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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of hospitals throughout Australia for the year ended 30th June, 1963, with comparative figures for earlier years. Corresponding particulars appeared in Social Statistics No. 2 - 1960, No. 7 - 1961, and No. 14 - 1962. More detailed information on hospitals in 1961-62 and earlier years is contained in the Official Year Book of the Commonwealth of Australia, No. 50, 1964, pages 700-706.

2. The particulars shown herein refer to public hospitals and nursing homes (referred to as "public hospitals" in previous issues of this bulletin), mental hospitals, private hospitals and nursing homes (previously referred to as "private hospitals"), and repatriation hospitals.

3. The statistics shown under the heading "Public Hospitals and Nursing Homes" refer to institutions providing hospital and nursing home treatment, whether general or special, with the exception of mental hospitals, private hospitals and nursing homes, repatriation hospitals and leper hospitals. They include institutions wholly provided for by the State, partially subsidized by the State or by State endowments but receiving also private aid, and hospitals established and endowed by individuals for the treatment of the sick generally. "Public Hospitals" are premises of this kind in which patients are received and lodged exclusively for "hospital" treatment, i.e. nursing care for the purpose of professional attention. "Public Nursing Homes" are such premises in which patients are received and lodged exclusively for the purpose of nursing home care, i.e. of a kind ordinarily provided in a benevolent home, convalescent home, home for aged persons or rest home for patients requiring professional attention. Note that the statistics shown under this heading agree in scope with those classified as "Public Hospitals" in previous issues of this bulletin.

4. Mental Hospitals - in addition to the mental hospitals operating directly under the Lunacy and Mental Health Acts of the various States, the statistics shown herein include other institutions providing accommodation and treatment of patients who are legally certified as requiring treatment for mental disorders. The statistics also include the number of voluntary patients in these institutions. Particulars of reception houses, observation wards in gaols, psychiatric clinics and intellectual deficiency training centres are excluded.

5. Statistics shown under the heading "Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes" refer to private institutions approved for payment of Commonwealth Hospital Benefits. As in the case of public hospitals and nursing homes these institutions consist of private hospitals and private nursing homes as defined above. The 1963 figures are entirely comparable with private "hospital" figures shown in previous bulletins. Statistics of staff are not available.

6. Statistics of repatriation hospitals were not included in the tables in earlier issues of this bulletin. They refer to the nine auxiliary, in addition to the six general, repatriation hospitals.

7. As in the past, the tables exclude the four isolation hospitals for the care and treatment of persons suffering from Hansen's disease (leprosy). These are located at Little Bay, N.S.W.; Fantome Island, Queensland; Derby, W.A.; and East Arm Settlement, N.T.. At the end of 1963, there were 329 patients at these hospitals.

TABLE 1. - NUMBER OF HOSPITALS

At 30th June	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LAND.	S.AUST.	W.AUST.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES									
1959	269	139	136	65	93	26	4	1	733
1960	267	141	137	65	93	28	4	1	736
1961	268	140	138	66	91	28	4	1	736
1962	269	r142	r139	65	91	28	4	1	r739
1963	269	146	139	66	93	28	4	1	746
MENTAL HOSPITALS									
1959	15	(a)11	5	2	(a)6	1	..	..	40
1960	15	(a)11	5	2	(a)6	1	..	..	40
1961	15	(a)11	5	2	(a)6	1	..	..	40
1962	15	(a)(b) 9	5	2	(a)6	1	..	..	38
1963	15	(a)(b) 9	5	2	(a)6	1	..	..	38
PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES									
1959	429	239	74	140	63	28	..	..	973
1960	444	256	79	144	74	33	..	..	1,030
1961	461	254	92	143	79	32	..	..	1,061
1962	474	260	116	156	85	34	..	..	1,125
1963	507	272	130	173	85	39	..	..	1,206
REPATRIATION HOSPITALS									
1959	2	4	3	2	2	1	..	..	14
1960	2	4	3	2	2	1	..	..	14
1961	2	4	3	2	2	1	..	..	14
1962	2	4	3	2	2	1	..	..	14
1963	2	4	4	2	2	1	..	..	15
TOTAL									
1959	715	393	218	209	164	56	4	1	1,760
1960	728	412	224	213	175	63	4	1	1,820
1961	746	409	238	213	178	62	4	1	1,851
1962	760	r415	r263	225	184	64	4	1	r1,916
1963	793	431	278	243	186	69	4	1	2,005

(a) At 31st December. (b) Excludes two institutions which were, in 1962, reclassified as Intellectual Deficiency Training Centres. r - Revised.

**TABLE 2. - NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS**  
(Including Cots)

At 30th June	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LAND.	S.AUST.	W.AUST.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
<b>PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES</b>									
1959	22,620	12,522	11,756	3,994	4,589	2,386	422	255	58,544
1960	22,883	12,817	12,422	4,409	4,505	2,468	441	258	60,203
1961	23,135	13,108	12,376	4,475	4,590	2,569	r480	r305	r61,039
1962	23,193	13,193	r12,458	4,403	4,922	2,683	480	318	r61,650
1963	23,415	13,395	12,545	4,513	5,049	2,773	480	343	62,513
<b>MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>									
1959	12,996	(a)8,872	4,736	2,776	(a)1,868	900	..	..	32,148
1960	13,181	(a)8,950	4,573	2,727	(a)1,868	892	..	..	32,191
1961	13,324	(a)8,950	4,269	2,824	(a)1,911	892	..	..	32,170
1962	13,494	(a)(b)8,891	4,267	2,696	(a)1,915	850	..	..	32,113
1963	13,315	(a)(b)9,420	4,308	2,676	(a)1,926	850	..	..	32,495
<b>PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES</b>									
1959	8,172	4,830	1,949	2,742	1,605	607	..	..	19,905
1960	8,864	5,013	2,162	2,796	1,799	665	..	..	21,299
1961	9,678	4,998	2,445	2,866	1,945	687	..	..	22,619
1962	10,563	5,556	2,943	3,440	2,381	763	..	..	25,646
1963	11,482	5,896	3,350	3,755	2,549	870	..	..	27,902
<b>REPATRIATION HOSPITALS</b>									
1959	1,198	989	618	342	482	120	..	..	3,749
1960	1,196	993	618	314	482	120	..	..	3,723
1961	1,268	989	636	325	512	114	..	..	3,844
1962	1,406	993	687	361	509	114	..	..	4,070
1963	1,589	1,058	759	364	517	121	..	..	4,408
<b>TOTAL</b>									
1959	44,986	27,213	19,059	9,854	8,544	4,013	422	255	114,346
1960	46,124	27,773	19,775	10,246	8,654	4,145	441	258	117,416
1961	47,405	28,045	19,726	10,490	8,958	4,262	r480	r305	r119,671
1962	48,656	28,633	r20,355	10,900	9,727	4,410	480	318	r123,479
1963	49,801	29,769	20,962	11,308	10,041	4,614	480	343	127,318

(a) At 31st December. (b) Excludes beds at two institutions which were, in 1962, reclassified as Intellectual Deficiency Training Centres. r - Revised.

TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS

(Average Daily Number Resident)

During Year ended 30th June	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LAND.	S.AUST.	W.AUST.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES									
1959	15,806	8,751	7,767	2,643	2,847	1,728	282	197	40,021
1960	15,993	8,808	7,961	2,683	2,913	1,809	309	196	40,672
1961	16,218	8,606	8,130	2,758	2,948	1,833	310	206	41,009
1962	16,695	9,004	r8,227	2,769	3,059	1,845	330	237	r42,166
1963	16,825	9,221	8,378	2,901	3,103	1,869	370	259	42,926
MENTAL HOSPITALS (a)									
1959	12,645	(b)8,326	4,308	2,579	(b)1,856	764	..	..	30,478
1960	r13,479	(b)8,364	4,098	2,507	(b)1,820	783	..	..	r31,051
1961	12,315	(b)8,326	3,937	2,454	(b)1,833	r771	..	..	r29,636
1962	12,164	(b)(c)7,607	3,950	2,392	(b)1,830	763	..	..	28,706
1963	11,890	(b)(c)8,358	3,776	2,396	(b)1,821	759	..	..	29,000
PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES (d)									
1959	6,398	3,494	1,476	1,956	1,362	400	..	..	15,086
1960	7,129	3,620	1,708	2,049	1,524	510	..	..	16,540
1961	7,955	4,014	1,905	2,255	1,707	573	..	..	18,409
1962	8,644	4,410	2,219	2,477	1,839	598	..	..	20,187
1963 (d)	9,534	4,737	2,559	2,797	2,026	689	..	..	22,342
REPATRIATION HOSPITALS (e)									
1959	1,098	887	501	282	350	84	..	..	3,202
1960	1,101	857	516	272	367	87	..	..	3,200
1961	1,178	790	555	289	387	95	..	..	3,294
1962	1,305	884	589	297	428	92	..	..	3,595
1963	1,411	904	598	318	444	99	..	..	3,774
TOTAL									
1959	35,947	21,458	14,052	7,460	6,415	2,976	282	197	88,787
1960	r37,702	21,649	14,283	7,511	6,624	3,189	309	196	r91,463
1961	37,666	21,736	14,527	7,756	6,875	r3,272	310	206	r92,348
1962	38,808	21,905	r14,985	7,935	7,156	3,298	330	237	r94,654
1963	39,660	23,220	15,311	8,412	7,394	3,416	370	259	98,042

(a) Includes voluntary patients.

(b) During the year ended 31st December. However, as a consequence of a re-organization of the statistics collected by the Victorian Mental Hygiene Authority, average daily patient figures are no longer compiled, and the 1963 figure is the number of patients on the books of these institutions on 30th November, 1963.

(c) Excludes patients at two institutions which were, in 1962, reclassified as Intellectual Deficiency Training Centres.

(d) The average daily numbers of patients resident had been calculated on the basis of the Commonwealth "ordinary" benefit paid to each institution. This method of payment of benefit was discontinued from the beginning of 1963. Therefore the figures shown are estimates, on a comparable basis with those for previous years, in respect of the six months ended June, 1963. Note that Commonwealth benefit is not payable in respect of patients entitled to accident and workers' compensation, nor in respect of patients at these institutions who do not receive hospital treatment or nursing home care.

(e) Patients at repatriation institutions. Repatriation patients are also treated at other hospitals at Repatriation expense. The numbers of such patients treated in public hospitals were:- 1959, 1,963; 1960, 4,605; 1961, 7,849; 1962, 10,421; and 1963, 12,101. The numbers of repatriation patients resident in Australian mental hospitals at 30th June were:- 1959, 1,080; 1960, 1,038; 1961, 1,067; 1962, 1,120; and 1963, 1,111.

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**TABLE 4. - HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF**  
(Excluding Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes)

At 30th June	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LAND.	S.AUST.	W.AUST.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
<b>HONORARY STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES</b>									
1959	4,217	1,424	30	502	331	89	..	40	6,633
1960	4,496	1,531	29	518	336	97	..	65	7,072
1961	4,681	1,551	44	549	356	112	..	78	7,371
1962	4,656	1,507	(a)9	607	350	r122	..	80	r7,331
1963	5,223	1,636	(a)8	635	392	151	..	77	8,122
<b>SALARIED MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES</b>									
1959	720	805	778	160	112	126	16	4	2,721
1960	809	815	796	185	124	134	15	4	2,882
1961	863	886	809	182	137	117	16	5	3,015
1962	921	914	872	220	143	111	17	6	3,204
1963	922	981	895	215	173	112	20	8	3,326
<b>MEDICAL STAFF AT MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>									
1959	(b)109	(c)110	19	13	(c)10	4	..	..	265
1960	(b)114	(c)116	17	14	(c)15	5	..	..	281
1961	(b)116	(c)126	21	15	(c)16	3	..	..	297
1962	(b)164	(c)125	20	r16	(c)16	5	..	..	r346
1963	(b)181	(c)134	18	19	(c)16	5	..	..	373
<b>MEDICAL STAFF AT REPATRIATION HOSPITALS</b>									
1959(d)	54	56	20	18	19	6	..	..	173
1960(d)	60	53	21	15	18	5	..	..	172
1961	66	44	20	18	20	6	..	..	174
1962	70	43	22	16	21	5	..	..	177
1963	77	54	24	20	20	6	..	..	201
<b>TOTAL MEDICAL STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES, MENTAL AND REPATRIATION HOSPITALS</b>									
1959	5,100	2,395	847	693	472	225	16	44	9,792
1960	5,479	2,515	863	732	493	241	15	69	10,407
1961	5,726	2,607	894	764	529	238	16	83	10,857
1962	5,811	2,589	923	r859	530	r243	17	86	r11,058
1963	6,403	2,805	945	889	601	274	20	85	12,022

(a) The lower figures for the years 1962 and 1963 are due, in the main, to a change in the system of staffing at a major centre. (b) Excludes medical staff at the two authorised private mental hospitals. Includes visiting specialists who are paid for their services, as follows:- 1959, 43; 1960, 44; 1961, 43; 1962, 57; and 1963, 54.

(c) At 31st December. (d) At 28th February. r - Revised.

**TABLE 5. - HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF (a)**  
(Excluding Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes)

At 30th June	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LAND.	S.AUST.	W.AUST.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUST.
<b>NURSING STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES</b>									
1959	13,261	9,075	5,011	2,467	2,914	1,249	156	239	34,372
1960	13,568	9,432	5,529	2,790	3,017	1,290	162	235	36,023
1961	14,141	9,811	5,741	2,889	3,215	1,385	167	258	37,607
1962	14,543	10,237	5,947	3,121	3,307	r1,442	198	287	r39,082
1963	15,139	10,509	6,060	3,194	3,318	1,484	230	306	40,240
<b>MALE NURSING STAFF AND ATTENDANTS AT MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>									
1959	(b)1,110	(c)1,160	664	229	(c)214	88	..	..	3,465
1960	(b)1,172	(c)1,155	652	228	(c)231	99	..	..	3,537
1961	(b)1,209	(c)1,249	602	238	(c)232	107	..	..	3,637
1962	(b)1,288	(c)1,196	639	247	(c)242	114	..	..	3,726
1963	(b)1,343	(c)1,281	666	278	(c)231	108	..	..	3,907
<b>FEMALE NURSING STAFF AND ATTENDANTS AT MENTAL HOSPITALS</b>									
1959	(b)1,157	(c)1,278	518	242	(c)181	90	..	..	3,466
1960	(b)1,269	(c)1,247	512	240	(c)212	89	..	..	3,569
1961	(b)1,372	(c)1,358	489	270	(c)191	95	..	..	3,775
1962	(b)1,378	(c)1,403	489	290	(c)201	100	..	..	3,861
1963	(b)1,421	(c)1,479	506	288	(c)209	104	..	..	4,007
<b>NURSING STAFF AT REPATRIATION HOSPITALS</b>									
1959(a)	400	312	186	103	153	38	..	..	1,192
1960(a)	519	307	182	101	162	40	..	..	1,311
1961	557	345	187	108	171	42	..	..	1,410
1962	655	363	203	140	190	40	..	..	1,591
1963	731	373	238	153	195	45	..	..	1,735
<b>TOTAL NURSING STAFF AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES, MENTAL AND REPATRIATION HOSPITALS</b>									
1959	15,928	11,825	6,379	3,041	3,462	1,465	156	239	42,495
1960	16,528	12,141	6,875	3,359	3,622	1,518	162	235	44,440
1961	17,279	12,763	7,019	3,505	3,809	1,629	167	258	46,429
1962	17,864	13,199	7,278	3,798	3,940	r1,696	198	287	r48,260
1963	18,634	13,642	7,470	3,913	3,953	1,741	230	306	49,889

(a) Qualified and student nurses, assistant nurses, assistant nurse trainees, nursing aides and nursing aide trainees. (b) Includes nursing staff and attendants at the two authorised private mental hospitals. (c) At 31st December. (d) At 28th February. r - Revised.

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