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Australian Red Cross Centre – Former Recreation Hall, West Facade
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Site Details – Summary

Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, Queensland	
Site Address	55 Headfort Street, Greenslopes, Queensland, 4120 (corner of Newdegate Street) (Lots 123, 124 and 125 on RP46047)
Site Area	1,934 sq.m (0.5 acres)
Built	The two buildings on the site were opened in 1946, constructed using funds raised by the Australian Red Cross, on land owned by the War Service Homes Commission since 1919. The facility was operated by the Australian Red Cross to further support their volunteer services at the Greenslopes General Military Hospital opposite that had opened in 1942. In 1947, following the conclusion of WWII, the Hospital became the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital.
Zoning	Community Use
Current Owner	Repatriation Commission (Department of Veterans' Affairs)
Former Site Use	Former use by the Australian Red Cross (ARC) as a Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel since 1946 to 2013, supporting the former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. In 1995, the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital was sold by the Repatriation Commission and is now operated as the Greenslopes Private Hospital by Ramsay Health Care.
Current Site Use	The ARC site is currently without a use, remaining vacant since the Australian Red Cross departed in 2013, citing health and safety concerns in respect to the buildings.
Site Heritage Listing Details (Statutory)	<p>Commonwealth Heritage List Not listed.</p> <p>Queensland Heritage Register Not listed.</p> <p>Brisbane City Council's Local Planning Instrument Listed on the Heritage Register.</p> <p>Queensland Government Listed on the Queensland WWII Historical Places Register as 'Greenslopes Red Cross Hall and Hostel'.</p>

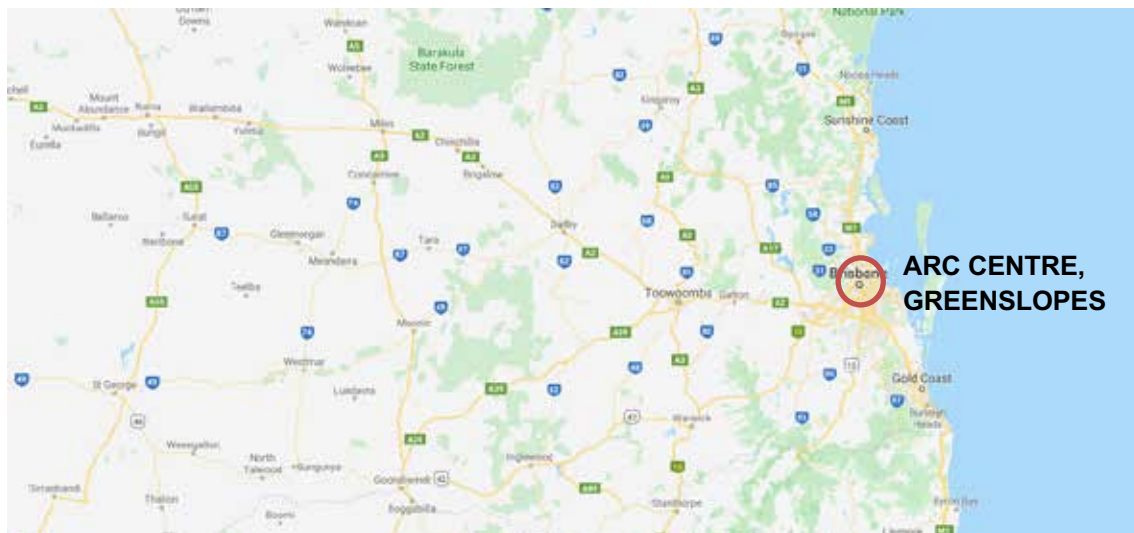


Figure 01 **Location Plan – Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, Queensland**
Source: 2021 Google Maps with Catalyst Architects overlay



Figure 02 *Precinct Plan – Australian Red Cross Centre, with Greenslopes Private Hospital Context*
Source: 2021 Google Maps with Catalyst Architects overlay



Figure 03 *Site Plan – Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, Queensland*
Source: 2021 Google Maps with Catalyst Architects overlay

1.2 Abbreviations

AAMC	Australian Army Medical Corps
AANS	Australian Army Nursing Service
AGH	Australian General Hospital
ARC	Australian Red Cross
BCC	Brisbane City Council
CHL	Commonwealth Heritage List
DVA	Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
HMP	Heritage Management Plan
NHL	National Heritage List
POW	Prisoner of War
RNE	Register of National Estate
RSL	Returned Services League
VADs	Voluntary Aid Detachments
WWI	World War I
WWII	World War II
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association

1.3 Report Structure

The structure of this report is as follows:

- **Section 1.0** provides an introduction and background to the project.
- **Section 2.0** provides understanding of general site context and history of the Greenslopes ARC Centre.
- **Section 3.0** provides additional research and findings from consultation with relevant stakeholders that informs this Heritage Interpretation Strategy.
- **Section 4.0** provides an interpretive strategy, identifying interpretive audience, providing recommendations for interpretive initiatives / locations and confirming relevant interpretive themes.
- **Section 5.0** provides a summary of recommendations arising from this Heritage Interpretation Strategy.
- **Appendices** contain extensive content suitable to populate all interpretive initiatives relevant to the Greenslopes ARC Centre site.

1.4 Project Background

The site of the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross (ARC) Centre is located on the corner of Newdegate and Headfort Streets, Greenslopes, Queensland (refer **Figure 03**). The site has been used by the Australian Red Cross since 1946, when it established a Recreation Hall building and an Accommodation Hostel building on Commonwealth land. These buildings supported the broader volunteer services provided by the ARC, at the adjacent Greenslopes General Military Hospital established in 1942. Funding for the ARC buildings was through funds raised at the Hospital Red Cross Café 1941-1945 (during WWII), staffed by Red Cross volunteers.

In 1947 following the conclusion of WWII, the Hospital became the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital and was operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) up until 1995, when it was sold to a private operator. Following the sale of the Hospital, the Greenslopes ARC site continued in use by the Australian Red Cross, who vacated the site in 2013 on account of OHSW concerns in respect to the poor condition of the buildings. The former Greenslopes ARC Centre site was occupied exclusively by the Australian Red Cross since their construction of it in 1946, up until their departure in 2013. From 2013 the site has remained vacant, with the DVA confirming the site as surplus to Commonwealth property needs. DVA preference is disposal of the site.

In support of site disposal, an *Asbestos Management Plan* was prepared for the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site. It found that cement sheeting products containing asbestos have been used extensively throughout both

buildings as the primary cladding element. In 2019, further ongoing repair to the asbestos cement roof cladding was confirmed as no longer viable on account of its poor condition, with roof replacement urgently required.¹

A *Contaminated Land Assessment* of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site has found Organochlorine pesticides in the soils, well exceeding recommended safe concentration levels for all land uses. This, along with the presence of heavy metals and other contaminants including asbestos fibres in the site soils, have been found to pose a high potential for health and environmental risk, requiring extensive site remediation.²

Proceeding with site decontamination works is considered a pressing priority by the DVA, in consideration of alleviating the perceived public health risks by local residents, raised through a recent and sustained media focus of the site. The most cost-effective decontamination solution for the site requires demolition of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre buildings and off-site disposal of around 140m³ of contaminated soil.

DVA commissioned a *Heritage Impact Assessment* to inform proposed site remediation and divestment actions, seeking to ensure that any potential Historic Heritage values for the site were identified and managed under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*.³

1.5 Heritage Impact Assessment Findings

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*, the DVA as a Commonwealth Agency, is required to self-assess if the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site has heritage values that would meet Commonwealth Heritage criteria. The DVA must also determine if proposed site remediation and divestment actions at the site, will have potential to cause an 'adverse impact' on any identified Commonwealth Heritage values for the place.⁴

The *Heritage Impact Assessment* (HIA) prepared for the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site, found that the site and its associated Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings, do not satisfy any of the Commonwealth Heritage Listing criteria. Accordingly, the site does not meet the CHL threshold for historic heritage value under the EPBC Act.

However, the HIA did find that the former ARC Centre Greenslopes site on account of its former use by the Australian Red Cross, has potential to contribute to the local heritage values associated with the former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site opposite. The former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, has operated as a privately-owned hospital since 1995 and has local heritage values that are protected through its entry in the Brisbane City Council Local Heritage Register. The former Greenslopes ARC Centre site is also entered in the Brisbane City Council Local Heritage Register, albeit this currently has no legal applicability to the site, given present ownership is by the DVA that is a Commonwealth agency.

The HIA confirmed that the former Greenslopes ARC Centre buildings (Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel) were found to be of low architectural merit and integrity, compared with other equivalent building types assessed of similar function and provenance. The HIA also confirmed that the Greenslopes ARC Centre c.1945

¹ *Asbestos Management Plan and Register for 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland* (Asbestos Audits Queensland, 04 February 2015).

Update of Asbestos Management Plan and Register for 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland (Asbestos Audits Queensland, 19 September 2019).

² *Phase 1 Contaminated Land Assessment – 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland* (Coffey Environments Australia, 24 September 2013).

Phase 2 Contaminated Land Assessment – 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland (Coffey Environments Australia, 28 October 2013).

Delineation Assessment of Organochlorine Soil Impacts – 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland (Coffey Environments Australia, 03 December 2019).

³ *Heritage Impact Assessment – Former Australian Red Cross Centre – 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland* (Catalyst Architects, 14 September 2020).

⁴ *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth EPBC Act) – Volume 2, Chapter 5, Part 15, Division 3A, Subdivision E: Obligations of Commonwealth Agencies – Minimising adverse impact on heritage values (Section 341ZC).

buildings were designed and constructed as inherently low-cost structures with limited durability – built urgently and with limited budget, to meet the pressing repatriation needs at the conclusion of WWII. The ARC Centre buildings function was supplementary and in support of the broader Australian Red Cross volunteer services being delivered at the former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site opposite.

An assessment of the condition of the existing Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings undertaken on 21 November 2019 by Catalyst Architects as part of the HIA, found that their condition was poor. The scope and magnitude of works required to provide a compatible ongoing use for both buildings was confirmed as unusually enormous, on account of the extensive scope of asbestos contamination issues that require virtually every building lining material to be removed and replaced throughout the site and the need for extensive building upgrades to meet modern building codes and regulations for all new site use options. Site-wide soil contamination issues pose additional adaptive reuse challenges. A range of building structural issues have also been identified.⁵

As part of the HIA investigations, itemised cost estimates were prepared to inform the viability of adaptive reuse options. It was concluded by the DVA, that the estimated cost required to retain and adaptively reuse either the Recreation Hall and / or the Accommodation Hostel buildings, was unlikely to gain financial support unless the project can demonstrate that it meets the core purpose and objectives for the Repatriation Commission or is considered essential for managing heritage values. The DVA confirmed that its preferred direction is full site contamination remediation, including demolition of the asbestos-clad former Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings, leaving the site clean for proposed disposal and new site use options.

The HIA concluded that an optimal outcome would see the adaptive reuse of the Recreation Hall building - should funding permit. However cognisant of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site not meeting CHL threshold for historic heritage value in its own right and recognising the need of DVA to deliver prudent and responsible financial management of public funds, demolition of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings and associated site remediation was a supported action under the findings of the HIA. The HIA findings accepted that there was no feasible or prudent alternative to taking this action.

1.6 Heritage Mitigation Measures Update

The HIA recommended that a cautious heritage management approach be adopted, in recognition of the potential contribution the former ARC Centre Greenslopes site makes to the local heritage values of the former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site opposite. Local heritage values of the former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site are protected through its inclusion on the Brisbane City Council Local Heritage Register. Accordingly, whilst there is no legal obligation to do so, the HIA recommended that DVA seek to minimise (in good faith) any potential for an adverse impact on local heritage values to the hospital site.

The HIA recommended that the potential for an adverse impact on local heritage values to the former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site will be mitigated, provided the following heritage management recommendations are adopted in respect to the former Greenslopes ARC Centre proposed demolition, remediation and site disposal actions:

- 1. Prepare a Heritage Photographic Record:** Prior to any site works commencing, prepare a Heritage Photographic Record of the Greenslopes ARC Centre site, capturing current found condition of the Recreation Hall, Accommodation Hostel and the site setting / context.

Mitigation Measure Benefit: Captures a permanent historical record of the site and buildings, that supports future historical understanding and research in respect to the site.

Update: An industry best-practice Heritage Photographic Record has been completed, capturing the former Greenslopes ARC Centre found condition.⁶ The record includes professional ground-based photography and aerial oblique drone-based photography and video. Also included is a site and building survey, inclusive of scaled building plans and elevations.

⁵ *Greenslopes Hospital – Veterans Buildings Conditions Report – 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland* (Bornhorst & Ward Pty Ltd Consulting Engineers, 16/05/2019, Rev. 1).

⁶ *Heritage Photographic Record – Former Australian Red Cross Centre – 114 Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, Queensland* (Catalyst Architects, 16 September 2020).

2. **Recover Missing Elements:** Every attempt should be made to recover missing elements, that are important in transmitting understanding of the Australian Red Cross former uses for this site:
 - a. “Australian Red Cross Centre” lettering.
 - b. Building establishment plaque.

Mitigation Measure Benefit: These elements are currently missing from the site, and if they can be connected back to the site (physically or through interpretation means), then they will assist to transmit understanding of the role of the former Australian Red Cross in respect to this site.

Update: This item is included in the subject of this report.

3. **Salvage Select Built Elements:** The following built elements should be retained at the site until a decision is made on how all retained built elements are to be included in future site interpretative initiatives (retained, modified, demolished). This decision is to be guided by the findings of a Heritage Interpretation Strategy:
 - a. South-west corner site entry brick pillars, with associated wrought iron elements;
 - b. Pedimented brick and concrete portico west façade, with associated metal handrailing and integrated “Red Cross” emblem. Noting this element also supports the missing “Australian Red Cross Centre” lettering and building establishment plaque.

Mitigation Measure Benefit: Select built elements currently insitu at the site will assist in transmitting understanding of the role of the former Australian Red Cross in respect to this site.

Update: This item is included in the subject of this report.

4. **Prepare a Heritage Interpretation Strategy:** Prepare a site Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre site.

Mitigation Measure Benefit: Interpretation is an effective means to transmit understanding of a site – its former uses and changes to its built environment over time. An interpretive strategy will provide an effective interpretation direction, relevant to the site context and its target audience.

Update: This item is included in the subject of this report.

5. **Establish a Compatible Future Site Use:** As part of a proposed site disposal process, careful consideration should be given to ensuring (as far as practical) that a future site use is established that will support an ongoing and compatible use for this site. Priority should be given to uses that will respect and promote the original philanthropic spirit established by the Australian Red Cross in its historical use of the site, specifically:
 - Future site use should richly benefit the wider community.
 - Future site use should actively promote / transmit an understanding of the site history, guided by a Heritage Interpretation Strategy.

Mitigation Measure Benefit: Maintaining future site uses that will enable a continuation of the original site use intent (community use), assists to maintain an appreciation and recognition of the earlier site use functions by the Australian Red Cross.

Update: This item is included in the subject of this report.

6. **Establish Heritage Protection:** A heritage management covenant should be established by the DVA as part of a site disposal / sale contract, ensuring the ongoing protection and interpretation of the Local Heritage values of the site (once it is out of Commonwealth ownership) and ensuring compatible future site use options are achieved for the site.

Mitigation Measure Benefit: A heritage management covenant ensures that the heritage management objectives identified in the HIA, notably around compatible future site use, are maintained for the foreseeable life of the property.

Update: The DVA have committed to including a heritage management covenant in the sale contract, with the intention that this supports the ongoing management and interpretation of the former use of the site following divestment.

7. **Adopt an Archaeological Protocol:** Adopt an archaeological protocol during demolition, site remediation and other general works at the site, including adaptive reuse.

Mitigation Measure Benefit: Potential remains of early site activities maybe uncovered / found as part of site remediation and demolition works, or during future site adaptive reuse works. If any archaeological remains are found, these should be identified and if relevant, protected and / or recorded. Archaeological remains have potential to contribute positively to site interpretive opportunities.

Update: The DVA have committed to adopting the archaeological protocol included as a recommendation within the HIA (Section 5.2, p. 102). Accordingly, the archaeological protocol is to be included by the DVA within all site demolition, remediation and general works contracts that it is managing. It is also to be identified in the heritage management covenant to inform all future site owners.

1.7 Report Purpose

This *Heritage Interpretation Strategy*, is produced in response to recommendations contained in the *Heritage Impact Assessment* for proposed divestment of the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross (ARC) Centre and associated building demolition actions.

It is intended to provide a means to mitigate potential for adverse impact to local heritage values of the former Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site opposite, by providing key themes and an interpretation direction that is relevant to the site context, its proposed future use and target audience.

This *Heritage Interpretation Strategy* also supports the DVA application for a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act).



c.1950 Red Cross Volunteers in civilian clothes in front of the ARC Centre Recreation Hall
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

2.0 Site Context

2.1 Chronology of Site Use History

The chronology following provides the main events associated with the historical development of the Greenslopes ARC Centre site.

Date	Development
Pre-European	Part of the land of the Turrbal people.
1824	Penal colony established at Redcliffe point.
1838	Area to later become Brisbane City, opened up for free settler occupation.
1859	Municipality of Brisbane proclaimed.
1863	Red Cross movement established in Geneva, Switzerland.
1914-1918	Australia participation in WWI
1914	Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society established in Melbourne.
1918	Repatriation Commission and Repatriation Department established in support of the <i>Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1917</i> .
1919	War Service Homes Commission purchases a 48-acre land parcel at Greenslopes, Queensland.
1939-1945	Australia participation in WWII
1941	Commonwealth of Australia purchased 16-acres of land from the War Service Homes Commission at Greenslopes, Queensland for establishing a new military hospital.
1942	Greenslopes 112 th General (Military) Hospital officially opened and run by Department of Defence. Construction of all main buildings was completed by the end of 1944.
1945	War Service Homes Commission transfers to Defence, a parcel of land directly opposite the hospital that it acquired in 1919. The transfer was for the Australian Red Cross to construct with its own funds, a recreation facility in support of Australian Red Cross hospital patient volunteer services.
1946	The Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre was opened. The buildings were used exclusively for providing entertainment and practical support to service personnel and Veterans cared for at the Greenslopes General Military Hospital opposite and supplemented other Red Cross services already established on the Hospital site.
1947	Following the conclusion of WWII, the Repatriation Commission (and associated Repatriation Department) took over management of the Greenslopes General (Military) Hospital facility and it was renamed the Greenslopes Repatriation General Hospital. The Greenslopes ARC Centre site was also transferred to the Repatriation Commission.
c.1960	Red Cross activities and use of the Recreation Building had diminished with increasing lack of patient interest, with Veteran use all but waned by 1960. By mid-1970, the Hall was being used by external Community-based groups not connected with the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital function. The Accommodation Hostel building continued in its original function.
1976	Repatriation Department was renamed the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

1995	Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site was sold by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to Ramsay Health Care and the hospital renamed Greenslopes Private Hospital. However, the Greenslopes ARC Centre was retained by the Repatriation Commission and the Australian Red Cross remained in occupation and control of the site.
2013	Australian Red Cross advised that it was vacating its occupation and control of the Greenslopes ARC Centre site on account of building contamination and OHSW concerns making the site unfit for ongoing occupation. Land and buildings were retained by the Repatriation Commission.
2013 - 2020	The Department of Veterans' Affairs, on behalf of the Repatriation Commission, commissioned various reports to inform a direction for the future management and use options for the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site. The site is deemed surplus to Repatriation Commission needs and the decision is made to undertake site disposal, including remediate site contamination as per recommendations of the DVA commissioned reports.
2021	Proposed site disposal and decontamination works determined by the <i>Minister for the Environment (Commonwealth)</i> to be a controlled action under the <i>EPBC Act 1999</i> .

2.2 Greenslopes ARC Centre - Brief History Overview

In the early phase of WWII, the Australian Government committed to constructing new purpose-built military run hospitals to support the needs of Australian Defence personnel - one in each mainland State. In Brisbane, a site at Greenslopes was selected and in February 1942, the Greenslopes General (Military) Hospital was officially opened. Run by the Department of Defence, the hospital provided medical, surgical and psychiatric care for military personnel during the war and in all subsequent conflicts. In 1947 with WWII ended, the Repatriation Commission (Department of Veterans' Affairs) took over management of the facility and it was renamed the Greenslopes Repatriation General Hospital. In 1995 the Repatriation Hospital site was sold to Ramsay Healthcare, a private hospital operator.

The Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society was established in Melbourne in 1914. During WWII the Australian Red Cross (ARC) was operating as a well-established volunteer humanitarian organisation, providing medical care and general support to meet the needs of defence force personnel and war veterans. One of its many diverse services, included the provision of "Recreation Huts" at all of the newly constructed military hospitals throughout mainland Australia. Following the opening of the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, the Australian Red Cross were granted approval to utilise three allotments of land to construct the current Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings upon. The selected site was opposite the hospital on the corner of Newdegate Street and Headfort Street. The land was retained by the Australian Government Repatriation Commission and they remain the current registered owner for the site today.

The Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel were built by the Australian Red Cross using funds raised through their volunteer efforts. The buildings were opened in early 1946, shortly after WWII had ended. Their purpose was to assist in providing entertainment and practical support to service personnel cared for at the adjacent Greenslopes General (Military) Hospital. The Greenslopes ARC Centre was staffed by Australian Red Cross volunteers, and was initially established as a venue for films, dances, concerts, billiards, library services, handicraft and rest rooms. Whilst functions of the site evolved and changed over time, the Australian Red Cross remained in control of the site up until their departure in 2013, citing that the poor condition and contamination concerns presented by the buildings was an OHSW risk for any form of ongoing occupation of the site.

2.3 Found Condition Photographs

Former Greenslopes ARC Centre – Drone Aerial Oblique



Site looking north-east.



Site looking north-west.



Site looking west, with Greenslopes private hospital in background.



Site plan view.

Former Greenslopes ARC Recreation Hall



South west corner.



West elevation, looking south.



Courtyard looking west.



South east elevation.



Hall interior, looking north east.



Hall interior from Stage, looking west.

Former Greenslopes ARC Accommodation Hostel



South west elevation.



North east elevation.



Lower level eastern amenities, looking south.



Upper level, typical bedroom, looking north-west.

2.4 Site Survey Plan

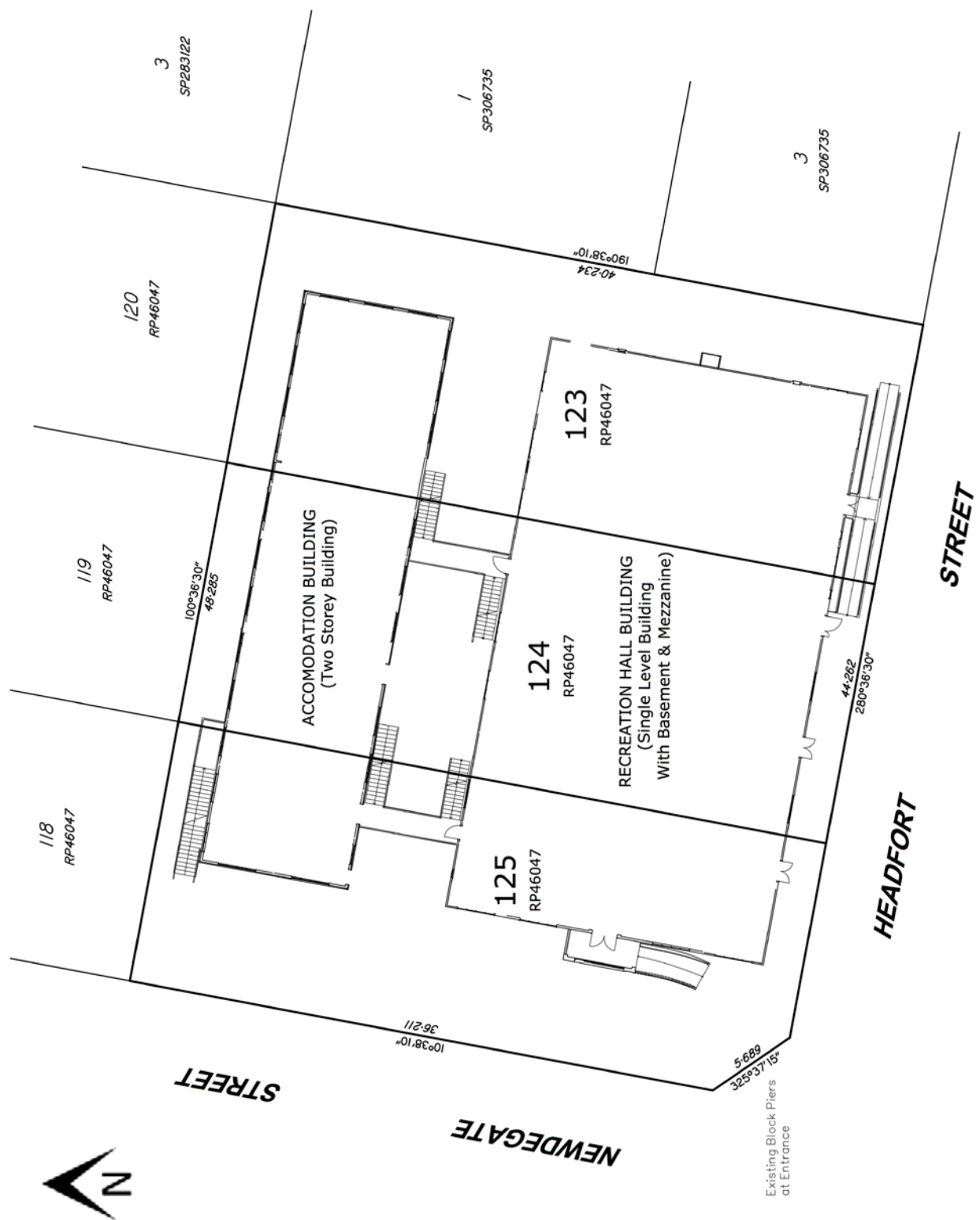


Figure 04

2020 Site Survey Plan

Bennett + Bennett Surveyors



c.1946, February 15 – Slipper making lesson by Red Cross handicraft worker in the ARC Recreation Hall
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

3.0 Consultation / Research

In delivering this *Heritage Interpretation Strategy*, research and consultation with various relevant stakeholders has been undertaken. These activities have informed:

- Available sources of information and photographs to populate proposed site interpretive content.
- An understanding of likely site adaptive reuse, under the proposed DVA disposal plans.
- Recommended “Interpretive Themes”

3.1 Australian Red Cross

Catalyst Architects (Jason Pruszinski, Director) undertook ongoing consultation with the Australian Red Cross through phone discussions and emails. The following representatives were consulted:

- Gillian Anderson, Australian Red Cross - Archives (National), North Melbourne, Victoria.
- Cynthia Griffis, Australian Red Cross - Archives (QLD State), Milton, Queensland.
- Mary Duncan, Australian Red Cross - Archives (QLD State), Milton, Queensland.

The Australian Red Cross holds an extensive heritage collection comprising photographs, Red Cross memorabilia (including uniforms, badges, posters, quilts, flags), records and Minutes, and many other items.

The Australian Red Cross archival management representatives (national and Queensland state) are volunteers and were very helpful and supportive of the objectives for this Heritage Interpretation Strategy. The following information was generously collated and supplied:

Australian Red Cross – Photographs

Early photographs relevant to the former ARC Centre Greenslopes site, were supplied from both the State branch (Queensland) and national archives of the Australian Red Cross. Australia Red Cross volunteer archivists undertook a complete search of their respective collections and confirmed that the supplied images constitute the full range of available photographs relevant to the Greenslopes site, that are held by the ARC. All images supplied are included at **Appendix A: Early Site Photographs**, with relevant sources noted against each image. Images held by the Australia Red Cross are available at higher resolution upon specific image(s) request, should these be required for heritage interpretive initiatives.

University of Melbourne

The Australian Red Cross national archives confirmed that their national collection (along with the Victoria State Collection) has been in the process of being transferred to the Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne since 2015. It is possible that the University of Melbourne collection may hold additional photographs relevant to the former ARC Centre Greenslopes site. A search by Catalyst Architects of the ARC digital catalogue held by University of Melbourne did not reveal any information relevant to the former ARC Centre Greenslopes site. The likelihood of additional images of Greenslopes being held in this collection is considered low.

Oral History Recording

Catalyst Architects requested from Australian Red Cross to identify any leads to persons who have had a connection with the former ARC Centre Greenslopes site, ideally up until around c.1965. Our request to Australian Red Cross advised that if we can identify former persons connected to the site, our intention is to capture their unique and personal stories and experiences through oral history recording, involving interview and transcript production. The stories captured will become part of the historical record for the Greenslopes site and will be lodged with relevant State Library and National Archives.

To assist with identifying suitable interview candidates, a Facsimile was cited that Australian Red Cross supplied to Catalyst Architects from a former Greenslopes Librarian, Otilie Brandt (nee Lee), dated June 2001 (included at **Appendix F**). Otilie would be an exceptional interviewee, albeit its recognised that if still alive, Otilie is likely

well over 90+ years of age. An internet search of the former staff names included in her transcript, revealed death notices for the majority of former staff, all around c.1980.

Australian Red Cross issued a request to relevant Queensland members and Board members seeking information of any potential contacts with a connection to the former ARC Centre Greenslopes site. Australian Red Cross have confirmed that to date, no relevant contacts have been identified.

Missing Site Elements

It is proposed that the former ARC Recreation Hall Building entry portico, complete with pedimented brick and concrete wall, metal handrailing and integrated “Red Cross” emblem be retained and adaptively reused, to form the end elevation to a new covered external pavilion for a proposed community park adaptive reuse of the site (refer **Section 3.4**).

The HIA **Heritage Mitigation Measure #02: Recover Missing Elements**, seeks that every attempt be made to recover select missing site elements that were part of the former ARC Recreation Hall Building entry portico. They are important in transmitting understanding of the former Australian Red Cross use for the Greenslopes ARC Centre site. Missing elements include:

- a. “Australian Red Cross Centre” lettering.
- b. Building establishment plaque.



Figure 05 **West entry portico of the former ARC Recreation Building**
Missing elements to be recovered - important for heritage interpretation (Catalyst Architects)

A request was made to the Australian Red Cross Queensland Branch in respect to locating the above missing elements for either recording or recovery. Australian Red Cross confirmed that many plaques and objects were identified in their collection, but none were found relating to the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site. Australian Red Cross did however supply in support of this HIA objective:

- A high-resolution photograph (refer **Appendix A – Photo 12**) that provides a sufficiently accurate basis to reconstruct the “AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS CENTRE” lettering as part of the adaptive reuse proposal for the site (refer **Section 3.4: Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Legacy**).
- A high-resolution photograph (refer **Appendix A – Photo 12**) that provides a sufficiently accurate basis to reconstruct the building establishment plaque as part of the adaptive reuse proposal for the site (refer **Section 3.4: Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Legacy**). The plaque wording is confirmed as follows:

“THESE BUILDINGS WERE PROVIDED FROM FUNDS RAISED BY THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS OF THE RED CROSS CAFE. CAFE PROFITS £70,635. 1941-1945”.

Australian Red Cross Approvals

Any on-site heritage interpretive initiatives that seek to use the Australian Red Cross emblem, must first seek formal written approval from Australian Red Cross prior to proceeding. All proposed use / reproduction of the Red Cross emblem is strictly controlled by the Australian Red Cross, to ensure retention of emblem integrity and consistency of design, colours, scale and the like.

Australian Red Cross Annual Reports

The *Australian Red Cross Annual Reports (Queensland and National)* contain extensive information relevant to the former Greenslopes Military Hospital and associated former Greenslopes ARC Centre. In support of this Heritage Interpretation Strategy project, the Australian Red Cross kindly prepared and supplied an extract of all references to “Greenslopes” from the *Australian Red Cross Annual Reports / Quarterly Reports* commencing 1941 up to 2013, when the former Greenslopes ARC Centre was closed.

All *Australian Red Cross Annual Report* references are reproduced at **Appendix E**, providing an engaging source of information useful to informing and populating future site interpretive content. Whilst the material is administrative in nature, it does provide interesting and pertinent insights into the function and use of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre. Social insights are also gleaned from this information. Select examples of content from the Australian Red Cross Annual Reports, relevant to the identified interpretive themes for the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site, are included at **Section 4.3**.

3.2 Greenslopes Bunker Museum

‘The Bunker Museum’ was established by the Greenslopes Private Hospital. Catalyst Architects visited the Museum in November 2019 and select images from that visit relevant to the former Greenslopes ARC Centre, are included at **Appendix A**.

The Museum is located in the only remaining WWII bunker at the hospital. Three bunkers were initially constructed shortly after the hospital was opened in response to Japan entering the war. They were constructed between existing hospital walls.

The museum is open to the public and displays historic photographs and newspaper clippings dating back to 1942. Relevant site contact is Associate Professor Christopher Strakosch, resident historian of the Bunker Museum, Greenslopes Private Hospital.

3.3 Site Remediation Contractor

The DVA have engaged Enviropacific to deliver proposed site remediation works. A meeting was held on 10 November 2021 between Catalyst Architects (Jason Pruszinski, Director) and Enviropacific (Paul Adams, Remediation Manager). Discussions confirmed that proposed site demolition and remediation actions were seeking to retain the former built elements recommended in the HIA to be retained in order to transmit understanding of the former ARC Centre site use, comprising:

- South-west corner site entry brick pillars, with associated wrought iron elements.
- Pedimented brick and concrete portico west façade, with associated metal handrailing and integrated “Red Cross” emblem.

Enviropacific confirmed that these select site elements can be preserved insitu as part of the required site decontamination actions. In addition, Enviropacific sought advice from Jacobs structural engineers, who confirmed that there are no structural engineering impediment to retaining these elements insitu, throughout as part of the proposed building demolition and site decontamination works. Structural stabilisation works will be undertaken as required (underpinning and the like) to ensure the stability and integrity of these elements throughout the works.

It remains desirable that the former built elements as recommended in the HIA to be retained and incorporated into proposed future site use interpretive initiatives (refer **Section 3.4: Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Legacy**).

3.4 Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Legacy

The DVA have confirmed that as part of the DVA site disposal plans, negotiations are progressing to transfer the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site to the Brisbane City Council (BCC). The BCC has formally confirmed its interest in receiving the site, for the purpose of establishing a community park in the form of an 'urban common'.

The BCC community park proposal, also proposes a partnership with Legacy Brisbane, that would see roughly half of the site (the eastern portion) occupied by Legacy Brisbane as their new State Headquarters, with the BCC park element, occupying the western site portion fronting Newdegate Street.

Legacy was established in Australia in 1923 and Legacy Brisbane was founded on 18 May 1928. Legacy is a national charity organisation that strives to ensure that the partners and children of veterans who gave their lives or health in recognised military service, can fully realise their potential. Legacy was founded on The Promise made in the trenches of the Western Front during World War I of a soldier to his dying mate, to care for his wife and children. Legacy shares a similar establishment role and function as that of the Australian Red Cross, in meeting the needs of veterans and their families in practical ways.

Legacy Brisbane has commissioned Hayball Architects to develop a Concept Design for their proposed new headquarters building on the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site, which also includes a proposal for the BCC community park. This design is included at **Appendix D**.

Brisbane Legacy Workshop

A workshop was held on 12 November 2021, for Catalyst Architects to receive information on the BCC and Legacy Brisbane design proposal for adaptive reuse of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site. This meeting was intended to inform this *Heritage Interpretation Strategy* and to ensure that the proposed site adaptive reuse, is informed by the HIA recommendations.

Workshop attendees on 12 November 2021 included:

- Legacy Brisbane, Client Representative (Brendan Cox, CEO)
- DVA, Current Site Owner (Dave Binny, Director – Property)
- Hayball, Architects (Graham Legerton, Principal)
- Urbis, Urban / Landscape Design (Julie Saunders, Director)
- Gripfast Consulting, Project Management (Dave McGuire, Director)
- Catalyst, Heritage Architects (Jason Pruszinski, Director)

Catalyst Architects note the following outcomes for the BCC / Legacy Brisbane design proposal (refer **Appendix D**) in respect to the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site:

- Proposed site use by BCC and Legacy satisfies the following HIA recommended Heritage Mitigation Measure:
 - #05: Establish a Compatible Future Site Use: As part of a proposed site disposal process, careful consideration should be given to ensuring (as far as practical) that a future site use is established that will support an ongoing and compatible use for this site. Priority should be given to uses that will respect and promote the original philanthropic spirit established by the Australian Red Cross in its historical use of the site, specifically:*
 - *Future site use should richly benefit the wider community.*
 - *Future site use should actively promote / transmit an understanding of the site history, guided by a Heritage Interpretation Strategy.*
- The design proposal meaningfully incorporates all former built elements recommended in the HIA to be retained in order to transmit understanding of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site use. These include:
 - South-west corner site entry brick pillars, with associated wrought iron gate elements. The design as currently proposed, will see these existing original site elements mark the new public pedestrian entry to the site, accessing both the proposed BCC community park and Legacy House.
 - Pedimented brick and concrete portico west façade, with associated metal handrailing and integrated "Red Cross" emblem. The design as currently proposed, will see this building entry element adaptively reused, to form the end elevation for a new covered external pavilion set within the community park.

- Proposed Legacy House building form, scale, design language and materials, have direct design references to the former Greenslopes ARC Centre Hall and Hostel built elements.
- Included in the proposed Legacy House building design is a “Legacy Archive and Display Room” to convey the history and mission of Brisbane Legacy. In addition, the Legacy House proposed entry stair / front of house area provides opportunity to incorporate interpretive elements. It is proposed that these convey the history of both Legacy and of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site.
- Legacy House will be open to members of the public and will provide a facility that supports the work of the many Legacy volunteers.

A Legacy Brisbane supporters dinner was held in late November 2021 to officially present the design proposal and to assist with fundraising efforts.



Figure 06 *Perspective of concept design proposal for BCC Community Park and Legacy House*
Hayball Architects, 10 November 2021 (taken from Appendix D)

Catalyst Architects Recommendation

The proposed site adaptive reuse by BCC for a community park and Legacy Brisbane as its new State Headquarters, would positively support a key objective identified in the HIA - that the site be maintained for uses that promote the original philanthropic spirit established by the Australian Red Cross in its historical use of the site. In addition, the design proposal for the proposed park and Legacy House makes a proactive contribution to realising interpretive outcomes, seeking to transmit understanding of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre uses of the site and retaining key built elements from the former site use, as recommended in the HIA to be retained.

3.5 Other Research Sources

The following archive centres and libraries have been consulted during historical research:

- National Archives of Australia
- State Library of Queensland
- State Library of Victoria
- Trove, National Library of Australia
- Queensland State Archives
- Digital Archive of Queensland Architecture
- Australian Red Cross Queensland Branch Archives, Brisbane
- Australian Red Cross National Archives, Melbourne, Victoria
- Australian Red Cross Archives Collection, Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne
- Fryer Library, University of Queensland
- Brisbane City Heritage Places Register
- Brisbane Council Libraries
- Brisbane City Archives
- Queensland Government WWII Historic Places Register

3.5.1 Primary Material

The following primary source material has informed this Heritage Interpretation Strategy:

- The Australian Red Cross Annual Reports and Queensland Division Quarterly Reports (1941 – 2013).
- Red Cross Archives including Land Title certificates, photographs and hand notes from former volunteers.
- Buildings Register 1945, Brisbane City Archives.
- Historic aerial maps, Queensland Government, QImagery.
- Newspaper clippings and articles.

3.5.2 Secondary Material

The following publications have been reviewed and provide further context and understanding on the Australian Red Cross and the former Greenslopes ARC Centre:

- *The Power of Humanity: 100 years of Australian Red Cross 1914-2014*, Melanie Oppenheimer (2014).
- *Look what you started Henry! A History of the Australian Red Cross 1914-1991*, Leon Stubbings (1992).
- *Healing the Wounds of War: A History of the Greenslopes Hospital 1942-2002*, Chris Strakosh and Carolyn Wyt (2002).
- *Repat – A Concise History of Repatriation in Australia*, Professor Philip Payton for Department of Veterans' Affairs (2018).
- Citations from Brisbane Heritage Places Register and Queensland WWII Historic Places Register (various).
- Red Cross websites: International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) and the Australian Red Cross.

4.0 Interpretive Strategy

As part of its site disposal intentions, the DVA has negotiated a proposal to transfer the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site to the Brisbane City Council (BCC), following completion of proposed building demolition and site decontamination works. The BCC intend to construct a new community park on the western site portion and support Brisbane Legacy to utilise the eastern site portion for purposes of constructing a new Brisbane Legacy headquarters building to support its volunteer activities.

The new site uses will be accessed through the former Greenslopes ARC Centre brick pillars and gates on the corner of Headfort Street and Newdegate Street – these will form the entrance to a new east/west pedestrian spine (refer **Figure 07** concept design proposal below and **Appendix D**).



Figure 07 *Concept design proposal for BCC community park and Brisbane Legacy House*
Hayball Architects, 10 November 2021 (taken from Appendix D)

4.1 Interpretive Audience

Understanding audience, is important to informing a suitable interpretive solution for the site. It is recommended that the stories of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre (refer **Section 4.3**) be transmitted cognisant of anticipated audience and with the knowledge, that these stories will uniquely enrich the new site functions and user experiences. Anticipated audience for proposed new site uses include:

Local Residents / Community

Members of the public will utilise the BCC community park. Catchment would comprise local residents within walking distance, using the park as a destination. It is anticipated that these will be regular users resting, reading, walking their dog and visiting the park as an intentional part of their journey.

Local café options will further contribute to user appeal for the BCC community park, with the Greenslopes Private Hospital “Hudsons Coffee” (Hospital café) directly opposite (west) off Newdegate Street and “Press and Brew Espresso” adjacent (north) fronting Newdegate Street. Patrons of these cafes will naturally be drawn to use the park for coffee, snacks, lunch.

Communicating understanding of the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre site use will enrich park user experience and build greater awareness and connection with the sites shared community heritage.

Greenslopes Private Hospital Staff, Patients and Visitors

Visitors to the Greenslopes Private Hospital opposite, will utilise the BCC community park, especially given the site is directly opposite the main entrance to the hospital, which enhances its visibility and provides convenient pedestrian access.

Hospital patients and visitors are expected to be more occasional / one-off visitors to the park. The park will offer a relaxing appeal from the busy urban hospital environment. Hospital staff are more likely to use the park as a regular break / lunch venue option.

The presence of the Greenslopes Private Hospital opposite, ensures a broader and larger audience capture, than what would ordinarily be expected in a local community park. Communicating understanding of the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre site use and the volunteer activities that occurred there, will enrich user experience and foster a greater awareness of the historical care and community support for patients of the the former Greenslopes General Military Hospital site. Interpretation at the site will also dovetail and compliment the “Greenslopes Private Hospital Bunker Museum”, in transmitting understanding of the Greenslopes General Military Hospital established during WWII.

Brisbane Legacy Workers and Visitors

Workers and visitors to Legacy House, will utilise the BCC community park. These will include:

- Legacy staff, working at Legacy House.
- Legacy volunteers, working at Legacy House, including ‘Legatees’ who directly assist the families of Veterans who gave their lives or health in service to their country.
- Visiting families of Veterans, receiving support services from Legacy.
- Visiting Legacy sponsors, partners and supporters including politicians, corporate members and the like, attending formal meetings and events at Legacy House as the Brisbane headquarters.

With the BCC park being adjacent the Legacy House facility and both presenting as an integrated development, the functions of Legacy House will benefit from the amenity of the community park. Anticipated park uses would include regular breaks by Legacy staff and volunteers, time-out for Veterans families accessing Legacy support and informal use as part of Legacy events for supporters and sponsors.

Communicating understanding of the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre site use and its role of providing practical support to injured Veterans and the needs of their families attending the former Greenslopes Military Hospital opposite, directly aligns with the Legacy mission, of providing practical care to the families of Veterans who lost their lives or health in military service.

Interpretation has a unique opportunity to reinforce to Legacy families that they are part of a proud tradition where the wider community deeply values and seeks to provide practical support to Veterans and their families. This understanding of the past, will also build resilience and capacity in Legacy workers and volunteers, knowing that they contribute to an historical mission of rebuilding lives impacted by military conflict.

4.2 Recommended Interpretive Initiatives / Locations

Transmitting understanding of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site use and functions, is considered an essential part of managing the intangible social heritage connected to this site. This is best achieved through the use of passive interpretive initiatives, concentrated to the western portion of the site, being the proposed BCC community park space.

A range of primary interpretive initiatives have been identified and developed into Concept Designs, ensuring a suitable definition of works. It is recommended that all *Primary Interpretive Initiatives* be delivered as part of the site disposal agreement being finalised between the DVA and BCC. The Concept Designs included at **Appendix C**, will inform the required budget allocations for these works.

A range of *Associated Interpretive Initiatives* have also been identified and these rest with the relevant BCC community park and Legacy House appointed design team(s), to further explore and deliver solutions that integrate with their design project.

In support of delivering both the *Primary Interpretive Initiatives* and *Associated Interpretive Initiatives*, this *Heritage Interpretation Strategy* has identified:

- All readily available early photographs relevant to the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site. These are included at **Appendix A**.
- Current professional site photographs (both land and drone based) of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site. These are included at **Appendix B**.
- Concept Design for all *Primary Interpretive Initiatives*. This is included at **Appendix C**.
- All relevant extracts from the *Australian Red Cross Annual Reports* between 1941–2013, that reference the former Greenslopes ARC Centre. These are included at **Appendix E**.
- General information about the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site, obtained from the Australian Red Cross Archives. These are included at **Appendix F**.

The intention is that all of the above supplied material is available to project design team(s) to harvest and utilise to achieve creative interpretive outcomes, that will satisfy the recommendations of this *Heritage Interpretation Strategy*.

Primary Interpretive Initiatives (BCC Park)

The following primary interpretive initiatives are recommended for the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site, specifically the western portion of the site proposed for the BCC community park function (refer also Concept Design for recommended primary interpretive initiatives, included at **Appendix C**):

1. Entry Portico

Retain original brick entrance portico from former Greenslopes ARC Centre Recreation Hall (c.1946). Includes adaptively reusing this original built element insitu, with it forming the basis for a new shelter structure, that is to incorporate interpretive content (refer **Item 4** following). Retain integrity of original portico features, comprising pedimented brick pillars, concrete capital, wrought iron handrailing and integrated “Red-Cross” emblem. Undertake conservation works to this built element comprising:

- Repair damaged bricks / repointing as required, in a mortar type and style compatible with existing original.
- Undertake corrosion protection and application of top-coat to wrought iron steelwork.
- Undertake corrosion protection and renew top-coat to “Red-Cross” emblem integrated into the wrought iron handrailing, ensuring correct colour selection for the emblem. Includes seeking formal written approval from Australian Red Cross for treatments to their emblem (refer **Section 3.1**).
- Existing glazed windows below the concrete pediment are not original (added c.1980) and can be removed, as they are unlikely suitable for retention in a community park function. The original opening can either be retained as an opening, or a reconstruction (or interpretation) of the original timber louvre elements to this opening would be an appropriate response (refer **Appendix A: Photo 12**).

- Any materials containing asbestos, such as the panelling behind the balustrading, should be replaced with a contemporary product that provides the same appearance as the original design (such as cement fibre sheet cladding).
- Reconstruct missing bronze lettering pinned to the concrete capital “AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS CENTRE”. Lettering font, size and fixing technique should replicate original as closely as practical (refer **Appendix A: Photo 12** and **Photo 30**). This will require a graphic designer to document a production file for what is a non-standard font style. Fabrication of bronze letters should be undertaken by a bronze foundry or using laser cutting of bronze plate, or similar technique.
- Reconstruct missing building plaque, that is to be reinstated into the entry portico brick column. Content is to state “THESE BUILDINGS WERE PROVIDED FROM FUNDS RAISED BY THE VOLUNTARY WORKERS OF THE RED CROSS CAFE. CAFE PROFITS £70,635. 1941-1945”. Plaque is to be in bronze and shall accurately match the size of the existing brick column inset. Font style and size to replicate original as closely as practical (refer **Appendix A: Photo 12** and **Photo 30**). This will require a graphic designer to document a production file for what is a non-standard font style. Fabrication should be undertaken by a bronze foundry.

Suitable bronze foundries with experience in construction of bronze signage elements, includes but is not limited to *Brisbane Foundry*, *Phoenix Foundry* or *Central Foundry*.

2. Entry Gate

Retain original entry brick pillars and wrought iron gate elements from former Greenslopes ARC Centre (c.1946), located to south-west corner of site. Reuse these original built elements insitu, as the new pedestrian site entrance.

Undertake conservation works to these elements to ensure ongoing service, including corrosion protection and application of top-coat to wrought iron steelwork and repair damaged bricks / repointing as required in a mortar type and style compatible with existing original. Locate adjacent, the proposed free standing blade interpretive panels (refer **Item 3** following).

3. Free Standing Blade Interpretive Panels

Interpretive panels made from suitably durable and high quality materials should be installed within the proposed BCC community park to transmit understanding of former site use. Panels should contain both text and photographs to assist transmitting understanding of site history. Panel content should seek to communicate the *Key Interpretive Themes* established for this site (refer **Section 4.3**). Interpretive panel locations should include, but are not limited to:

- Newdegate Street Park Entry Panel(s): Install freestanding double sided interpretive blade panel(s) in the vicinity of the proposed new main site entry. Locate near the original c.1946 brick entry pillars and wrought iron gate being retained (refer **Item 2**), so that a visual connection is achieved, without compromising the form of the original gate element. Panel(s) should directly address pedestrians on the Newdegate Street footpath, and the reverse side can transmit additional understanding to users of the park.
- Headfort Street Park Entry Panel(s): An additional freestanding double sided interpretive blade panel addressing pedestrians on the Headfort Street footpath, is an optional extra opportunity that should be considered, subject to park design, interpretive content needs and project budget.

As part of this *Heritage Interpretation Strategy*, Catalyst Architects have worked with Elevation Graphic Design to develop a concept design for the proposed site interpretive panel(s) in the form of a slender blade. This is included at **Appendix C**. The concept design references the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre and its built elements to inform the panel details, reinforcing a sense of place and connection to site history. Seek formal written approval from Australian Red Cross for use(s) of their emblem (refer **Section 3.1**).

4. Integrated Park Shelter Interpretive Panels

Interpretive panels made from suitably durable and high quality materials should be integrated into the new BCC community park shelter, that adaptively reuses the former ARC Centre Recreation Hall (c.1946) entrance portico (refer **Item 1**). Panel content should seek to communicate the *Key Interpretive Themes* established for this site (refer **Section 4.3**).

As part of this *Heritage Interpretation Strategy*, Catalyst Architects have worked with Elevation Graphic Design to develop a concept design for a typical shelter interpretive panel. This is included at **Appendix C**. Seek formal written approval from Australian Red Cross for use(s) of their emblem (refer **Section 3.1**).

Associated Interpretive Initiatives (BCC Park and Legacy House)

With the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site proposed to be transferred to Brisbane City Council following completion of site remediation works by the DVA, the delivery of proposed BCC community park and Legacy House projects will occur as separate projects, under separate project design and construction teams.

Whilst coordination of the various projects will unlikely be achievable, it is a recommendation that each design team seeks to identify and capture integrated interpretive initiatives that will honour and reinforce an understanding of the former Australian Red Cross uses for this site. Such initiatives are in addition to the *Primary Interpretive Initiatives* and include, but are not limited to:

1. Legacy House Interpretation Initiatives

Proposed Legacy House design (refer **Appendix D**), already includes proposed interpretive initiatives that directly reference the former Greenslopes ARC Centre historical use of the site and communicate this through the proposed new building design form, inclusion of an interpretive entry gallery and associated archive room (refer **Section 3.4** of this report). The Legacy House design proposal strongly supports the *Associated Interpretive Initiatives* objectives.

2. Urban Elements

Proposed BCC community park will include typical features such as footpaths, tables / seats, bins, fencing and the like. A central gathering space is also proposed - refer **Appendix D**. Integration of text cast or etched within concrete elements, images set within fencing elements and carvings within hardwood timber elements, provide integrated means to communicate the site history. Such initiatives will reinforce site identity and historical connections to the work of Australian Red Cross.

3. Park Naming

If suitable to the needs of the proposed new site owner, it is desirable that the naming for the proposed BCC community park reflects the historical use and contribution of the Australian Red Cross into the lives of Veterans and their families from 1946 – 2013. An appropriate name would be “Red Cross Park” or similar.

It is recommended that the Australian Red Cross be formally consulted on the park name, should this initiative be pursued.

It is recognised that the decision on park naming rests with BCC as the proposed future site owner. It is reasonable that the site owner retains naming rights, so this recommendation remains as desirable to supporting the site interpretive objectives, however not essential.

4.3 Key Interpretive Themes

The following *Key Interpretive Themes* have been identified for the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site:

1. Greenslopes General Military Hospital
2. Australian Red Cross
3. Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre

The *Key Interpretive Themes* should inform the content of proposed interpretive panels (refer **Section 4.2**). The themes may also inform any *Associated Interpretive Initiatives* at the site.

1	Key Interpretive Theme	Provenance
	Greenslopes General Military Hospital	1942-1995
<p>Key Message:</p> <p>The Greenslopes General Military Hospital was opened in February 1942. It was constructed by the Australian Government in the early phase of WWII and was managed by the Department of Defence to provide dedicated care to military personnel. The subsequent Greenslopes ARC Centre, constructed in 1946, was established by the Australian Red Cross to directly support the needs of Veterans receiving care at the Hospital opposite.</p>		
<p>Summary History</p> <p>During World War I, the Australian Prime Minister W.M. 'Billy' Hughes promised the country's armed forces on behalf of the Australian people, that <i>"When you come back, we will look after you"</i>. The <i>Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1917</i> was formed that same year and the Repatriation Commission and its Repatriation Department (later to become the Department of Veterans' Affairs) were established for the purpose of supporting the rehabilitation (repatriation) of returning men and women back into civilian life.</p> <p>The most significant service offered by the Repatriation Department was its provision of medical services, along with support in establishing civilian employment. The Repatriation Department worked closely with the voluntary sector to assist in fulfilling its role, including the Returned Services League, Australian Red Cross, and Legacy to name a few.</p> <p>The outbreak of World War II resulted in a 'second wave' of veterans, perpetuating the work of the Repatriation Department. In October 1939, a month after war was declared and based on World War I experiences, Defence estimated that Australia would need 3,000 additional hospital beds by early 1940 to care for war casualties. In response, additional military run hospitals were to be established, one in each mainland State. By mid 1940, the need for military hospital beds soared, with 14,057 individual cases from the armed services admitted to military hospitals throughout Australia in the first 18 months of the war. Australians from the Middle East, Java and Darwin were being treated in the Australian military hospitals, along with wounded Americans who were given medical care in Australia for up to 3 months.</p> <p>A site at Greenslopes was selected as the preferred location for the construction of Brisbane's new military hospital, that would become the largest in the State. Land was acquired at the foot of Mt Stephen's in 1941, for the purposes of establishing the hospital.</p> <p>Site excavations started on 24 May 1941. The hospital officially opened on 2 February 1942 by admitting its first 35 patients and was initially known as the 112th Australian General Hospital (AGH). On 25th April 1942 (Anzac Day), the hospital assumed responsibility for treating all military personal in the Brisbane area.</p> <p>The new hospital was staffed by the Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC), the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) and Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs), who were volunteers trained by the Australian Red Cross in assisting with nursing and domestic duties. VADS later became the Australian Army Medical Women's Service. Several hundred VADs were stationed at Greenslopes during World War II.</p>		

By November 1945 and immediately following the end of the war, the Greenslopes hospital worked at maximum capacity with 900 staff caring for up to 1120 patients. These included returning service personnel recovering from wounds and tropical illness, and POW who were malnourished and gravely ill.

In 1947, with WWII well concluded, the Repatriation Department took over the role of managing the Hospital from the Department of Defence and the hospital was renamed Repatriation General Hospital (Greenslopes). Through the role of the Repatriation Commission and its Department established during WWI, the Australian government provided ongoing medical care to returned service personnel. While healing traumatised bodies and minds, the hospital also prepared ex-service personnel to return to productive new roles in post-war society. The Greenslopes Occupational Therapy Department, then called Educational Therapy, was training patients in diverse skills that would enable them to resume productive roles in society.

Over the ensuing decades, the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital provided medical, surgical and psychiatric care for military personnel from both World Wars and all subsequent conflicts. War widows were also treated as part of the nation's commitment to ex-service personnel.

In 1970, the hospital became a teaching hospital with the University of Queensland. The University's Departments of Medicine and Surgery moved into Greenslopes during 1972. In the late 1980s, the Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs, anticipating a decline in demand for its medical services, began looking at alternatives to owning and operating repatriation hospitals throughout Australia.

In January 1995, the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital site was sold to Ramsay Health Care and the hospital was renamed Greenslopes Private Hospital. Today, the hospital continues to provide health care to veterans and war widows as well as the general community.

A more detailed history is available in the *Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes – Heritage Impact Assessment* (Catalyst Architects, 14 September 2020, Section 2.0).

Sample Focus Stories:

- Opening of the Greenslopes General Military Hospital in February 1942, run by the Department of Defence to support the needs of Defence personnel serving in WWII.
- Hospital focus and management changed following the conclusion of WWII, with Repatriation Department managing the hospital from 1947 and its name was changed to Greenslopes Repatriation General Hospital.
- Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital focus was on health care and preparing ex-service personnel to return to productive new roles in a post-war society, many having to adjust to horrific war injuries.
- Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital sold in 1995 and became the Greenslopes Private Hospital.

Sample Images (refer **Appendix A** for additional image options):



Newdegate Street

1943, December 12 - Establishment of the Greenslopes General Military Hospital, Brisbane

Source: Australian War Memorial (#062471 and #062472)

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Key Interpretive Theme

Australian Red Cross

Provenance

1914

Key Message:

The *Australian Red Cross* was formed in 1914, following the outbreak of WWI. The organisation was part of the broader *International Committee for Relief to the Wounded* established in Geneva in 1863. The original aims of the Australian Red Cross were to provide comforts for sick or wounded Australian military personnel and to serve in military hospitals. The Australian Red Cross was actively involved in serving at the Greenslopes General Military Hospital from its opening in February 1942.

Summary History

The International Committee for Relief to the Wounded, later to become the International Committee of the Red Cross, was officially established in 1863 in Geneva and its emblem was a red cross on a white background, the inverse of the Swiss flag. The following year, 12 governments adopted the first Geneva Convention; an agreement to offer care for the wounded and defining medical services as neutral on the battlefield.

Soon after the outbreak of World War I in 1914, the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society was formed. At this time, the principal aims of the Australian Red Cross were to provide comforts for sick or wounded Australian military personnel, to fundraise for the activities of the Red Cross and to serve in military hospitals. The Red Cross VAD movement (Voluntary Aid Detachments) started in New South Wales prior to the World War I outbreak. The movement provided assistance to medical and nursing staff of the army in the form of male and female volunteers trained in basic nursing and first aid. Australian VAD's served in both military and civilian hospitals in Australia and overseas.

After the Commonwealth Government enacted the *Geneva Convention Act* in July 1938, the Australian Military Board recognised four philanthropic organisations with formal attachments to the military: the Australian Comforts Fund, the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and the Australian Red Cross. At the start of World War II, it was agreed that the Australian Red Cross was to assist the sick and wounded whilst the others would concentrate on fit and well servicemen. All would help to boost soldier morale and keep the home front focused and active.

When the Greenslopes General Military Hospital was opened in February 1942, it was staffed by the Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC), the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) and Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs), who were volunteers trained by the Australian Red Cross in assisting with nursing and domestic duties. VADS later became the Australian Army Medical Women's Service. Several hundred VADs were stationed at Greenslopes during World War II.

Red Cross also established convalescent homes and provided trained personnel to operate those homes. Red Cross provided diversional therapy and recreational facilities for patients, with handicrafts and library services being the most prominent activities. The pioneering blood transfusion service was another important activity of the Red Cross during World War II, as well as aid to POW's, war brides, refugees and service personnel overseas, including nurses. Other services provided by the Australian Red Cross included hospital visiting, picture library, cosmetic care, next-of-kin flats, restrooms and recreation centres. These services were replicated throughout the country.

After the World War II, the Australian Red Cross continued to have hospital visitors and maintained next-of-kin flats in the repatriation hospitals, places where the relatives of seriously ill patients could stay in close contact. The flats were well appointed, the relatives had tea making facilities and Red Cross arranged for meals to be provided.

A more detailed history is available in the *Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes – Heritage Impact Assessment* (Catalyst Architects, 14 September 2020, Section 2.0).

Sample Focus Stories:

- The Australian Red Cross was formed in 1914, shortly after the start of World War I. It was part of a global Red Cross movement that was established in Geneva in 1863.
- When the Greenslopes General Military Hospital was opened in February 1942, it was partly staffed by Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs), who were volunteers trained by the Australian Red Cross.
- The Australian Red Cross provided diverse services at all Military Hospitals throughout Australia, including diversional therapy and recreational facilities for patients, with handicrafts and library services being the most prominent activities. Visitations and provision of practical gifts were also a focus of Red Cross.

Sample Images (refer **Appendix A** for additional image options):

"During the year 25,000 magazines and 100 cases of fruit were distributed to the hospitals, as well as 1,600 packets of cigarettes to the General Hospital on behalf of (Red Cross) Headquarters."

Queensland Annual Report, 1944-45, P.34, Hospital Visiting

c.1946 – Red Cross Visitors to Greenslopes General Military Hospital

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



c.1946 – Red Cross Handicraft Workshop at Greenslopes General Military Hospital

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

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Key Interpretive Theme

Provenance

Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre 1946-2013

Key Message:

The volunteer services of the Australian Red Cross movement provided practical support for the needs of service personnel and Veterans, injured through active service in defending Australia. Their programs were often pioneering such as blood transfusion services and diversional therapies.

The Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre opened in 1946 and was funded through the volunteer efforts of the Red Cross. It was built to support patients recovering at the Greenslopes General Military Hospital opposite. The Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings provided a venue for entertainment and social activities, as well as handicraft skills training and accommodation for visiting families of hospital patients.

Summary History

With the commencement of WWII, the Australian Government established new Military Hospitals in all mainland Australian States to care for war casualties. The Greenslopes General Military Hospital opened in February 1942 and the Australian Red Cross (ARC) were providing nursing support through their Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs), as well as other patient services. One of its many diverse services, included the provision of "Recreation Huts" at all of the newly constructed military hospitals.

Following the opening of the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, the Australian Red Cross was granted approval to utilise three allotments of land held by the Australian Government, to construct the Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre, comprising Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings. The selected site was opposite the hospital on the corner of Newdegate Street and Headfort Street. The Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel were built by the Australian Red Cross using funds raised at the Hospital Red Cross Cafeteria run by their volunteers.

The purpose of the Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre was to assist in providing entertainment and practical support to service personnel cared for at the adjacent Greenslopes General Military Hospital. Construction of the Centre was delayed due to wartime materials shortages and was eventually completed and opened in early 1946, shortly after WWII had ended.

The centre was staffed by Australian Red Cross volunteers, and was established as a venue for films, dances, concerts, billiards, library services, handicraft and tea rooms. The adjacent Hostel Building provided helpful accommodation for families of Veterans who were visiting from country areas. Regular excursions were also organised by the Red Cross volunteers for able patients, who could be accompanied by family for picnics and bus outings in the Brisbane region.

Whilst functions of the site evolved and changed over time, the Australian Red Cross remained in control of the Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre up until their departure in 2013, with poor condition and asbestos contamination concerns preventing ongoing occupation of the buildings. In 2021, the Australian Government agreed to the transfer of the site to the Brisbane City Council, for purposes of establishing a community park that would honour the Australian Red Cross history associated with the site.

A more detailed history is available in the *Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes – Heritage Impact Assessment* (Catalyst Architects, 14 September 2020, Section 2.0).

Sample Focus Stories:

- The Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre was opened in 1946, just after the after the conclusion of World War II. Its construction was fully funded by the fundraising of local Red Cross volunteers.
- The Centre supported patients recovering at the Greenslopes General Military Hospital opposite. It provided diverse social activities, as well as training to support the repatriation of Veterans back into civilian roles.
- The Accommodation Hostel enabled families of patients living in country areas to visit for short-term stays.

Sample Images (refer **Appendix A** for additional image options):

"Canteen work at the Red Cross Centre included afternoon teas for patients and their families, reaching a total of 29,200."

Queensland Annual Report,
1952-53, P.18, Hospital
Visiting Section

c.1946 – Morning tea at the Greenslopes ARC Recreation Hall

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



"Twenty-five patients from Greenslopes Hospital were taken out for picnics each Sunday, and for mid-week outings to Tamborine, Caloundra, Canungra and Maleny, where they were entertained by the local Branches."

Queensland Annual Report,
1946-47, P.18, Field Service
Transport

1958 - Patients from adjacent hospital in front of the ARC Centre for picnic outing

Source: State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library



c.1948 - Concert at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

"Latterly, the patients have been entertained by the "Link" girls in the Red Cross Recreation Hall at Greenslopes, and as these evenings are so enjoyed by the lads, they will be continued indefinitely."

Queensland Annual Report, 1946-47, P.32, Entertainments



c.1954 - Library at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall

Source: State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library

"During this period the library at 112 B.M.H. has been reorganised. Previously it was housed in a small room at the end of Ward 6. The library is now established in the new Red Cross building, which offers splendid facilities in space and lighting. The cream walls, blue-green curtains, and gay red pots of growing plants are an attractive asset to the dark red and blue Fabrex covers of approximately 3,000 books. There is also a large reading room adjoining the library, stocked with up-to-date magazines."

Queensland Annual Report, 1945-46, P.30, Library Section



"The V.A.'s continue to staff the Next-of-Kin flat at Red Cross Recreation Centre, Repatriation Hospital, Greenslopes, each evening from 6 to 10 p.m., one V.A. remaining at the flat for the benefit of relatives staying there and one reporting to the Sister in Charge Operating Theatre, to assist with duties there."

Queensland Annual Report, 1951-52, P.10, Divisional Service Section

c.1946 - Red Cross volunteer serving tea at Red Cross Accommodation Hostel

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



"We are extremely grateful to the Hon. Entertainment Officer... for the wonderful help of organising concert parties... for patients in the Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes. These concerts are held once a week and are very much appreciated by the patients."

Queensland Annual Report, 1946-47, P.18, General

1958, June – Patrick O'Hagan performance at the Greenslopes ARC Recreation Hall

Source: State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library



c.1946 Red Cross Volunteers serving morning tea at the Greenslopes ARC Centre Recreation Hall
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

5.0 Summary Recommendations

The site of the former Greenslopes Australian Red Cross (ARC) Centre is located on the corner of Newdegate and Headfort Streets, Greenslopes, Queensland. The site was used by the Australian Red Cross from 1946, when it established a Recreation Hall building and Accommodation Hostel building on Commonwealth land. These buildings supported the broader volunteer services provided by Red Cross to patients of the Greenslopes General Military Hospital opposite, that had opened in 1942 to support Australian soldiers serving in WWII.

The Australian Red Cross departed the site in 2013 on account of the poor condition and asbestos contamination risks posed by the buildings. The site is now surplus to Commonwealth Government needs and it is proposed that following full site contamination remediation and demolition of the buildings, the site be transferred to the City of Brisbane Council. Council propose to establish a community park that honours the work of the Australian Red Cross and its volunteers. This proposal also includes a portion of the site to be used for the new headquarters of Brisbane Legacy, a national charity organisation that supports the families of veterans who gave their lives or health in recognised military service, assisting them to fully realise their full potential despite their adversity. A design proposal for the adaptive reuse of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site, is included at **Appendix D**.

A *Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)* for the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site (Catalyst Architects, 14 September 2020), supports the demolition of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre Recreation Hall and Accommodation Hostel buildings and associated site contamination remediation works and subsequent site disposal. Given the found context for this site, the proposed building demolition and full remediation of extensive site contamination are considered the only prudent and financially feasible option for ongoing management of the site. The HIA provided a range of *Heritage Management Recommendations* to mitigate the potential for adverse impacts to identified site heritage values:

1. Prepare a *Heritage Photographic Record*.
2. Recover select missing site elements.
3. Salvage select built elements for adaptive reuse.
4. Prepare a Heritage Interpretation Strategy.
5. Establish a compatible future site use.
6. Ensure appropriate protection of identified site heritage values, as part of the Commonwealth site disposal process.
7. Adopt an archaeological protocol during all site works.

This *Heritage Interpretation Strategy* primarily seeks to support the HIA *Heritage Management Recommendation #4* and accordingly has identified the following Key Interpretive Themes:

- **Greenslopes General Military Hospital** (1942 - 1995)
- **Australian Red Cross** (from c.1914)
- **Greenslopes Australian Red Cross Centre** (1946 - 2013)

Research undertaken as part of this *Heritage Interpretation Strategy*, has identified an extensive collection of historic photographs and information relevant to informing understanding of the activities of the Australian Red Cross at both the site and the former Greenslopes General Military Hospital opposite. These historical resources are included as appendices. They are intended for harvest, to support all future site interpretive initiatives. Current found condition photographs are also available for use. These are available in the *Heritage Photographic Record* of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site (Catalyst Architects, 16 September 2020).

This *Heritage Interpretation Strategy* has found that transmitting understanding of the former Greenslopes ARC Centre site use and functions, is considered an essential part of managing the intangible social heritage connected to this site. This is best achieved through the use of passive interpretive initiatives, concentrated to

the western portion of the site, being the proposed Brisbane City Council community park space. It is recommended that the following *Primary Interpretive Initiatives* be delivered as part of the site adaptive reuse:

1. **Entry Portico:** Retain original brick entrance portico from former Greenslopes ARC Centre Recreation Hall (c.1946). Includes adaptively reusing this original built element insitu, with it forming the basis for a new community park shelter structure, that is to incorporate interpretive content. Undertake conservation works to the existing portico structure, including reconstruction of missing bronze lettering “AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS CENTRE” and reconstruction of the missing building plaque.
2. **Entry Gate:** Retain original entry brick pillars and wrought iron gate elements from former Greenslopes ARC Centre (c.1946), located to south-west corner of the site. Reuse these original built elements insitu, as the new pedestrian site entrance. Undertake conservation works to these existing elements.
3. **Free Standing Blade Interpretive Panels:** Freestanding interpretive panel(s) should be installed on the boundaries of the proposed new Brisbane City Council community park, transmitting understanding of the former site use. Panel content should seek to communicate the *Key Interpretive Themes* established for this site. A concept design for these panels, along with recommended location(s), is provided at **Appendix C**.
4. **Integrated Park Shelter Interpretive Panels:** Interpretive panels should be installed as an integrated element within the proposed new community park shelter structure that retains the former ARC Centre Recreation Hall entry portico (c.1946). Panel content should seek to communicate the *Key Interpretive Themes* established for this site. A concept design for these panels is provided at **Appendix C**.

A range of *Associated Interpretive Initiatives* have also been identified, as recommendations to assist future design teams / site custodians. These initiatives are beyond the scope of the Commonwealth Government to control or manage, as they pertain to future site owner(s). Recommendations include:

- **Legacy House Interpretive Initiatives:** Proposed Legacy House design should seek to honour the former site use and function by the Australian Red Cross through creative expressions.
- **Urban Elements:** Urban elements within the proposed Brisbane City Council community park should seek to honour the former site use and function by Australian Red Cross through creative expression. Where suitable, design treatments should seek to communicate the site history and reinforce historical connections and identify with the work of the Australian Red Cross.
- **Park Naming:** If desirable to the needs of Brisbane City Council in its adaptive reuse for this site for a community park, seek to support interpretive objectives through site naming, such as “Red Cross Park” or similar.

It is recommended that all *Primary Interpretive Initiatives* be realised at the site, as part of the Commonwealth Government disposal works commitment.

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EARLY SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, QLD

Heritage Interpretation Source Material

Sources: Various, as stated.

The historical images following, support the recommended *Heritage Interpretive Themes* identified for this site.



Photo 01 1936 - Aerial image of future ARC Centre and Greenslopes Hospital site – both vacant
Source: Queensland Government, QImagery with Catalyst Architects overlay



Photo 02 1946 - Aerial image showing ARC and Greenslopes General Military Hospital
Source: Queensland Government, QImagery with Catalyst Architects overlay

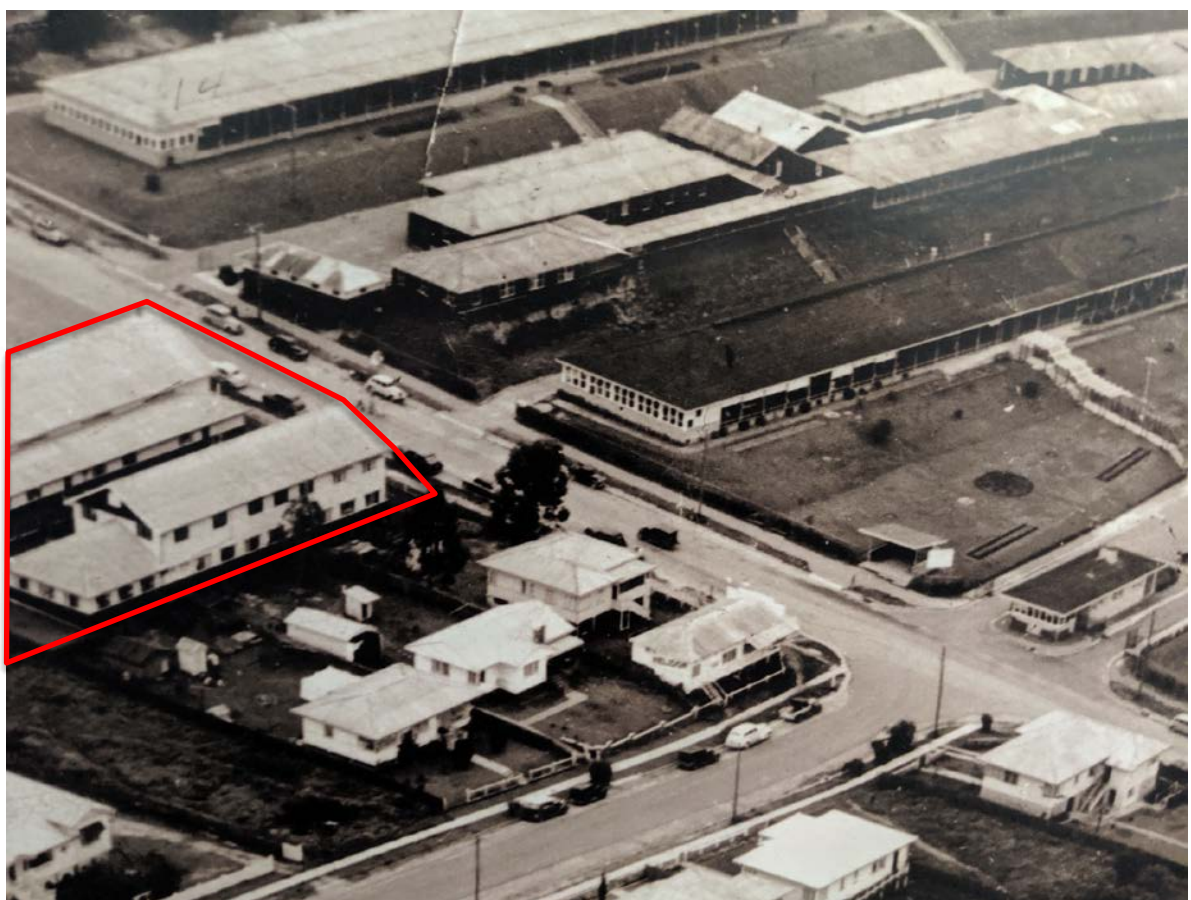


Photo 03

c.1950 - Aerial image showing ARC and Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital

Source: Greenslopes Private Hospital "Bunker Museum" with Catalyst Architects overlay



Photo 04 **1940 - View of Newdegate Street with hospital site on left, prior to works commencing**
Source: Greenslopes Private Hospital "Bunker Museum"



Photo 05 **1943, December 12 - Establishment of the Greenslopes General Military Hospital**
Source: Australian War Memorial (#062471 and #062472)



Photo 06 **1944 - Newdegate Street Chapel. ARC Recreation Centre and Hall in background**
Source: Greenslopes Private Hospital "Bunker Museum"



Photo 07 **1949 - Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane**
Source: National Archives of Australia (#11773780)

ARC
Centre



Chapel



Photo 08

Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane

Source: 1961 - State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library
(or National Archives of Australia #7486092)



Photo 09

1946, February 14 – Official opening of the Greenslopes Red Cross Centre by Queensland Governor Sir Leslie Orme Wilson and Lady Wilson

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 10 *c.1946 Recreation Hall Western Façade, facing Newdegate Street*
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 11 *c.1946 Greenslopes Red Cross Accommodation Hostel Western Façade*
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 12 ***c.1946 - Red Cross Volunteers in front of the Recreation Hall Western Façade***
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 13

c.1946 - Red Cross volunteer serving tea to visitor at Red Cross Accommodation Hostel

Source Lower: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane (c.1946)

Source Upper: Catalyst Architects (21 November 2019)



Photo 14 *c.1946 – Morning tea at the Greenslopes ARC Recreation Hall*

Source Lower: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

Source Upper: Catalyst Architects (21 November 2019)



Photo 15 *c.1946 – Red Cross Visitors to Greenslopes General Military Hospital*
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 16 *c.1946 – Red Cross Handcraft Workshop at Greenslopes General Military Hospital*
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 17 **1946, February 15 – Slipper making lesson by Red Cross Handicraft Worker at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall**
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

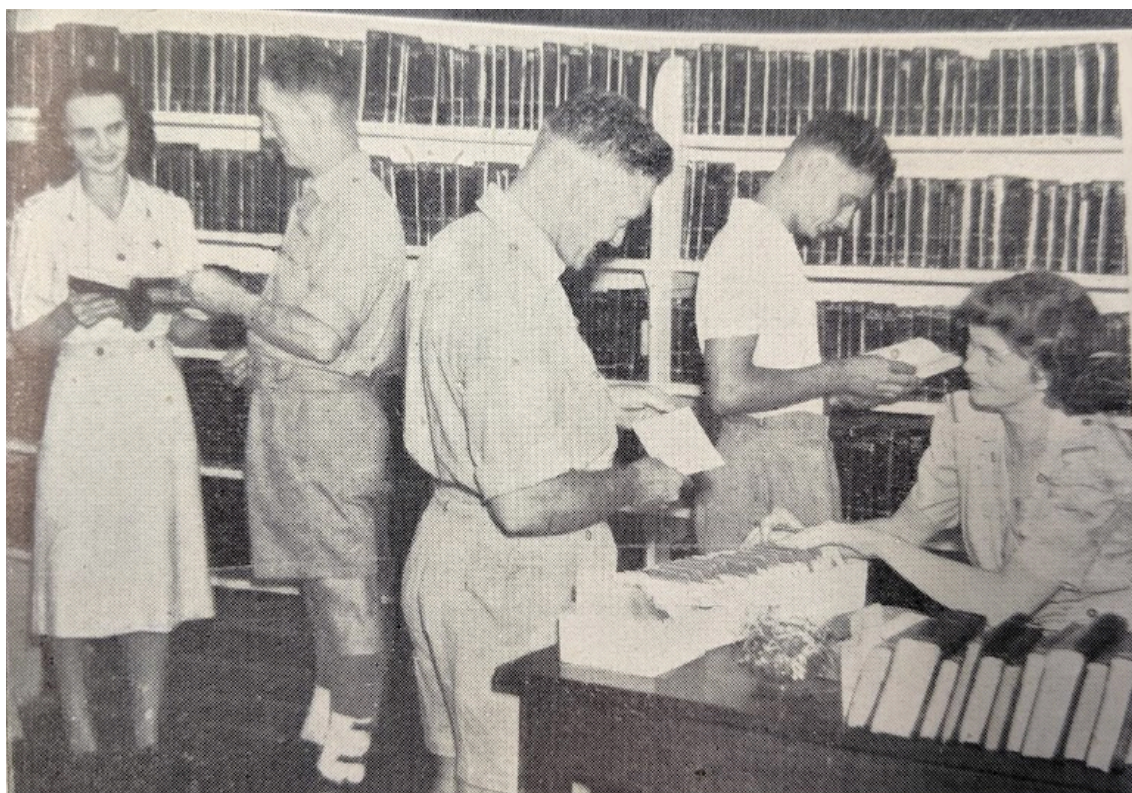


Photo 18

c.1945 - Library at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall

Source: Queensland Red Cross Annual Report and Statement of Accounts 1945-1946



Photo 19

c.1954 - Library at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall

Source: State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library



Photo 20 **1946, March 11 – Furniture making lessons at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall**
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 21 **c.1948 - Recital concert at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall**
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 22 *c.1950 - Red Cross Volunteers in front of the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall*
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 23 *c.1950 - Red Cross Rest Rooms at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital*
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 24 *c.1952 Patients in the Educational Therapy room at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital being taught woodworking skills*
Source: State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library



Photo 25 *c.1955 - Volunteers in front of the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall*
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 26 **1958 - Patients from adjacent hospital in front of the ARC Centre for picnic outing**
Source: State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library



Photo 27 **1958, June – Patrick O'Hagan performance at the Greenslopes ARC Recreation Hall**
Source: State Library of Queensland, John Oxley Library



Photo 28 **1953, December 16 - Christmas Party at the Greenslopes Red Cross Recreation Hall**

Source Lower: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane (1953)

Source Upper: Catalyst Architects (21 November 2019)



Photo 29

1987 - Western Entry Façade at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 30

1987 - Western Entry Façade at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall

Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 31 **1987, September - Function at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall**
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane



Photo 32 **c.1990 - Western Entry Façade at the ARC Greenslopes Recreation Hall**
Source: Red Cross Archives, Brisbane

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CURRENT SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, QLD

Heritage Interpretation Source Material

Source: *Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes – Heritage Photographic Record*
(Catalyst Architects, 16 September 2020)

C

CONCEPT DESIGN

Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, QLD

Heritage Interpretive Initiatives

Source: Elevation Design (for Catalyst Architects), December 2021

D

CONCEPT DESIGN

Former Australian Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, QLD

Legacy House Brisbane (Site Adaptive Reuse)

Source: Hayball Architects, 10 November 2021

E

ANNUAL REPORTS EXTRACT

Australian Red Cross Archives, Queensland and National

1941 – 2013: Greenslopes

Source: Australian Red Cross Archives, supplied 25 November 2021 (Gillian Anderson, Archivist)

Greenslopes – mentions in Australian Red Cross and QLD Annual Reports

ARC AnnRep 1944-45

p80: Library and Books.—Libraries installed at 102 A.G.H., Ekibin—1,218 books; 112 B.M.H., Greenslopes—3,268 books; 128 A.G.H., Redbank—641; 102 A.C.D., Burleigh Heads—1,356; 2/14 A.G.H., Townsville—1,000; 2 A.W.H., Yeronga—887; Margate Convalescent Home—244; Royal Navy Rest, Camp—618. Year's books issued, 14,714, valued at £2,437; books purchased, £1,119; books donated, 7,1PQ. Magazines issued, 83,434; supplied from Southern Divisions, 11,506; donated, 79,610. Gramophone records in stock, 3,166; issued, 499.

QAR 1941-42

p7: The teaching of Handicrafts has been conducted by the Red Cross Hospital Handicrafts Section at 112th A.G.H., Greenslopes, the Lady Wilson Red Cross Home, Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, 101 Camp Hospital and Enoggera

P19: Nos. of Units served during the year: General Hospitals, 5 (including the fitting out of the large new A.G-Hospitals at Greenslopes and Toowoomba). Convalescent Hospitals, 2.

P21: Women's Emergency Service Council: The library at the Greenslopes Military Hospital was opened in June. It contains over 1,000 covered books which are handed out to the inmates weekly. The Hospital is regularly visited by hospital visitation members who distribute comforts.

P24: Red Cross Hospital Visiting Section: Our work has increased this year with the opening of 112 A.G.H., Greenslopes. The following Hospitals are visited weekly:—Rosemount, Exhibition Camp Hospital, Enoggera, 112 A.G.H., Greenslopes.

P30-1: RED CROSS LIBRARY—GREENSLOPES MILITARY HOSPITAL. Group Leader—Mrs. D. A. Arnott Davis. The Library was officially opened on 4th June, 1942, with 1,000 books. Mrs. D. A. Arnott Davis was appointed Group Leader of the Library, but during her absence Mrs. P. C. Allan has acted in her stead. Nine regular helpers assist the Leader, and meet to repair books, etc., on Mondays at the rooms of the Greenslopes-Holland Park Red Cross Branch. Books are given out daily and helpers visit the Wards three times a week, the books being taken round on bookmobile.

P36: Junior Red Cross: Gifts of second-hand toys and books, magazines and comics, with cases of fruit, have been appreciated by the Crippled Children's Home (Montrose), Salvation Army Home, Queen Alexandra and Margaret Marr Homes, City Mission, Playground Association, Creches and Kindergartens, Kenny and other Clinics, Children's Hospitals, Spring Hill Mission and Greenslopes Military Hospital. Visits to the Kenny Clinic were such a delight to the patients that letters of appreciation from the Brisbane and South Coast Hospital have been received by our members.

The activities have been considerably curtailed on account of petrol rationing, making it impossible for our officials to visit far distant places with the object of stimulating and organising Circles.

P37: Heartiest Thanks are expressed to all Officers, Leaders, Members, The Hon. Auditor and all who have assisted this organisation. Since July, 1941, the following organisations received crossword puzzle gifts of new and warm clothing, toys, books, magazines from the Junior Red Cross, Cupboard. These were gifts sent in by 24 Circles and by well-wishers, and many expressed the wish that they be given to certain objects:—Bombed Victims (rugs included), 3,375 articles; Brisbane City Mission (rugs included), 1,905 articles; Mothercraft (rugs included), 756 articles; Lady Wilson Convalescent (rugs included), 174 articles; Soldiers' Settlement (rugs included), 258 articles; Soldiers' Wives and Children (rugs, included), 244 articles; 1914-18 Soldiers, 339 articles; Anzac Hostel, 149 articles; Enoggera Camp Hospital, 46 articles. Also the following articles:—Naval Base (near Cooktown), 33; many needy and lonely Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, 486; Kingsholme, 453; Greenslopes Military Hospital (not including medicine bottles, bandages and old linen), 567; Sick Bay at Archerfield, 419; Montrose Home for Crippled

Children,70; Aged Women's Christian Home, 41; Legacy Club, 38; Creche and Kindergarten, 113; Travellers' Aid, 30; Bed Cross Depot, 40; First Aid Posts, 54; Spring Hill Mission, 304; and Methodist Children's Homes, 39;a total of 10,231 articles.

QAR 1942-43

P29: TRANSPORT OF INVALID SOLDIERS BY R.A.C.Q. During the year just closed the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland has again under-taken, on behalf of the Red Cross Society, the transport of invalid service men upon arrival of hospital ships and trains, and this work has been carried out entirely free of any cost to the Society. The Divisional Executive expresses deep appreciation of the services which have been rendered by the R.A.C.Q. to the Society. A total of 5,061 soldiers were conveyed during the year in 374 cars provided for this purpose. 18/3/43, 6 soldiers in 2 cars – from Kyogle Station to Greenslopes and Exhibition.

4/4/43 20 soldiers in 6 cars from Kyogle Station to Greenslopes and Exhibition.

P33: Heartiest Thanks are expressed to all officers, leaders, members, the Hon. Auditor, the Press, and all who have assisted this organisation. Since July, 1942, the following organisations have received gifts of crossword puzzles, toys, books, magazines, warm clothing, and games from the Junior Red Cross cupboard. These were gifts sent in by Circles and well-wishers, and many expressed the wish that they be sent to certain objects. One child wished that the woollen horse she had made be given to a paralysed boy in Montrose Home. AGH Greenslopes received 5 parcels with 191 articles.

QAR 1943-44

P4: Recreational Buildings: Through circumstances over which we have no control, a Red Cross Recreational Hall has not yet been provided at the 112th B.M.H., Greenslopes, which we estimated would cost approximately £5,000. It is hoped a suitable site will be allotted to the Society, in order that we may be able to proceed with the erection of the building to provide recreational facilities for the patients at this main Military Hospital in Queensland

P21: Social Service Department: the Army Order issued in June, 1943, the Social Service Department was opened in this Division on December 6th of that year, with the arrival of the Deputy Director of Social Service from Sydney. In the seven months that have elapsed since that time, a medical social workers has been working part time in the following hospitals :—112th Brisbane Military Hospital, Greenslopes.

P33: TRANSPORT OF INVALID SOLDIERS AND REPATRIATED PRISONERS OF WAR BY R.A.C.Q. The R.A.C.Q., in association with its members, have supplied transport to assist in Red Cross services in this war, the same as in the 1914-18 one. Whilst the calls upon the Club's members in recent months have not been as heavy as they were in the previous year, R.A.C.Q. members have responded readily and cheerfully. The R.A.C.Q. organised transport assistance for us as follows :—29/1/44—Prisoners of War transported from Kyogle Station to Greenslopes Hospital, to Exhibition, to homes. 7/2/44—Prisoners of War transported from Kyogle Station to Greenslopes Hospital, to Exhibition, to homes. 12/2/44—Prisoners of War transported from Hamilton Wharf to Greenslopes Hospital to Exhibition.

QAR 1944-45

P11: SUMMARY OF VALUE OF GOODS SUPPLIED TO ARMY MEDICAL UNITS IN QUEENSLAND, OVERSEAS and OTHER STATES ; ALSO HANDICRAFT, LIBRARY AND FIELD FORCE SERVICE AT UNITS IN QUEENSLAND FOR 1944-1945.

Greenslopes: Stores £9578; Handcraft £2157; Collections £2091; Patients instructed 5852; articles made 7960; Paid instructors 3, volunteer instructors 34; library books 3260; library staff 1; Field force men 2, field force women 1.

P27 Library and book section:

Librarians were appointed at the following hospitals : Mrs. Goodwin, 2 A.W.H. Yeronga ;Mrs. Walmsley, 102 A.G.H. Ekibin ; Mrs. Tweedale, 112 B.M.H. Greenslopes; Miss A. Murphy, relieving librarian. There are 62 voluntary helpers, whose services are greatly appreciated.

P34: QRC Link: Hospital Visiting—This very useful section has had a busy year. The hospitals visited include Greenslopes, Rosemount, and the General Hospital. Miss Westaway, who took over the work of supervising this section from Miss Mary Marlay, has been a hospital visitor since 1939, and we give her our special thanks for such devoted service. On her marriage, early in 1945, she resigned as supervisor, and Miss Alice Bullock is now in charge. Special mention must be made of Mrs. Bates, Miss Shena Scott (both hospital visitors since 1939), Mrs. Dunstan, Miss Erina Bird, and Miss Betty McKenna, who have been untiring in their work for this section. During the year 25,000 magazines and 100 cases of fruit were distributed to the hospitals, as well as 1,600 packets of cigarettes to the General Hospital on behalf of Headquarters.

P38: cupboard convenors report: 20 articles sent to Greenslopes.

QAR 1945-46

P24: hospital visiting section: Catering—During the year the Hospital Visiting Section has been responsible for catering and service in connection with various functions, such as the official opening of the Red Cross Recreation Centre at 112 B.M.H., Greenslopes; the farewell function to our President, Lady Wilson and Sir Leslie Orme Wilson; and the reception in the City Hall in honour of Lady Louis Mountbatten.

Field Hospital Officers: During the war period, applicants for Field Hospital Officers approved of by the Queensland Division Selection Committee and accepted by National Headquarters received their training in the Queensland Division previous to serving overseas. Two of our Queensland Field Hospital Officers are at present posted at 112 B.M.H. rendering Red Cross service in the recreation centre and wards. With the recent closing of 102 Military Hospital, Holland Park, and 2nd A.W.H., Yeronga, the Units which remain to be serviced in the metropolitan area are 112 B.M.H., Greenslopes, Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, and R.A.A.F., Victoria Park.

P25: Walter T Robertson Convalescent home Toowoomba: only a skeleton staff was kept on until 30th May, when the Home was sold to the Commonwealth Government for social service and some of the Red Cross Aids were then transferred to Chelmer. The lathe and other useful articles were sent to Greenslopes Hospital.

P28: Social Service Department: Since the cessation of hostilities, the emphasis of the work of the department has been more and more on work with men who are discharged from the Services. There is still a great deal of work to be done in the Base Hospital at Greenslopes, and a great deal has been carried out at 102 A.G.H. at Holland Park, but this work is being done with fewer numbers, while the cases referred to the Social Service Department at Headquarters are increasing monthly. The work of this department has widened and we now have a very close co-operation with the Commonwealth Departments, who are also dealing with medically unfit discharged personnel. These departments are mainly the Repatriation Commission, the Commonwealth Employment Service, and the Commonwealth Social Services Department. An example of the way in which Red Cross co-operated with these departments is that one member of staff has been loaned to the Commonwealth Employment Service to work in that department with the seriously disabled ex-servicemen and women, who are having difficulty in maintaining themselves in suitable employment. Mr. Marsh, of the Social Service Department, has now been working with the Commonwealth Employment Service since September, 1945, at first in a part-time capacity and, since February, 1946, in a full-time capacity.

Red Cross Medical Social Workers are now dealing with Repatriation cases. A few are admitted to certain wards in 112 B.M.H., Greenslopes. Also a number of referrals come to us from the Repatriation Commission in the city, and many cases which come to Red Cross of their own volition are referred to the Repatriation Commission. The Social Worker is then asked to take suitable action.

P29: Handcrafts section: handcraft centre and woodwork shop, have contributed largely to the success of the work at this hospital.

Outside Service: The woodwork shops have done excellent work, one ex-P.O.W. having made most of the furniture for his home at the Red Cross Centre at 112 B.M.H., Greenslopes.

P30: Library Section: During this period the library at 112 B.M.H. Greenslopes has been reorganised. Previously it was housed in a small room at the end of Ward 6. The library is now established in the new Red Cross building, which offers splendid facilities in space and lighting. The cream walls, blue-green curtains, and gay red pots of growing plants are an attractive asset to the dark red and blue Fabrex covers of approximately 3,000 books. There is also a large reading room adjoining the library, stocked with up-to-date magazines,³⁰

and furnished with excellent lighting, comfortable easy chairs, and writing desks. Bright posters donated by the shipping companies give an added touch of interest to the room.

P34: TRANSPORT OF INVALID SERVICE PERSONNEL AND REPATRIATED P.O.W. BY R.A.C.Q.

1945:

19/9 3 personnel A.I.F., P.O.W., ex Japan—Greenslopes Hospital to Suburbs ... in 3 cars

26/9 105 personnel A.I.F., P.O.W., ex "Oranje"—Hamilton to Greenslopes ... 36 cars

11/10 70 personnel A.I.F., P.O.W. ex "Wanganella"—Hamilton to Greenslopes 24 cars

11/10 9 personnel A.I.F., P.O.W. (Sick men ex Greenslopes Hospital) taken for motor drive 3 cars

30/10 8 personnel A.I.F., P.O.W. (Nurses), ex "Manunda"—Clapham Junction to Greenslopes and Yeerongpilly respectively 19 cars

30/10 19 personnel P.O.W. Hospital Patients—Greenslopes Hospital to City and Suburbs 3 cars

1946

27/4 1 Capt. Blackmore, Blind Serviceman—Greenslopes Hospital to Perry House
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23/4 26 P.O.W.—Greenslopes Military Hospital to City Hall (Reception to Lady Louis Mountbatten) 10 cars

10/6 16 Patients from Greenslopes Hospital to Centenary Park ... 5 cars

P38: QRC Link: General Hospitals each Monday evening, distributing fruit, magazines and cigarettes. These visits are very much appreciated by the patients, and to the convenors—Misses Alice Bullock and Grace Willoughby (Greenslopes), Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Misses Erina Bird and Marjorie Orr (General), Miss Shena Scott (Rosemount)—our thanks for carrying on this noble work.

P40: Home Nursing Examination—This was held in September, 1945. Members of three Circles participated: Iredale, Greenslopes, and Primary Correspondence School. The Greenslopes Circle won the Archibald-Robertson Cup for proficiency in this subject.

P41: Junior Red Cross Cupboard: Worn clothing has been collected by juniors for the school children of Europe and England. Wamuran Circle undertook the work of receiving clothing, boots and shoes for the district, and from this Circle four large cases of clothes and a large sack of boots and shoes were received. Other Circles who wholeheartedly responded to the appeal were: Aramara, Biddaddaba, Cairns Central, Cannon Hill, Dirranbandi, Enoggera, Eagle Junction, Greenslopes, Goomeri, Graceville, Hawthorne, Jandowae, Jimbour, Kelvin Grove, Milchester, Mapleton, Nanango, Osborne, Pialba, Primary Correspondence School, Rainworth, Rockhampton Central, Wooloowin, Warwick East, Windsor, Wandoan. Several Circles have sent in magazines, comics and books. The children of Mr. O'Reilly, National Park, have sent parcels of new and worn clothing and toys. New and worn clothes have been given by Miss Patricia Williams; good worn clothing was also received from Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Crick. Food—The following Circles have sent large quantities of tinned foods for China, Britain, and Greece: Greenslopes, Cairns Central, South Brisbane Intermediate, Wandoan, Rainworth, Holland Park.

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P3-4: Chairman's reported cross Rest Room- Brisbane General Hospital—Realising, the comfort which Red Cross Society had been able to bring to relatives of dangerously ill patients in military..... at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, where the Society- Immuouisiy giving service in the flat at the Red Cross Centre in arranging accommodation for relatives of dangerously ill patients at Greenslopes, it was decided by the Divisional Executive to approach the Brisbane and South Coast Hospital Board to obtain approval for the erection of a Rest Room at the Brisbane General Hospital, where the Red Cross Society, with the

assistance of voluntary helpers, could provide accommodation for relatives of dangerously ill patients in the hospital, so that they would not have to sit in wards and on cold verandahs. This Rest Room was nearing completion at the 30th June, 1947, and at the time of publication of this report service has commenced at the hospital. The building was previously a Recreation Centre at Kangaroo Point. The transfer, re-erection and additional alterations, including lavatory and shower accommodation, have provided a very comfortable Red Cross Centre at the Hospital.

P4: Lady Wilson Red Cross Convalescent Home—Advice was received from Army that after the end of February, 1947, no further patients would be admitted through Army, as the Repatriation Commission was taking over the Greenslopes Military Hospital as a Repatriation Hospital. Protracted negotiations took place in investigating the possibilities of using the Lady Wilson Home as a Psychiatric Centre for patients admitted through the Commonwealth Social Service Department, in addition to convalescent patients to be admitted through the Repatriation Department from Greenslopes Hospital. This proposal was abandoned, and it was finally decided that the Lady Wilson Red Cross Convalescent Home should be conducted to admit 50 convalescent patients from the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, the Repatriation Authorities to pay for 50 beds at the rate of 8/- per head per day whether beds are occupied or not. Arrangements have been made through the Red Cross Social Service Department to admit a limited number of patients through the Department to beds not occupied by Repatriation patients, through co-operation with the Repatriation Department.

Field Service—Following advice from our National Headquarters that on and after 19th May, 1947, all Army attachment for Australian Red Cross Field Force personnel (with the exception of certain limited personnel at National Headquarters and Overseas Workers) would cease, it was decided by Divisional Executive that in future this Department continue and be known as "Field Service Section." Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, formerly Deputy Commissioner, was appointed Officer-in-Charge of this Section of the Society's service, which deals with Red Cross service at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Mental Institutions, Transport, and various outside activities undertaken by the Society.

P5: Rosemount Repatriation Hospital—In February, 1947, patients were transferred from Rosemount Repatriation Hospital to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, which will be the main Repatriation Hospital in Queensland. Red Cross Society, through a band of voluntary workers, including Misses Harries, A. M. Webster, and others, have continuously, since the last War, looked after the interests of patients at this Hospital, and we record our deep appreciation to these devoted workers for the services they have rendered. Miss Webster, as voluntary Hospital Visitor, will continue to visit 1914-18 patients and T.B. patients at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. With the transfer of patients to Greenslopes, activities in the Red Cross Recreation Hall at Rosemount Hospital were curtailed, including Library, etc. One billiard table was transferred to the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, and another donated to the Kings home R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Home for Aged Diggers. As out-patients continue to be treated at Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, Miss B. Schroder has agreed to continue to visit this Hospital daily, and to serve morning and afternoon tea to out-patients. During the year ended 30th June, 1947, 10,571 cups of tea were served to out-patients.

P6: Handcrafts—As the Repatriation Commission has commenced a Woodwork Section at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, the need for this Section which had been carried out by Red Cross was no longer necessary at this Hospital, and it was decided to transfer the Workshop to premises at Petrie Bight, generously loaned by the City Council. The basement of the Workshop has been fitted up for the manufacture of weaving looms. This shop had previously been used as the ex-Servicemen's Training Centre.

P8 General Activities: The servicing of General Hospitals with Red Cross Libraries throughout Queensland is increasing, and to date Libraries have been provided in 40 Hospitals in Queensland. The Libraries at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Lady Wilson Home, and Kenmore, are kept thoroughly up to date. A total of 23,449 magazines and periodicals were packed and despatched at regular intervals to various Hospitals.

P9: General Activities: Through the Hospital Visiting Section, approximately 60 women continue to give voluntary service weekly in visiting Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane General Hospital,

Eventide Home, Sandgate, and assisting in other ways in connection with Hospital service. The resignation of Mrs. E. Hudson from Hospital Visiting Section was received with much regret, and appreciation placed on record of the services she had rendered to the Hospital Visiting Section since its establishment.

General Activities: Although the work of the Red Cross Bureau (which previously dealt with enquiries for Prisoners of War, Missing Persons, etc., etc.) has greatly diminished, it is surprising the number of enquiries still being received, and work continues to be carried on by a member of the staff who has been retained* and who also assists in Social Service Section. Approximately 200 enquiries have been despatched to countries in Europe during the past year and, in addition, several requests have been received to trace relatives in U.S.A., Canada, China, Manchuria, Malay, East Indies, India and North Africa. In each case contact has been with the Red Cross Society in the country concerned, or with the National Tracing Bureau; 70 enquiries have been handled from next-of-kin for welfare reports of servicemen stationed with the B.C.O.F. in Japan. The Bureau has also assisted to give service to next-of-kin of dangerously ill or seriously ill ex-Servicemen in Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital.

P14: Bureau Activities: The Bureau has been called upon on several occasions in the past twelve months to give service to the next-of-kin of Dangerously 111 or Seriously 111 ex-servicemen in the Repatriation Hospital at Greenslopes. Next-of-kin have been brought to Brisbane from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Launceston, as well as Mackay, Cairns and Longreach. In all these instances, the relatives have been met on their arrival and taken to the RedCross flat at the hospital. Their return travel is always arranged by the Bureau, and as in each case the relative has been sent for by the attending Medical Officer, the fare has been paid by Red Cross.

P18: Field Service: Transport—During the twelve months the vehicles travelled 151,608 miles on 11,200gallons of petrol, at an average of 13.4 miles per gallon, as against 193,626 miles on 17,603gallons, at an average of 11 miles per gallon for the year 1945-46. The drop in miles run is mainly due to the close supervision and elimination of overlapping. The rise of 2.4 miles per gallon is the result of better care and attention to the vehicles, and the fact that peace-time activities do not demand the use of heavy vehicles as in the War years. Twenty-five patients from Greenslopes Hospital were taken out for picnics each Sunday, and for mid-week outings to Tamborine, Caloundra, Canungra and Maleny, where they were entertained by the local Branches. Veterans from Kingshome were taken out each fortnight. Patients from Montrose Crippled Children's Home are taken out as required. Transport for Handcraft Instructors, Social Service and Aid to Mothers Investigators is arranged daily. Children are taken from their homes to Junior Red Cross Home at Margate. Relatives of Dangerously 111 Patients are met at rail and plane and taken to Next of Kin flats at the Red Cross Recreation Centre, Greenslopes. During the British Flood Relief Appeal goods were collected at schools in the Metropolitan Area and Stations. Red Cross buses led the Anzac Day procession and Red Cross Transport played a prominent part in the Australia Day procession.

P18: General—We are extremely grateful to the Hon. Entertainment Officer of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A., Mr. D. MacFarlane, for the wonderful help of organising concert parties RS S.A.I.L.A., Mr. D. MacFarlane, for the wonderful help of organising concert parties for patients in the Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes. These concerts are held once a week, and are very much appreciated by the patients. Mr. MacFarlane also makes the necessary arrangements for celebrities to appear at Greenslopes throughout the year, and we are deeply indebted to him for his cheerful help. As the Army Amenities withdrew the film service at Greenslopes in September, 1946, it became an obligation of the Society to continue this popular entertainment, and arrangements were made with the Film Renters Association for supply of film until Repatriation were able to take over on 15th June, 1947.

P20: SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT: staff as at June 1947: Medical Social Worker at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital Miss L. Richardson

Clerical Staff: Stenographers Miss A. Michelson (Greenslopes)

P22: Work in Hospitals—No. 102 A.G.H. Holland Park was closed in June, 1946, and No. 112 A.G.H. Greenslopes remained as the only military hospital in Queensland. In April the hospital came under the control of the Repatriation Commission, although the "changeover" had been made very gradually over several months. Miss L. Campbell-Brown then became medical social worker for the Repatriation Commission, and Miss L. Richardson remained on the Red Cross staff. The work at the hospital is now

with disabled ex-servicemen and women, many of whom have disabilities which will necessitate long periods of hospitalization. .

P23: Red Cross Handcrafts: Many changes have taken place during the last year, amongst which was the transfer the Military Hospital at Greenslopes to the Repatriation Department.

P24: Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital—Our service and Red Cross issue, under the supervision of Mrs. C. L. McGowan, comprising fresh fruit, cakes, sweets, cigarettes and writing paper, is continued twice weekly in alternate issues.

P27: library Section: Libraries for Service and ex-Service men at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, the Lady Wilson Home, and at the Kenmore Sanatorium, are kept thoroughly up to date.

RED CROSS LIBRARY—ROSEMOUNT REPATRIATION HOSPITAL.

With the transfer of patients from Rosemount to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital during the year, the Library at Rosemount is now closed. Books were packed in cases, 1,171 from General Library and 370 from the T.B. Recreation Room shelves. These with the book-cases were sent to Red Cross Library Headquarters.

P28: DISTRIBUTING DEPOT AT HEADQUARTERS—1914-18 WAR FUND: . Miss B. Schroder willingly agreed to carry on her voluntary service at Rosemount for out-patients, when the hospital patients were all transferred to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, and is assisted by Miss H. Parkes.

P32: QRC Link: Hospital Visiting—A number of girls continue to visit the Greenslopes Hospital each Monday evening, distributing magazines. We very much regret the necessity for discontinuing our weekly visits to the General Hospital, but this was unavoidable owing to the small number of girls available, and other difficulties involved.

Entertainments—These have been in the form of bridge parties, boat trips, picture benefits, scavenger hunts, and chop picnics, and have helped to raise club funds' several parties were arranged in the Club Room, when patients of the 112 B.M.H. spent happy evenings. Latterly, the patients have been entertained by the "Link" girls in the Red Cross Recreation Hall at Greenslopes, and as these evenings are so enjoyed by the lads, they will be continued indefinitely.

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P10: Enquiry Bureau: Arrangements were made for the return trip to Yeppoon for parents of a dangerously ill patient in Greenslopes, and also for the return trip by air to and from Sydney for the mother of a dangerously ill patient in Concord Hospital, New South Wales.

P11: RECEIVING AND DESPATCHING DEPOT: Veils numbering 1000 have been made for Junior Red Cross. Curtains, mattress covers and cushions for the Rest Room at the General Hospital; new bed covers and curtains for Chelmer Red Cross Home; bed covers and curtains for Margate, and replacements as required for the Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes, also new curtains for Red Cross House.

DIVISIONAL SERVICE CORP: Escort Duty: .An escort was provided to Redland Bay for a special outing for three men who were patients at Greenslopes for many months.

P13 General Services: At the request of the Blackall Red Cross Branch a family of five small children aged from three to nine years, travelling with their recently widowed mother, were met at Central Railway Station and taken to Greenslopes Recreation Centre, where breakfast was prepared for them, and afterwards assisted on to train en route for Adelaide. Arrangements were made for them to be met by Red Cross representatives at Sydney and Melbourne.

FIELD SERVICE SECTION: This Section is responsible for the supervision of service to ex-service patients in Repatriation Hospitals, Mental Hospitals and the few remaining Army R.A.P's, R.A.A.F. Sick Quarters, and—until the expected closure—Naval Sick Bay. The service at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, where there is a daily average of 400 patients, is comprehensive. Field Service staff "comprises one male Supervisor, two female Resident Hospital Visitors, one Caretaker—for Recreation Centre—and one cleaner. This service is apart from Handcraft Instructors, Library and Social Service Workers..... Yet another Section who has done a grand job is the Red Cross Link. Mainly business girls, this team of young people visit each patient at Greenslopes each Monday night and distribute magazines. The patients all look forward to these visits and appreciate the efforts of the girls to make hospital life happier.

P 16: General:. We regret the loss of two splendid Resident Hospital Visitors at Greenslopes during the year, both Miss G. Baseby and Miss E. A. Lamond resigning to be married. These girls were very popular with the patients and have left with best wishes for the future by all with whom they came in contact. Ex-service patients in hospital were not forgotten by Red Cross at Christmas. Each patient received a very nice parcel and many little extras were taken to the wards. At Greenslopes Red Cross Centre a Christmas party was arranged, a large tree being a prominent feature, gifts for individual patients being attached and handed out during the evening.

P18: In the Social Service Department we are trying to help people in such a way that they will be happier at home, in their work, and in their community associations. This cannot be done by seeing a person once or twice. It takes many interviews for our staff members and the ex-serviceman to get to know one another, to feel confidence in one another, and then to work out a solution to the difficulties. Our work is divided into sections as follows :1. City Office 4. Commonwealth Employment Service.2. Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. 5. Townsville, Toowoomba and other3. Rosemount Repatriation Hospital. Branches.

City Office: Another service we are giving is to ex-servicemen and women in the Brisbane General Hospital who have been referred to us from the Red Cross Hut, Hospital Visitors, Ward Sisters or medical officers. Ex-servicemen whose illness is not accepted by Repatriation are not eligible to receive treatment in the Greenslopes Hospital. Many of these men are in the Brisbane General Hospital, and quite often we find that they have all sorts of difficulties with which we can help. It would not be so necessary for us to visit the hospital if there was a medical social worker there, but as there isn't we feel this is one of our most important functions as we are helping ex-servicemen who would otherwise be left to their own resources. As an instance of the need for this work, our worker went one morning to see three ex-service-men all in different wards. The ex-serviceman she saw first told her the man in the next bed was also an ex-serviceman and that he was very worried about his family. He told her of another in the same ward, so that at the end of the morning she was still in the first ward, and had not seen the other ex-servicemen in other wards.

P19: Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes—During the year the Red Cross medical social worker has worked under the supervision of the Repatriation medical social worker, the two dividing the work at the Hospital between them. There is ample proof of the need for two medical social workers at the Hospital, and it is expected that the Repatriation Commission will appoint a second person in the near future, thus relieving Red Cross of this responsibility. Meanwhile this work holds a high priority in our Department as the sick ex-servicemen in hospital have the first call on us.

P20: Red Cross Handcrafts: Handcraft Instructors are stationed at the following Hospitals and Convalescent Homes :Repatriation Hospital, Greenslopes ; Lady Wilson Red Cross Convalescent Home, Chelmer ;Red Cross Training Centre ; Red Cross Workshop ; Red Cross Outpatients Service ; Brisbane General Hospital; Brisbane Children's Hospital; South Brisbane Auxiliary Hospital; Montrose Home for Crippled Children ; Westwood Sanatorium, via Rockhampton.

P21: HOSPITAL VISITING SECTION: Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital—Our Service and Red Cross issue under the supervision of Mrs. O'Donnell continues twice weekly, comprising sweets, cigarettes, matches, and writing paper. Any small service is rendered when required by the patients. Afternoon tea is served daily in the Red Cross Centre to walking patients.

P22: Resignations—It is with regret I report the resignation of Mrs. C. L. McGowan, who has been a valued worker in the Section, occupying the position of voluntary Official Hospital Visitor at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital since that Hospital was first opened, then a Military Unit. Miss Lamond, Field Service Hospital Visitor, tendered her resignation owing to her recent marriage.

P28: Library Section: The Library at Greenslopes Centre is regularly serviced and kept up to date. Books are taken towards every afternoon except Wednesdays. All patients who are well enough atn towards every afternoon except Wednesdays. All patients who are well enough attend the Library and Reading Room. This Library is run by a staff of three and five regular voluntary workers, two of whom help with the wards. The others do repairs and catalogues. The number of patients vary from about 396 to 440, usually far more than half being bed patients. We have also installed at Greenslopes during the year a separate Library for T.B. patients. This Library contains about 800 books and is kept in order by a part-time Librarian, who services four wards every Wednesday morning. The Librarian works two days per week, and is also kept busy with repairs to books. Here all books are put through a sterilizer as soon as they are returned from the wards. Kenmore and Westwood T.B. Sanatoriums, also T.B. Wards at Greenslopes, are serviced from this Library. The Magazine Section at Headquarters, Thurlow's Buildings, is run entirely by voluntary workers, four men and one woman. From this Section all hospitals are

serviced every three months. Daily papers and magazines are sent regularly to Greenslopes and the Lady Wilson Home, Chelmer.

P30: PAPIER MACHE SECTION: During the year we completed requisitions for two dozen fruit bowls for Greenslopes Military Hospital, one dozen waste paper baskets for the Blood Bank, and one dozen trays for use; in Red Cross Relations Hut at the General Hospital.

P31: Red Cross Link: Hospital Visiting—Miss Grace Willoughby has supervised Hospital Visiting to Green-slopes each Monday night. Magazines and cigarettes were left with the patients, and an extra gift of fruit at Christmas. Owing to a Red Cross Branch selecting the same night as the Link for a Christmas Party at Greenslopes, Link members combined with them in entertaining the lads.

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P11: Red Cross Blood Transfusion Group: The Service continues to supply the needs of the Repatriation Hospital at Greenslopes and a further 258 donations were supplied during this period for the needs of ex-servicemen.

P15: Divisional Service Section: VAD: Voluntary Aid Detachments: Members of Detachments have been concentrating on their training by attending night lectures and are also reporting at the Brisbane General Hospital for practical training in the Wards at the week-ends. They help with most of the services of this Section and since the 4th February have been staffing the Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, where relatives of dying patients can stay from 6—10 p.m. each evening. Three uniformed girls attend and at least one reports to the Sister-in-Charge of the Repatriation Hospital Theatre to assist her with minor theatre duties. Voluntary Aids have also assisted in the nurseries of the Brisbane Women's Hospital since August of last year.⁵⁴ Voluntary Aids part

P16 Field Service Section: While the year just finished has been uneventful, Field Service staff have been kept busy in attending to the needs of ex-service patients in the various Institutions. Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital is still maintaining a high daily average of 400 patients. Kenmore Repatriation TB Sanatorium average 55, Anzac Hostel 18, Rosemount Repatriation Out Patients varies from 20 to 100 daily, Goodna Mental Hospital 180, Wacol 105, Sandy Gallop 44 and Willow-burn Mental Hospital 53. Ex-service Patients throughout the State apart from these in the above Institutions are well catered for by members of local Red Cross Branches.

P17: Service to Patients in Greenslopes—This Hospital being the general-Repatriation Centre for cases accepted as due to war service, covering Queensland and parts of Northern New South Wales, is one of our main concerns and therefore it is necessary to have a staff on duty 24 hours a day throughout the year. We are pleased to report that with the wonderful help--of the Voluntary Hospital Visitors, Red Cross Voluntary Aids, Red Cross Link members, Junior Red Cross Youth Groups and many other individual helpers we have been able to maintain that high standard of Red Cross service to the patients and their relatives which means so much. The Next-of-Kin flats at the Centre has been fully occupied throughout the year and we regret to say that a large number of patients have passed away during that period. It will be easily understood that as most of the patients who reached the end of the road were men who served in the 1914-18 War, there was a greater need for Red Cross help for the elderly relatives. Transport was arranged to take them to their homes, to funeral parlours, etc., and everything possible done in a sympathetic and understanding manner to help these unfortunate people in their hour of need. Quite often relatives of patients from World War II travel with young children from the far north and west of the State to be at the bedside when their husbands are Dangerously 111. Recently we provided accommodation for one young mother with a month old baby. What would have happened without Red Cross aid would be hard to imagine, however. we were able to take charge of the baby—feeding, washing clothes, etc.—and' allow the mother to spend as much time as possible with her husband. Fortunately in this case the patient recovered. All other facilities at the Centre were well patronised, i.e., Main Hall for pictures, Concerts, etc., the Library, Tea Room, Reading Room and games verandah. Many patients took advantage of the irons provided for pressing-shirts, trousers, etc. Patients were taken for outings such as picnics, Branch entertainments, sporting fixtures and Theatres.

P19 Transport: Patients from Greenslopes were taken for outings to Sporting fixtures, Theatres, picnics, and to entertainments by Branch members at Caloundra, Canurigra, Maleny and Tamborine. Patients from Greenslopes were taken for outings to Sporting fixtures, Theatres, picnics, and to entertainments by Branch members at Caloundra, Canurigra, Maleny and Tamborine.

P23-4: Hospital Visiting Section: Throughout the year Hospital Visiting Section continued to give voluntary service by regularly visiting ex-service personnel in the following Hospitals—Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane General Hospital, Brisbane Children's Hospital, South Brisbane Auxiliary Hospital, Rosemount and Lady Wilson Red Cross Convalescent Home. Eventide, for the past two years has been serviced by our Sandgate Branch under the direction of Mrs. Shellshear.

The Hospital Visiting Section has endeavoured throughout the year to continue with peacetime activities as in war time, with little curtailment.²³

Until March, 1949, Hospital Visitors visited patients at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital with cigarettes and sweets, but we regret that it was necessary to discontinue this service. However, in October, 1949, the Divisional Executive approved of the recommendations from the Hospital Visiting Committee that a packet of cigarettes should be given once a fortnight by voluntary Hospital Visitors to patients at Greenslopes.Afternoon Teas served in co-operation with Junior Red Cross by our Hospital Visitors to walking patients at Greenslopes Red Cross Centre are very popular and one and all are loud in praise of the attention they receive.

P24: Library Section: The Library at Greenslopes is regularly serviced and kept up to date. Books are taken to the Wards in the afternoons, and patients well enough to visit the Library and Reading Room do so. This Library is run by a Staff of 3 full time workers, and voluntaries who help to repair books and also to service the wards. T.B. Library—This library contains approximately 1,000 books. The wards at Greenslopes are serviced every Wednesday morning.

P25 General: The Magazine Section in Thurlows Building, is run entirely by voluntary workers—3 men and 3 women. This section supplies all Country Hospitals every 3 months. Daily papers and magazines are sent regularly to Greenslopes, Kenmore and the Lady Wilson Home, Chelmer.

P31: Youth Section: Cadet Corps: future. The varied programme of the Cadet Corps holds the interest of all members. Activities include the staffing of the Canteen at the Greenslopes Hospital by the Girl Cadets, Ball Games, Camps, Field Days, Film Evenings., Socials, and assisting, at various Red Cross functions. These activities have not been allowed to interfere with the main object of the Cadet Corps, which is to train members in First Aid, Home Nursing, Accident and Fire Prevention, Water Safety, etc., providing a highly trained corps of boys and girls ready in local or national emergency. Members attend parades on Anzac Day, Empire Youth Sunday, etc. The attractive uniform worn by the Cadets makes them outstanding in any parade, and has great publicity value for Red Cross.

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P6: Chairman's Report; Miss D. Villiers-Brown has been appointed Officer in Charge, Library Service.

P7 Library Section: W. Munro, Misses C. Bird, B. Price. Miss D. Villiers Brown (Officer-in-Charge). Voluntary Workers.—Attending weekly: Magazine Section, five voluntary workers; attending weekly, Repairing Section, four voluntary workers; attending monthly, Repair Section, voluntary workers; from eight Branches and from the Red Cross Depot. Attending weekly at Red Cross Library, Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital: Book Repairing, Five voluntary workers; assisting in wards, two voluntary workers.

P8: At Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes, the staff attends to the repair of all books in the General Library and Next-of-Kin Library and to servicing twice weekly 15 of the 18 Wards, and once weekly T.B. Wards (oftener if required), repairing and fumigating T.B. books, and repairing and servicing all T.B. Libraries run by this Section (Greenslopes T.B., South Brisbane Auxiliary T.B., Westwood Sanatorium, Kenmore Sanatorium and "Waiben" Aboriginal T.B. Settlement). In addition the general library is kept open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the use of all walking patients. One member of the Library Headquarters staff and one member of the Greenslopes Library staff alternately visit the South Brisbane Auxiliary Hospital on one day a week, to service all the T.B. Wards in the Hospital. This Library has now doubled in size, and the Hospital has provided a new book cupboard. The Library has now doubled in size, and the Hospital has provided a new book cupboard. The Library has now been moved from the verandah of M5 to the verandah of F3, a slightly better position. The Hospital will endeavour to give us a small room under-neath the new T.B. block for use as a library, when this block is completed.

P10: divisional service Section: Apart from normal training in First Aid, Home Nursing, 36 hours practical work Brisbane General Hospital or Mater Hospital, V.A.'s are doing in addition 36

hours training Red Cross Blood Bank and 36 hours training Casualty Ward, Brisbane General Hospital. The V.A.'s continue to staff the Next-of-Kin flat at Red Cross Recreation Centre, Repatriation Hospital, Greenslopes, each evening from 6 to 10 p.m., one V.A. remaining at the flat for the benefit of relatives staying there and one reporting to the Sister in Charge Operating Theatre, to assist with duties there. During the year the V.A.'s have assisted at various Red Cross functions, and recently a Parade was held at Government House, at which Lady Lavarack presented to Mrs. C. I. P. Guille and Miss Blanche Harper the King's Bar Brooch.

P14 Junior Red Cross: Parade: Anzac Day Parade of 1952 was the finest on record. Almost 700 Juniors in uniform were led by the Greenslopes State School Fife Band. The annual Church Parade held on Sunday, 9th September 1951, was also well attended. Junior Red Cross was represented at the wreath-laying ceremony to our late King George VI., at the Shrine of Remembrance, Anzac Square, and later 80 members attended the Memorial Service held at the Exhibition Grounds at 8 p.m.

P15: Cadets: Cadets comprise two groups. One group meets on Saturday mornings at the Exhibition Grounds, and the second group at Red Cross House, each Monday evening. Both groups train in First Aid, Home Nursing, stretcher work, drill, accident and fire prevention and also handcrafts. Cadet officers and trainees attend weekly at the Red Cross Rest Room at the General Hospital and at the Tea Rooms at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, doing really useful work.

P17 Hospital Visiting section: In the Metropolitan area, fortnightly visits are made to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane General Hospital, South Brisbane Auxiliary Hospital, Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, Lady Wilson Home, and representatives from Sandgate Branch, headed by Mrs. Shellshear, look after "Eventide."

Another service by the Hospital Visitors is the daily afternoon teas at Greenslopes for walking patients and their friends. Junior Red Cross carries on the good work during week-ends, and at Rosemount a regular service is also maintained!

P19 :QRC Link: Hospital Visiting: Members visited patients at Greenslopes Hospital each Monday night to distribute magazines supplied by Link, and gifts of sweets and nuts at Christmas. Assistance has been given, at Rest Room, General Hospital, as required.

P20: Stores Section: Staff: There have been a number of changes during the year. Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, former Officer in charge, resigned last October and Mr. G. Cunningham took up the position, having formerly been Red Cross representative to Repatriation Hospital, Greenslopes.

Field Service Section: Officer in Charge: G. Cunningham. Service to ex-Service Patierus in Hospitals and Institutions was given throughout the year. Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital had a daily average of 409 Patients, Kenmore T.B. Sanatorium 60, Anzac Hostel 16 daily, while at the Mental Hospitals we had the following numbers: Goodna 184, Wacol 103, Sandy Gallop 42, Willowbui 58. We have forwarded goods to the ex-Service Patients at Peel Island Leprosarium, where there are six men. Rosemount Repatriation Out-patients' Hospital, where the Society conducts a Rest Room, there have been large numbers attending and making use of our facilities. This Section is responsible for the Society's activity within Service Hospitals. At the moment we service four Army Hospitals and two R.A.A.F. Hospitals. Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital: This Hospital is the main avenue of our services to ex-Servicemen. Our Staff consists of one male Representative-in-Charge, two Field Service Hospital Visitors and a Caretaker. We conduct a large Red Cross Recreation Centre, consisting of a Theatre for Pictures, Concerts and Parties, Billiard Room, Table Tennis, Library, Lounge and Writing Room, Tea Rooms, Next of Kin Flat and an Ironing Room for patients' use. We are greatly helped in our work at Greenslopes by many voluntary helpers—approximately 30 per week. These good people are: Greenslopes Branch, Voluntary Hospital Visitors, V.A.D.'s, Link, and Junior Red Cross Cadets. Recently Junior Red Cross members have been visiting certain Wards' for service to the Next of Kin of Dangerously 111 Patients is of a high standard, as we consider these people, especially those from the country, should be cared for as be???? We have received some very fine donations to the Society's funds as a result of service to Next of Kin. "teas have been served to patients each afternoon throughout the year and all other facilities have been of benefit to the patients. Pictures have been screened in our Hall twice weekly by Repatriation Film Unit. Concerts have been held almost weekly—these are arranged by Red Cross Staff and sometimes by the Amenities Section of the Hospital.

P21: Transport: We have taken patients on outings to Tamborine Mountains Branch on many occasions, as well as fishing trips and short runs to the Coast. On Anzac Day, with patients

from four Wars, our two buses led the March. We had Boer War Veterans from Newman Home, 1914-18 Diggers from Anzac Hostel, 1939-45 men from Greenslopes, as well as casualties from, the Korean campaign. Following our buses were three RedCross cars flying the Red Cross Pennant. It really was most impressive.

Staff: A few alterations to our Staff have taken place. On the resignation of Mr. J. J. McCaffrey in October last year, Mr. G. Cunningham took over this position and Mr. N. Martin was appointed to the Repatriation Hospital, Greenslopes. Mrs. B. Galvin left our Staff at Greenslopes and was replaced by Mrs. K. Reushle. We regret the long illness of our Senior Driver, Miss E. Tonkin, who is in Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. We look forward to her recovery and return to our ranks. Miss D. Bennett, who has been on our Transport Staff for over five years, resigned, and has been replaced.

QAR 1952-53:

P3 presidents report: In a quiet and perhaps unspectacular manner the Red Cross Society continues to carry on wonderful service to the community, whether it be meeting wounded men returning from Korea, the reception of liberated prisoners of war from Korea, giving service to the relatives of a dangerously ill patient in Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, providing a braille watch for a blinded ex-servicemen, visiting a lonely country person who may be in hospital in the metropolitan area, providing medical equipment on loan where such is not easily available for an invalid in a private home, sending a housekeeper to a home whilst the mother of little children is ill in hospital, or looking after little children in our Margate Home in similar circum-stances; and not forgetting our wonderful Blood Transfusion Service to the community.

P12: Service Section VADs: Seven days per week, from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., the Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes Military Hospital is staffed by Aids, and there is an Aid on duty in the operating theatre of this Hospital, during these hours, ready to perform whatever duties maybe required of her.

P16 FIELD SERVICE Section Officer-in-Charge: Mr. R. C. Hudson. Services and amenities have been supplied by this Section throughout the year to ex-service patients in Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. This hospital had an average of 416 patients daily. Afternoon teas were serviced to the patients and their visitors in the Red Cross Centre, also shopping and other requests were done for the patients by the Field Service Hospital Visitors. Next-of-kin flats are maintained for relatives of dangerously ill patients who come from country and interstate towns. The number of next-of-kin accommodated during the year was 132. Help has been received from the Voluntary Hospital Visitors, the V.A.Ds., Link and Green-slopes Branch, and is greatly appreciated.

Patients from Goodna and Wacol Mental Hospitals have been taken for outings in conjunction with the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Ex-service patients from Greenslopes Hospital have been taken to Tamborine for outings, also to sporting and theatrical functions. Blind ex-servicemen have been taken for outings to industrial institutions.

The staff changes include the appointment of the writer to replace the late Mr. G. Cunningham, who passed away in October, 1952, and the temporary replacement of Mrs. K. Roushle, Field Service Hospital Visitor at Greenslopes Recreation Centre, who was injured in May, 1953, and who is still away.

P18 hospital Visiting Section: .For the year under review, 49691b. of sweets were distributed, together with 9308 magazines and books to patients at Brisbane General Hospital, South Brisbane Auxiliary, Rosemount Repatriation Hospital, and "Eventide" Home, Sandgate. As from 1st July, 1953, the complete distribution of magazines at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital is being undertaken by our members. Canteen work at the Greenslopes Red Cross Centre included afternoon teas for patients and their families, reaching a total of 29,200. Thanks are offered to members of the Junior Red Cross Cadets who have assisted during week-ends at this Canteen service.

Towards the end of 1952 members were responsible for collecting sufficient funds to enable them to purchase small Xmas parcels for the ex-servicemen in hospitals, and this gesture was warmly appreciated by the patients. In conjunction with members of Greenslopes Branch, a Xmas Party was arranged at Greenslopes RedCross Centre for all patients at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. Upon the return of our first prisoner of war from Korea—Pte. John Davis—the Hon. Director, Mrs. M. Graham Brown, with Field Service Commissioner R. Hudson, was at the aerodrome to welcome home this soldier, who had been accompanied from Sydney to Brisbane by his mother. Mrs. Davis was

taken to the next-of-kin flat at Greenslopes Centre as guest of the Society. All returning sick, wounded and prisoners of war are met by a representative of the Hospital Visiting Section.

P19 Library Section: The work of classifying, repairing and binding all books in these 95 Libraries carried out by Red Cross Library staff, assisted by a small number of voluntary workers, and all Library services, other than those of Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes, and the T.B. Libraries, are maintained from Library Headquarters. At Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes, the staff keep open a Library for walking patients, visit all Hospital Wards twice weekly, and maintain the T.B. Library service.

...The Red Cross Libraries in Country Hospitals are administered and cared for by Red Cross Branches or by representatives of the Hospital Boards concerned. These voluntary librarians are often busy people themselves, and still find time to carry out, in the name of Red Cross, this work of kindness and mercy. To them, and to the small band of voluntary workers who regularly visit them, and to the small band of voluntary workers who regularly visit Library Headquarters, and the Red Cross Library at Greenslopes, this Section extends its heartfelt thanks.

P20 Junior Red Cross: Cadets. — This Section shows a slight increase in both groups, and members continue with their training syllabus. They do regular duty at the Greenslopes Hospital Tea Rooms and the Red Cross Rest Rooms at the Brisbane General Hospital. This includes an "all night" period once a month.

QAR 1953-54

P12: Field Service & Stores Section: During the year the daily average of patients in the Greenslopes Repatriation General Hospital was 432. In addition to amenities of various kinds, sweets, magazines, stationery, cards and other comforts have been distributed to patients. Transport and escorts were supplied for patients' outings to mountain resorts, beaches, theatres, sports, air pageant, R.N.A.S. Exhibition and Anzac Day Services. Eighty-six relatives (next of kin) of dangerously ill patients have availed themselves of the Red Cross fiat accommodation at the Greenslopes Recreation Centre, which continues to serve such visitors from suburban, country and Interstate districts. The following entertainment and their services have been arranged and monitored by the Re-creation Centre staff with much appreciated voluntary assistance. Eighteen concerts by local and five concerts by celebrity artistes, bi-weekly cinema shows supplied by the Repatriation Department, weekly square dancing by Greenslopes Branch, a bumper12

Christmas party at the Society's expense and distribution of Xmas cheer to all patients, shopping, letter writing and collection of pensions on behalf of patients and provision of a total of 11,400 afternoon teas. Voluntary Hospital Visitors' co-operation has been magnificent, as has also been that of the Greenslopes Branch in sewing, mending and other forms of service. Goodna and Wacol institutions were visited weekly and sweets and fruit distributed. An average of eight Sunday patients' outings has been made to seaside and country localities where entertainment and hospitality were provided by local organisations. The pleasure of these outings is always discernible in the demeanour of these unfortunate patients on the return journeys and they have undoubtedly proved to be of great benefit. Sandy Gallop Mental Home and Kenmore T. B. Sanatorium were supplied with amenities weekly, Willowburn Mental Hospital received sweets and magazines fortnightly and similar amenities were sent to Peel Island Leprosarium monthly. Returning Servicemen, sick, injured or wounded, returning by air, were met at the airport, where assistance in every way necessary has been afforded. Caboolture War Veterans' Home for the Aged and the Anzac Hostel were visited whenever requested and inmates who were able to make the journey were transported to Brisbane Anzac Day Parade and Service

P14 Junior Red Cross Section: Membership has expanded and now totals approximately 12,000 with about 350 voluntary leaders. Cadet units have increased their strength and still do their week-end duty at both the Greenslopes and Brisbane General Hospitals.

P15 Library Section:

This Section serviced 97 libraries containing 22,857 books. Seventy-three of these libraries are in Queensland Country Hospitals, 24 in Repatriation, Mental, Air Force, Navy, and Army Hospitals, Ex-servicemen's Organisations, Red Cross Homes and W.R.A.A.C. Barracks. A separate T.B. library services sanatoria and T.B. wards of Repatriation and General Hospitals throughout Queensland. The room at Greenslopes Hospital, reserved originally for books for the use of patients in the T.B. wards, has been enlarged and attractively decorated. This additional space has enabled the Section to centralise

a base library from which all T.B. libraries are serviced, thereby providing extra space in Section Headquarters at Chelmer. All re-pairs to these special books are now made in this room to which also T.B. patients from the Greenslopes Hospital, who are well enough and wish to come to choose their own books and have afternoon tea, have access. A library of 5000 books for non-T.B. patients, some of whom come to choose their own books, is maintained at Greenslopes, and in addition hospital wards are visited twice weekly by members of the staff with trolley loads of books from which patients may choose their reading matter. All repairs to these books are done by members of the staff with the assistance of a band of voluntary helpers in the repair room attached to the library. The T.B. wards are also visited by a member of the staff weekly and another member of the staff goes to the South Brisbane Auxiliary Hospital once a week to distribute books to T.B. patients. During the year 5454 books were repaired, bound, and dispatched to hospitals and 48,381 magazines were sorted, stamped, and dispatched. These magazines were supplied to all hospitals with Red Cross libraries, to the State Leprosarium, Aboriginal Settlements, Eventide Home, four Mental Hospitals, General and South Brisbane Auxiliary Hospitals, Red Cross Hospital Visiting Section, Red Cross Link and Welfare. The bulk of book repairs is done at Section Headquarters at Chelmer and in addition a few repairs for other Associations and private people are undertaken, but activities in this direction are limited owing to lack of space and the fact that the staff are fully occupied with primary library requirements. During the year a representative of the Goodna Mental Hospital staff was trained in book re-pairing, thereby assisting the management of that hospital to install a library of their own. The Section ran a stall at the Maytime Fete last May and made £103/2/6, of which sum £40 was realised from a pre-fete activity in connection with a food stall held at Graceville and the sale of jam and useful and artistic articles made by members of the staff and voluntary helpers, to whom gratitude is expressed for all the assistance received from them. There have been many generous gifts of books and magazines which were valuable in helping to maintain the Section's service to the sick and for which thanks are due and recorded. The resignations of our chairman, Mr. J. Robertson, who had guided the Section so ably for four years, and of Mrs. A. W. Munro, owing to ill health, are recorded with regret, and it is hoped that it may be possible in the case of the latter for her to rejoin the Committee when she is stronger. New members welcomed to the Committee were Messrs. W. E. Waller, C. Cadell, J. S. Dyson, and Mrs. E. H. Jackson. Grateful thanks are also extended to the members of Red Cross Branches and representatives of Hospital Boards who look after the libraries in country hospitals, and to the faithful band of voluntary helpers whose assistance both at Chelmer and at Greenslopes is appreciated so much.

P17 Hospital visiting section: The unselfish service rendered by Hospital Visitors is very highly commendable. They devote long hours to the work, meet all incidental travelling expenses, buy odd items from time to time for patients and supply their own uniforms, which have become a tradition and a most welcome sight to the sick and needy. Patients' requests are always quickly and cheerfully executed. Included among the many duties, voluntarily performed during the year were meeting servicemen coming back from the battlefields of Korea and assisting with light refreshments for the 250 evacuees from the flooded areas of the Northern Rivers. Magazines distributed to Metropolitan hospitals numbered 4800, 14701b. of sweets were distributed, a total of 54,600 patients were visited in Repatriation Hospitals and 11,400 afternoon teas were served at Greenslopes Red Cross Canteen, in which connection thanks are recorded for the assistance given by members of Junior Red Cross over week-ends with canteen duties. The Windsor Children's Orthopaedic Hospital is still regularly visited and a "White Elephant" stall conducted at the "Red Cross Camden Maytime Fete" raised £118/12/- towards the takings. A week subsequent to, and on Badge Day, members sold badges in the city, raising £154/0/8. Hospital visitors served at functions conducted at the residences, of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Trout (Art Show) and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephens (Cock-tail Party) and at the Orient Line picture show. Arrangements for a Christmas Party held at the Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, for patients were satisfactorily made by members. Four-hundred and thirty-two Xmas parcels were packed at Head-quarters and distributed to servicemen in Greenslopes, Rosemount and Kenmore Hospitals and 30 parcels donated by Sandgate Branch were distributed by Hospital Visitors from that Branch at "Eventide".

QAR 1955-56

P8 Library Section: The total holdings of the Library Section are now as follows: Greenslopes 1954/55 – 5426 books. 1955/56 – 5836 books.

P10 Field Services and Buildings: Field Service:—REPATRIATION HOSPITAL, GREENSLOPES. The Field Service Section has coordinated service and amenities at the Hospital as under: Attention and care for Next of Kin of 122 dangerously ill patients.(Interstate, Country and local relatives).Arranged

Entertainments—Concert Parties 20; Plays 2; Celebrity Concerts 3; 35 mm. Films, twice weekly throughout the year. One Christmas Party and the following indoor sport evenings: 6 Table Tennis Tournaments; 7 Darts Tournaments; 1 Snooker Display and 1 Judo Display. Ward visiting with the help of the ladies of Voluntary Hospital Visiting Section has been regular, as also has been the daily supply of afternoon teas to Patients and Visitors. (Junior Red Cross Members have assisted in this supply with credit to themselves and their Section). Patients outings have been limited to four because of continued wet weather and other circumstances.

P11 Hospital Visiting section: An average of more than 130 hospital patients are visited daily in the Metropolitan area by members of this Section, and hospitals include Green-slopes Repatriation Hospital, Rosemount, Kenmore Sanatorium, South Brisbane Auxiliary and the Brisbane General Hospital. Distribution of magazines and periodicals for the year totalled 36,500—sweets were also supplied and approximately 19,052 afternoon teas were served at Greenslopes Red Cross Centre for patients and their relatives. In addition, more than 500 country people were visited at the request of the Superintendent of Branches on behalf of Country Branches. The Junior Red Cross Circles who have undertaken the serving of teas at Greenslopes Centre on Sundays, are still continuing to do this work, and we wish to record our very grateful thanks to these workers for their help in this way. During the year Medical Evacuees from Malaya were met at Eagle Farm Aerodrome and the usual amenities extended to the patients who were most grateful and appreciative of this service. In the Christmas period, 650 parcels were packed and distributed to the Repatriation Hospital patients in the Metropolitan area, including Goodna, Wacol and Sandy Gallop Mental Institutions. The Annual Christmas Party conducted by Red Cross for Repatriation patients and their friends was held at the Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Supper was organised and served by members of the Hospital Visiting Section, assisted by several V.A.D.'s. Tribute to the work carried out by this Section during the year was made by Dr. W. H. Steele (Medical Superintendent of Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital) and the Divisional Chairman. The generosity of many Brisbane business firms enabled the cost of the party to be kept at a low figure, and to the people who assisted us in this way we extend our very sincere thanks.

P19 Junior Red Cross: Now the Cadets have increased their membership to 30, they are able to continue with their service at the Rest Rooms at both Greenslopes and the General Hospital.

QAR 1957-58

P18 Junior Red Cross: Headquarters Cadet Corps has increased membership and been able to open a new unit. They still continue to serve teas to patients at the Red Cross Rest Rooms at both Greenslopes and General Hospitals, and participate in many activities under-taken by the Juniors.

P17 hospital visiting section: Greenslopes Repatriation, Brisbane General, South Brisbane General, Rosemount, Brisbane Children's, Windsor Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Wacol and Goodna Mental Hospitals. Our Hospital Visitors, at the request of Country Branches, also call on patients who are receiving treatment in private and public hospitals. Hospital Visitors attached to the Sandgate Branch continue to service Eventide Home and regularly deliver parcels, etc., to the inmates there. Christmas parcels were again packed and distributed by the Hospital Visitors to patients at the Repatriation Hospital, Greenslopes, Wacol and Goodna Mental Hospitals, and Kenmore Sanatorium last year, and parcels to other areas were sent for distribution. These parcels contained the following articles: Handkerchief, packet Fruit and Nuts, packet Sweets, Toothbrush, Chewing Gum, Cigarettes, and Christmas Card. Each parcel was wrapped in suitable Christmas Greeting paper. The Annual Christmas Party was held at the Red Cross Centre, attached to the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, last December, the supper being supervised and served by our Hospital Visitors, assisted by the V.A.D.'s.

P20 stores & transport Section: The only alteration to the Society's fleet for the year was the disposal of two Austin A40 Countrymen, which were replaced by two Holden Station Sedans. These vehicles were portion of the fleet used exclusively by Blood Transfusion Service. Transport was provided for outings of Blinded ex-servicemen, ex-servicemen from Mental Hospital, patients from Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital and also for Polio children for treatment at hospitals.

P24 Field Service & Buildings: ENTERTAINMENTS AT REPATRIATION HOSPITALS: Bi-weekly film shows, 32 concerts, plays, etc. (including visits by four world-celebrity artists) have been produced at the Recreation Centre, Greenslopes. Billiards, Darts and Table Tennis evenings with Champions' demonstrations have also been produced for patients' entertainment. The acquisition of a radiogram (donated) and some 900 records has enabled requests for selected record programmes to be broadcast throughout the Centre. The lounge room for patients/visitors with its newly upholstered

chairs is now more than ever attractive and much in use. One hundred and fifty-two next-of-kin of dangerously ill patients including nine from New South Wales and one from New Britain, have been accommodated at the flats in the Centre. Daily ward visiting by staff and voluntary workers has greatly assisted patients in letter writing, shopping service and other personal needs.

BUILDINGS: All the property of the Society has recently been very thoroughly inspected for pest infestation with only few indications of activity which are now to be treated. Red Cross House: In generally good condition. Margate Children's Home: Requires exterior painting. Chelmer, Laurel Avenue: Older portion of this property now undergoing repair and renovation. The remainder is in very good condition. Rest Room, Brisbane General Hospital: In excellent condition. Recreation Centre, Greenslopes: In good condition but also needs exterior painting. Hut at R.N.A. Grounds: In good order. Furniture and Fittings: Well maintained throughout and brought into account on inventories with no loss or damage as at 30th June, 1958. Services: Water, electricity, gas and fire precaution arrangements are good, service-able and adequate, pending reports of S.E.A. inspections of electric installation at Chelmer and Margate.

QAR 1958-59

P15 Field Service & Buildings; FIELD SERVICE: Services to Ex-Servicemen have been carried out asunder : At Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes (Recreation Centre), 75 entertainments have been provided in the hall, 21 field outings have been undertaken, continuous provision of lounge and billiard room facilities, and daily Ward-visiting have been maintained, daily supply of afternoon tea, with the help of the voluntary Hospital Visitors, has been carried out.

Inter-Sectional assistance has been given to our Welfare Section and co-operation with other Sections of the Division has been constant. **BUILDINGS :** Properties at Headquarters (Queen and Adelaide Streets), Chelmer, Greenslopes and Margate have been maintained and are now in generally good condition. Painting, repairs and pest extermination have been attended to so that all properties, with their surrounding grounds, present a good appearance with clean, safe housing.

P17 junior Red Cross: Members of Junior Red Cross Cadet Corps meet at Red Cross House on Saturday mornings and Monday nights. They continue to help at the Rest Rooms of Greenslopes and Brisbane General Hospitals, and also participate from time to time in activities undertaken by Metropolitan Circles.

P21 Stores & Transport: During the year transport was supplied for blinded ex-servicemen, patients from Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, ex-service patients from mental hospitals and for polio children for treatment at hospitals.

P23 Hospital Visiting Section: The Hospital Visiting Section has had a very busy and successful year, servicing the following Hospitals: Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane General Hospital, South Brisbane General Hospital, Rosemount, Brisbane Children's Hospital, Wilson Home, Kenmore Sanatorium, Anzac Hostel, Wacol, Goodna Hospitals and Mt. Olivet Hospital. Afternoon tea is served six days per week at Greenslopes Hospital. At the request of Country Branches and Headquarters patients in private hospitals are also visited. Hospital Visitors attached to Sandgate Branch continue to service Eventide Home and regularly deliver parcels to the inmates. As in the past, Christmas parcels were packed and distributed by Hospital Visitors to patients in Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Wacol and Goodna Mental Hospitals, and Kenmore Sanatorium. The parcels were attractively wrapped and contained packets of sweets, toothbrushes, dried fruits, cigarettes. The Annual Christmas Party was held at Red Cross Centre attached to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital; the supper was supervised and served by Hospital Visitors, assisted by V.A.D.'s. Approximately 500 guests were present, including ex-servicemen and their relatives. We would like to thank the artists and all who so generously assisted at this Party.

P25 Library Section: In June, 1959, Mrs. W. Marsland resigned, and Miss V. Carroll was appointed as Secretary of Chelmer Section, Miss O. Brandt being in charge at Greenslopes

QAR 1959-60

P11; Hospital Visiting section: Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital is visited daily.

The annual Christmas Party was held at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. 600 guests were served with supper by Hospital Visitors and V.A.D.'s.

P18 Junior Red Cross: Cadet Corps numbers have increased at both the Saturday morning and Monday night meetings. In addition to helping at the Rest Rooms of Greenslopes and Brisbane General Hospitals, the Cadets now have taken charge of the J.R.C. Circle at Montrose Home, and also pay regular visits to a Home for elderly ladies.

QAR 1960-61

P14 Transport Section: Transport was provided for blinded ex-servicemen, ex-servicemen from Mental Hospitals, patients from Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital and South African War Veterans' Association.

P15 Field Service: Celebrity visitors included Miss Winifred Atwell, Mr. Rolf Harris and International Speedway Stars. Patients outings were arranged ex Greenslopes (9) and from Mental Hospitals (6). Voluntary Hospital Visitors and Junior Red Cross assisted with the supply of refreshments throughout the year. The staff continued letter-writing and collecting pensions for patients. The co-operation of Voluntary Hospital Visitors and Junior Red Cross in providing welfare and amenities was continuous and appreciated.

P16 Hospital visiting section: The Annual Christmas party for patients in Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital was a most enjoyable function, and 600 guests were entertained. The sum of £100 was raised at the Annual Peter's Fete. Also the section was able to hand in to general funds the sum of £71 from a Bring and Buy Fete held at Greenslopes Recreation Centre in February last.

QAR 1961-62

P11: RED CROSS RECREATION CENTRE, GREENSLOPES REPATRIATION HOSPITAL At this Centre, the Society maintains next of kin Flats to accommodate the relatives of dangerously and seriously ill patients in the Hospital. During the year 130 relatives were accommodated at these Flats. An average of 500 patients daily is the bed strength at the Hospital, and writing paper, envelopes and magazines are distributed daily to these patients. Pension cheques are collected and banked for bed patients and money withdrawn when necessary. Letters are also written for patients. Films are screened at the Centre every Monday and Friday evenings; every Wednesday a Concert is presented in the Hall, and Table Tennis tournaments are staged at various intervals. 25 patients are taken by Red Cross bus on a monthly outing to Tamborine Mountain, where lunch is arranged by the local Red Cross Branch

Hospital Visiting Section: The following figures will show the large number of patients visited by our members in Metropolitan Hospitals, Greenslopes Repatriation, Brisbane General, South Brisbane Auxiliary, Princess Alexandra, Mt. Olivett, Chermiside (this Hospital now absorbs the original patients from Rosemount and "Eventide"), Children's Hospital, Wacol, Goodna and Colony Farm, Anzac Hostel, Kenmore, also special patients requested through Country Branches and other avenues in all Private and Public Hospitals. The Voluntary Hospital Visitors also call on patients at home, who in some cases have come from New Guinea for special treatment.¹¹

In order to obtain these statistics, Miss G. Wilson was appointed Statistical Officer together with Hospital Roster Recorder (Mrs. F. J. T. Gardiner) for the first time this year: 9636 Teas Served at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. Donations towards teas by visitors at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital £83/16/56.

P13 continued: The Section is completely voluntary, and thanks must be recorded to the women who so readily give their time and incur expense in travelling fares and providing special amenities to patients. Mention must be made to the Canteen duties carried out every day of the week at the Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, where 9,636 cups of tea were served during the year.

P16 Women personnel section: VOLUNTARY AIDS, No. 2 Coy. SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT — Mrs. M. Lloyd Apjohn. The girls have continued with another year of activity, assisting in various ways as called on, gaining their First Aid and Home Nursing Certificates, doing Hospital service as part of their training, attending Company meetings and assisting regularly at the Blood Bank and at the Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes Hospital.

P17 Library Section: book stock at Greenslopes : 1961/2 – 11107. 1960/1 – 11009.

P20 Junior Red Cross: Junior Red Cross Cadet Groups meet at Red Cross House. These girls help at the Rest Rooms at Brisbane General Hospital and at the RedCross Centre, Greenslopes, conduct a Circle at Montrose Home for Crippled Children, hold Field Days and pay visits to a Home for elderly ladies.

p22 Transport Section: Ex-servicemen from Mental Hospitals, patients from Greenslope Repatriation Hospital and members of the South African War Veterans' Association were taken by Red Cross Bus on day outings to mountain and seaside resorts.

QAR 1964/65

P3 chairman's report: In the last Annual Report it was stated that the Library, Handcrafts, and Transport Sections, had been accommodated in the Rooms formerly occupied by the Blood Bank, in the Society's Adelaide Street Building. Since then the Handcraft Workshop, which operated at our Greenslopes premises, was transferred to our Headquarters Building. The centralising of these activities has been a marked success, and it is satisfactory to report that there is still room for expansion of these services in their present locations..... The Divisional Executive has approved in principle a proposal from the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association that they be allowed to establish a Hostel in space which can be made available by the Society in the Red Cross Recreation Centre adjacent to the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. This is to provide accommodation for the wives of totally and permanently incapacitated patients in the Hospital. The Association will be responsible for all costs for alterations and furnishings. Red Cross is glad to be able to assist the Association with this Hostel, which will enable their wives to be near these patients, many of whom come from country districts and spend long periods in the hospital. The Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes was established in 1946, the cost being met from the proceeds of the Red Cross Cafe conducted by a band of voluntary workers in Brisbane, during the war years. In all, the Cafe workers raised a grand total of £70,635 for Red Cross.

P12 Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital — Visited daily and following are Convenors on the respective days. Mesdames M. Monkhouse, F. C. Austin, M. Thompson, G. McAllister, Mrs. L. Quine (Holland Park Branch), E. M. Neil, P. Vanleuven and Saturday Afternoon Teas Mrs. H. Sykes. Books and Magazines: 17,974; Teas served: 5,386; Patients visited: 19,994; Donations towards teas: £40/19/7. Letters have been posted, phone calls, special visits, messages. One member showed films taken in Singapore to special patients at their request. Members throughout the year have assisted in the sale of Raffle Tickets conducted by Red Cross, also odd duties which have arisen. Members have accompanied patients on picnics and outings also attended functions and outings organised by the South African War Veterans.

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Xmas Party at Greenslopes Red Cross Centre — members catered for 750 and served the supper.
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P16 Junior Red Cross: A talk on Junior Red Cross (also display of work), was given to Trainee Teachers from the Teachers' College, Kelvin Grove. During the year representatives of the three Teachers' Colleges in Brisbane were taken on a tour of inspection of the Red Cross Centre at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital and the Society's Rest Room at Princess Alexandra Hospital, then entertained at a Buffet Tea arranged by the J.R.C. Committee.

P18 RED CROSS RECREATION CENTRE — GREENSLOPES
REPATRIATION HOSPITALS SUPERINTENDENT : H. G. Crawford. The number of patients in the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital has averaged approximately Five Hundred and Fifty. Next of Kin of Dangerously III and Seriously III patients accommodated at the Centre during the year totalled 168; of these 32 were from other States, and the remainder from Queensland country districts and local residents. The number of patients who died while Next of Kin were staying at the Centre was 61; the remainder improved in condition and were discharged from Hospital. During the year, this

Centre kept the patients supplied with writing paper and envelopes which are placed in each ward daily; destitute patients are supplied with tooth brushes and paste, razor blades, toilet soap, and shaving soap. Patients generally are also supplied with Playing Cards, Chess and Draughts. Among the amenities supplied by Red Cross are Billiards and Pool, also Table Tennis. All wards are visited daily, and banking, changing and banking cheques, writing letters, sending telegrams, also telephone calls, buying stamps, letter cards, etc., also a variety of shopping, are done for patients. During the year there were 38 Live Shows held in the Hall for the entertainment of patients. Pictures were also screened each Monday and Friday nights. Outings provided by Red Cross were ten trips to Tamborine Mountain for patients both from Greenslopes and Rosemount Hospitals. These trips were very much appreciated by all concerned, and the credit for the success of these outings must go to the Hostess of the Tamborine Branch, Mrs. Curtis, and her assistant, Mrs. Gorman. Voluntary Hospital Visitors and Red Cross Aids continue to do very valuable work at the Centre in the distribution of magazines and serving of afternoon teas.

P25 Handcraft Section: A major operation during this year was the transfer of the Woodwork Section from Greenslopes Recreation Centre into the basement of Red Cross House. After extensive alterations had been completed, this Centre was officially inspected by our President, the Lady May Abel Smith, on the 18th March. We were most gratified to receive a donation of £500 from Brambles Ltd. towards fitting out this new Workshop, and pride of place goes to an electric drill which was part of the equipment purchased from this grant. Country Branches have of necessity (owing to drought conditions).

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CADETS: Our Cadets continue their good work including Service visits, chum-minding, help to Branches, training days, etc. Colour patches have been earned for First Aid and Home Nursing (both these subjects from Basic to Senior levels), as well as Service and Attendance. Duties have been continued at the Society's Rest Room at Royal Brisbane Hospital and at Greenslopes Centre, help given at the Spastic Centre and Mt. Olivet Hospital, as well as regular visits paid to Homes for children and elderly folk. Through self-denial, Cadets purchased two First Aid kits which they completely filled with equipment and donated to Papua/New Guinea Division to help there in First Aid training. Through the co-operation of the Hospital Visiting Section, Cadets assisted during the May school holidays with visits to Greenslopes Repatriation, Auxiliary and Princess Alexandra Hospitals, as well as helping in the Bargain Shop at Headquarters. Since the beginning of this year, Cadets have taken charge of the Headquarters Associate Circle one Saturday each month and this is proving most beneficial as a follow-up to their attendance at Leadership camps conducted by our Section.

P15 We should like to record our thanks to members of the J.R.C. Committee,

RED CROSS RECREATION CENTRE, GREENSLOPES REPATRIATION HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. J. T. Wanless.

Daily bed strength of patients in the Repatriation Hospital varied throughout the year from 270 to 492, with an average of 443. This is slightly more than last year.

NEXT OF KIN accommodated at the Centre during the year also showed a rise, but greater than that indicated in patient figures. Total number of persons accommodated at the Centre itself was 189 (51 more than last year) and many others were found accommodation with local residents.

VOLUNTARY HOSPITAL VISITORS attended on most weekdays (excepting during the Christmas, New Year, and Easter holiday breaks) distributing magazines throughout the wards and assisting in the making and serving of teas for patients and their visitors to the Centre. They also catered for the annual Christmas Party, assisted in office duties when needed, and escorted patients on monthly outings to Tamborine Mountain.

ENTERTAINMENT throughout the year consisted of Films each Monday and Friday evening, a total of 43 live shows by local and visiting musical groups, Hoy, Cards, Wags, Indoor Bowls, etc. Many functions were also provided in the Aids to Daily Living Section of the Hospital, and patients from the Wacol Pavilion entertained on a number of occasions, with much help from the Senior Citizens Club attached to the Centre. This Club, incidentally, continues to grow in both numbers and stature, and its members have been referred to by Repatriation doctors as "part of their para-medical team".

Tamborine trips for the year totalled 9, that set down for May being "washed out". However, as the rain experienced on that occasion came at the end of a prolonged drought, no one really regretted cancellation of the trip.

The Blood Bank Mobile Group paid three visits to the Centre during the year and received many useful donations from staff members of the Hospital and local residents.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS and AL-ANON held weekly meetings each Tuesday evening and, from all reports, have been successful in helping quite a large number of Repatriation patients and ex-patients with their particular problem.

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P18 Hospital visiting section:

Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital—different groups visit the Hospital daily with their respective convenors: Mesdames E. Porter, M. Thomson, G. McAllister, A. Grissell, M. M. Moodie, L. Allen, G. Clark (representing Holland Park Red Cross Branch). Saturday afternoon teas by Mrs. H. Sykes until ill-health at end of 1968 forced her to relinquish this post.

2,298 patients and friends were served with afternoon teas at Greenslopes Red Cross Centre. Stationery, brown wrapping paper, toothbrushes, washers, string, playing cards, various games, knitted beanies, and knee rugs were supplied to patients in Repatriation Hospitals at Greenslopes, Kenmore, and Rosemount, and in Yeronga Military Hospital.

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Over 1000 Christmas gift parcels were distributed to patients at Greenslopes, Kenmore, and Rosemount Repatriation Hospitals, Yeronga Military Hospital, Mt. Olivet Hospital, and Hospitals at R.A.A.F. Amberley and Townsville. Seventy-six parcels were distributed by the Sandgate Group to ex-servicemen in "Eventide" for the Aged. This group now visits all patients monthly at "Eventide", and such service is most appreciated by the patients and staff. Laravale, Tamrookoom, Indooroopilly, Mitchelton, and Balmoral Branches, give towards Christmas cheer. Christmas parties were organised at Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, and at other hospitals. Toys, clothing, sweets, ice-cream, watermelon and all the fancy things pertaining to such a party were arranged by our voluntary workers for patients at Wolston Park, Wacol Hospital. It was a gay party and much appreciated by patients. Mothers Day sweets and small posies of flowers were taken to patients at South Brisbane Auxiliary, Mt. Olivet, Eventide, and these were much appreciated, particularly by those who have been forgotten by families, or have no relatives. Members of the Junior Red Cross Cadets assisted in such distributions.

P24 Women Personnel section:

Aids supervised Classes at Headquarters, and an Aid supervised an examination for a young radio technician while in hospital. Aids accompanied a group of men from Yeronga Hospital to a motor show and to sporting fixtures and other outings, and an Aid goes every two months with men from Rosemount and Greenslopes Repatriation Hospitals on their regular bus trips to Tamborine.

P27 Transport Section

Transport was provided for Ex-Service patients outings from Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Wacol Repatriation Hospital and Goodna Special Hospitals and for Blinded ex-servicemen. Several planes and trains were met to take patients to various hospitals, and transport was provided as required by all Sections in their various activities.

QAR 1972-73

P8 Red Cross youth: 130 members were present for the full week of the camp and this number(which included boys), was considerably increased by other members coming for part of the week. The programme which was varied and interesting, included the following: A beach clean-up, planting of a tree in honour of World Red Cross Day, disaster relief, our own camp newspaper, environment, anti-litter and pollution, "Margate mini-Olympics", international friendship, handicrafts, service, fake casualty, Red Cross Youth and Red Cross information sessions, water safety, camp council, swimming, films and slides, kindness to animals, hiking, sand modelling, novelty sessions. Celebration Day took place at Early Street Historical Village, Brisbane, and covered many items of interest associated with the beginning of Junior Red Cross right up to the present date. Lady Hannah performed the official opening and later inspected the displays, spending some time speaking to the Club and Junior members who were demonstrating many of the Red Cross Youth activities. The last of the special combined Activities is a Concert which is to be held on Friday, 12th October, at the Red Cross Centre, Greenslopes. The programme is to be presented by Juniors and Club/member.

P13 Hospital Visiting Section: Mt. Olivet Hospital (Mrs. R. Murphy), Kenmore Hospital Sanatorium (Mrs. S. C. Jenns), Princess Alexandra Hospital (Mrs. I. A. Neil), Royal Brisbane Hospital (Mrs. O. Donaldson), Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital (Visits to this hospital daily by different groups — Mrs. K. Thomson, Mrs. E. Porter, Mrs. A. Grissell), Wolston Park (Mrs. M. Rooney), Yeronga Military Hospital (Mrs. W. J. Wigzell), Rosemount Hospital (Mrs. E. Gardiner), Chermside Hospital (Mrs. K. Thomson).

P18 Women's Personnel Section: Service Corps: SERVICE CORPS — Headquarters Companies: During the year the services of the Aids have been called upon for a wide variety of duties which included regular attendance in the Sterilizing Room which services the operating theatres at Princess Alexandra

Hospital; assisting in the Cardiac Clinic and visiting the wards at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital and working as supervisors and assistant instructors in the Handcraft Training Centre at Red Cross Headquarters. Aids from all H.Q. Companies regularly devoted time to the Rest Rooms at the Royal Brisbane and Princess Alexandra Hospitals.

In addition to these regular duties members of the Service Companies have, during the year, been, in attendance at all First Aid and Home Nursing Courses; rolled bandages for Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital; attended to sewing and mending for the blind inmates of the Helen Huxham Hostel; assisted the Hospitality Group with the preparation and serving of the Branches Committee Meeting luncheon and the supper following the Annual General Meeting and helped at the Chelsea Flower Show and at the Handicapped Persons stall at The City Hall.

P33: RED CROSS RECREATION CENTRE, GREENSLOPES

REPATRIATION HOSPITAL DIRECTOR: Mr. A. L. Hetherington. HOSPITAL BED STRENGTH: The daily bed strength of patients in the hospital, averaged out monthly throughout the year varied from 305 to 419, with an average of 387, which is 18 below last year's daily average, and a drop of 36 for the past two years. The daily average has dropped 56 over the past three years. ACCOMMODATION: Next of kin accommodated at the Centre totalled 158 for the year, 14 fewer than last year, but higher than most previous years totals. Private accommodation was found for 58 persons during the year who were not eligible for accommodation at the Centre, but wanted to be near relatives in hospital who were undergoing operations, treatments, etc. All persons were most grateful for the help given in finding this accommodation and most were total strangers to the area. HOSPITAL VISITING: Members of the Hospital Visiting Section and Service Corps have maintained magazine distribution and ward messages regularly twice each week during the year. Patients' needs have been catered for by writing letters, distributing writing paper and envelopes, doing personal shopping, and any other messages requested. Afternoon tea was provided for patients and their visitors in the Centre tearoom each day during the year. Many patients took the opportunity for a quiet chat with visitors over a hot, fresh, cup of tea. ENTERTAINMENT: —FILMS: Films were screened throughout the year on each Wednesday evening to reasonably large attendances. Good quality recent films being shown. CONCERTS: A total of 30 concerts were held during the year in the Cinema and in the hospital wards. All were given by local artists giving of their time voluntarily, and providing entertainment of good quality. Supper was provided for the artists in the Centre tea room after all shows. On Monday, 11th December, a concert party was organised to entertain patients in the wards as a special Christmas treat. All wards were visited and patients' applause proved its popularity. BILLIARDS: The Centre billiard room continued to be as popular as ever during the year with many patients and staff using its facilities. A billiards exhibition was staged on Monday, 5th March. GREENSLOPES SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB. Club gatherings were held in the Cinema each week during the year and patients were welcomed to the concerts, hoy, and bingo parties, and the special refreshments in conclusion. Club bowlers played games with the patients twice weekly in the hospital gymnasium and on the outdoor green. Patients from Wacol were entertained each month at bowls and morning tea, with a concert and special refreshments in the afternoon. REPATRIATION ART GROUP: Well attended weekly classes continued throughout the year at the Centre. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon held weekly meetings in the Cinema.

QAR 1973-74

P7 Women Personnel section: They have carried out the long standing "jobs" of helping at First Aid and Home Nursing Classes have permanent and emergency shifts at Rest Rooms; done duty at the Sterilizing Room at P.A.H. two days every week. Weekly ward and F.C.G.C. Clinic work at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital; rolled literally thousands of bandages; Attendance at Executive lunches; Red Cross Calling; sold Lucky Envelopes at the Exhibition; helped at Chelsea and at Handicapped Stall; carried out 73 escort trips for the Bush Children's Health Scheme, using 93 escorts attending to 953 Children; helped at the Blood Bank filing records. In the May holidays, 8 Aides made 10 trips with Red Cross children. Some have regular duty at the Handcraft; sew for Singapore Relief Chest. Again this year they ran their annual Doll Raffle and netted \$1,000. They met trains, planes and buses taking sick people to the hospitals. One occasion really needs special mention when a request came for them to meet and look after a "frail, elderly gentleman" — see that he was settled into accommodation and then escort him to a bus terminal the next morning. Arrangements were made and he was met, but imagine the surprise when he turned out to be, for sure, the product of a keep fit class, when he insisted on walking, carrying port and all, from Roma Street to People's Palace. He was left then to his own resources.

P13 HOSPITAL VISITATION: The members have maintained a devoted and continuous service to the public and military hospitals in Brisbane. The following hospitals have been visited weekly or fortnightly:— Princess Alexandra (weekly), Royal Brisbane (weekly), Greenslopes Repatriation (weekly), Mt. Olivet (fortnightly), Chermside (fortnightly), Kenmore Sanatorium (fortnightly), Yeronga Military (fortnightly), Rosemount (fortnightly), Wolston Park (fortnightly). Magazines, writing paper and sweets have been distributed.

P19 Library services: GREENSLOPES: During the year 20,017 books were distributed to the patients, and 17,527 returned. A total of 218 donated books were retained, most of them new books. Of this number, 68 were bought with donated cash, mostly at Book Sales. People have been very generous with donations, in many cases the same people giving donations each year. The annual gift donations for Anzac Day from individuals, clubs and organisations, brings in many new books for the library. The most popular books at present seem to be Australian, particularly non-fiction. A yearly subscription to the Geographic Magazine has been paid by a kind woman in Melbourne for many years. There is an excellent team of voluntary helpers at the library, one who has been coming weekly since the War years. They assist the staff in all aspects of the library work — ward duty, repairs to books, typing and filing of letters and catalogue cards. The Director wishes to thank the members of the Library Committee, and all voluntary helpers for their assistance during the past year. Without them the Library would not be able to function as it does. Also the co-operation of other sections, particularly Stores and Transport for their collections of books and magazines.

P24 : GREENSLOPES REPATRIATION HOSPITAL HOSPITAL BED STRENGTH: The daily bed strength of patients in the hospital averaged out monthly throughout the year varied from 285 in December to 437 in February. The daily average for the year was 406, which is 19 above last year's average but is still approximately 35 below the higher averages of previous years. ACCOMMODATION: Next of kin accommodated at the Centre totalled 172 for the year, 14 more than last year and is higher than most previous years' totals. Private accommodation was found for 36 persons during the year who were not eligible for accommodation at the Centre, but wanted to be near relatives in hospital who were undergoing operations, therapy etc. All persons were most grateful for the help given to find this accommodation as most were strangers to the area. HOSPITAL VISITING: Members of the Hospital Visiting Section and Service Corps have maintained magazine distribution and ward messages regularly twice each week during the year. Patients' needs have been catered for by writing letters, distributing writing paper and envelopes, doing personal shopping, and any other messages requested. Afternoon teas were provided for patients and their visitors in the Centre tea room each day during the year, patients welcoming the opportunity for a quiet chat with their visitors over a hot, fresh cup of tea. ENTERTAINMENT: FILMS: Films were screened in the Centre cinema during the first half of the year but because of poor attendances the showings have been discontinued. CONCERTS: A total of 26 concerts were held during the year, in the Cinema and in the hospital. All were given by local artists who were entertained to supper in the Centre tea room after all shows. A concert party was organised to entertain patients with carol singing in the wards at Xmas, and proved very successful. BILLIARDS: The Centre billiards room continued to be as popular as ever during the year with many patients and staff using its facilities. GREENSLOPES SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB: Club gatherings were held in the Cinema each week during the year and patients were welcomed to the concerts, hoy, and bingo parties, and enjoyed the special refreshments in conclusion. Club bowlers played games with the patients twice weekly in the hospital gymnasium and on the outdoor green. Patients from Wacol were entertained each month at bowls and morning tea, with a concert and special refreshments in the afternoon. LIBRARY: The library service to patients continued throughout the year with a daily distribution in the wards from the well-stocked Centre library. REPATRIATION ART GROUP: Well attended weekly classes continued throughout the year at the Centre. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon held weekly meeting in the Cinema.

P 26 Stores & Transport: Regular schedules are maintained for the Hospital Visitors, together with their books, sweets and magazines in order that they may visit their various hospitals, both weekly and fortnightly. Transport is provided to take them to Wolston Park Special Hospital, Yeronga Military Hospital, Rosemount, and to both Lawson House and the Children's within the grounds of the Royal Brisbane. Books and magazines are taken to Chermside, Greenslopes, the Princess Alexandra, Auxiliary and Mt. Olivet Hospitals, for distribution by the Hospital Visitors, and those for Kenmore Hospital are delivered to the residence of the Hospital Visitor concerned who visits there.

QAR 1974-5

P7 Library Services: GREENSLOPES: A total of 17,438 books were distributed to patients during the year and 15,893 returned. Donations of \$164.93 were received for the purchase of books, 89 books were bought, mostly at sale prices. A further 79 books were purchased with the Book allowance made to the Library. A staff member donated 90 second-hand books which needed only minor repairs. For this we do

thank her very much. Another 85 new books were received as Anzac Day Gifts. The Director wishes to thank the Voluntary helpers and members of the Committee for all their good work during the year. Also Stores and Transport Section for their collection of books and magazines.

P11 hospital visiting service: months I am pleased to report that our members here maintained a cheerful and devoted service to the sick in the following hospitals;—Princess Alexandra (weekly visits); Royal Brisbane (weekly); Greenslopes Repatriation (weekly); Mt. Olivet (weekly); Chermshire (fortnightly); Kenmore Sanatorium (weekly); Yeronga Military (weekly).

Our stall at the Fair was very successful —proceeds amounted to \$484.00. Thanks to all members for making items for sale. Our thanks to Mr. Robson who again donated plants and arranged a stall in appreciation for our visits whilst he was a patient at Greenslopes.

P12 RED CROSS RECREATION CENTRE, GREENSLOPES REPATRIATION HOSPITAL HOSPITAL BED STRENGTH: the average daily bed strength of patients in the hospital varied throughout the year from 330 in December to 449 in July. The daily average for the year was 404, which is two less than last year's average and still well below the averages of previous years. ACCOMMODATION: Next of kin accommodated at the Centre totalled 262 for the year, which is 90 more than last year and represents the highest total on record. Private accommodation was found for 33 persons during the year who were not eligible for accommodation at the Centre, but wanted to be near relatives in hospital who were undergoing operations, therapy, etc. HOSPITAL VISITORS: Members of the Hospital Visiting Section and Service Corps have maintained magazine distribution and ward messages regularly twice each week during the year. Patients' needs have been catered for by letter writing, distributing writing paper and envelopes, and personal shopping, etc. Afternoon teas were provided for patients and their visitors in the Centre tea room each day during the year. LIBRARY: The library service to patients continued throughout the year with a daily distribution to the wards from the well-stocked Centre library. REPATRIATION ART GROUP: Well attended weekly classes continued throughout the year on each Tuesday afternoon at the Centre. ENTERTAINMENT: CONCERTS: A total of 18 concerts were held during the year, both in the Cinema and in the hospital wards. All local artists were responsible and were entertained to supper at the Centre after all shows. At Xmas a concert party was organised to entertain patients with carol singing in the wards and proved most popular. BILLIARDS: The Centre billiard room continued to be as popular as ever during the year with many patients and staff using the facilities. GREENSLOPES SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB: Club gatherings were held in the Cinema each week during the year and patients were welcomed to the concerts, hoy, and bingo, and special refreshments afterwards. Club bowlers played games with the patients twice weekly in the hospital gymnasium and on the outdoor green. Patients from Wacol were entertained each month at bowls and morning tea, with a concert and special refreshments in the afternoon.

P18 Women Personnel Section: All members have played their part carrying out the usual weekly tasks of helping in the Sterilizing Room at Princess Alexandra Hospital; ward visiting at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital; rolling thousands and thousands of bandages for that same hospital; attending First Aid Courses as aides for practical work; helping out at Hand-craft Section and the Sheltered Workshop; Rest Room duty; sewing for Project Share; meeting trains and buses to take sick, elderly or young either to hospital or to relatives or perhaps just onto another plane.

QAR 1975-76

P20 Hospital Services Section: HOSPITAL VISITING: Hospital Visitors had a busy and rewarding year visiting patients at Princess Alexandra Hospital Royal Brisbane Hospital, Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, Mt. Olivet. The Prince Charles, Kenmore Sanatorium and Yeronga Military Hospital. Gifts were given at Christmas and on Mother's Day. Specialized Visiting became a very real extension of service with members visiting Convalescent Homes throughout Brisbane.

P22 Greenslopes Tea Bar: Convenor Mrs W Dickson. A tea bar at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital was opened on Monday January 5 to serve patients attending the Outpatients Clinics. A voluntary staff of 5 ladies are on duty each day serving patients from a bar and running a trolley service to the various clinic waiting rooms.

groups, its to Branch meetings, Regional meetings, and Disaster Exercises. With regard to the above, we acknowledge valuable assistance of the Branches Section and Branches in general. Without the stability, interest and assistance of Branches many youth matters would be left incomplete, and we look forward to future associations with Branch members.

The field work mentioned above will be greatly assisted by the purchase of a film entitled "Red Cross is Young All Over the World". The film will be screened at every opportunity to publicize the Society in general and Red Cross Youth work in particular. This work would not be carried out in this Division without the efforts of our hard-working Leaders. Their work is invaluable to the Society and we tender our sincere thanks to them for the job they are doing.

Thanks must also go to both past and present members of the Divisional Youth Committee for the time which they have given to assist the work of Red Cross Youth. Their efforts, together with the voluntary talents of Miss Anne Brennan, have played a major part in the operation of the Youth Department during the past year.

GREENSLOPES

Director, Greenslopes Centre: A. L. Hetherington.

HOSPITAL BED STRENGTH

The average daily bed strength of patients in the hospital

varied throughout the year from 383 in the September quarter to 345 for the December period. The daily average for the year was 367 which is 37 less than last year's average and is indicative of the trend to lower overall averages.

ACCOMMODATION

Next of kin accommodated at the Centre totalled 330 for the year, which is 68 more than last year and is the highest total on record.

Private accommodation was found for 20 persons during the year who were not eligible for accommodation at the Centre, but wanted to be near relatives who were in hospital for various reasons.

HOSPITAL VISITING

Members of the Hospital Visiting Section and Service Corps maintained magazine distribution and ward messages regularly twice each week during the year. Patients' needs have been taken care of by letter writing, distributing writing paper and envelopes, and doing personal shopping, etc.

LIBRARY

The usual efficient library service to patients and hospitals staff continued throughout the year, with a daily distribution to the wards from the perfectly maintained and well stocked library at the Centre.

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ENTERTAINMENT:

CONCERTS: A total of 12 concerts were held during the year, given by local artists, and were held in the Cinema, in the hospital wards, and around the hospital grounds. Refreshments were provided for the entertainers at the Centre after each performance.

A Xmas concert party was organised to entertain patients with carol singing in the wards and proved as popular as ever.

BILLIARDS: The Centre billiard room continued to be as popular as ever during the year with patients and staff.

GREENSLOPES SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Club meetings were held in the Cinema each week during the year and patients were welcomed to the concerts, hoy, and bingo sessions and special refreshments. Club bowlers played games with the patients twice weekly, and patients from Wacol were entertained each month at bowls and morning tea, with a concert and refreshments in the afternoon.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon held their usual weekly meetings in the Cinema. A steady increase in attendances was evident during the year with resulting large numbers now attending.

FINANCE:

Donations \$5,276.50. Afternoon Teas \$64.40. Total \$5,340.90.

The Hospital Services have expanded to include a T-Bar at Greenslopes and each week we collect supplies and deliver them. We continue to provide transport for the Hospital Visitors at the Royal Brisbane, for Lowson House and the Children's. Magazines are delivered by us to the Royal Brisbane, Children's, Prince Charles, Princess Alexandra, Greenslopes and Yeronga Military Hospitals.

GREENSLOPES

A total of 14,630 books were distributed to patients during the year and 12,859 returned. Donations of cash to the Library amounted to \$156.92. A total of 213 books were received both purchased and as donations.

Three paintings have been hung in the Library in memory of Mrs. M. Lovf who had served Red Cross for 35 years before she died. These paintings were donated by friends and Library workers.

The Director wishes to thank all Committee members and voluntary workers for their assistance during the past year. Our thanks also to Stores and Transport Section for the collection of magazines and books.

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QAR 1976-77

P14 Greenslopes Tea Bar Convenor: Mrs. W. Dickson. The Tea Bar continues to serve Outpatients and Staff at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through to Fri-day. Five ladies are rostered daily to cope with a busy day's service.

P16 RED CROSS RECREATION CENTRE Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital Director: A. L. Hetherington. Hospital Bed Strength The average daily bed strength of patients in the hospital varied throughout the year from 384 in the September quarter to 342 for the December period. The daily average for the year was 366 which is the same as last year's average and continues the lower average trend of recent years. Accommodation Next of kin accommodated at the Centre totalled 330 for the year, which is the same as last year and maintains its record numbers. Private accommodation was found for 24 persons during the year who were not eligible for accommodation at the Centre. Greenslopes Senior Citizens' Club meetings were held in the Cinema each week during the year with patients being welcomed to the concerts, hoy, and bingo sessions followed by special refreshments. Club bowlers played games with the patients twice weekly, and patients from Wacol were entertained each month at bowls and morning tea, with a concert and refreshments in the after-noon. Finance DONATIONS \$5034.5.

P26 Library Section: At Greenslopes 15,366 books were distributed to patients and 13,097 returned. Donations of 7644 books were received from Red Cross Branches and members of the public. Of these books 2621 were suitable for the library. The only books purchased were large print books. At Greenslopes donations of cash for the purchase of books totalled \$164.

P23 Stores & Transport: Hospital Services We run supplies to the Rest Rooms at Royal Brisbane, Prince Charles and Princess Alexandra Hospitals and the T-Bar at Greenslopes.

QAR 1977-78

P12 Hospital Services: Volunteer Training Members of the Service Aide Corps undertook a fresher course in Basic Emergency Care. Volunteers working in hospitals were invited to a film called "Hospitals Don't Burn" shown by the Safety Officer of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This film was shown at Red Cross Head-quarters and at Greenslopes Hospital.

P13 Greenslopes Tea Bar Convenor: Mrs. W. Dickson (retired) Mrs. D. McKinnon The Tea Bar, which is situated in the Clinic Area at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, gives a valuable service to patients, staff and relatives. It is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is staffed by Red Cross volunteers, who show a cheerfulness and dedication much appreciated by everybody they meet. A team of five volunteers is on duty each day led by a capable team captain, who is responsible to the Convenor.

Kiosks Canteen Supervisor: Mrs. D. McKinnon In April this year the Department of Veterans' Affairs invited Red Cross to take over the administration and staffing of the kiosks at Greenslopes, Kenmore and Rosemount Hospitals. Patients can purchase personal items which are not normally supplied by the hospital and this particularly helps patients without friends or relatives. The kiosk at Greenslopes Hospital is open seven days per week and a trolley service to the wards operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. At both Rosemount and Kenmore the kiosks and trolley services operate from Monday to Friday.

Under the leadership of Mrs. McKinnon, sixty-two Red Cross volunteers are rostered to give cheerful service to patients, relatives and staff.

P21 Stores & Transport Section: Hospital Services This Section has expanded to include the can-tees at Greenslopes, Rosemount and Kenmore Hospitals and we find we are involved at times running supplies to these new venues as well as to the Tea Bar at Greenslopes. Transport is provided for the Hospital Visitors at Royal Brisbane to take their books and magazines to Lowson House and the Royal Children's. Magazines are delivered by us to all hospitals where these ladies serve. Sometimes we also help with transport for handicapped persons to and from their destination when voluntary drivers are unable to carry out such requests.

P22 RED CROSS RECREATION CENTRE Director: A. L. Hetherington Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital Bed Strength The average daily bed strength of patients in the hospital varied throughout the year from 360 in the December quarter to 311 in the March quarter. The daily average for the year was 347 which is 19 less than the previous year's average and continues the lower average trend of recent years. Accommodation Next of kin accommodated at the Centre totalled 381 for the year, which is 51 more than last year and is the highest number on record. During the year, private accommodation was found for 19 persons who were not eligible for accommodation at the Centre. Hospital Visiting Members of the Hospital Visiting Section and Service Aide Corps maintained their regular patient-visiting service on four days of each week during the year. Duties of the Hospital Visitors included letter writing, distributing writing paper and envelopes, flower arranging and personal shopping. Library The usual efficient library service to patients and hospital staff continued throughout the year with a daily distribution to the hospital wards from the well-stocked library at the Centre. Entertainment CONCERTS: A total of eight concerts to entertain patients were given by local artists during the year. These were staged in the hospital grounds, in the wards and in the cinema. Refreshments were provided for the artists at the Centre after each performance. A concert party was organised at Christmas to sing carols in the wards and proved very popular. BILLIARDS: The Centre's billiard room continued to be as popular as ever with patients and hospital staff. Greenslopes Senior Citizens Club meetings were held in the cinema each week during the year with patients being encouraged to take part in the entertainment. Club bowlers played bowls twice weekly with patients, and patients from Wacol were entertained each month. Jumble Sales Holland Park Red Cross Branch conducted two successful jumble sales in the cinema during the year. Alcoholics Anonymous Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon held their usual weekly meetings in the cinema. Finance DONATIONS \$5546.5.

P27 During the year 7660 books were despatched and 5061 returned. At Greenslopes 14,708 books were given out and 12,402 returned.

QAR 1978-79

P11 GREENSLOPES HOSPITAL Kiosk: Mon. to Sat. 8 am to 4 pm Sun. 1 pm to 3.30 pm Tea Bar: Mon. to Fri. 9 am to 3.30 pm Ward Trolley Service: Mon., Wed., Fri. Morning

P14 Library Section: In the past year, 45,981 books were circulated to 95 hospitals throughout Queensland. In most hospitals books were exchanged yearly but a more frequent service was available on request. Quantities of large print books were also available. The Greenslopes Hospital Library received 32,554 books from headquarters and distributed 13,427 books to patients.

P15 GREENSLOPES CENTRE Director: Mr. A. L. Hetherington Hospital Bed Strength The average daily bed strength of patients in the hospital varied throughout the year from 320 in the December quarter to 350 in the March quarter. The daily average for the year was 336 which is 11 less than last year's average and continues the lower average trend of recent years. Accommodation Relatives accommodated at the Centre totalled 451 for the year, which was 70 more than the previous year and the highest number on record. Private accommodation was found for 18 people who were not eligible for accommodation at the Centre. Hospital Visiting Hospital Visitors and members of the Service Aide Corps maintained their regular patient visiting service on three days of each week during the year. Duties of the Hospital Visitors included letter writing, distributing writing paper and envelopes, flower arranging and personal shopping. Library The usual efficient library service to patients and hospital staff was maintained with a twice weekly distribution to all hospital wards from the well-stocked library at the Centre. Christmas Carols A concert party was organised to sing carols in the hospital wards at Christmas and proved most popular with the patients. Billiards The Centre billiard room was as popular as ever with the patients and hospital staff. Greenslopes Senior Citizens Club meetings were held in the cinema each week and members were encouraged to take part in the entertainment. Club bowlers played indoor games weekly and entertained many visiting metropolitan clubs. Jumble Sales and Fetes The Holland Park Red Cross Branch conducted several jumble sales during the year and a successful Fair was held by the southside

branches. Alcoholics Anonymous held their usual weekly meetings in the cinema. Finance Donations \$6,552.

P27 Stores & Transport Section: Hospital Services Transport was provided for Hospital Visitors who regularly needed goods from Royal Brisbane Hospital to Lowson House. We also provided a regular service between the kiosks at Greenslopes and the Moreton Bay Nursing Centre. Deliveries were made to Rosemount and Kenmore Hospitals as required. During the year we also transported a mother and her spina bifida baby who needs constant treatment at the Royal Children's Hospital.

QAR 1979-80

P5 Greenslopes Hospital Kiosk- Monday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Tea Bar- Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ward Trolley Service - Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Clinic Tea Trolley - Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

P9 Patients at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital were able to select from a library of more than 6,000 books supplied by the Society,

Greenslopes Centre Director: Mr. A. L. Hetherington Patient levels at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital remained relatively static, with the average daily patient strength for the year at 344. This was only a slight increase on the previous year's average. A record number of 497 relatives however, were accommodated at the Centre. Services to patients continued with members of the Hospital Visiting Service and Service Aide Companies visiting patients regularly throughout the year. The Red Cross Library loaned 6000 books to patients and staff during the year, while the billiard room continued to be popular with patients and staff. Through funds provided by the ANZAC Day Trust the number of large print books is being expanded. Organisations such as the Greenslopes Senior Citizens Club and Alcoholics Anonymous held weekly meetings at the centre. Donations totalled \$7,427.

QAR 1980-81

Pp6 Hospital Visitors. Hospitals Royal Brisbane, Kenmore, Princess Alexandra, Mt. Olivet, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee, Prince Charles, Greenslopes, Yeronga Military, Mater Mothers. Convenors Mrs O. Donaldson, Mrs E. Jenns, Mrs I. Neil, Mrs M. Rooney, Mrs K. Thomson, Mrs R. Wigzell Volunteers 45 Uniform White Dress, White Hat, White Shoes, Red Winter Jacket

Beauty Therapy Hospitals Royal Brisbane, Princess Alexandra, Prince Charles, Mater Mothers, Greenslopes, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee, Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit.

Volunteers 27 Uniform White dress, White hat, White shoes, Red winter jacket

The role of a Beauty Therapist is an important one —she encourages patients to take an interest in their appearance which in turn bolsters their confidence and helps them to cope with everyday living. Beauty Therapists undergo a six-week training course learning skin care, hair care, manicure and hospital protocol. Two courses were held during the year in Brisbane and trained Beauty Therapists were incorporated into existing services. New services recently commenced at Greenslopes and Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital. A training course commenced in Mackay in late June and courses are planned in other country areas during the coming year. A Keromask Clinic is held at Red Cross House every Monday by appointment only. Keromask is a waterproof masking cream specially developed to cover and disguise skin blemishes. It will cover port wine birthmarks, vitiligo, chloasma, and some scars left from surgery and burns.

P7 Canteens Hospitals Greenslopes Hospital, Rosemount Hospital, Kenmore Hospital, Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit, Inala Community Health Centre. Supervisor John Severino Volunteers 183 The canteen/refreshment services provided by RedCross fulfil several avenues of need by patients and relatives. Bed patients are able to obtain a few luxuries from the trolley service to the wards; other patients can buy items of confectionery, toiletries, gifts from the kiosk/canteens, and outpatients and relatives can obtain light refreshments from the snack bar or tea trolley service. Volunteers staff all these services and their cheerful devotion is much appreciated. As from May this year the Inala Branch took over the administration of the trolley service to the Inala Community Health Centre. Under the leadership of Mrs B. Maddison this service has proved worthwhile to people waiting at the clinics. At the end of May the Rosemount Hospital closed down and patients were transferred to Greenslopes Hospital. Volunteers were invited to a morning tea to show the gratitude of RedCross for their loyal support of the trolley service through the wards.

P10 The Section supplied light reading to 94 hospitals, nursing homes and mobile libraries throughout the state. Rosemount Hospital closed and the patients, having moved to Greenslopes, are receiving books and magazines from the library service there. A library and magazine service was established at Queen Elizabeth 11 hospital. Books are exchanged once a year, or more frequently if requested. Large print books are supplied only on request, as they have to be purchased from England. All other books are donated, although cash donations for the purchase of books are received at Greenslopes, and occasionally at Red Cross House. Many of the books received are discards from public libraries.

Greenslopes Centre Director: Mr A.L. Hetherington The number of patients at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital remained constant with an average daily patient strength of 344. A record number of 562 relatives however, were accommodated at the Centre. Services to patients continued with members of the Hospital Visiting Service and Service Aide Companies visiting patients regularly throughout the year. The Red Cross Library Service to patients and staff was efficiently maintained, while the billiard room remained popular with patients and staff. The Blood Transfusion Service held three successful donation days in the cinema. The Holland Park Red Cross Branch conducted two financially rewarding jumble sales and organisations such as the Greenslopes Senior Citizens Club and Alcoholics Anonymous held regular meetings at the Centre. Donations totalled \$8,944.

P16 Bargain shop committee: Among our customers was a gentleman from the Solomon Islands who had come across to receive medical treatment at Greenslopes Hospital. Prior to returning home, he made a large purchase from our shop to take back to his countrymen. The shop is one avenue where we can help the community, and at the same time raise funds to help the Society carry out its services, in Queensland, throughout Australia and internationally.

QAR 1981-82

P27 Beauty Therapy: Hospitals Royal Brisbane, Princess Alexandra, Prince Charles, Mater Mothers, Mater Adult, Greenslopes, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee, Ipswich Base, Luriston Blue Nursing Home, Mackay Base, Mackay Mater. Volunteers 32 Uniform White Dress, White Hat, White Shoes, White Gloves, Red Winter Jacket. Beauty Therapy is proving a successful cheer-up service to patients in psychiatric, medical, geriatric, spinal and head injury wards in the major Brisbane hospitals. During the year this service was extended to the Mater Adult Hospital in Brisbane and hospitals in Mackay and Ipswich. Volunteers undertake a six-week training course learning skincare, hair care, manicure and hospital protocol. We acknowledge the support and guidance received from Innoxia in maintaining this Beauty Therapy Service. Innoxia donates the cosmetics used in the hospitals. The Keromask Clinic is held regularly, by appointment only, at Red Cross House. Keromask is a waterproof masking cream specially developed to cover and disguise skin blemishes. It will cover port wine birthmarks, vitiligo, chloasma and some scars left from surgery and burns.

P28 Greenslopes Centre Director: Mr A. L. Hetherington. A total of 562 relatives, a similar number to last year, were accommodated at the Centre. Services to patients continued with members of the Hospital Visiting Service and Service Aide Companies visiting patients regularly throughout the year. The Red Cross Library Service to patients and staff was efficiently maintained, while the billiard room remained popular with patients and staff. The Picture Library Service increased its activity to cope with the installation of pictures in four metropolitan hospitals and two country hospitals. Donations totalled \$11,510.

QAR 1982-83

P23 Home nursing equipment section A number of disassembled wheelchairs have been purchased from the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital and are now being assembled by the Woodford Prison Group and when available they will be offered to branches.

P29 Beauty Therapy Hospitals: Royal Brisbane, Princess Alexandra, Prince Charles, Greenslopes, Mater Mothers, Mater Adult, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee, Ipswich, Lauriston Blue Nursing (Ipswich), Mackay Base, Gympie, Southport, Kingaroy Orana Lutheran volunteers: 48 The beauty therapy service which commenced in March 1980 with sixteen trained beauty therapists visiting four hospitals has now expanded to forty-eight beauty therapists visiting thirteen locations. Patients in psychiatric, medical, geriatric, spinal and head injuries wards appreciate the caring and cheerful service given by our volunteers. A make-up, manicure and new hair-do uplifts the morale of patients and assists in their overall program of recovery from illness. We appreciate the support of Innoxia in donating the cosmetics used in the hospitals and for their assistance in training the volunteers in beauty therapy. The Keromask Clinic is held regularly at Red Cross House — by appointment only. It is a specialist service and is not part of the normal beauty therapy service to patients in hospitals. Keromask is a waterproof masking cream

developed by Innoxia to cover and disguise skin blemishes such as birth-marks, vitiligo, chloasma and scarring left from surgery and burns. A trained beauty therapist selects the creams suitable for each client and teaches that person how to apply the creams.

P30 Canteen Hospitals: Greenslopes, Kenmore, Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit. Supervisor: Mr G. Blakeney (Resigned June 1983) Mr P. Pottinger (Appointed June 1983) Volunteers: 103 Red Cross endeavours to supply patients with small items not normally given by the hospital which make the patients' stay a little more comfortable. Volunteers sell such items as toiletries, confectionery and stationery from the kiosks. A trolley is taken to the wards so that patients restricted to bed may have the opportunity of purchasing various items which they need. Refreshments are sold in the Tea Bar to outpatients attending the clinics. Many patients are required to go without food or liquid prior to tests being taken and the doctor refers them to the Tea Bar for a sandwich and a cup of tea when these tests are completed. Profits made from these areas are used to support other Red Cross services.

P31 Greenslopes Centre Director: Mr A.L. Hetherington The number of patients at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital remained constant with an average daily patient strength of 345. A record number of 646 relatives however, were accommodated at the centre. Services to patients continued with members of the Hospital Visiting Service and Service Aide Companies visiting patients throughout the year. The Red Cross Library Service to patients and staff was efficiently maintained while the billiard room remained popular with patients and staff. The Blood Transfusion Service held three successful donation days in the cinema. A good output was maintained by the Picture Library Service with many pictures dispatched to various institutions and organisations such as the Greenslopes Senior Citizens Club and Alcoholics Anonymous held regular meetings at the Centre. Donations totalled \$13,337.00

QAR 1983-84

Pp4 Red Cross Craft activity had its inception in the service to patients in Repatriation Hospitals during World War II. Later this service was extended by the Society to the general public in Queensland and to all types of hospitals throughout the State. In 1984, staff and volunteers of our Handcraft Section continue to provide an extremely busy service in metropolitan hospitals and nursing homes. A new service at Greenslopes is presently operating four mornings per week and demand for the service continues to grow as local hospitals recognize the benefits to be derived by patients from this Red Cross service.

P5 The hospital Rest Room service of Red Cross has forged ahead recently with the opening of new rooms at Townsville, Tully, Hervey Bay and Monto. This will enhance the Division's state-wide capacity to provide relatives of dangerously ill patients with a temporary place to stay in an emergency. The ladies of the Hospital Visitors Section continue their helpful and sympathetic duties at all hospitals. The Service Aide Companies answered every call for their assistance, including preparation of meals at Greenslopes, the escorting of bush children to distant points in the State, assistance at the Motor Cycle Riders Association fundraising, activities on behalf of the Society, and other hosting duties.

P12 Handcraft and activity therapy committee: The Society maintains staff workrooms at Royal Brisbane Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Prince Charles Hospital, where Red Cross staff provide a daily service to all wards, and at the Mater Hospital and Greenslopes Hospital where a part-time service is in operation.

New Initiative A new handcraft service to Greenslopes Hospital commenced in June and is presently operating four mornings per week.

P18 GREENSLOPES CENTRE Director: Mr A.L. Hetherington The number of patients at the Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital remained constant with an average daily patient strength of 345. A record number of 686 relatives however were accommodated at the centre. Services to patients continued with members of the Hospital Visiting Service and Service Aide Corps visiting patients throughout the year. The Red Cross Library Service to patients and staff was efficiently maintained, while the billiard room remained popular with patients and staff. The Blood Transfusion Service held three successful donation days in the cinema. Picture Library Service The Picture Library Service is the Division's smallest section with a volunteer staff of one, Mr Don Stewart. The section maintained a steady output during the year with pictures despatched to hospitals and nursing homes. Many of the prints are donated by Red Crossmembers, the remainder being purchased by Mr Stewart, who also carries out the complete framing procedure, distribution and maintenance of location records. There is no charge to the hospitals and nursing homes, and pictures are exchanged on a regular basis. During the year, organisations such as the Greenslopes Senior Citizens Club and Alcoholics Anonymous held regular meetings at the Centre. Donations totalled \$15,965.00.

QAR 1984-85

Pp14 Greenslopes Centre A total of 628 relatives, an above average year, were accommodated. Donations totalling \$11,510 were received from grateful users of the emergency accommodation provided at the Centre.

p15 HANDCRAFT & ACTIVITY THERAPY Evaluation and Expansion The Division has been under pressure from hospitals, nursing homes and community centres to expand its services because of the great need that exists to alleviate the long hours of boredom and frustration of patients. The Division presently provides daily services at Princess Alexandra, Royal Brisbane, Prince Charles and Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. Sessional services are held at the Mater Hospital, St Andrews, Kenmore Hospital, several nursing homes, the Wacol Refugee and Migrant Centre, and community daycentres and hostels.

QAR 1985-86

P14 Greenslopes Centre A total of 699 relatives, an above average year, were accommodated. Donations totalling \$13,744 were received from grateful users of the emergency accommodation provided at the Centre.

P15 Handcraft and Activity Programmes A handcraft and activity programme was introduced by Red Cross this year at the new Bald Hills Hospital in Brisbane. Programmes are now conducted in eight metropolitan hospitals (Princess Alexandra, Royal Brisbane, Royal Women's, Greenslopes, Mater Mothers', Mater Adult, St. Andrew's and Bald Hills). In addition, Red Cross branches provide this service in many hospitals and nursing homes around Queensland

QAR 1986-87

P2 Greenslopes Centre The Red Cross centre at Greenslopes, built in 1946, underwent a major reconstruction programme which expanded its facilities for restroom accommodation, and library and handcraft services

P9 Improvements in the Metropolitan Area Additions and improvements to services have not only occurred in country areas. In Brisbane, the Red Cross centre at Greenslopes underwent a major reconstruction programme which will be completed in September 1987. This programme has special significance as the centre houses one of the Division's first rest rooms. Built in 1946, the centre originally provided accommodation for the relatives of returned soldiers in the nearby Repatriation Hospital. The reconstruction programme will allow for the expansion of the rest rooms to accommodate up to 40 people, and the relocation and upgrading of the centre's library, picture library and handcraft services.

P12 Greenslopes Centre The Greenslopes centre, built in 1946, was one of the first Red Cross rest rooms to provide overnight accommodation. This year, work commenced on a major reconstruction programme at the centre which will cost in the vicinity of \$200,000 by the time it is completed in late 1987. The rest rooms will be expanded and refurbished to accommodate up to 40 people; the connecting laundry and kitchen facilities renovated; and the centre's facilities for library and handcraft services will be relocated and upgraded. The reconstructed centre will meet the increasing demands for Red Cross services from the nearby Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital for many years.

P13 Canteens Red Cross endeavours to supply patients through its canteen and trolley service with small items not normally given by the hospitals, and this makes the patients' stay a little more comfortable. A new canteen began operation at Carramar Nursing Home at Sunnybank. Another four metropolitan hospitals receive this service: Greenslopes, Kenmore, Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit and Rosemount.

P30 Extensive renovation of the Rest Rooms at Greenslopes Hospital is being undertaken which will provide a standard of accommodation in keeping with the high occupancy rate of this much-used facility. So far this has cost \$65,000, and more than double this amount is required to complete the job in the current year.

QAR 1987-88

P8 Chairman's report: Greenslopes Centre The expansion and refurbishing of the Greenslopes Red Cross Centre, completed in September, 1987, is one of the Division's most successful and worthy developments. The Division is proud of the refurbished Centre which can now accommodate 42 people. The public has expressed appreciation in the upgraded facilities through favourable comments and increased donations.

P12 Greenslopes Centre The expansion and refurbishing of the centre has been completed and the complex re-opened on 25 September, 1987. The facilities were upgraded at a cost of \$200,000 and the centre can now

accommodate 42 people. It remains a busy and well-occupied centre, able also to care for extra people from other metropolitan Rest Rooms.

P13 Red Cross Canteens are located in four metropolitan hospitals (Greenslopes, Kenmore, Rosemount and the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit) and at the Carramar Nursing Home at Sunnybank. Red Cross endeavours to supply patients through its canteen and trolley service with small items not normally given by the hospital, and this makes the patients stay a little more comfortable. A florist shop was opened in the new complex at Greenslopes Hospital. Volunteer florists and other talented people prepare posies of flowers and attractive arrangements to sell to relatives and patients.

P15 Craft and Activity therapy service

The aim of this service is to contribute to the emotional well-being of each patient and to alleviate the many hours of stress and boredom attributable to an extended hospital stay. Handcrafts, activity programs and music therapy sessions are conducted in the geriatric, psychiatric and acute wards of major hospitals in Brisbane. Staff and volunteers work as part of the hospital team, with a philosophy of flexibility to keep abreast of the changing needs of hospitals and the patients for whom they care. Activities are designed to meet both individual and group needs, by improving co-ordination and motor skills and by generating a happy and contented atmosphere by increasing the patients' self-esteem. This service has become so popular in the last 12 months that the section has unfortunately been unable to meet the many requests extended by hospitals and nursing homes. Aspects of the service currently operate in nine Brisbane metropolitan hospitals (Prince Charles, Bald Hills, Royal Brisbane, Rosemount, Princess Alexandra, Mater, Greenslopes, Kenmore and St. Andrews Hospital Annex).

QAR 1988-89

Pp19 The largest Red Cross Rest Room complex is the Greenslopes Centre, attached to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. The centre can cater for 42 people and is complete with a recreation hall, kitchen facilities, a library and a direct phone line to the hospital.

QAR 1989-90

P10 The larger centres, such as the Greenslopes Centre in Brisbane and the Rest Rooms in Townsville, Rockhampton and Cairns have the capacity to cater for between 25 and 50 people each. Other centres in smaller towns may only cater for two or four people. An inexpensive fee is charged, usually between \$8 - \$12 per night, to cover administration and cleaning costs. The first Red Cross Rest Room was established at the Royal Brisbane Hospital in 1947. With few telephones and little transport available, the accommodation was greatly appreciated. The largest Red Cross Rest Room complex in the Brisbane metropolitan area is the Greenslopes Centre, attached to Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. The centre can cater for 42 people and is complete with a recreation hall, kitchen facilities, a library and a direct phone line to the hospital.

P29 Allan J Campbell Foundation Income of the Foundation for the year was \$1,544 and was used to contribute to the cost of equipping the new lounge area at the Rest Rooms, Greenslopes. The increase of \$1,000 in the fund represented a further capital contribution introduced during the year.

QAR 1991-92

P10 way by being first to initiate new services to meet unmet needs in Hospitals and Nursing Homes. The unique services provided by the Handcraft and Activities Section include: Handcraft Service Activity Therapy programmes Music Therapy Service Wheelchair Bus Recreational outings Creative Arts Therapy The central aim of this section is to provide a service to contribute to the feeling of wellbeing and to improve the quality of life for the patients and residents in a hospital or nursing home environment. Red Cross staff and volunteers also support the work of others in the community in an advisory capacity and through community workshops. The services are designed to meet individual and group needs and are usually planned in consultation with hospital staff and the participants' evaluation of the service is on an ongoing basis." •Fulltime and sessional services are provided to: The Prince Charles Hospital Jacaranda Village Nursing Home Winston Noble Psychiatric Unit Ashworth House Nursing Home The Bald Hills Independent Living Centre(all under the Prince Charles Hospital)Princess Alexandra Hospital QEII (Initiative)The Mater General Hospital The Mater Mothers' Hospital The Mater Child Psychiatry Unit The Royal Brisbane Hospital The Royal Women's' Hospital Rosemount Psychiatric Unit Rosemount Geriatric Rehabilitation unit The Halwyn Centre, Newmarket Greenslopes Hospital Kenmore Hospital There are presently seven full time staff,20 casuals and 45 volunteers. During the course of the year staff attended a number of relevant conferences, workshops and lectures which included: Managing Dementia, Alzheimer's Education, Music Therapy, Relaxation and Tactile Therapy, Personal Grooming and Beauty Care, Executive Chef cooking classes. In the nursing home wards there has

been a remarkable response to the persona care and grooming sessions and the daily living skills program. The Jacaranda Village Wards have been equipped with compact working facilities, fine china dinner sets, crystal goblets and table linen for special dinner parties. Music Therapist, Dell O'Sullivan, with one of her music therapy patients at the Bald Hills Independent Living Centre. With staff and volunteers' help, the residents gain tremendous pleasure and satisfaction from participating in the normal activities of planning, preparing, cooking, dinner conversation, before cleaning up, all of which helps them to feel useful and wanted. Special event and theme days through-out the year proved very successful giving opportunities for socialisation and working together. Outstanding events were the 'mini Ekkas' held in August in the grounds of Jacaranda Village and Ashworth House. Cake competitions, knock-em-down stalls, a pet competition, hot dog and fairy floss stands, strawberry ice cream cones, an animal farm and entertainment, all contributed to a wonderful time for all. A new initiative for the section is the visiting children's' play group morning, affording lots of hugs and cuddles and craft projects and morning tea delights made by the residents.

QAR 1993-94

P15 **GREENSLOPES** RECREATION CENTRE Red Cross has negotiated a lease with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the land on which this centre is situated. This will enable the continuation and improvement of the accommodation facilities which are already provided for patients and relatives of the **Greenslopes** Repatriation Hospital, directly opposite the Red Cross Centre.

Testimonials "I am writing on behalf of my sister and myself on our stay at the RedCross Hostel at **Greenslopes**. We enjoyed our stay there, both times. First time my brother (78) was in the **Greenslopes** Repatriation Hospital with cancer. We were made very welcome by the staff at the Hostel who were always ready to listen to any problems we had. "Shortly afterwards we booked in again, as our brother's condition worsened I don't ever remember staying at a place and being so happy at a sad time. As a matter of fact, when we were leaving, it was like leaving a family behind, who had shared a sad time and yet a happy time, we had shared so much together and I was only too pleased to make a small donation to a great service"

QAR 1994-95

Pp12 Creative Activities Service This important service has the chief objective of making a stay in hospital less difficult for both the patient and their families. Red Cross staff and volunteers organise creative activities such as music programs, cooking sessions in the ward, crafts, table games, personal care and supervised bus trips out of hospital. There is increasing demand for the long term patients in Rehabilitation, Oncology, Dementia and Respite Care, Psychiatry, Burns Unit and other specific wards to receive these services. Major Achievements• Over 12 hospitals in Queensland benefit from Creative Activities Service. They include Royal Brisbane, Prince Charles, QE II, Princess Alexandra, Royal Women's, Geriatric and Rehabilitation Unit, Rosemount, Bald Hills, Ashworth House, Greenslopes, Montrose and Sinnamon Village. Approximately 1,680 patients are involved every week in a Red Cross creative activity in the above hospitals. There is no doubt that the creative activities can have a dramatic effect on the patient's morale. An excellent example of this was the case of two children in the Prince Charles Hospital who had not eaten for several days. A Red Cross Activity Officer held a pikelet cooking session with them and the pikelets soon disappeared much to the delight on their parents and medical staff! The management of the Royal Brisbane Hospital increased their Red Cross subsidy to extend the service into a new Dementia and Interim Care ward.

Medical staff have acknowledged the improvement of morale in the ward. The Bald Hills Buskers were recognised with a Shine On Award at a gala ceremony at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex. Shine On Awards focus on the abilities of those with disability and are an initiative of the Rotary Club in Queensland. The Buskers were formed four years ago with the guidance of Red Cross music specialist Dell O'Sullivan. Major Changes It has been a year of change in hospitals due to the introduction of "case mix" where more able patients are admitted and discharged within 1 to 5 days. The Creative Activities Service has kept up with the changing needs of the hospitals by staying in close consultation with their staff. Wheelchair buses, music therapy and other activities have been introduced to give more support to the long term and special needs patients. Volunteers have played an integral role in keeping costs down and there is no doubt that Red Cross will be seeking much more volunteer support in the future. Red Cross worker Dell O'Sullivan with musician Michael Stone

QAR 1995-96

P7 Red Cross music programmes were introduced to the Rehabilitation and Cancer Wards of **Greenslopes** Hospital.

QAR 1997-98

P10 The Gift Shop and Tea Bar at Greenslopes Hospital has been extensively refurbished as part of the wider hospital alterations and after a number of difficult years, the facilities are trading profitably and growing in business.

QAR 2000-2001

P13 Greenslopes Kiosk continues to improve its sales and profitability as it consolidates its services within the Greenslopes Private Hospital.

QAR 2001-2002

P4 Creative Activities In addition to the Creative Activity services provided in hospitals, nursing homes, disability and community centres, in 2001/02 the program extended to include activities for older people from culturally diverse backgrounds. Meeting weekly at the Greenslopes Community Centre clients are predominately from former Yugoslavia.

QAR 2002-2003

p Mrs Christine Thompson Christine Thompson's first contact with Red Cross was as a client at the Greenslopes Accommodation Centre in 1992. Inspired to join, she has been Secretary of the Bundaberg Red Cross Branch ever since. She has completed training in cosmetic care and disaster registration, and also volunteers at the newly opened Red Cross Shop. Chris was Regional President of the Wide Bay/Burnett Region from 2000 to 2002, and awarded a RedCross Service Award in 1996.

P7 In February 2003, a new Creative Activities Centre at Greenslopes commenced operations with great success. The centre provides elderly people, particularly from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, with an opportunity to socialise, gain new skills and increase social contact

P11 Due to the refurbishment of the Greenslopes Private Hospital in Brisbane our major revenue-generating kiosk was forced to close after 25 years' service.

P19 In 2002-03, Red Cross Queensland received more than \$4million in funding from government and non-government bodies to support a range of projects state wide. We are very appreciative of the support given by: ANZAC Trust - \$7000 Greenslopes Accommodation centre. Gambling Community Benefit Fund \$33980 Greenslopes Accommodation Centre.

QAR 2003-2004

P5 During the year we made a number of important property decisions. Land was purchased at Gympie as a future site for a new Disability Services Centre. A new Regional Office was opened at the Gold Coast, and discussions commenced with the RSL about the future development of our facilities at the Greenslopes Accommodation Centre. A number of properties excess to needs were identified for future sale, and this commenced with the sale of the branch hall at Toowoomba. Work also commenced on up grading the refurbishment of the Cairns Accommodation Centre.

P23 Dept of industrial relations \$7000 Anzac Day trust- Greenslopes Centre

P24 Gaming Community benefit fund - \$22632 medical equipment – Greenslopes

QAR 2004-2005

P23 Dept of industrial relations \$7000 Anzac Day trust- Greenslopes Centre

Gaming Community benefit fund - \$3000 office equipment – Greenslopes accommodation centre

QAR 2007-2008

P6 The Creative Activities Service provides recreational and therapeutic programs to patients and residents of hospitals and aged care facilities in Queensland. This service was extended to include the Sensory Activation Program, a specialist therapy program which encourages relaxation and communication for severely disabled or dementia patients. The Sensory Activation Program is offered at The Halwyn Centre, Royal Brisbane Hospital and Greenslopes Hospital. Over 17,400 client contacts were made by a team of six staff and 20 volunteers to patients across Brisbane.

QAR 2012-2013

P8 With the closure of Greenslopes Facility, a concept is in development working with community, architects and Ramsay Health Care to provide a key element in the Greenslopes Region. Consultation to take place with potential partners on the development of a business plan.

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GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

Australian Red Cross Archives, Queensland and National

Former ARC Centre, Greenslopes

Source: Australian Red Cross Archives, supplied 25 November 2021 (Gillian Anderson, Archivist)

June '79

GREENSLOPES CENTRE

Bed Strength.

The average daily bed strength of the hospital for the month was 550, which maintains the lower average of the last four years.

Accommodation.

Next of kin accommodated at the Centre totalled 40, being one of the highest monthly totals on record.

Private accommodation was found for two persons with children who could not be accommodated at the Centre.

Hospital Visiting.

Members of Hospital Services visited all wards of the hospital three times each week during the month, distributing writing paper and envelopes, supplying stamps, writing letters and giving a cheery word to all patients.

Entertainment.

The Centre billiard tables continued to be popular with patients and hospital staff during the month.

The usual efficient library service to patients and hospital staff was maintained from the well stocked library at the Centre.

Greenslopes Senior Citizens Club.

Club meetings were held each Thursday in the Cinema and the indoor bowls section enjoyed games each Wednesday.

Branches Fair

The Branches Fair held in the Cinema on 23rd June proved most successful.

Alcoholics Anonymous.

Alcoholics Anonymous held their usual meetings each Tuesday in the Cinema.

Finance.

The Centre received donations of \$546 during the month.

GREENSLOPES RED CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE INFORMATION.

opened 22/4/1946

This center was built in the early 1940's during the second world war as a recreation center for the Repatriation hospital over the road. Hundreds of soldiers were required to come to Greenslopes for medical examinations before and after service as well as the casualties of war. Red Cross volunteers provided all sorts of entertainment for them. The hospital is no longer a repatriation hospital, being bought by Ramsay group in 1994 and operated as a private hospital. It has a contract with Department of Veterans Affairs to treat war veterans so about 75% of its clients are veterans.

Now the center provides library and creative therapy services for the hospital, accommodation for visitors to Greenslopes and other city hospitals, picture framing service for Red Cross, Coordination of the medical equipment hire service for all of Queensland as well as hire of equipment here, hall for hire, medical equipment workshop, the use of the center changes to meet the demands of the time.

At present the paid staff consists of the coordinator who is here from 8.30 to 4.30 Monday to Friday, a creative therapist 4 mornings a week, a supervisor, cleaner 9 to 5 on Saturdays and Sundays. We have contact cleaners 5 mornings a week. Live in volunteer caretakers are present at all other times. Volunteers do all sorts of things in the library most days, some mend medical equipment, do maintenance around the place, help with accommodation and medical hire and attend to requirements of people hiring the hall. We have between 20 and 30 volunteers here doing different things each week.

Tour.

1. The Office. From here all the workings of the center are coordinated as well as the Medical Equipment Hire Service for the 40 branches throughout the state that run it.
2. The hall. Upstairs is an old projection room, movies used to be shown frequently. Dances were held in the hall and many famous entertainers of the day gave performances to crowds of two and three hundred people. Today the hall is hired by about 10 regular groups, including line dancing, indoor bowls, senior citizens and tai kwon do.
3. The medical equipment office is where we hire out equipment and the storeroom is where we keep things to send to other branches.
4. The kitchen. This is shared between, guests staff and hall hirers. The volunteer on duty each night makes a cup of tea at 8pm and invites residents to come and join him for a chat and a bit of get together. This has happened here for many years. The residents appreciate the chance to talk to someone who is of a non medical background and to have a bit of a laugh.
5. Caretakers Flats. We have two caretakers, one works weekends, the other weekdays. They both have flats at the back of the hall and are provided with accommodation, electricity and phone. Recently a kitchenette and airconditioning has been installed in each flat.
6. Upstairs residential. Guests stay with us while visiting their relatives in hospitals or coming to Brisbane for outpatient treatment. About 70% of our guests are elderly ladies and this place is a real home away from home for them. They are all in similar situations and provide a lot of support for each other. Some real and lasting friendships are made here. We also accommodate two or three clients from the asylum seekers programme. These people are usually survivors of torture and trauma and Greenslopes is by no means ideal for them but we try to help as much as we can.

The end lounge is sometimes hire for small meeting groups. This part of the center was originally the library and reading rooms. A bit more than 20 years ago it was converted to accommodation. Because of the old

heat detectors and sprinklers, the rooms are not able to be fully enclosed. This does cause problems with snorers.

7. Downstairs residential. Because we have only mens toilets down here we keep this section exclusively for men. We have an average per night of 13 but it is often in the high 20's throughout the week, dropping off considerably at the weekend. This area was originally craft rooms.

8. The workshop was originally a woodwork room, the laundry was TB library, the present library was an art room.

9. The front room downstairs was the main office. Until very recently it was used for picture framing but that service has been moved to the workshop.

History of Library Greenalopes.

Hope Tisdale = 1943 - In charge of
Library = trained for books.
in Town & then came out here to
run library. Library was at end of Ward 4.
at Hospital. - this was the Airforce ward.
all volunteers wore the Red Cross uniform.
summer & winter - bought uniform from selves,
hat / gloves / stockings / brown lace up shoes.

Moved over here at end of War. @ 1945.

Ruby started 1946. = Hope had left by then
& 'Gilly' had started as library supervisor.

Mavis Goodman - 'Gilly' came after Hope

Lee Brandt started July 1949
'Gilly' had left by then.

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OTTILIE BRANDT (LEE) LIBRARIAN,
COMMENCED WORK IN THE RED CROSS LIBRARY
GREENSLOPES, IN JULY 1949.

IN CHARGE OF CENTRE. DIRECTOR OF CENTRE
GORDON CUNNINGHAM

NORM. MARTIN

BERT. CRAWFORD

TOM. WANKLESS.

BILL HETHERINGTON

COLONEL HUDSON PART TIME.

A FIRST 2 WOMEN WORKED IN THE OFFICE ALSO,
THEN JUST THE ONE (KNOWN AS FIELD FORCE?).
THEIR JOB TO DO GENERAL WARD WORK.

SPECIAL MENTION, MRS. GLADYS WHEELDON
SHE DID OFFICE WORK, WARD WORK, AND ALSO
CARED FOR NEXT OF KIN, SOMETIMES SLEEPING
IN AT CENTRE. THIS WAS OFTEN WHEN SOME-
ONE WAS ON LEAVE OR ILL.

DON'S ROOM

REPAT HANDCRAFTS.

RED CROSS WOOD WORK SECTION

ART ROOM MAVIS SORENSEN IN CHARGE.

PICTURE FRAMING

HOSPITAL VISITORS, WARD WORK, WRITE LETTERS,
SHOP MESSAGES ETC. ALSO MAKE AFTERNOON
TEA FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FRIENDS, IT WAS
SERVED IN OUR TEA ROOM.

BUS TRIPS (RED CROSS BUS) TO ST. BERNARDS
ETC, WOULD BE ESCORTED BY HOSPITAL VISITORS.

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FOR YEARS WE HELD A CHRISTMAS PARTY
IN OUR HALL FOR THE PATIENTS, A LOT
OF WORK WAS DONE HOSPITAL VISITORS, AND
OTHER VOLUNTARY HELPERS.
CONCERTS BY WELL KNOWN PERFORMERS,
ALSO REGULAR FILM NIGHTS.

~~HOUSE KEEPERS LATER HAD THEIR OWN~~

MRS PEEBLES

MRS LLOYD-APJOHN

MRS ROVETA

MRS. MONTY (MANTIET)

MRS. SMART

MRS. MUSCH

LIBBY ALLEN

MARG. SMITH, FILLED IN QUITE OFTEN
AS REQUIRED.

3 OTHERS SPENT A SHORT TIME, WORKED IN
ABOVE CAPACITY, JUST AS HOUSE KEEPERS
CAN'T RECALL NAMES.

AUDREY KRECKENBRINK (FROM HQ) WORKED
HERE WHEN MARGARET WAS ON LEAVE.

IN THE EARLY DAYS THE HOSPITAL LOANED
US MALE AND FEMALE DOMESTICS TO
CLEAN THE CENTRE, THEY ALSO LOOKED
AFTER ELECTRICITY AND PLUMBING →

RED CROSS HANDCRAFTS STARTED IN THE
LARGE LOUNGE NEXT TO THE OLD LIBRARY

PAM MARSDEN WAS FIRST THE FIRST,
ALINE CAN ~~40~~ SUPPLY WITH THE OTHER
NAMES.

3LIBRARY STAFF.

WHEN I FIRST STARTED WORK HERE,
MAVIS GOODWIN WAS SUPERVISOR, WHEN SHE
RETIRED, I THEN TOOK OVER AS SUPERVISOR,
AND SERVED AS SUCH FOR OVER 30 YEARS.
STAFF WHO WORKED WITH ME.

ANISON McDOUGALL

NELL McDIWELL

DOROTHY PHILLIPS

ETHEL BRAY

MEG LOVE

VERA CORSER

BETH BLUME

KATH BELL

DAWN ROBERTS

WITH MUCH APPRECIATED HELP FROM MANY
SPLENDID VOLUNTARIES.

Ann McNeill

April 2017

GREENSLOPES

Bunker down in hospital history

WORLD WAR II RELIC BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE

DEEP in the corridors of the original wards of Greenslopes Hospital is a hidden treasure – a genuine World War II bunker.

The hospital was designed weeks after war was declared, and later included three air raid shelters.

One bunker survives.

It was a long-forgotten piece of our history and until recent years was used as a storage room for wheelchairs and for archives.

Thanks to the work of endocrinologist and resident historian Chris Strakosch, the bunker is now open to the public as a museum housing photographs and stories of the hospital's rich history.

A blast wall in front of the original door as you enter is the first clue to its original purpose. A tunnel between the main building and nurses quarters also exists and the third bunker was excavated out during renovations.



Dr Strakosch was invited to write the hospital's history for the 60th anniversary of its opening in 2002.

After being inspired by what he discovered, he later suggested the wheelchairs be moved out of the bunker and the space restored as a museum.

"When this hospital was designed our troops were over in Africa fighting the Italians and Germans," he said.

"It wasn't until the Japanese came into the war, which was about the same time as the hospital was opened, they realised that this hospital was the closest military hospital to the frontline."

"This bunker was built after the hospital was completed.

"They fitted it in between walls. That is why it has an unusual shape. The bunker extends further back, most of it has been taken over by archives. It is probably three times this size."

Greenslopes Hospital opened in 1942, as 112th Australian General Hospital Unit Greenslopes to care for returning soldiers.

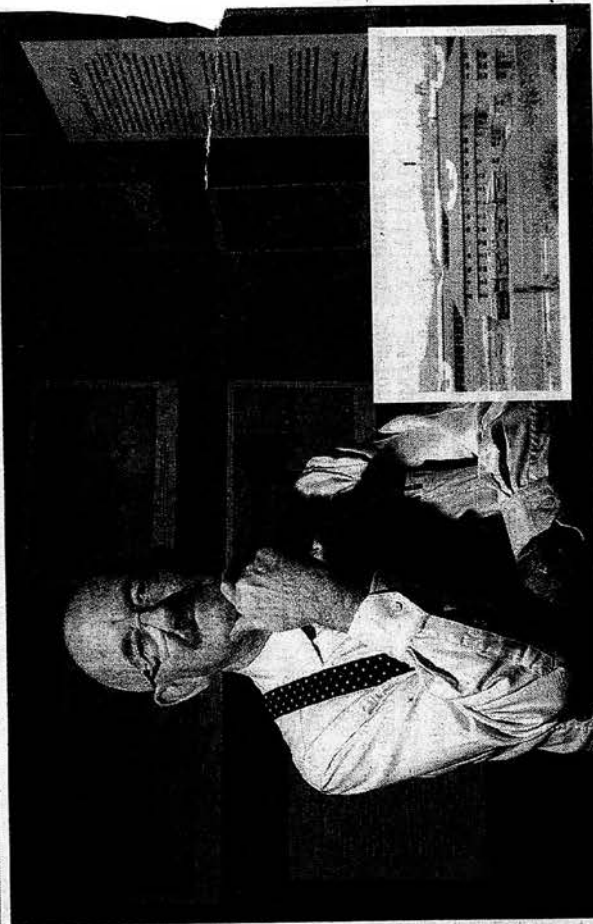
The hospital celebrated its 75th anniversary this year. February 1, 1942, was the day Greenslopes Private Hospital opened.

On that date, the first group of WWII patients arrived at the hospital.

The Bunker Museum is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Hospital volunteers run regular tours.

For more information contact volunteer services on 3394 6753.



Resident historian Chris Strakosch at the Bunker Museum. Inset, Greenslopes Hospital displays the Red Cross and nurses treat WWII patients.

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