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VISIT TO "RAPHAEL" IN JANUARY 1971 (Conclusion)

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After luncheon with the staff we proceeded to Raphael. As I have said our time unfortunately was limited, but we went to each of the various Homes. We started with the tubercular patients. There is a ward for men and one for women. Some of the patients are elderly and in some cases their lungs are so badly affected that there is no hope of any cure. Some patients are young and with some of them there is every expectation that they will be cured and discharged within a comparatively short time. There were two most attractive young patients, one in the men's ward and one in the women's ward, who were brother and sister, and we were happy to learn that in each case the prognosis was good.

We proceeded from the tubercular patients to visit those suffering from cerebral palsy. Here again in some cases there is likelihood that the patients will be able to lead a useful and near normal life. Two small girls who soon adopted two young men from our party, and were carried around by them displayed bright intelligence, and the staff is happily anticipating that they can be fully educated. From these the patients descend gradually to those who are completely bedridden and incontinent. All patients seem to receive the same loving care and attention. We saw some of the mentally disturbed patients playing and singing "The Farmer in the Dell", and I hope that the film which was taken will show this as well as the other activities which we observed.

The Little White House is a very pleasing part of the institution. Here the small children were engaged in various activities. Our visit occurred just before the return of Miss Pamela Holt who was expected back at Raphael within a short time after our visit. One small boy was being given a very efficient haircut by one of the leprosy patients. This is one of the most pleasing aspects at Raphael, namely that the leprosy patients under proper medical supervision, can lead near normal lives and do all manner of useful things.

The leprosy colony was perhaps the most inspiring because here the lepers live with their families and the atmosphere is one of cheerfulness and contentment. I was particularly pleased to make the acquaintance of my adoptee Shaun Li who is an attractive, cheerful little woman.

As we have seen in the films, Raphael is beautifully situated at the foot of the mountains and with a forest background. I would wish that all the Australian supporters of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation could have the opportunity of visiting and observing the atmosphere of good cheer and serenity which pervades the centre.

by the Hon. Justice Roma Mitchell, C.B.E.
President of the South Australian Foundation.

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FROM THE VICTORIAN CLOTHING OFFICER

I have been notified by Colonel Puri (Administrator at "Raphael") that the clothing storeroom is full, and another twenty chests are yet to arrive. This surplus is due to the fact that for the past year the distribution of clothing to leprosy victims or destitute people living outside "Raphael" has been forbidden. The opening and distribution of our gift is also more strictly supervised by a representative from the District Magistrate's office. A detailed packing list making my task almost impossible has also been requested.

As "Raphael" has ample clothing for the next six months at least, the Clothing Appeal will be closed until a further notice is placed in this paper. In the meantime, the Committee will endeavour to sort our problems out with the Indian Government. The thirty-one packed chests will be divided between the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation Perth, and in Victoria between an association helping deserted wives and their children, and homes coping with real poverty in industrial suburbs.

We hope that the many people who have so kindly made or given clothing specifically for the appeal will understand the difficulties of the present situation which makes the Council's decision of redistribution the most practicable solution.

I would urge all "Raphael's" loyal Clothing Appeal workers to keep on accepting gifts for families in need, and to continue knitting those lovely rugs, jumpers and caps, but to distribute them with care locally, maintaining the Ryder-Cheshire standard and spirit of love, without which such gifts are useless.

Betty Arundell (Mrs.)

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RYDER CHESHIRE FOUNDATIONS (AUSTRALIA) FILM LIBRARY

We now have a selection of films which may be borrowed by interested persons. To help defray expenses, a fee of \$5.00 will be charged for each film, except to our Support Groups, or those already members of the Foundation, who may borrow without payment.

FILM TITLE	DESCRIPTION
<u>LIVING WATERS</u>	Commencement of Cheshire Homes in India.
<u>SHARE THY BREAD</u>	Early days at "Raphael".
<u>ON A COLD AND FROSTY MORNING</u>	"Raphael" today.
<u>CHESHIRE HOME TANGIERS</u>	A moving film of a home for physically handicapped children.

These four films have been produced by Group Captain Cheshire with his own commentary.

<u>CHESHIRE PROFILE</u>	"Four Corners" Film of the Co-Founder, Leonard Cheshire.
<u>MAN OF PEACE</u>	Australian Catholic Radio and TV film.
<u>SUE RYDER</u>	Affecting story of her work in Europe.
<u>SUE RYDER</u>	Abridged.
<u>NEW GUINEA HOME</u>	

For enquiries please contact the Foundation Sec. in your state, or Mr. Brian Morley, 11 Burnett Street, Mitcham 3132. Vic.

We are always happy to arrange for one of our members to address any group, school or club, with or without films.

In the case of schools who already have adoptions, but have not had a speaker or a film for some time, the Foundation will be happy to arrange for a member to address the school, with or without film.

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FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWS

PLEASE NOTE:

Owing to restricted space in this Newsletter, we cannot print the lists of newly-elected Office Bearers in the various Support Groups. These can be obtained from the Secretary of each group.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

The South Australian Foundation was delighted to find that our President, The Honourable Justice Mitchell had been made a C.B.E. in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours list. Congratulations were sent to her Honour and the hope that we will have her guidance for many years to come.

Our first Annual General Meeting was held on July 27th, and two new members - Mr. Nihal Perera, a former secretary of the Foundation in Ceylon, and Mr. J.T. O'Sullivan, O.B.E., a former Group Captain in the R.A.F. - were welcomed to our committee.

On 11th August, a meeting was held in Mount Gambier with the object of forming a new Support Group. A former member of 617 Squadron, Mr. Bill Carey convened the meeting, and Miss Josephine Collins, the South Australian Vice-President Mr. Russell Longmire, and Secretary Ross Stanford were present. Two films were shown and the meeting decided to form a steering committee to meet on 26th August from which a Support Group will be formed.

Mr. Alex Stewart arranged talks for Miss Collins and Mr. Stanford at several schools and the Lions Club, and an interview on TV.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Mount Gambier and wish to thank all who helped, also the people of Mount Gambier who made us so welcome.

After one year in operation we have 9 adoptions and 3 endowments.

\$2,600 was forwarded to England.

A.C.T. FOUNDATION

On 17th June, the Annual General Meeting was held at the Canberra-Rex Hotel. On this occasion we were delighted to receive a \$500 donation from Mr. Alex Gebbie on behalf of the Canberra Apex Club towards our Foundation activities overseas. Members and friends were delighted to have the opportunity of hearing a taped speech by Sue Ryder given to the Catholic Girls High School during her visit here last year. A cheque for \$1,000 was forwarded from our Foundation.

On 17th July a farewell party was held at the home of our President, Mr. Fred Hill to enable members and friends to say good-bye to His Excellency Mr. A.M. Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas who have been posted to Zambia. Quite a number of the Indian community were present. A presentation book on Australia was given on behalf of the Foundation for their great assistance in the past.

N.S.W.

Newcastle Support Group

Newcastle has sent 9 boxes of good new and used clothing to "Raphael". We are being well supported in our knitting project by many local people and, with the help of Radio Station 2 HP are creating an interest in the Ryder Cheshire Foundation.

We have sent \$220 towards the garage at "Raphael". Our next project is a mannequin parade in September.

We are having a drive for new members.

Lithgow Support Group

Mr. P. Robson has auctioned a painting done by a prisoner at the local forestry camp. We trust that the recovery of Mr. Jim Crane, the Treasurer, is now complete after a recent stay in the District Hospital.

Lane Cove Support Group

The ladies have held several street stalls this year, with two more in view. Thursday 30th Sept. and 16th Dec. will find them outside Safeways.

Thinking of Christmas gifts? Then think of Ryder Cheshire. A gift weekend, 27th & 28th November, will be held at the home of Mrs. Ratcliffe, 85 William Edward Street, Longueville, ph. 42 1708. Tea and biscuits will be served while you inspect the stock of Christmas cakes, home made sweets, cravats, place mats, cushion covers, painted china etc. Quality is good and prices competitive.

Sydney Support Group

We plan an evening at the home of Mr. Kevin White, 13 Pindari Ave., Beauty Point, ph. 969 3511, Sunday 3rd. October. If you haven't heard Kevin and Neredah sing then you have missed a treat.

The Art Union is on the way and will be drawn at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. E.G. Miles, 10 Hamilton Parade, Pymble, ph 498 6127, on 6th October.

Christmas Cards are available from Mrs. Miles, priced at 10 cents. The card, designed by a prisoner at Long Bay Gaol, depicts the three wise men in silhouette against a red background. May we suggest you and your friends support the Foundation by taking these modestly-priced and attractive cards (price unchanged since 1964!) to send this year? Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Ryder Cheshire Foundation, N.S.W.

Mrs. E.G. Miles,
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VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

The Annual Meeting was held on 6th July, and the attendance to hear the Hon. Justice Roma Mitchell as Guest Speaker, and to see the Four Corners film "Cheshire Story" was most gratifying. The meeting welcomed the following new members to the Foundation Council : Mr. P. BRADFIELD, Dr. W.M. CALANCHINI, Mr. G. DETHRIDGE, Miss S. FREDERICO, Miss B. KEANE and Mr. B. MORLEY.

Miss Bernadette Keane is already well known as the Victorian Adoptions Secretary. Miss Frederico and Mr. Dethridge both accompanied Justice Roma Mitchell on her visit to "Raphael" which is reported elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

Highlights from the Annual Report:

This was a year of greatly increased activity saddened only by the loss of our Foundation President Sir Arthur Dean who died shortly after retiring from office. Sir Arthur had always been actively associated with our work, and he was looking forward to renewing acquaintance with Group Captain and Mrs. Cheshire on the occasion of their visit, but unfortunately he was unable to do so. His loss is keenly felt. In his memory a bed in the TB Unit at "RAPHAEL" has been endowed thanks to a generous donation by his family.

The highlight of the past year was undoubtedly the visit of Group Captain Cheshire and his wife, better known under her maiden name of Sue Ryder. They devoted themselves unsparingly to a crowded programme of meetings, receptions, and press, radio and television interviews, not only throughout Australia, but also in New Zealand. The coverage afforded by all media was extensive and most favourable, and our special thanks are due to Mrs. H.P. Brown whose excellent liaison with the press and radio made this possible, to Mr. John Parker who organized the Public Meeting, and particularly to the Combined Service Clubs, Melbourne Lions Club and Mr. Arthur Stark for the very successful function at the Arts Centre.

The visit was the means of bringing our members together and increasing interest in our work, so that many new members were gained. The Group Captain and his wife are such popular figures that wherever they went friends and admirers waited patiently for a chance to speak to them personally. With the long distances travelled, the tour was very strenuous and tiring, and although everything possible to avoid exhausting our visitors was attempted, I am afraid that at times the limits of endurance were almost reached. Now that our family in Australia has grown further with a new Foundation in the West and new support groups have been formed elsewhere, on future visits it will become necessary to limit the itinerary in order to spare our Founders. The alternative would be to increase the time of the visit, but this may not be practicable as a lengthy absence from important commitments in England and elsewhere is not desirable.

In Victoria, a new Support Group was formed during the year at Sale, and to avoid confusion with the other Group in the area, the older Group is now known as West Gippsland and the new Group, East Gippsland. This Group distinguished itself by raising \$250 in its first few months of operation. The Support Groups are now Melbourne, Pentridge, Rispana, Templestowe, Ballarat, West Gippsland, East Gippsland and Goulburn Valley.

In conclusion, might I thank all members of the Council and the Support Groups for their active support. We may look forward confidently to meeting our commitments to "RAPHAEL" and even accepting responsibility for particular projects in addition to monthly maintenance. After all, the purpose of raising funds is

to ensure that they are spent to the best advantage in Dehra Dun for the relief of suffering, and the advancement of the welfare of our charges, so that whenever we have funds in hand, the Council seeks ways to put them to the best possible use. I am happy to be able to report that no person receives any payment or gratuity for work performed in an executive capacity for this Foundation. We have no paid employees of any sort, and I must say that it still comes as a welcome surprise to me to find so many wonderful people prepared to give so freely of their time and services, seeking no reward other than the knowledge that they are helping a most worthwhile cause.

Philip Opas, President.

Extract from Victorian Financial Statement

Receipts	\$
Contributions from Support Groups	7,639
Adoptions and Endowments	10,779
Other sources	7,029
Remittances to "Raphael"	
Maintenance	18,150
Other	2,939
Expenditure	
Printing and postage	1,381
Mission Officers' expenses and volunteers' fares	1,063
Visit of Founders	1,000
Other expenditure	493
Contribution to Cheshire Home in Papua New Guinea (specific donations)	700

(Victorian members may obtain a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statement by writing to the Secretary.)

Victorian Adoptions Secretary

Miss Bernadette Keane will be absent overseas for about five months from the end of October. Mrs. M. Beyfus will be Adoptions Secretary in Miss Keane's absence.

Ballarat Support Group

Our Annual General Meeting, held on 7th July at Ballarat College was attended by a large and representative gathering.

In presenting the Annual Report and financial statement for adoption, Mr. J.G. Hurley said that \$3,250 had been submitted to Melbourne during the year. The President also mentioned that since its inception seven years ago, the Ballarat Support Group had raised \$21,367 for "Raphael" and gratitude was expressed to the people of Ballarat and district for their generous support.

When taking the chair for the election of office bearers, Mr. P. Wood congratulated the officers and committee on their good work in the past year and paid tribute to Mr. Hurley for his inspiring leadership.

Thanking the members for his re-election, Mr. Hurley said he was grateful for their continued confidence in him. He also tendered thanks to Mr. R.M. Horner for the use of Ballarat College for each annual meeting.

The guest speaker, Miss Bernadette Keane was then introduced. Her very inspiring talk on her work in India was followed by the Four Corners film of Group Captain Cheshire, V.C. Mr. S. Crawford very ably passed a vote of thanks to Miss Keane who during supper mixed informally with guests giving each one the opportunity to speak with her.

Many donations were received during the evening and adoption money from the Catholic Nurses Guild and Ballarat College was also presented.

Excellent publicity prior and during Miss Keane's visit to Ballarat was given by BTV6, 3BA and The Courier and to these media we express our gratitude for their co-operation.

Melbourne Support Group (MSG)

The MSG has reorganised itself for the coming year's work. No longer will there be regular monthly meetings in the University Club. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every second month at private homes beginning on 2nd September. In between these bi-monthly meetings, various project sub-committees will meet to arrange functions. The first such function was a pleasant dinner party at Ann Rose's lovely home in Kew on 6th August at which, we are pleased to report, several members of the Foundation were present.

The next function is a theatre night to see "Charlie Girl" at Her Majesty's on 27th September. Adrian Ryan is in charge of the "Charlie Girl" sub-committee and Margaret Quigley (50-3668) is ticket secretary.

Pat Brooks continues as champion seller of Raphael tea towels, and since last report she has added over \$140 to her large tally of sales.

Our tenure of the Tullamarine collection box expired on 31st July and the Chairman was pleased to collect \$15.88 on closing day. This brought our total for the year to \$68. We are grateful to the Department of Civil Aviation for allowing the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation to be the first organisation to use the collection box at Tullamarine Airport.

Once again Mr. Howard Burrowes has generously donated a large number of Christmas Cards, greeting and gift cards which will be available from Mrs. Margaret Quigley, 52 Wheatland Rd. Malvern. Vic. (ph.50 3668). Prices are 15 cents and 5 cents.

West Gippsland Support Group

The Annual Dinner Dance of the West Gippsland Support Group was once again a most happy evening. The profit of \$343.76 has been set aside for use in New Guinea when necessary. We were all very grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Opas for finding the time to be our guests.

The Annual Meeting was held on 8th July. Mr. Mark Raper was Guest Speaker and those present enjoyed his talk immensely. We say thank you to him, and to Miss Collins who drove Mr. Raper to Moe.

The Yallourn Madrigal singers presented a concert on July 31st. The proceeds from this wonderful performance were given to "Raphael".

Coming event is a wine-tasting night on Friday, September 10th.

Our 1970-71 Balance Sheet shows continuing support for Ryder-Cheshire in the West Gippsland Area.

Goulburn Valley Support Group

We are sorry to lose the valued services of our retiring vice presidents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Romanes, who left for a tour of S.E. Asia before taking up teaching positions in Zambia. Best wishes to Glenys and Graham.

At our recent General Meeting, our Treasurer reported that \$1,740 was forwarded to the Foundation in the past year. Projects included furniture for the playroom-library of the Little White House, a large mosquito net and a medical textbook.

The Committee wishes to thank Hon. Auditor Mr. R.A. Jeffery and guest speaker Mr. Walter Jona, M.L.A.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. D. Segafredo whose son, Damien, was killed in a car accident in July. Mrs. Segafredo is a very able member of our committee and we wish her a speedy recovery from injuries received in the same accident.

In recent weeks much of our time has been spent in creating an awareness of the work of the Ryder Cheshire Foundation and the needs of "Raphael" by introducing speakers and films to schools and clubs. Our grateful thanks go to Bernadette Keane and Mark Raper for their time and assistance to our group.

Thanks also to our most recent sponsors, Bachelors' Club of Shepparton, Sherbourne Shepparton Apex Club, and Rotaract Club of Shepparton who have taken up adoptions, and to Shepparton Apex Club for providing a thread making machine for the Leprosy Colony.

In July a successful coffee morning at the home of Mrs. Patricia Fry resulted in a further \$60 for "Raphael".

We look forward to having secretary Joy Young with us again after a recent stay in Hospital.

East Gippsland Support Group

Miss Josephine Collins came to Sale some time ago and spoke to the members present on the aims and work of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, and more especially on "Raphael". We are most grateful to Miss Collins for her visit.

Our sincere thanks go to Miss Ella Long who held a Coffee Morning at her home which raised \$145 for the Foundation, a gratifying result from the work she had put in to make it such a success. Miss Katie Long also must be thanked, and other members, for organizing a street stall in Sale which netted \$130.

In June, Mrs. Pat Brooks spent two days in the area, during which time she gave talks and showed films at Maffra High School, St. John's Church of England Hall, Maffra, St. Patrick's College, Sale, Sale High School, Gippsland Grammar and St. Anne's. She also gave a talk on radio. Her hard work during the visit has paid great dividends in arousing interest in Ryder-Cheshire.

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