volumes record their name, age, disease, and date of admission. Before 1910, the patient's residence, method of admission, and occasionally the occupation will be recorded.

Sample of content

- 'Isabella Rigby, 25, Eaglehawk, committed, 5 January 1892, pregnancy (four months)'
- 'William Faulkner, 32, Kangaroo Flat, mayor, 26 May 1894, syphilis'
- 'Catherine Cashen, 30, dressmaker, Boort, mayor, 3 Aug 1892, dyspepsia'
- 'Leslie Abra, 1, John Abra, 3 & William Abra, 5 of Golden Gully, 9 Oct 1894, pertussis'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18847>

VPRS 18869 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Outward Letter Books

Number of records: 5
Date range: 1882-1922
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten carbon copies
Includes names: Minimal

These volumes hold copies of letters sent by the Hospital, primarily by the Committee secretary or treasurer. They are carbon copies on thin paper and in many cases are illegible. Many appear to be something akin to invoices, summarising costs for maintenance and medical attendance and addressed to patients or estates. Unit three contains an index (1890-1922).

Sample of content

1908 June

Conveyance of lunatic patient Catherine F Burns from Bendigo to Sunbury, paid Railway fares patient and return for nurse - £1.1.0

Telegram for cab to meet tram to convey patient and nurse to Sunbury – 9/-

Paid cab from Railway Station Bendigo and Sunbury - £6.6.0

Meals for patient and nurse - £3.6.0

1897

Maintenance of lunatics

Blanford AL from 15 January 1897 to 23 January 1897, nine days

Terry Jane “

Bluhm Fred “

Thompson James “

Doolan Thomas “

At 5/- per day - £15.5.0

1905 October

To Peter O'Neill, Eaglehawk

Attendance, 15 days, 53 days, nine days (1889 to 1995), 67 days. £172

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18869>

VPRS 18846 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Patient Notes

PARTIAL WRITTEN INDEX IN SELECTED VOLUMES

Number of records: 5

Date range: 1883-1898

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten (poor quality)

Includes names: Yes

Three volumes for female patients and two for male patients, these volumes record the brief notes for individual patients made by Dr JC McKee, Consultant Medical Officer of the Bendigo Hospital.

Sample of content

- 'Katherine Bamford, 6 April 1900, Has had yellow discharge for fortnight coming suddenly for first four or five days there was pain. Sometimes if bowels are relaxed patient loses control of sphincter but is usually able to control the motions, has had seven children and one miscarriage about eight years ago. Last baby ten months old, still at breast. No menses have appeared and no discharge until a fortnight ago. Advised to come in as soon as possible for operation.'
- 'Allen Young, 15 October 1897, 19 years. Admitted suffering effects of blasting accident. Whole body was peppered and burnt with the explosion. Face severe lacerated wounds of cheeks, eyelids and lips. Wound of cornea at its margin. Chest very much burned by small pieces.'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18846>

VPRS 18865 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Applications for Outdoor Relief

Number of records: 2

Date range: 1885-1913

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten on templated column pages

Includes names: Yes

The Bendigo Gold District Hospital provided outdoor relief – food and clothing – to people in need of support but who did not need to be institutionalised for health or residential reasons. People had to obtain a certificate from a Hospital life governor confirming they were destitute and apply by 2:30pm each Tuesday when the Visiting Committee would assess all applications. These volumes record the date of the application hearing, the names, residences and sponsor of each applicant. Later volumes record if the application was granted.

Sample of content

- 'September 1892 – Letitia Briggs, Sheepwash Road, Mayor of Bendigo'
- 'December 1891 – Ann Richards, Sandhurst, Salvation Army'
- 'March 1890 – Mary Hannah & infant, Sandhurst, Richard McCullagh'
- 'September 1887 – Patrick Lawson, Sandhurst, Reverend O'Donnell'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18865>

VPRS 18843 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Monthly Relief List

Number of records: 6

Date range: 1890-1915

Navigation: Chronological by ward, month and year

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten on templated column pages

Includes names: Yes

These records record the name of patients and the duration of their stay at the Bendigo Gold District Hospital using a tick-column-by-day format. Each Ward is recorded separately, including the Lunacy Ward.

Sample of content

- 'Ward 2 October 1895 – Elizabeth Butter, 8th to 19th'
- 'E Cottage January 1898 – Magdalena Meyer, 1st to 13th'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18843>

VPRS 18844 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Minutes of the Medical Board

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1892-1897

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Minimal

Only forty-six pages of this volume have content. The Medical Board of the Bendigo Gold District General Hospital met monthly to consider matters relevant to doctors and surgeons and their responsibilities, including aid provided, admission and discharge of patients, and staff management.

Sample of content

- 'Following instruments required: one hernia director, suction curette, four scalpels, Clover's crutch, breast knife, bladed uterine dilator, one strabismus hook'
- 'Re: letter YPCES [Young Peoples Christian Endeavour Society] requesting permission to sing on wards in evenings – refused on grounds that medical board are of opinion that granting this request would be injurious to the welfare of the patients'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18844>

VPRS 18836 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Resident Surgeon & Medical Superintendent Monthly Reports

Number of records: 2
Date range: 1914-1955
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten
Includes names: Minimal (largely staff)

These records are comprised of reports made by the Resident Surgeon (later titled Medical Superintendent) of the Bendigo Hospital. The reports were submitted to the Committee of Management and addressed issues including patients admitted and count, equipment and staffing. Later reports tend to be simple tables of admissions, discharges, deaths and current patient numbers.

Sample of content

- 'September 1918 – the x-ray plant is in bad working order and an expert from Melbourne has inspected and has said it will cost L61 to bring it up to full working order.'
- 'July 1919 – The admissions to the influenza ward have increased very much and at present there are 32 cases in the ward, 10 of which have pneumonia. Dr Little has had an attack of influenza and at present is convalescing. The whole of the staff have been inoculated against influenza. Sister Long is off duty suffering from a mild attack of influenza.'
- 'December 1937 – Mr Tope is making headway with the making of splints and it is hoped that after a short time he will be able to keep pace with the demand.'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18836>

VPRS 18862 – Bendigo Gold District General Hospital Finance Committee Minutes

Number of records: 1
Date range: 1923-1931
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten, some typed inserts
Includes names: Minimal

This volume records the minutes from meetings of the *Hospital's* Finance Committee. They detail discussions regarding decisions made, correspondence received and the financial state of the *Hospital*.

Sample of content

- '1924 – resolved that the payment of nurses be increased from £10 to £15 in first year to date from August'
- '1925 – must fix reserves for Holmes Estate properties situate in McCrea Street (viz Exell Conway Jeffery Fitzpatrick & Fryberg) which are being offered by public auction today'
- '1928 – resolved to obtain particulars re: insurance of radium against fire'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18862>

VPRS 18831 – Bendigo Health Care Group Annual Reports

Number of records: 26
Date range: 1995-2018
Navigation: Chronology
Complete: Yes
Format: Printed booklets
Includes names: Minimal

This series holds all the published annual reports for Bendigo Health, including Annual Quality of Care Reports. Each copy includes the year's financials, as well as information about key staff and office bearers, main activities, developments and infrastructure. Reports after 2018 were only produced in electronic format.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18831>

VPRS 18833 – Bendigo Home & Hospital for the Aged Director of Nursing Monthly Reports

Number of records: 1
Date range: 1973-1984
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: Unknown
Format: Typed
Includes names: Yes

Information included in the reports changes over time.

- Patients (admissions, totals, gender divisions, milestones, activities)
- Infrastructure (spending, maintenance)
- Staffing (achievements, recruitment, leave, dismissals, uniforms)
- Training (courses conducted, locations, speakers)
- Auxiliaries (events, appointments, fundraising, interactions)
- Management (directives, media)

Sample of content

- 'Dr B Bennett with a following of children played Father Christmas which was a novelty for all'
- 'As part of McWilliam's Wine centenary celebrations a presentation was made to our two female patients who have turned 100 this month, Miss Matilda Whitfield and Mrs Clara Cooper'
- 'Three Eaglehawk Primary School boys who are members of a First Aid Club raised \$15 and donated to the Home in a small ceremony'
- 'Most of the Ward 9 nursing staff have developed a very irritating rash. Dr Straede has been consulted many times and he has made light of it'
- 'Mrs Shirley Christie has requested permission to increase charges for her hairdressing services'
- 'Staff resigned – four sisters, nine RNAs, two SNAs and one ward help'
- 'Nursing Aide Exams – Misses K Pierce and R Hope were successful, results published *Sun* 1 May 1975'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18833>

VPRS 18861 – Bendigo Home & Hospital for the Aged Committee of Management Minutes

Number of records: 18
Date range: 1876-1988
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Handwritten and typed
Includes names: Minimal

This series comprises volumes of minutes for meetings held monthly by the *Asylum* (and later Lying-In Hospital, Home for the Aged & Anne Caudle Centre) Committee of Management. Meetings covered topics such as correspondence, reports, and decisions made on staff, events, finances, tenders and functions.

Sample of content

- '1988 Koala Bill, Miss Marlene Jackson and Val Fehring who judged the displays were delighted by the imagination and enthusiasm of the team effort. Ward E7 invited all to a 'Life. Be In It.' Party. The winning display went to Stella Anderson Wing for their May Gibbs creation'
- '1987 All hospital award salaries will be increased by 4% from October 20'
- '1942 'Support received from House Committee that tenders had been dealt with for bread. The tender of Mr CJ Rasmussen was accepted for six months'
- '1944 on the motion of Messrs Every and Smalley, it was decided that permission be granted to the Bendigo Branch CWA to plan tan evergreen shrub in the grounds'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18861>

VPRS 18864 – Bendigo Home & Hospital for the Aged Joint Committee of Management Golden Oaks Village Minutes

Number of records: 3
Date range: 1963-1977
Navigation: Chronological
Complete: No
Format: Typed
Includes names: Minimal

Golden Oaks was a joint venture between the Bendigo Asylum and the Bendigo & District Old People's Welfare Society. This series documents the meetings of the management committee including decisions made and matters discussed which covered finance, correspondence and staffing.

After 1977, the minutes were included in the Committee of Management Minutes (Weekly VPRS 18859 and Monthly VPRS 18861).

Sample of content

- 'June 1966 – Mrs J Fearn asked permission to have a child stay during school holidays, the administrator's action in giving prompt permission was approved'.

- 'April 1977 – Chief engineer's reports note items for attention including Unit 31 Miss Fawssett's hot water thermostat not functioning; Unit 32 Mrs Lambshead's gas stove griller cannot be lit; Unit 40 Mrs Simpson troubled with crickets coming under the door'.

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18864>

VPRS 18853 – Bendigo Home & Hospital for the Aged and Bendigo & Northern District Base Hospital Boiler House & Laundry Group Various Records

Number of records: 27

Date range: 1965-1989

Navigation: Chronological with minutes, monthly and annual reports grouped

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten & typed

Includes names: Minimal

The Boiler House & Group Laundry of the Asylum operated the Central Linen Service and was overseen by a joint advisor sub-committee. At different times, the Group serviced health facilities at Bendigo, Castlemaine, Boort, Charlton, Cohuna, Echuca, Elmore, Heathcote, Inglewood, Kerang, Kyneton, Maldon, Nyah, Pyramid Hill, Rochester, Dunolly, Kilmore, Rochester, Lancefield, Gisborne, Marong, St Arnaud, Swan Hill & Wycheproof.

This record series contains several different types of records:

- Loddon Hospitals Region Group Laundry & Central Linen Service (Bendigo Home & Hospital for the Aged) – Report on Operations (1965-1990)
- Boiler House & Group Laundry Joint Advisory Sub-Committee Minute Books (1956-1989)
- Laundry Supervisor's Reports to the Boiler House & Laundry Joint Advisory Committee (1956-1962)

Reports on Operations (23 units)

Each year the Joint Advisory Committee published a booklet containing information on the annual meeting (attendees, officers), financial statements, inventories and statistics.

Sample of content

- '1970 – Clean dry weight of linen issued twelve months to 30 June with YOY comparison – Alexander (Castlemaine) 728,250; Bendigo Home & Hospital for the Aged 791,169; Bendigo & Northern District Base Hospital 867,169; Boort District Hospital 24,897 etc'
- '1989 – Operating material costs up 16.7% at \$142,614, sharp increases in unit costs particularly chemicals'

Minutes (three units)

The minutes record the business and decisions of the committee as well as regular financial statements on operations and balance sheets. Topics include purchase and maintenance of equipment, waste management, members of the group and expenditure.

Sample of content

- '1979 – Mr Lacy tabled a formal application from Mt Alvernia hospital to join the Central Linen Service'
- '1959 – Additional laundry staff to train as assistants to the Laundry Supervisor and Forelady were considered necessary, the appointment of a junior male and adult female for this purpose was authorised'
- '1989 – Mr Frauenfelder tabled a proposal for the purchase of a Vortex J-Tech model V1700 TRS steam meter with associated chart recorder and J-Tech Model FC 801 Microprocessor total cost of \$9,500'

Laundry Supervisor's Reports (one unit)

These reports to the Committee summarise operations at the Laundry including updates on performance and suitability of the various equipment in use (vacuum ironer, drying tumblers, presses etc), the sites (wash house, production), outputs, and staffing.

Sample of content

- '1959 – the three machines are still keeping a steady supply of uniforms, doctors' coats, pyjama coats etc to both the Home and Hospital'
- 1960 – from a staff of 32 members we are producing 33,000 pounds CDW each week including one truck driver and one male cleaner'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18853>

VPRS 18830 – Bendigo Hospital Annual Reports

Number of records: 54

Date range: 1853-1995

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: Yes

Format: Printed, several years bound in each volume

Includes names: Minimal

This series holds all the published annual reports for the Hospital. Each copy includes the year's financials, as well as information about key staff and office bearers, main activities, developments and infrastructure. Lists of contributors and donors are included, sometimes categorised by headings including 'Mining & Other Companies', 'Benefit Societies', 'Chinese Contributions' and 'Grants from Corporate Bodies'.

Sample of content

'1935 – Send your donation NOW be it 1/- or £100, in the addressed envelope enclosed. Remember! It may be your turn next!'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18830>

VPRS 18852 – Bendigo Hospital List of Life Governors

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1868-1962

Navigation: Surnames grouped alphabetically then chronologically by year of gift

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten in printed index columns

Includes names: Yes

This volume records the Life Governors of the Bendigo Hospital and a list of Meritorious Service Medal recipients. For each individual, there is a record of their name, profession, residence, date and amount of their gift and remarks.

Sample of content

- Hunter, Robert, gentleman, Burnewang Park Elmore, 1889, 12.10.0; dead
- Putnam, Rupert Voyles, Mclvor Road Bendigo, 1939, Jockey Club
- Perry, Gertrude, salesgirl, 16 Burrows Street Golden Square, Popular Girl Competition
- Christopher, John, railway loco sheds, Bendigo, 1929, 10.0.0, Railway Loco Sheds
- Noble, Talbot Joel, Leitchville, 1927, Hospital Sunday Appeal

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18852>

VPRS 18832 – Bendigo Hospital Visiting Committee Minutes

Number of records: 3

Date range: 1873-1952

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

The Visiting Committee was a small group appointed to assess relief applications and report on the conditions within the hospital, requesting support from the committee where required. Entries are generally short – a third to half a page – and are signed off on by multiple members of the committee. Entries made for visits from 1935 onward are generally not expansive.

Sample of content

- 'Visited the hospital and passed forty outdoor patients this day. House steward reported that being unable to get a cook by advertising has requested the late male cook JR Warne to take temporary charge of the kitchen.'
- 'The resident surgeon drew our attention to the dilapidated state of the floor cloth in the operating room.'
- 'A patient named William Howard complained that another patient named Anthony Miller, who is old and blind, has been very much annoyed by the conduct of patients Grierson and Preston who when remonstrated with, abused him.'
- 'Have recommended the appointment of following nursing staff on probation – Gladys Irene Eeles, Mona Elliott, Marion Hughes'
- 'Have requested Mr Vahland to provide a quote on an open drain'

- 'Some of the sliding windows in the chalet are not functioning properly and require attention'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18832>

VPRS 18855 – Bendigo Hospital Admission & Discharge Register

INDEX AVAILABLE – VPRS 18854 (chronologically by surname alphabetical grouping)

Number of records: 10

Date range: 1890-1938

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten into printed template

Includes names: Yes

These volumes record admissions to and discharges from the Bendigo Gold Hospital and later Bendigo Northern Base Hospital. The level of detail taken changes over time but can include date of admission/readmission/discharge, name, address, age, place of birth, gender, address, days in hospital, pension status, contributions received, religion, remarks and death details.

Sample of content

3 June 1928 to 22 June 1928 (eighteen days)

Joseph Travers Jones, 45, Railway Hotel Boort, male

Church of England, born in New Zealand

Ward five, donation received

22 July 1922 to 6 August 1922 (nineteen days), incomplete abortion

Muriel Kenworthy, 31, 27 Casey Street Bendigo, female

Roman Catholic, born in Victoria

Ward one, contribution received

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18855>

VPRS 18840 – Bendigo Industrial School Childrens Registry

INDEX AVAILABLE – BENDIGO FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1868-1885

Navigation: Surnames grouped alphabetically then chronologically by admission date

Complete: Yes

Format: Handwritten in printed template

Includes names: Yes

This volume records details of children admitted to the Bendigo Industrial School. The School was operated by the Bendigo Asylum under the Department of Industrial & Reformatory Schools and took in children neglected or on the order of the Court. For most, if not all, children recorded in this volume, there will be a corresponding record in the Victorian Ward Registers (VPRS 4527, 1864-1887) which will include further detail about the child, their situation and their movements. These registers have been digitised and are searchable by name in the PROV catalogue.

Information for each child includes name, date of admission, gender, date of birth, religion, term of commitment, transfer or discharge information and remarks.

Sample of content

- 'Michael Lloyd, admitted 10 March 1883, male, born 10 July 1872, Roman Catholic, four years, discharged 7 May 1884 to service'
- 'James Grant, admitted 25 April 1876, male, born 14 July 1866, Roman Catholic, seven years, discharged 24 July 1877 to Sunbury'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18840>

VPRS 18841 – Bendigo Industrial School Visitors Book

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1868-1896

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: Yes

Format: Handwritten

Includes names: Yes

The Bendigo Industrial School cared for neglected and wayward children from the district and beyond. The entries record the thoughts and observations of official visitors who attended the school. Visitors include clergy, family, the honorary surgeon, welfare groups, and interested parties from interstate and overseas. Some entries are in foreign language. The school was closed in 1885 and the entries after this date relate to Bendigo Benevolent Asylum visitors.

Sample of content

- 'Visited my child and I am very well pleased with the care as been taken of her'
- 'Have visited several similar institutions in various parts of the colonies and have found few to equal and none to excel in cleanliness and management'
- Entry in French by officers of the French frigate *Coetlegon* and the secretary to the French Consulate

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18841>

VPRS 18845 – Bendigo Receiving Ward Patient Records

Number of records: 9

Date range: 1908-1941

ONLINE INDEX AVAILABLE

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten on templated pages

Includes names: Yes

Two pages are recorded for each patient admitted to the Bendigo Receiving Ward. At a minimum, records include the patient's name, age, residence, occupation, marital status, religion, who brought

them to the Ward, the 'form of insanity' and discharge details. Most records also include information about the next of kin, the supposed cause of the illness, its duration, whether destructive, dangerous or suicidal, previous or hereditary mental health patterns. At certain times, very detailed notes are made regarding the behaviour, words and activities of the patient, the treatments offered, and specifics about their physical and mental health. Just under half of the patients committed to Sunbury died at that institution with inquest deposition files created (VPRS 24) which have been digitised up to 1937.

For patients admitted to dedicated facilities such as Sunbury and Royal Park, there are further records available at North Melbourne for these institutions. You can search by agency in the PROV catalogue to see what records are open and for what time frames (Sunbury, VA 2843; Royal Park VA 2845; Kew VA 2852; Yarra Bend VA 2839; Beechworth VA 2842; Ararat VA 2841; & Ballarat VA 2844).

Sample of content

- '19 July 1918, George Alexander Thompson, 21, single, Sebastian, Church of England, labourer, brought by police. Quiet life habits, supposed cause is epilepsy, condition for two weeks, not suicidal, dangerous or destructive. Father John Thompson of Sebastian. Remanded 21 days then committed to Sunbury Asylum for the Insane'
- '25 August 1919, George Matthew Dewing, 44, single, Nyah, Church of England, labourer, brought by friends. Religious mania, fair health. Friend, May Chong, Nyah. Committed to Sunbury Asylum for the Insane'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18845>

VPRS 18842 – Bendigo Receiving Ward Court of Petty Session Register

Number of records: 2

Date range: 1942-1950

ONLINE INDEX AVAILABLE

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Handwritten into templated columns

Includes names: Yes

The Court of Petty Sessions dealt with 'minor' court matters including criminal, civil and licencing matters. These registers record cases brought before the Bench relating to requests for admission to and release from the Bendigo Receiving Ward (part of the Bendigo Gold District Hospital & Northern District Hospital). The Receiving Ward was a short-term mental health facility where patients were assessed during a short stay before being discharged to home or the care of family or friends, or referred to the Hospital Wards or a dedicated institution, usually Sunbury Asylum. Details recorded include case number, who referred the patient, patient name, whether they were on arrest, warrant or summons, the charge, and the decision.

Note that prior to 1942, judicial decisions relating to patients connected to the Receiving Ward were noted in the individual patient's record (VPRS 18845).

Sample of content

- 'November 1943 Hamilton George Boulton, first constable for Matilda Koch, arrest, deemed insane and not under proper care and control, remanded for not more than seven days'
- 'December 1943 Robert Leslie Johns, first constable for Frederick Bendigo Coulson, arrested, deemed insane, committed to Mental Hospital Kew'
- 'July 1946 GC Hutchinson, first constable for Amelia Florence Rigby, arrest, deemed insane, discharged'

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS18842>

VPRS 7493 – Bendigo Receiving Ward Register of Patients

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1874-1908

FULL DIGITAL DOWNLOAD FOR RECORD

ONLINE INDEX AVAILABLE

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: NO

Format: Handwritten in preprint columns spread across a double page

Includes names: Yes

This register notes the details of admissions to the Receiving Ward. It includes the dates of admission and discharge, number of days in the Ward, patient's name, age, address if known, diagnoses, and location of discharge (if to an asylum or death).

Sample of content

- 1874 Feb 18 – Isaac Gaffin, 60, address unknown, melancholia, discharged after 72 days
- 1903 Apr 13 – Thomas Hay, 22, epilepsy, discharged to Sunbury after 10 days

<https://prov.vic.gov.au/archive/VPRS7493>

VPRS 18857 – Hospitals & Charities Commission Board Meeting Minutes – Loddon-Mallee Region

Number of records: 1

Date range: 1970-1981

Navigation: Chronological

Complete: No

Format: Typed

Includes names: Minimal

The Hospitals & Charities Commission was established to assume responsibility for functions in Victorian facilities including their registration and inspection, administration of their finances and the training, engagement and classification of medical staff. The Commission was divided into five sectors and this series covers Sector 3 Loddon-Mallee (Bendigo, Echuca, Mildura, Castlemaine, Swan Hill, North West Ambulance Service). Meetings were held every other month and covered business such as training opportunities, linen services, geriatric specialties, conference and visit opportunities, program updates and payment approvals.

Sample of content

- 'Mr Ryan reported that 'Engelbert Lodge' was opened very successfully on Sunday 20 February'
- 'A discussion took place on the shortage of paramedical staff in the State'
- 'Four excellent films are available from the State Film Centre on general geriatric problems and have been recommended by Miss Wilson for showing at the November meeting'
- 'Swan Hill are offering a bursary if they can get an occupational therapist acceptable to Lincoln House'

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