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"One thing that is universal throughout the world, in every human heart, is desire to work for a united world, a world in which we and our children can be free to live the kind of lives we want."

(from an address given by Group-Captain Cheshire in Brisbane)

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Report on The Australian Association of Ryder-Cheshire Foundations
From The Honourable Mr. Justice Nagle

The third meeting of the Australian Association of Ryder-Cheshire Foundations was held in Sydney on Sunday, 13th October, 1974, and we were fortunate in having present the two Founders, Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire. All of the Foundations were represented with the exception of the Western Australian Foundation which sent its apologies. In addition, Mr. John Baker was present representing the New Zealand Foundations and Mr. J. Dacey came from Queensland.

Now that Australia and New Zealand have taken over the full responsibility for "Raphael" from the United Kingdom Foundation, it was vital that the Foundations should discuss in detail plans to run and finance "Raphael".



It became obvious that our responsibilities, with which it had appeared originally we could cope quite easily, have as a result of changing circumstances presented us with much greater problems than we had originally envisaged. Firstly due to the rising costs brought about by inflation and, secondly difficulties of communication due to the absence of any Australian representative at "Raphael". It was indeed fortunate that the Founders were present at the meeting and that New Zealand and all the other Foundations, with the exception of Western Australia, were represented. All present viewed our immediate troubles as difficulties that could and must be surmounted.

The question of monies for the erection of a Causeway Bridge over the Rispana River was discussed in detail, and Group Captain Cheshire was able to explain this project and its necessity as he had visited "Raphael" on the way out to Australia. The Foundations represented decided that this project must go ahead, and the various representatives suggested possible contributions that could be expected from their Foundations.

It is hoped that in due course the decisions of the meeting will be implemented and that these will be of advantage to "Raphael". In addition, I think one should emphasise the great value of the meetings of the Australian Association where we can exchange views and perhaps from mutual support gain a greater feeling of confidence in our efforts. This was especially the case at this particular meeting when we were fortunate in having Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire with us.

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Ryder-Cheshire Homes in Australia ?

Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder expressed great enthusiasm and interest in the establishment of Ryder-Cheshire Homes in Australia during their recent visit. They believe that there are certain gaps in the provision of facilities for the chronically sick by established Government and private institutions. They would like to see our Foundations making an effort to fill these gaps. Their primary aim is still to assist in the personal development of medically stabilized but permanently sick members of our community for whom there are no particular facilities available. The Ryder-Cheshire Home should be one which will, as much as possible, replace the security which a patient may have lost by being forced to move out of a family environment and, at the same time, still allow him to develop useful skills so that he will have a greater purpose in life.

The Cheshires realise that building costs in Australia have risen dramatically but, with Governments offering large percentages of the total expenses it is still quite feasible to raise sufficient money. They believe that building should follow the basic simplicity which most of their Homes have. Often small beginnings create and develop wide-spread local interest which leads to increased support and further expansion at a future date. It is essential to build with room for expansion. In this way primary financial targets need not be large and when the initial structure can be seen more local enthusiasm is generated.

During their visit the Cheshires discussed the question of establishing local Homes in a number of areas, in particular in Perth, Melbourne, Moe and Ballarat. From their vast experience in such matters they are insistent that such ventures must grow out of local enthusiasm and need. Furthermore, the planning, design and financing must all be done on a local basis with Governing Councils acting only in a supervisory and co-ordinating capacity but retaining the right of approval of the total scheme.

Our Founders were particularly enthusiastic about the five acre site available to us at a nominal charge at Moe. They believe it to be one of the most attractive situations that they have seen anywhere in the world and are very keen that, if it is at all possible, our local Support Group in the area generate enough interest to establish a strong professionally oriented sub-committee to get the project on the way.

It is believed by the Cheshires that the establishment of Homes in Australia will in no way diminish our primary commitments to "Raphael", in fact, our aims should be better known through the community and they believe that the support for our Indian venture will increase and widen.

Bill Galbraith
Vice-President - Victorian Foundation

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FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWS

W.A. FOUNDATION

Group Captain Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder arrived in Perth on Wednesday October 2nd and started a heavy programme of engagements. Shortly after their arrival Leonard gave a press conference and T.V. interview. On the Thursday Sue and Leonard visited our Thrift Shop and expressed admiration at the work done by Jean Black and her many helpers - (it would be invidious to single out other names as the running of the shop is such a team effort).

At lunch time on the Friday Sue and Leonard attended a Civic Reception given by the Lord Mayor at Council House and Leonard gave a simple and thought-provoking address in reply to the welcome by the Lord Mayor, Mr. Ernest Lee-Steere. The reception was attended by representatives of the Government and Services and many friends of the W.A. Foundation. On the Friday evening nearly 350 people attended a Cocktail party at Government House Ballroom and many had an opportunity to meet Sue and Leonard personally during the course of the evening. Archbishop Sambel welcome our Founders and Sue gave an inspiring address in reply, in which she told us of the work of the Foundation in many parts of the world. As a matter of interest the function raised \$1130 for the Foundation and again a word of thanks must go to Kath French and her ever smiling and energetic helpers.

The programme for the Saturday included a visit to the Catharine McAuley Home where Sue and Leonard were able to inspect the small section to which the W.A. Foundation is contributing funds and to discuss the operation of the home with its Principal, Sister Martin. Jean and Fred Black then entertained Sue and Leonard to lunch. In the evening an informal dinner for the Cheshires, Archbishop Goody and for members of the W.A. Council was held at the delightful home of Mr. & Mrs. N. Tucker at City Beach.

During the remainder of their stay Sue Ryder addressed the Presbyterian congregation at Floreat Park, the Catholic congregation Claremont parish church, and pupils of St. Hilda's School, Loreto Nedlands, St. Louis and Swanbourne High Schools. Leonard Cheshire addressed the boys of Guildford Grammar School and of the Servite College, Tuart Hill. Space does not permit full details of each meeting. However it is estimated that more than 3,000 people of all ages had the privilege of hearing Sue and Leonard speak during their stay and this gives a fair idea of their crowded programme.

The many supporters of the W.A. Foundation were delighted to hear from Leonard of the possibility of a further local involvement by the W.A. Group and we look forward to more news of this exciting project.

All those who heard them speak were moved by Sue and Leonard's quiet charm and were uplifted by their intense dedication to their work for the relief of suffering throughout the world. Their visit was a great inspiration to us all. We wish them a happy and successful visit throughout the rest of Australia and a speedy return to Perth.

Of other matters, we were sorry to learn of the illness of our patron His Excellency the Governor of W.A., Air Commodore Hughie Edwards. We send him our best wishes for a quick and complete recovery. We offer our congratulations to Elaine Paxton who has recently married. Elaine has been in charge of the Thrift Shop since it started in February 1971 and while maintaining her ties with the Council and with the shop, she has now handed over the onerous work of organising the shop to Mrs. Jean Black.

Our future programme will include a summer function to be held after the school holidays and full details of this will be made known early in the New Year.

Mrs. P. Cribb
Hon. Secretary

A.C.T. FOUNDATION

Main points of interest during the visit of the Founders from Mrs. S. Bashford, Publicity Officer.

A press conference was given on arrival, followed by a visit to Government House at the invitation of His Excellency, The Honourable Sir John Kerr, Governor General. In the evening a cocktail party was held at the home of the President, Mr. P. McMahon, for adoptors, sponsors and special supporters, and later, a dinner for committee members.

The next few days were busy with addresses given to various schools by the Group Captain and Miss Sue Ryder, the charity stall at Fyshwick was visited and a sherry party was given by the National Council of Women with members and delegates of affiliated societies present. A public meeting was arranged with talks from both Founders, followed by the film "Dilip". A guard of Honour was provided by Air League Officers and cadets. Before departing for Sydney, Group Captain Cheshire and Mrs. Cheshire visited Cooma, lunching with the Cooma Support Group.

N.S.W. FOUNDATION

Sydney Support Group

The weeks of preparation for the visit of the Founders from 12th-18th October culminated in a flurry of activity for that week when Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire charmed and inspired gatherings in Sydney, Newcastle and Lithgow, visiting schools, Long Bay Gaol, clubs etc., thanking people for the support given in the past and demonstrating clearly how essential it is that this be continued and increased if the requirements of those suffering and in need are to be alleviated.

Mr. Justice Nagle was host to representatives of the interstate Foundations and New Zealand, when, at a meeting they discussed problems and plans with the Cheshires. At Mrs. Jenny Gales garden party, adoption sponsors met the Group Captain and Sue Ryder. At Mrs. Joyce Ratcliffe's home another group heard Sue Ryder speak.

The dinner at Macquarie University, arranged by Mrs. Rolande Miles, was the grand finale to this memorable visit, where, after dinner and musical entertainment by the Polish Children's Orchestra, Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire mingled with and spoke to the guests.

The Sydney Support Group has arranged a wine tasting at Kassels Wine Cellars at Tempe on November 14th, and contemplates one other function before closing the years activities.

Joyce Ratcliffe
Hon. Secretary

Newcastle Support Group

We received \$1800.00 from Lions District No. 1 D. This money was given towards the Causeway at Raphael and was the result of General Virendra Singh's visit. Lions hosted a dinner for Gen. Singh and promised support.

Our annual mannequin parade was a financial success. This is due in no small way to the Western Suburbs League's Club of Newcastle where we hold our parade. They are very generous towards us.

Group Captain Cheshire's visit was very successful; we had good press coverage and much enthusiasm was generated by the visit. Lions Clubs of Jasmond, Wallsend and Newcastle hosted the dinner. We are hoping for a lift in membership from the visit.

Our plans are underway for next year, a film evening, a dinner and the mannequin parade.

Joan Cunningham
Hon. Secretary

S.A. FOUNDATION

Mount Gambier Support Group

The visit of Group Captain Leonard Cheshire to our city on 22nd and 23rd October created a lot of interest and all functions were well attended and were very successful. We were grateful for the splendid co-operation received from the media - and there is no doubt that the wide publicity and excellent coverage received through our newspaper, television and radio stations helped us considerably. The programme included a Mayoral Reception, visits to Tenison College and Grant High School, guest speaker at Lions Club Dinner Meeting, television and radio programmes as well as a public meeting. Our distinguished guest made a profound impression on all who heard and met him. There are already signs that increased support will follow this visit.

\$400 from Tenison College:- The students of Tenison College raised the magnificent sum of \$400 through efforts they organised themselves. A cheque for this amount was presented to Group Captain Cheshire by the Captains of the College, Kevin Preece and Nancy Abfalder, at a general assembly.

Renewal of Adoptions and Endowments:- These have been received from Mac's Social Club, Mr. & Mrs. A.J.O'Donnell and Dr. Mary Paterson. Our sincere thanks to these generous donors for their continued support.

Donations for Special Projects at "Raphael":- The following are acknowledged with thanks:

Mrs. D. Davidson \$100; Students Grant High School \$58;
J.H. O'Connor \$50; W.G. Braithwaite \$25; G. Horrigan \$20;
Legion Club Ladies Auxiliary \$10.

Clothing Appeal:- Our Clothing Officer, Mrs. Jean Cameron, has been very active again and has a large quantity of excellent clothing on hand for despatch to "Raphael" next February. We appreciate the very kind offer of assistance from the Mount Gambier East Methodist Ladies with mending and pressing.

Old Time Dance Mil Lel:- Tentative arrangements have been made to hold an Old time Dance at Mil Lel on Saturday 28th December.

Christmas Greetings:- The President and Committee extend warm greetings to all our Sponsors, Supporters and Members for a very Happy Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year. This is extended also to the family of Foundations and Support Groups throughout the country.

Alex Stewart
Hon. Secretary

VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

A Report on the Victorian Visit from Miss Bernadette Keane
Itinerary Organizer

The Founders last visited Australia in 1970. Since then the Victorian Foundation has become increasingly aware of various "Raphael" fund raising difficulties. The aims of the 1974 visit were to-

Revitalize the existing support.

Encourage new support in as many areas of the Community as possible.

Promote schemes whereby people can help the Foundation.

The Group Captain and his wife Sue Ryder, were indefatigable, wherever "free" spaces occurred in the itinerary, requests for extra school talks were hurriedly arranged.

In Melbourne, the main functions included a Public Meeting, a visit to Ability Press (the sheltered workshop where "Raphael" magazine is produced), an afternoon tea reception for sponsors; and a special luncheon was arranged at Pentridge Gaol, where Group Captain met members of the Support group.

Three country areas were selected for the Founders to visit - Kilmore, Ballarat and Moe. The result of these visits is reported in other articles in the Newsletter.

Ballarat Support Group

At our well attended Annual Meeting, Mr. John Hurley, our President for the last 10 years, did not seek re-election. Mr. Bill Fogarty thanked John for his inspiring leadership and, on behalf of the Committee, presented him with an inscribed pewter tankard.

Mrs. Val Sarah, wife of local businessman, Doug "Mr. Casual" Sarah, was elected President. Val is well known through her work with BTV6 and the National Theatre. Young members to join our committee are Joy McDuff and Russell Foley, the latter as assistant secretary.

Much needed projects for "Raphael" have been accepted by Mrs. O'Reilly's solo group, Form 1 at Sebastopol Technical School, and Barry House, Loreto Convent. Miss M. Holmes has accepted an adoption. Many thanks to all of you. Mrs. Mary Walta, a welcome visitor to our meeting, is working to establish support for the Foundation in Geelong. We wish her well.

If any of our supporters have a friend who would like to help "Raphael" in a modest way, please tell them they may do so in a very positive manner by making an annual donation over a period of 5 years through the Covenant Schemes; further information from our Treasurer Don McKinnon, C/- State Savings Bank, Bridge Street, Ballarat.

The visit of the Founders was a wonderful success, even though it coincided with the visit of Prince Charles! It is difficult to express the gratitude we feel toward the generous people, young and old who attended all functions. Sue Ryder was very touched by the flowers presented to her by Polish girls in National costume. Special thanks to Mr. Jack Burcon who organized the attendance of members of the Polish Community and the presentation of a cheque and gifts to Sue Ryder.

A cheque for \$2000.00 was presented to the Group Captain from generous sponsors. On behalf of the Ballarat Committee for Services for the Handicapped, the Group Captain presented the A.C.R.O.D. plaque awarded to the new Venture Store for its design which gives access to the handicapped.

Our deepest gratitude goes to the media, TV, radio and press not only for their excellent reporting of the visit, but for the prior publicity also.

Friends, keep April 11th, 1975 free, the National Theatre has granted us the Charity Performance of "The Amorous Prawn".

Happy Christmas Greetings to all.

Cath. McLenehan
Hon. Secretary

Kilmore

One of the highlights of the Founders' visit was the warm reception given to Group Captain Cheshire in Kilmore, and thanks are due to the Fitzgerald family, the Lions Clubs of Kilmore and Wandong, and to all those who helped with the organization for this memorable evening. We are happy to report that as the result of the interest shown in Kilmore a Ryder-Cheshire Support Group will be launched in December, and that the Church of England Vicar, Reverend Cooper, has very graciously accepted Chairmanship. Best wishes to our newest Support Group.

From our Victorian Adoptions Secretary, Anne Wright-Smith

As a result of the Visit and the enthusiasm it brought, we welcome six new sponsors to our 'family' at "Raphael". We thank them for their interest and generosity, and hope they will find their association with the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation a fruitful one ... A big 'thank you' also to all those sponsors who have contributed so generously to "Raphael" throughout the past year; your support is so necessary, and has been so freely given.

PROJECTS

The Home for Destitute Children was named "The Little White House" by Mrs. Cheshire (after a Polish Folk Song) and there are now 69 destitute children, healthy, delightful children, but either they have no parents or their parents are suffering from leprosy and are incapable of caring for their family, physically and financially. We have a list of special projects, items that are required at "The Little White House". If you are interested in any one of these projects, you could contact:-

Federal Projects Officer

Mr. John Graham 3 Macquarie Rd.,
Pymble. 2073.

or

Victorian Projects Officer

Mrs. W.M. Calanchini
23 Douglas St.,
Toorak. 3142.

Ph. 24 1975

Supplementary List of 1974 Projects - prepared September, 1974

<u>Little White House</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
Ceiling fans small 48" sweep 3	\$105	Three large dormitories have only one fan each at present.
Re-building of washing platform near the steel water-tanks of LWH	\$125	The existing platform and steps leading to it, built in 1969, have broken down during successive rains and are beyond economical repair.
Bed spreads 20	\$ 27	The old ones are worn out through fair wear and tear.
<u>Primary School attached to L.W.H.</u>		
Ceiling fans (small) 48" sweep 3	\$105	One for each of the three classrooms as these have no fans at present and the heat is intense during the summer; the roof is of asbestos cement.
Table Fan 1	\$ 15	For the Teachers Room of the Primary School.
<u>Primary School Attached to L.W.H. Raphael</u>		
Electrical connections for the ceiling fans and table fans	\$ 35	The building had no electric connection before.
<u>Staff Quarters</u>		
Ceiling fans - medium size 52" sweep 1	\$ 40	One of the large living rooms has no fan at present, while all the others have one each.
<u>TB Ward</u>		
Dust-bins with cover that can be manipulated with the foot 2	\$ 4	These are considered essential for prophylactic and hygienic reasons.

"RAPHAEL"

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the activities
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List for Victorian Foundation

Little white House

20 quilts for children who have outgrown
small quilts \$40

Ava Vihar

20 metres of rubber sheeting for use for
incontinent children \$15

Occupational Therapy

1 Vice \$10

CLOTHING

A special appeal from our Clothing Officer, Mrs. Betty Arundell

The inflow of clean used woollen and cotton clothing for the February
shipment is at its lowest level for 10 years.

WE NEED

FOR MEN:- Overcoats, sports coats, trousers, shorts, jumpers, cardigans,
pyjamas, dressing gowns, shirts and underwear.

LADIES:- Overcoats, short coats, jumpers, cardigans, nightwear,
dressing gowns, blouses and singlets.

CHILDREN:- All children's clothing accepted.

At the moment there is a special need for blankets, linen, knitted rugs
and cotton clothing.

In order to comply with Indian Health regulations, and to maintain the
worthiness of our gifts, the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation standards are high.
It is desirable that every donated article be the responsibility of the
donor; overcoats, sports coats should be dry-cleaned, all garments must
be washed, mended (buttons replaced, holes darned) pressed and neatly
folded. The better the preparation, the more economical the packing.

Goods may be sent rail free to :-

"The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, Clothing Appeal"
C/- Mrs. Jake Arundell,
Ormond Station,
Melbourne.

Please tie all boxes firmly, a forwarding letter should always be sent to
409 North Road, South Caulfield, 3162. If preferred, gifts of clothing
may be left at this address whenever convenient.

OUR NEED IS URGENT : : PLEASE HELP

A Vote of Thanks from the Australian Foundation Meeting, and expression of appreciation was extended to Mrs. Fairlie Szacinski, who, for the past 5 years has been the Editor for "Raphael".

The President of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation of Victoria, wishes all our members and supporters a very happy Christmas, good health and every Blessing in the Coming Year.

Dame Mary Daly.

Newsletter

It was decided at the Australian Foundation meeting that due to rising costs in production and postage, there would be 3 publications of "Raphael" each year, instead of 4, in the months of April, August and December.

Urgent Plea to Secretaries and Contributors

May we entreat your co-operation to have material in by 15th March, July and November and to remind you all that this is our final date for copy to be received.

Thank you.

Please send all copy to :-

Miss Gwen Easton,
19, 36 Kensington Rd.,
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