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**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW PO BOX AS FROM APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.**

### **FROM BOB:**

Just a little update on the changes to the hospital system required to obtain the additional funds from the Federal Government.

The main change is "The area in which Bankstown Falls"

In the past we were in the Sydney South West Area Health Service = "SSWAHS"

The new area is called South West Sydney Local Health Network=SWSLHN

The change are that RPA & Canterbury Hospital, Balmain, Concord are no longer in the same area as Bankstown. The LHN is to be governed by a Local Health

**Network Governing Council.**

There has been a lot of work put into making the changes and progress has been good. This is just a brief out line on what is happening but will keep you all up to date.

I would just like to bring you up to date on the program to establish a ratio of the number of patients one nurse is required to care for at one time.

Back at our September Meeting those present signed a letter to the Premier & the Minister for Health, which expressed our thoughts on the **Nurse to Patients Ratio** and our support in establishing these ratios.

Progress has been slow but the Government has finally agreed that in principle this should be done. There is a lot of work in establishing these ratio figures for each ward as they would vary depending mainly on the care required.

example.- ICU patients would need more nursing care than a patient just waiting for a test at another hospital.

When all this has been done additional nurses will be required.

At the present time funds are not available for the employment of additional nursing staff.

Staff at Bankstown Hospital expressed their thanks to HSA Bankstown for their support in this matter.

**WELFARE.**

Di rang Hilda to find out how she was after her operation & also her 2<sup>nd</sup> stay in hospital. Hilda says she is progressing doing all her exercises no pain and she walks with either one of two sticks. Looking forward to seeing both her & Charles at our meeting when she can drive again.

Bob & Joyce have been on a cruise enjoyed the cruise but I think they played up to much and they were both exhausted when they came home.

**THANK YOU:**

From the committee from February 2000 to April 2010 we have purchased equipment for the Cardiac Wards & Rehab. unit amounting to \$67,474.00. This has been a great effort from all of you that has donated time goods & cash. We the committee think this is great.

**MEETING DATES:**

April - 9<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Solomon History of Bankstown

May - 21<sup>st</sup> Edwina Rowe Horticulturalist

July - 2<sup>nd</sup>

August - 13<sup>th</sup>

September - 24<sup>th</sup>

November - 5<sup>th</sup>

December - 3<sup>rd</sup>

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