

“Borne from the benevolence of Council women”

NCJW hands over Woollahra property title to Wolper Hospital

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) on Friday formally handed over its property in Trelawney Street, Woollahra, to the Wolper Jewish Hospital.

Until now, the title to the Wolper Hospital site has been in the name of the trustees, the NCJW Hospital Visiting Committee. Council acquired the property as the result of bequest from the late Gertie Wolper Stone, who left a property in Coogee as a legacy to the NCJW.

This was later sold and the Woollahra property purchased for a convalescent home.

In 1965, NCJW gave the Jewish Hospital a five-year lease of the premises and later the premises became known as the Wolper Jewish Hospital.

Since then the hospital has paid for all improvements to the site.

NCJW felt that the time had come to give

Wolper the freedom needed to rebuild the hospital under its own title without the encumbrances of trusteeship.

Under the terms of an agreement signed in the NCJW board room on Friday morning by hospital trustees Ann Einfeld, Lili Bergman, Leah Goldberg and Ena Rychter, council president Lynne Davies, vice-president Estelle Gold and treasurer, Phyl Glasser and hospital president Sam Karpin NCJW will always be entitled to have three of its members on the hospital's board of management.

As well, plaques will be put up in the hospital foyer commemorating the transfer of the title deeds and acknow-

ledging the original bequest of the late Gertie Wolper Stone and the work of the Hospital Visiting Committee.

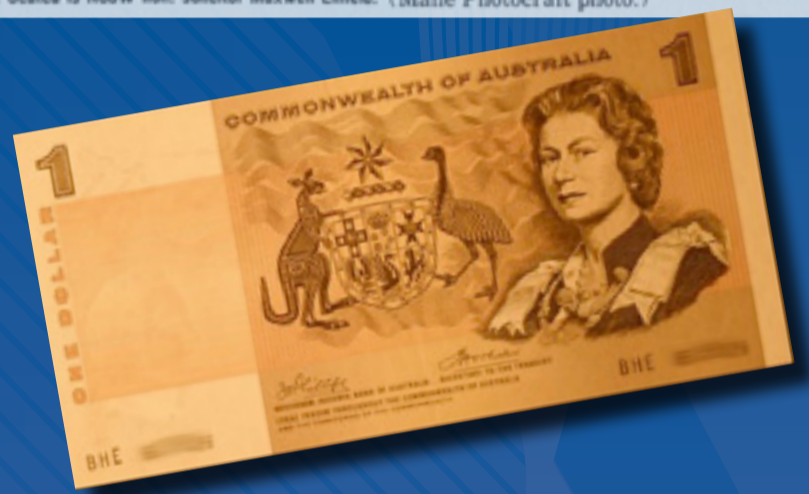
A substantial area will also be dedicated in perpetuity as an NCJW Lounge.

A member of Council will also be entitled to access to a hospital bed free of charge if needed.

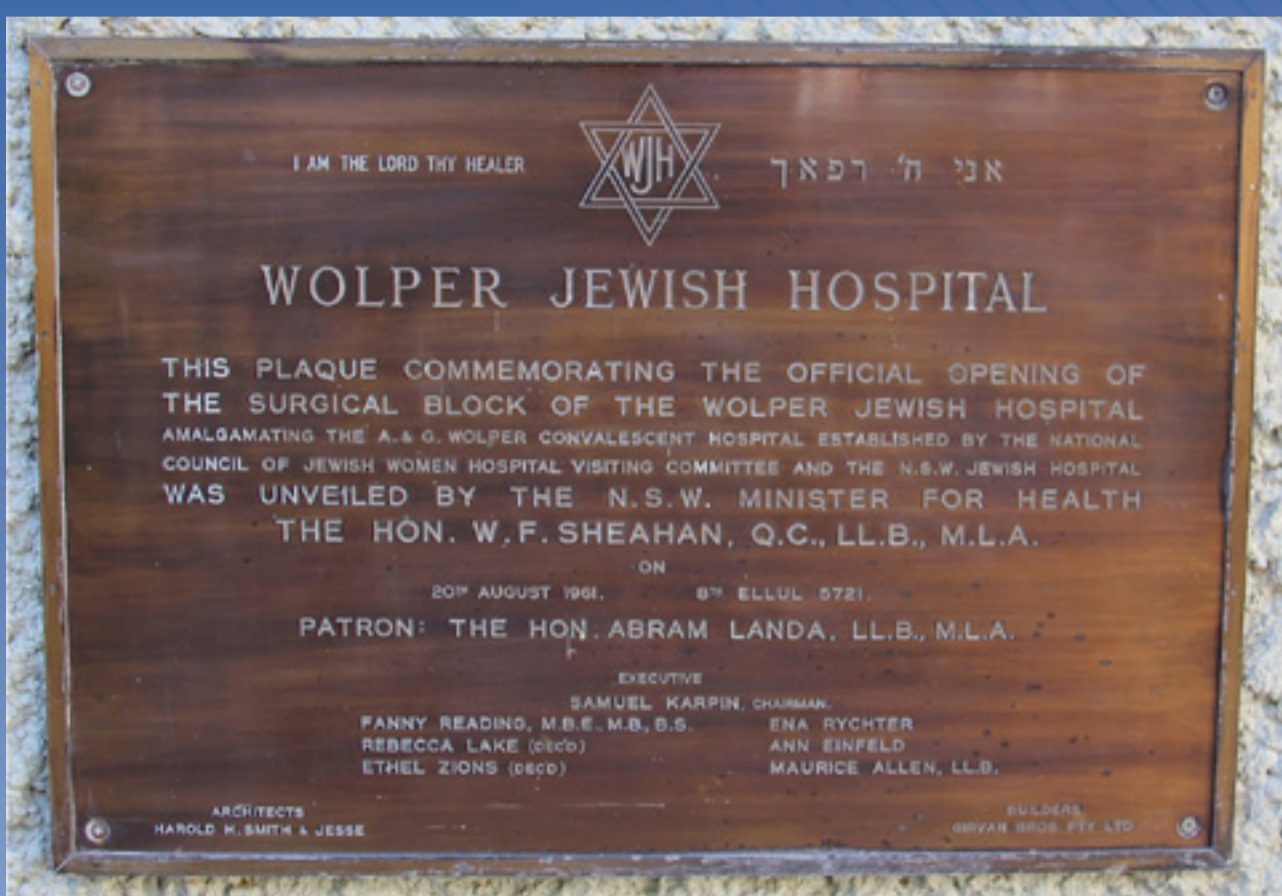
Present at the ceremony besides the officials signing the agreement were the hospital's treasurer, Bill Berman, building committee chairman Hyman Don, NCJW honorary solicitor Maxwell Einfeld, the hospital's honorary solicitor and vice-president David Freeman and its executive director Harry Eisenberg.



Trustees of the National Council of Jewish Women's Hospital Committee formally hand over title deeds for the Wolper Hospital site to hospital president Sam Karpin after signing a transfer agreement in the NCJW board room last Friday morning. Pictured (l-r) hospital treasurer Bill Berman, building committee chairman Hyman Don, vice president and hon. solicitor David Freeman, president Sam Karpin with NCJW officials, vice-president Estelle Gold, president Lynne Davies, treasurer Phyl Glasser, hospital trustees Ann Einfeld, Leah Goldberg and Lili Bergman. Seated is NCJW hon. solicitor Maxwell Einfeld. (Mane Photocraft photo.)



- In gratitude for the care Council members had given her, Gertie Wolper Stone in 1949 bequeathed her house in Coogee to the NCJW NSW Hospital Visiting Committee for the establishment of a Jewish convalescent home.
- The Coogee house was not suitable to be used as a convalescent home and it was sold. A property at 8 Trelawney Street, Woollahra was purchased and became the Wolper Convalescent Hospital in 1953.
- The Sydney Jewish Hospital and the Wolper Convalescent Hospital amalgamated to become The Wolper Jewish Hospital in 1961.
- The Fanny Reading Surgical Wing of Wolper Jewish Hospital was named after her in 1966.
- In 1982 the Wolper Jewish Hospital was rebuilt. **“The Trustees of the Hospital Visiting Committee NCJW – NSW Division on the 14th May 1982, transferred the title to the land to Wolper Jewish Hospital”** (The Origins of Wolper Jewish Hospital, June 2001). This was done by Council in the spirit of communal cooperation for the symbolic sum of \$1.
- “ In recognition of the role played by NCJW the Hospital agreed:**
 - Three members of NCJW to be appointed to the Board of Wolper.**
 - A plaque to be placed prominently to recognise the contribution of the late Gertie Stone and the Hospital Visiting Committee.**
 - A substantial area of the hospital to be named in honour of NCJW”** (The Origins of Wolper Jewish Hospital, June 2001).
- Since 2010 two NCJWA NSW members serve on the Wolper Jewish Hospital Board and a third member on a Wolper Committee.
- The Fanny Reading Lounge was dedicated in 2011 in recognition of National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, NSW Division.



CJW - original name of organisation
NCJW - refers to National Body, now known as NCJWA
NCJW NSW & NCJWA NSW - refer to NSW Division