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## THE RYDER-CHESHIRE FOUNDATION

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### FROM OUR FOUNDERS

Just before leaving these shores may we take this opportunity of saying how much this visit to Australia and New Zealand has meant to us personally, and how profoundly grateful we are for all the help and hospitality we have received from so many.

In the eleven years since we first came here we have watched the number of Support Groups steadily increase, and the money that has been collected over this period has almost reached \$200,000. Our strongest impression, perhaps, is of an ever growing number of people each contributing in one way or another, and thus forging a real and living link between those in need at 'RAPHAEL', and their friends and sponsors in this country.

We welcome in particular, the two new Foundations that have just been established in South Australia and Western Australia, and to everyone offer our warmest wishes for a happy Christmas and many blessings in the New Year. We leave with many happy and grateful memories indeed.

Sue Ryder  
Leonard Cheshire



## TWO YEARS AT 'RAPHAEL'

Bernadette Keane has returned to Australia after two years' voluntary service as Adoptions Secretary at 'RAPHAEL'. Bernadette has worked with zest in creating an enthusiastic rapport between sponsors and adoptees over this period. Those of us who have been in contact with her know of her ability to deal as capably with the unexpected happening as with daily routine and will realise also the far reaching value of her contribution to 'RAPHAEL'. She writes :

"Having concluded my term at 'RAPHAEL', I returned to Melbourne in early November, leaving four overseas volunteers, all Australians, at 'RAPHAEL'. Mrs. Win McAlpine replaced me, Miss Anne Young is the Nursing Superintendent, Miss Pamela Holt is in charge of "The Little White House" for destitute children, and Miss Robyn Rankin is the physiotherapist.

My arrival here coincided with the Melbourne portion of the Founders' visit. At the invitation of the Victorian Foundation, I attended several functions at which Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire were present, and it was heartening indeed to see the selflessness with which they pursued their busy programme. Most impressive, too, was the enthusiasm and hard work of the organising committee and of the Melbourne Support Group members, and in particular, of Miss Josephine Collins and her mother, who contributed much to the smooth running of the itinerary, besides accommodating the Cheshires while they were in Melbourne.

An exciting occasion for me was the opportunity of meeting and talking with many of the generous people with whom I had been corresponding from 'RAPHAEL'. Now this link will be preserved in my new capacity as Adoptions Secretary for Victoria. I found enthusiasm amongst sponsors to talk with someone who had seen their 'RAPHAEL' children and patients so recently. Photographs of adoptees and accompanying Christmas cards had been despatched by sea mail shortly after my departure; in fact, those who sponsor children from "The Little White House" will receive a drawing also done by the adoptee.

Perhaps the biggest impact made by attending these functions was the full realisation of the combined efforts of Indian personnel, overseas volunteers, support groups, and associated friends which go to sustain 'RAPHAEL' as a viable entity. Today, 310 people are being cared for there, a number which may appear negligible in a population of roughly 500,000,000. Unless, that is, one believes in the Cheshires' concept of the importance of the individuals, and that by reaching out to even one of these unfortunates, adds a new dimension to both helper and helped. I feel privileged to have worked at the Ryder Cheshire International Centre, where I saw many of these ideals in action, and to have seen the response of sick and destitute people to kindness.

Few Australians have had/will have the chance of visiting 'RAPHAEL'. For most it remains a nebulous centre of do-goodery in Northern India, and I fully appreciate the difficulty in sustaining enthusiasm for a centre so remote. However, the particular and urgent needs of 'RAPHAEL' are such that they should be sufficient to stimulate us to persevere with our endeavours. None of us knows how it feels to have a face noduled and twisted by leprosy, nor do we comprehend the anxiety of a TB patient confined to hospital for many months with no Social Welfare to assist his family. Yet by our demonstrated compassion we can share. Sharing is what matters. Certainly this concept of the Brotherhood of Man, the Unity of Mankind is alive and kindled at 'RAPHAEL'.

CHRISTMAS CARDS \* 1971 RYDER-CHESHIRE DIARIES \* RAPHAEL TEA TOWELS

These are now available through the various Foundations and Groups as listed below. The Diaries are priced at \$1.00 each. The tea towels, printed on assorted attractive colours, are 80 cents each. Christmas cards vary in design and price. A. C. T. have a selection of four at varying prices. N. S. W. have selected an attractive card designed by a prisoner at Long Bay Goal. Price, 15 cents, plus postage. Victoria and S. A. are selling Geraldine Burrowes' cards at 15 cents, each. There are four designs.

Orders may be placed with the following ;

<u>FOUNDATION</u>	<u>Christmas Cards From :</u>	<u>Tea Towels/Diaries From :</u>
N. S. W.	Mrs. E. G. Miles, 10 Hamilton Parade, <u>PYMBLE</u> (Phone 49.6127)	Miss Colleen Moyes, 2/5 Lloyd Avenue, <u>HUNTERS HILL</u> , (Phone 89.0603 A. H.)
A. C. T.	Miss Imelda Fleming, 66/C "Currong Flats" <u>BRADDON</u> 2601	Mrs. Pauline Smith, 102 Endeavour Street, <u>RED HILL</u> 2603
VIC.	Mrs. J. Quigley, 52 Wheatland Road, <u>MALVERN</u> 3144	Miss Veronica Henderson, 8 Fenwick Street, <u>KEW</u> . 3101

Christmas cards, tea towels, and diaries, are also available from the Secretary of each Support Group.

S. A. Mr. Ross Stanford, 14 Debney Street, Fulham Gardens, 5024.

RECEIPTS

Owing to the increase in postage, receipts from sponsors, subscribers and donors will be held over until the posting of the following quarterly Newsletter, unless requested otherwise.

## FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWS

## VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

VALE SIR ARTHUR

It fills me with sadness to announce the death of our Foundation President, Sir Arthur Dean. Those of us who worked closely with him during the six years that he occupied the chair not only valued his wise counsel at our deliberations, but came to love him as a friend.

His outstanding career as a Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria and eminent scholar and jurist, is well known. It has been referred to at length in many public tributes, whilst he leaves behind as a permanent memorial many erudite judgments perpetually enshrined in the law reports, in addition to legal text books which are the vade mecum of the student.

Apparently, his association with this Foundation was not so widely known - even to friends in the law. I had an unusual privilege to work closely with Sir Arthur over many years. At the Bar, I appeared both as his opponent and his junior. On his elevation to the Bench, I frequently engaged in trials before him. To me his salient attributes were common sense and human feeling. Because of his abundant common sense, he reached a just decision by getting to grips quickly with the merits. Because of his basic human feeling, he tempered justice with mercy, and was at his best in dealing with the human problems involved in the break-up of marriage and the welfare of the young children, innocent victims of their parents' incompatibility, and often, selfishness.

Sir Arthur was always a profound admirer of the work of Leonard Cheshire and his wife, the former Sue Ryder. Their devoted efforts early excited his interest, and he agreed to become our President when the Foundation was launched in Victoria. His business-like guidance and encouragement ensured that our efforts would be directed at all times to attainable and worthwhile goals.

When failing health caused him to stand down from office in July, he handed over a firmly established institution, from which branches in N. S. W., A. C. T., South Australia, and now Western Australia have sprung.

Our most practical tribute to Sir Arthur's memory is to continue his fine work dedicated to the relief of sickness and suffering. Ryder-Cheshire is now on a permanent footing and if we all continue our active support, it will go from strength to strength. It may then be said of Sir Arthur, as the Latin poet Horace wrote: "I have erected a memorial more enduring than brass and loftier than the highest pyramid".

Philip Opas.

Within the Victorian Foundation, we extend our deep and sincere sympathy to Lady Dean and her family.

## MELBOURNE SUPPORT GROUP

The Secretary, Mary Hill, and Cay Feeley, organised a thoroughly enjoyable barbeque at Chateau Tahbilk, Nagambie, netting a profit of \$60.

Tea Towels and Christmas cards have proved so popular that supplies of each have been replenished. Our thanks go to Mr. H. Burrowes of Geelong, for his generous donation of another 700 "Geraldine Burrowes" cards of two different designs.

Following the visit of Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder, which has occupied most of our attention over the last few weeks, plans are under way for a Christmas Party to be held at the home of Bill Galbraith on Friday, 4th December. The group hopes to co-operate with the resurgent Rispana Group in a Christmas Carols function on 20th December. For further details contact Joe Quigley, Phone 50 3668.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

We had great pleasure in welcoming Group Captain Cheshire to Sydney and to the various functions we had arranged, including two very successful dinners and a public meeting, which aroused much interest among the enthusiastic audience. We greatly regretted the absence of Sue Ryder on these occasions.

Following the Founders' visit to N.S.W., a number of new Support Groups have been formed.

ORANGE : On November 3rd, a Group was formed of 60 members, and interest shown in the adoption scheme, to be taken further by Mrs. Gale. A profitable tennis party was held during the Group Captain's visit here.

PARAMATTA JAIL : Following a visit here by the Group Captain, Barbara Coleman and Margaret Power visited on November 4th, to hear a keen debate by members of the Resurgent Society. The Group is interested in fund-raising, and there is a possibility to do this by having a play produced written by one of the Society's members.

NEWCASTLE : The following office bearers were elected at the inaugural meeting :

President :	Mr. Dick Robertson
Secretary :	Miss Margaret Cant
Treasurer :	Mrs. Joan Cunningham.

Support was gained from a wide cross section of the people of Newcastle at a combined Services' Clubs dinner held here during the Group Captain's visit. Our next meeting will be held on 16th February, 1971, at 8 p. m. at a meeting room of the City Hall.

BATHURST : A Combined Services' Clubs dinner was held at the R. S. L. Club during the Founders' visit to Bathurst. Our thanks go to Mr. Michael Harding who organised the occasion for a particularly fine effort at which the "House Full" sign was well to the fore. We must also thank the R. S. L. Club who made the event possible.

MOSS VALE : A new Group is soon to be formed here, the nucleus of which will be among staff members of Frencham School.

LITHGOW : Because the dinner at the R. S. L. Club, Bathurst, was completely booked out, Bathurst Council kindly lent us the Mayor's Room and a small meeting was held there with the Group Captain present. Mr. Pat Robson had organised an appeal to coincide with the Founders' visit, and a cheque was presented by the President of the Lithgow R. S. L. Club. Once again, our thanks go to this Club for its continuing support. Members of the Code Club gave an adoption cheque to the Founder.

COOMA : A public meeting and a dinner party were held in Sue Ryder's honour during which a film "On a Cold and Frosty Morning" was screened. Several members of the group made a special visit to Canberra to meet the Group Captain who was unable to extend his tour to include Cooma.

SYDNEY : We have had several street stalls this year, and, although successful, we hope to do even better next year with more organisation. A bus trip to Bowral to the tulip festival proved popular, in spite of rain. Our meetings are held at the Wesley Centre in Pitt Street on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p. m. We shall be in recess during the school holidays until March.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

On the 13th November, Sue Ryder flew from Adelaide to Perth where there was a busy programme arranged for her. A steering committee had been formed to plan the visit and it is hoped that the outcome will be our newest Ryder-Cheshire Foundation.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

Over 200 people attended the Launching Dinner at the South Australian Hotel held in honour of our Founders. Our President, the Honourable Justice Mitchell introduced Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder whose words, we are sure, have left a lasting impression. Mr. Russell Longmire thanked our guest speakers for giving us the opportunity of hearing first-hand of the very humane work they are doing. Mr. Ross Stanford presented Sue Ryder with an opal brooch, and the Group Captain with a cheque for £1,000 sterling (\$2,155 Aust.)

Miss Joyce Richardson arranged a Soroptimists Club Luncheon at which Sue Ryder inspired many with her thoughtful words.

A most enjoyable cocktail party was held at the home of our President, when Council members and their wives met the Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire informally.

A visit to Loreto Convent resulted in the presentation of a \$100 cheque for an adoption. The Group Captain also spoke at Prince Alfred College, and visited the Home for Incurables, as did Sue Ryder on a separate visit.

Success can be measured by the number of adoptions, donations and intending members who have contacted us over the last few weeks.

### CANBERRA

In early October, a "Promotion of Projects and Adoptions" day was held at Monaro Hall. Many Ryder-Cheshire diaries, tea towels and Christmas cards were sold, clothing was donated and money contributed towards our overseas appeal. Organisers of the appeal, which was televised, were Mrs. Pauline Smith and Mrs. P. Druce, assisted by members of our local group.

Local sponsors had the opportunity of meeting our Founders on 26th October, at a luncheon held at the Haydon Centre, Manuka, after which Mrs. Cheshire gave a talk at the Canberra Hospital. Later, a reception was held, attended by the High Commissioner for India and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thomas, and other associates of the Foundation.

A highlight of the Cheshire's visit here was the "Red Feather Ball" held at the Parkroyal Motel, an occasion enjoyed greatly by the many Canberra citizens who attended.

We are glad of the opportunity to sell Ryder-Cheshire Christmas cards at the Charity Christmas Centre, organised by the Council of Social Services. Some members have been giving their services voluntarily in selling these cards.

Valuable support by the Catholic Girls' High School at Griffith has led to two adoptions, plus the generous gift of a dressed doll to be raffled for our Foundation.

The Canberra group wishes all other branches a very Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year, and all success with Foundation and Group activities.

REQUEST FOR RETURN : Josephine Collins has loaned her Ryder-Cheshire press cutting book to person or persons unremembered ! She would greatly appreciate the immediate return of this much needed item.

## THE AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATIONS

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Patrons : His Excellency, Sir Roden Cutler, V. C.,  
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