

Medical Services and Hospitals

Health and medical services are an important part of the history of the Manning Valley and the museum holds an interesting collection related to local medicos, nurses and hospitals. This includes the brass plate of the Carlyle Hospital and an extensive range of nursing and medical equipment including wheel chairs, hospital beds, operating tables; and instruments belonging to early doctors including Dr Stokes, Sutherland and Muscio. Dentistry is also well represented in the collection by a dental chair and drill used by Wingham dentist, Dr Charles Blenkin.



Another medical artefact of note is the admissions register of Manning Base Hospital covering the years 1890-1930, and its attendant visitors' book. The ailments and treatments of the patients, and the comments of visitors provide a fascinating insight into healthcare provided by the hospital at the time. They are a significant, long-term record of local medical services.