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### FORMATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF RYDER-CHESHIRE FOUNDATIONS

The following article was contributed by Mr. Justice Nagle, Chairman of the N.S.W. Foundation, and first President of the newly-formed Australian Association of Ryder-Cheshire Foundations -

Although since their inception there has been a loose system of liaison between the Ryder-Cheshire Foundations in New South Wales, Victoria and the A.C.T. they have all operated independently, though with the same object, namely the support of "Raphael" at Dehra Dun.

The establishment of new Foundations in South Australia and Western Australia and the expanding activities of all the Foundations made it obvious that some closer links between the Foundations than had previously existed should be adopted. It was because of these changed circumstances that Group Captain Cheshire and Mrs. Cheshire before they left Australia on their visit in 1970 indicated the desirability of establishing an Australian Association of Ryder-Cheshire Foundations which would co-ordinate the activities of the various individual Foundations.

Accordingly the Chairman of the various Foundations and others having talked about this found themselves in agreement that the time had arrived for the creation of some federal body. It was envisaged as being a loose organisation, not in any sense to take over or interfere with the internal activities of the particular Foundations but to have the function of co-ordinating their activities so that the objects of the Foundations may be more effectively carried out. It was also envisaged that a federal body could plan for an expansion of the activities of the various Foundations.

The meeting was held in Melbourne on 4th December, 1971, and it was attended by Air Commodore Peter Cribb representing Western Australia, Mr. P.H.N. Opas Q.C., representing Victoria, Mr. F.T. Hill representing A.C.T., Mr. K. Ward representing South Australia, Miss Barbara Coleman, Liaison Officer, Cheshire Homes, Eastern Region, Miss Josephine Collins, Australian Ryder-Cheshire Liaison and Mr. John Graham, Hon. Secretary, Victorian Foundation, and myself representing the New South Wales Foundation. The meeting was successful and a draft Constitution was drawn up which has been sent to the various Foundations for ratification by their members. Also there were discussed

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many matters of mutual interest. From these discussions it became even more clear that the original suggestion to found a federal body was correct.

As to the sort of area in which this body could work some simple illustrations readily present themselves. Many members will know that only a limited number of films are available for showing by groups in Australia. Only those connected with the sometimes endless and fruitless task of hunting up one of these films at any particular time will fully understand the waste of effort and endeavour that will now be avoided by the creation of a Central Film Library; again, costs of adoptions, previously varying from State to State, will in the future become uniform; this Newsletter will become more truly what it has always endeavoured to be, the Newsletter of all the Foundations. But of more importance are subjects such as the re-formation of the Council for the New Guinea Home. Some of you will know of the difficulties that this Home has experienced and not unnaturally various Foundations were anxious to assist it and its Council in the troublous times it recently experienced. Although help was given by various Foundations to the New Guinea Home it was of a piecemeal nature and would have been applied with much greater advantage and created less difficulties if the effort had been, as it now is, co-ordinated.

There is one final matter to which reference should be made. All of us have hoped that at some future date there would be an Australian Ryder-Cheshire Home. In view of the limited resources of each particular Foundation an effort such as this will have to be a joint effort but unless we now think and plan together for such a prospect it will never eventuate. When the opportunity to establish such a home presents itself - as we all hope it will - we must be ready to assist for the creation of and carrying through of the project for there can be no doubt the initial planning for such a Home and the success of it can only come about as a result of a joint Australian effort. This of itself would justify the Australian Association of Ryder-Cheshire Foundations which we have now formed. I have no doubt of it being worthwhile and I anticipate that with the help of the various Foundations and all their members that our efforts will be greeted with even greater success than in the past.

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COMPLETION OF SERVICE

Nursing sister, Anne Young, completed a second 2-year term at "Raphael" in January. Anne is now at Dum Dum (Calcutta) working with Mother Theresa among refugees there. After two or three months she plans to leave for England where she will undertake post-graduate studies. We wish her every success in her work.

Physiotherapist, Robyn Rankin, returned to Melbourne in February after two years work at "Raphael". Robyn worked in the leprosy colony, the T.B. ward, and with the spastic patients in the Chronic Hospital.

We are grateful to A.V.A. for sponsoring these two very active workers and to the girls themselves for their effort and enthusiasm.

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ATTENTION :

We are looking for a successor for Mrs. Win. McAlpin, Australian Liaison, (Adoptions Secretary) at "Raphael", who will be leaving there in September. Maturity and initiative are musts ("Raphael" is a far cry from the "T & G") and we take it for granted the enthusiastic applicant has typing and office experience, would be satisfied to be in the low, low-income bracket and would be versatile enough to enjoy working and living amongst a varied group of people. Interested? Or know the right person to take on the two-year appointment? If you genuinely feel you measure up to the requirements, contact Miss Josephine Collins, whose address appears on the back of this newsletter.

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REGARDING THE POSTAGE OF GIFTS TO "RAPHAEL"

The Administrator of "Raphael", Lt. Col. D.P. Puri, has asked if we would kindly remind our supporters of the following points to be noted in the sending of cheques and gift parcels to "Raphael".

Cheques: Both gift money, and money for special projects must be made payable to "Administrator Raphael Ryder-Cheshire International Centre" and not to an individual resident. A covering letter to the Administrator must state the purpose of the remittance and, if this is to cover more than one item, the amount to be used on each item. This procedure is required to fulfil foreign exchange regulations and will facilitate quick realization of cheques.

Gift Parcels: These, too, must be sent c/o The Administrator, although the particular resident's name can be included i.e. "Bimola ...c/o Administrator Raphael...etc." Neglect of this procedure can cause unnecessarily high duty to be paid on otherwise custom free gifts to the institution, as well as accounting difficulties.

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APPEAL FOR CLOTHING (Victoria)

The Clothing Appeal for "Raphael" has reopened. Our project has been reorganized to comply with Indian Government regulations, and full lists of chest contents will be forwarded with the fumigation certificate and the Bills of Lading. To minimize the work involved the Goulburn Valley Support Group will pack chests 1 - 6, the Ballarat Support Group 7 - 12, and the Melbourne Support Group 13 - 20.

Please forward parcels of clean, pressed and folded clothing to your nearest Clothing Officer:

<u>Goulburn</u> Mrs. P. Conabere, 8 Belle Vue Court, Shepparton. 3630.	<u>Ballarat</u> Mrs. Jim White, 318 Ligar St., Ballarat. 3350.	<u>Melbourne</u> Mrs. J.W. Arundell, 409 North Rd., South Caulfield. 3162.
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Gifts of clothing - well-packed and firmly tied - may travel free to Ormond Railway Station from anywhere in Victoria if marked clearly:-

Ryder-Cheshire Clothing Appeal,  
c/o Mrs. J.W. Arundell,  
Ormond Railway Station.

Please do not make the cartons too large.

Appeal for Clothing contd.

Clothing most needed for adults and children are coats, long or short, with button fastening as leprosy patients who have lost the use of their fingers need to be buttoned into your warm gift. Woollen jumpers and cardigans, blouses, shirts, trousers, pyjamas, nightgowns, blankets and knitted rugs are also in demand. Please do not send foundation garments, nylon underwear, hats, shoes, skirts (except for children) or toys.

Special thanks must go to Mrs. W. McCarthy, of Bentleigh, and her energetic friends who knit and sew so many beautiful single bed rugs, and to Mrs. K. Hurst of Wonthaggi for her constant support.

A shipment will leave at the end of February, and mid-November but packing goes on throughout the year.

Betty Arundell (Clothing Officer).  
Ph. 58 6706.

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FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWS

FOUNDATION IN N.S.W.

Sydney Support Group.

We have been in recess over the Christmas period and our next meeting will be on February 14th. 1972.

We are intending to expand our Committee this year and are anxious to contact new supporters. Our meetings are held in the city on the second Monday of each month at the Wesley Centre, Pitt Street, Sydney at 6.15 p.m. in the Stewart Room. (Except Public holidays).

After a long term of energetic organisation, Miss Margaret Power has resigned as President of this group; due to other heavy commitments. We will certainly miss her wonderful and devoted leadership.

Miss Dulcie Stewart has resigned as Treasurer.

We wish to thank them both and hope to see them at future meetings when they find it possible.

A.C.T. FOUNDATION

An enjoyable party was held at the home of Miss Margaret Murray in mid-December to welcome Margaret and Joe Quigley, of the Melbourne Support Group, who transferred to Canberra recently. We hope they will engage in an equally active capacity in our group.

On 23rd. December, an unusual function raised \$160 for the Foundation. The entertainment - held in the main Shopping Plaza of the Civic Centre - included a fashion show of children's clothes and toys organized by Mrs. Margaret Moore, after which several well-known pop groups gave up their time to provide music until midnight.

A stall held in the Plaza area from 3rd. to 24th Dec. raised \$250. Children's clothes and toys were provided at cost price by Mrs. Moore of the "Cubby House". Frequently the girls from the Catholic Girls High Schools in Braddon and Griffith staffed the stall, and at its finale on Dec. 23rd. Mr. Arthur Ongley gave a short talk on the aims and objects of our group in providing assistance for "Raphael".



A.C.T. Foundation contd.

Our former treasurer, Miss M. McDonald, was married on 29th December, and will be leaving Canberra shortly with her husband to live in Armidale.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

On Sunday 19th December, the various support groups and members of the Council joined in the usual pre-Christmas festivities at the home of Mrs. Elaine Paxton, in Nedlands.

Our first function for 1972 was a Piano Recital on 4th February. The pianist Mr. Simon Campion is not only a visitor to Western Australia but also the son of our Vice President Mrs. Nizza Omay. The venue was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tucker, Mosman and over 70 members and friends attended. Mr. Campion played excerpts from Beethoven, Liszt and other composers.

The President and members extend their congratulations to Mrs. Omay who was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honours List.

We are extremely pleased to welcome Archbishop Sambell, the Anglican Archbishop of Perth as Vice Patron of the Western Australia Foundation.

Early in December, Channel 9, Perth taped "Share Thy Bread" and this was shown in late January on an afternoon programme. This film has since been shown to the Young Christian Workers Association in Bassendean and Mr. Cant one of our country members showed this, together with the ABC's Four Corners film, in Kalgoorlie and raised a sum of \$20.00 for the Foundation.

Future events - Archbishop Sambell has offered the grounds of Bishop House and on Saturday 11th March, 1972 a function including national songs and dances from several countries will be held at this venue. We anticipate ticket sales of approximately 400 for this evening.

Another important date to be noted is the Second Annual General Meeting of the Western Australia Foundation. This will be held on Thursday 23rd March at the hall of the Women's Service Guild, 7 Harvest Terrace, West Perth.

VICTORIAN FOUNDATION

The Council Meeting in November accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. John Graham as Secretary of the Foundation. Mr. Graham acted as Secretary for six years and his enthusiasm and dedication has been of immense value. However, we are pleased to report that Mr. Graham has agreed to remain as a Council Member. Mr. Peter Bradfield has been appointed Secretary and Mr. Ted Bartels Assistant Secretary.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Council Member Mr. Walter Jona, M.L.A., who was recently married.

The Council has accepted with regret the resignation of Council Member Mr. E.W. Corless and we wish him well in the future.

The Council was very grateful to the Chairman of the Melbourne Support Group, Mr. Bill Galbraith, for making his home available on 11th December for a dinner party in aid of the Foundation and for the drawing of the Christmas Raffle. A large number attended and the Raffle, which was conducted over two months, returned a profit of \$700.

Ballarat Support Group

We have nine schools in the area, supporting a total of 14 adoptees at "Raphael". Varied methods are used by the students to raise the adoption money - ie. At Ballarat East High School, Mrs. Van Leeuwen organized a Poster Competition, using the theme "Helping the Underprivileged Children of the World". Ryder-Cheshire photos, brochures and tea-towels were on display. The school, which has 3 adoptees intends making the competition an annual one in maintaining the traditions of help for "Raphael".

Mrs. Jim White has a further consignment of clean used clothing ready for dispatch. We are grateful to all donors.

A cheque for \$1,100 was remitted to the Foundation, plus a cheque for \$126 to purchase a radio for the T.B. Hospital and 8 blankets for the Little White House.

Anyone interested in showing a film depicting the work of Group Captain Cheshire and Sue Ryder should contact our Film Secretary, Mr. Frank Ridley, 128 Webster St., Ballarat. Ph. 32 3259. A speaker will be available if desired.

The new address of our secretary, Mrs. Cath McLenehan, is 112 Webster St., Ballarat. Ph. 32 6483.

Goulburn Valley Support Group

Plans are under way to hold a street stall in Shepparton on Thursday, 30th March. Donations of saleable goods would be appreciated - e.g. paperbacks, china, bric-a-brac, preserves, cakes etc. These may be left with Patricia Fry at 144 Welsford St., or delivered to the stall.

Many thanks to those who donated used clothing. Six teachests were ready for consignment to "Raphael" in January.

Grateful acknowledgement is made to the following schools: St. Brendan's and St. Mel's, Shepparton for donations received, and to new sponsors Bouchier St. School, Shepparton, Lemnos School, and Mrs. Phillips, Echuca.

West Gippsland Support Group

West Gippsland regret the loss of two very wonderful committee members - Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith, who have been transferred to Frankston. They assure us, however, of their continued support.

We were happy with the results of our 1971 year, which spur us on to make greater efforts of support this year. Our annual Dinner Dance will be held on June 17th, another wine tasting evening is planned and other ideas will be put into practice to make 1972 a successful year for our group. Although well into 1972, may we wish you all a happy and healthy year.

Melbourne Support Group

The group is pleased to report that 1971 was another successful fund raising year which culminated with a Christmas Dinner Party at the home of our Chairman, Mr. W. Galbraith.

This is the second year such a function has been held and we hope to make it an annual event though not necessarily at the same venue unless our Chairman cares to insist. There were approximately 75 people present and during the evening a raffle run by the Foundation was drawn with first prize a 'Cassette' tape recorder. The Dinner proved to be both a social and financial success with an abundance of Christmas spirit.

Melbourne Support Group contd.

As in previous years the Christmas hamper was forwarded to our adoptees at Raphael and one of our group also forwarded cards.

The group was the first organization given the use of a collection box at Tullamarine Airport and the term only expired a few weeks ago. During the period a total of approximately \$133.00 has been collected and as it has proved such a successful venture our name is again on the waiting list.

Our Christmas cards sold well and the Tea Towels are nearly all sold thanks to the assistance of Mrs. R. Brooks.

We have a number of functions in mind for the forth-coming year and hope to run a theatre night in the next few months.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

Our Mount Gambier branch has been active; approaches to the Lions Club of Mount Gambier and Millicent have resulted in adoptions, and the girls from the telephone exchange of the Mount Gambier Post Office raised \$25.00 from a competition they held. Our thanks go to the Clubs and the girls for their interest and support in Ryder-Cheshire.

\$3,700 has been forwarded to London in support of "Raphael". The balance of the money for our 1971 projects will be remitted this month.

The Clare Support Group has arranged a barbecue at Sevenhill on March 26th, which we are hopeful should raise substantial profit.

Renewal subscriptions have been coming in steadily, but the secretary would like to receive a few more.

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Please send all copy to Mrs. I. Szacinski,  
33 Soudan St., Malvern 3144, by 15th February,  
May, August, November.

THE AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATIONSN.S.W.

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