



'RAPHAEL'

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Of interest to many of "Raphael's" supporters will be the information on the completion or otherwise of many special projects which were listed and sent to the Foundations about eighteen months ago. The generous response to "Raphael's" plea has enabled many items to be purchased, and repair or building work to be carried out. Those groups or individuals who have donated towards the well-being of "Raphael's" patients would feel gratified to see the tangible result of their gifts - be it a pair of shoes for the deformed feet of a leprosy victim, a wheelchair for a patient otherwise bedridden, or a radio to give countless hours of pleasure to those who can listen.

To mention specifically some of the projects already completed, or in the process, are ceiling fans for the staff quarters, Ava Vihar and the hospital, furniture for the playroom and library of the Little White House, flyproof screens for Ava Vihar, 100 pairs of shoes (these were purchased in advance of the donation, as many patients were without shoes), plus another 50 pairs for the leprosy colony (these were made in the colony's own workshop) wheelchairs, blankets for the Little White House, two bicycles, two wall clocks, repairs to the Causeway, a storeroom, sterilizer and instruments, towels and bedlinen for overseas volunteers, and calipers, crutches and orthopaedic shoes for Khyam after his return to "Raphael" after nine months in hospital in Delhi. Other items complete the list, and we can all appreciate the value of such gifts in an environment where our necessities are luxuries.

Mrs. Win McAlpin, the Liaison Officer at "Raphael" also reported that the clothing room had been thoroughly cleaned and fumigated, that the consignments of clothing have been arriving in excellent condition, and she expressed thanks to those who have worked so hard to collect and send them. "With these consignments, we are able to clothe our patients cleanly and decently, an otherwise impossibly expensive task."

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FOUNDERS' DAY : RAPHAEL.

The FOUNDERS' DAY was celebrated for the first time at RAPHAEL on 5th April, 1972.

The day started with a mass which was said by Father Marcose at 8.30 a.m. in LWH as our Chapel is not yet ready. Happiness and gaiety prevailed the whole day in all the departments of the Institution.

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In the afternoon a function was arranged. Mrs. Vijaylakshmi Pandit sister of late Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru and one time President of the UN General Assembly was the chief guest. She is local patron of the Institution as well. The function was very well attended by the prominent citizens of the town, Local Army brass, member of the medical, legal profession and local Rotary and Lions clubs. Army band was in attendance. The function lasted from 1645 to 1900 hrs.

It started with an address by Lt. Col. D.P. PURI portraying the history and present functioning of Raphael.

Closing his address Colonel Puri said:-

"I would like to express our gratitude to those who have made it possible for the Institution to be established and for it to function. We owe most to our benefactors in Australia, New Zealand and England who work hard and donate so very generously as to finance the institution entirely.

We owe a lot to 14 Infantry Division and Indian Military Academy who have always come to our help when requested. I am grateful to them.

I express my thanks to you Mrs. Pandit for guiding us as our Patron and being able to spare your valuable time to come and address us this afternoon. I would like to express my personal gratitude to Mr. Martyn, our chairman and members of General council for their advice and guidance.

In the end I would like to thank all our guests who have so kindly come here this afternoon."

Mrs. Vijaylakshi Pandit in reply expressed gratitude on behalf of citizens and the Country to the Founders and our benefactors in Australia, New Zealand and England whose magnificent efforts and generous donations have made it possible for Raphael to carry its humanitarian work. Mr. Martyn the chairman thanked Mrs. Pandit and the guests.

A variety entertainment of songs, folk dances etc. was staged by the children of Little White House, leprosy colony patients and Mentally Retarded children from Ava Vihar. This was very well appreciated by the guests and a grand success.

The day ended with special dinner for inmates each unit of the institution.

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CHARTER FLIGHT TO INDIA.

The President and the Committee of the Australia India Society (Vic.) has decided to charter a plane to go to India in December 1972, if enough members of the Society are interested. Air-India has kindly agreed to co-operate with them.

CLASS: Economy.

PRICE PER TICKET: (Melb. to Melb.) \$417.60 (50% of published fare)

Children (under 12 & over 2): 50% of fare

Infants : 10% of fare

FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE : 20 kilograms per passenger.

The offer is open only to members of the Society. In anyone is interested, please contact : Mrs. K. Naidu, Hon. Sec. Australia India Soc., 52 Chapman Ave., Glenroy. 3046.

FOUNDATION AND GROUP NEWSN.S.W. FOUNDATION.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 27th April, at the Anti-T.B. Association Auditorium. Matron Joan Usher was guest speaker. After the meeting members had an opportunity to meet and talk with her. I am sure that we all found her talk most informative.

Sydney Support Group.

This group meets on the second Monday of each month (Public Holidays excepted) in the Stewart Room of the Wesley Centre, Pitt Street at 6.15 p.m. For those who arrive at six there is good parking at the door. New members are being sought and are most welcome.

A series of theatre parties has been planned. For details of these contact Miss B. Sullivan, 32 1527.

A National Cassette Recorder and radio will be raffled in July.

Tickets 20 cents each from Margaret Power, 924977.

We have a new younger set in formation, named the "Dambusters", which will work under the auspices of the Sydney Support Group, and will concentrate on functions geared to those in the 25 - 35 age group. They have a number of exciting functions planned. For further information contact Cheryl Nesbitt, 365825 (bus) or 328 7295 (home); and have your name put on the mailing list to keep you informed of forthcoming functions.

If you are looking for an inexpensive, juvenile gift, the ladies of the Lane Cove Support Group have the "In Thing", decorated "T" shirts and pillow cases. These are available in the current popular designs at reasonable prices. Contact Mrs. Ratcliffe, 42. 1708.

Cooma Support Group.

Although our branch remains quite small, we are an enthusiastic group and have recently acquired three keen new members. Since commencing the year's activities in March, we have held a Crafts Night at the local art gallery. During the evening there were demonstrations of spinning, potting and silk screening, and an exhibition of old lace. Supper was served in the gallery, which was formerly a coaching inn, and added to the evening's enjoyment. We held an "Open House" day on Anzac Day, and during the May holidays held a film show for children, both of which were enjoyed by those who attended.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. Crawford who has been our secretary for five years; she has been replaced by Mrs. Akister.

Lithgow Support Group.

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the R.S.L. Board Room on Tuesday, 23rd. May, 1972. Business will be - Election of Officers, Auditors Report and Balance Sheet, General Business. We are grateful to the Lithgow R.S.L. Club for the use of these premises for all meetings at no cost.

We sadly report the loss of two members, Mr. Royce Lowe and Sgt. Alwyn Woods. Both were of charitable heart and will be greatly missed by the Group and this community.

Our most recent activity was a raffle. The prize, a unique Coffee Table made and donated by a prisoner at nearby Newnes Prison Farm. 15,000 dead matches

Lithgow Support Group contd.

and many hours of patient work went into the making of this unusual prize. The competition raised 180 Dollars. From this amount 90 Dollars was presented to the Lithgow Hospital towards the cost of a proposed Intensive Care Ward.

This competition was run in conjunction with the Hospital.

VICTORIAN FOUNDATION.

The Council Meeting in March accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. B. Morley. Mr. Morley acted as Films Director and his assistance in this area was much appreciated. He has been transferred to Sydney in his work and intends to contact the N.S.W. Foundation when he has had time to properly settle.

It was decided to allot \$6,000 for the construction of a new cottage for boys in the Little White House. This project will be the Foundation's memorial to Sir Arthur Dean.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Miss Bernadette Keane for her capable work as Adoptions Secretary in the past eighteen months, and to Mrs. M. Beyfus who took over the role during Miss Keane's absence overseas. Miss Anne Wright-Smith will replace Miss Keane as Adoptions Secretary.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions fall due on 1st June. Remittances should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. F. Gilmore, 78 Mayona Road, Montmorency, Victoria, 3094.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19th, at the Camberwell Grammar School Hall, Mont Albert Road, Canterbury. All members and friends are invited to attend.

Ballarat Support Group.

At present we are making preparations for our Annual General Meeting to be held early in July at Ballarat College, and hope it will be even more successful than last year.

A further cheque for \$600 has been remitted to the Foundation.

We are grateful to Mrs. A. Watta, of Buninyong, and her wonderful group of ladies who, as well as knitting for "Raphael", are now making warm sleepwear for the children there.

Special thanks go to the members of the Sebastapol Technical School Staff for their generous donation.

Thanks also to Miss Ethel Morris of the "Ballarat Courier" for reporting many of our meetings - we wish her an enjoyable tour of Europe and America.

Please note the new address of Mrs. Jim White, the Ballarat Group's clothing officer: 614 Howitt St., Ballarat. 3350.

Goulburn Valley Support Group.

A welcome visitor in March was Miss Josephine Collins who spoke to Shepparton Apex Club and was interviewed by local press.

More recently a street stall and afternoon card party resulted in a further \$122 for "Raphael".

Goulburn Valley Support Group contd.

Thanks to the continuing support of generous sponsors, we now have a total of 9 adoptions, 6 endowments and 8 educational funds. These sponsors provide varying amounts from \$50 to \$100 per annum.

An open invitation is extended to all those interested in the work of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation to attend our Annual General Meeting on Monday, 19th June at 8 p.m. to be held in the Bouchier St. School Library, Shepparton. During the evening a film will be shown, and we will have a guest speaker.

S.A. FOUNDATION.

Mt. Gambier Support Group.

Our Group was formed at the end of August last year, and although progress has not been spectacular, we feel that solid foundations have been laid, which should ensure the success of the Group.

In our President, Mr. D.W. Carey, D.F.C., we have a direct link with Group Captain Cheshire, as Bill was a member of the famous 617 Squadron and flew with him on many bombing missions.

The Committee is most grateful to the Lions Clubs of Millicent and Mount Gambier in each sponsoring an Adoption. We hope that this excellent lead will be followed by other Service Clubs in the district.

The first donation received by our Group was a heart-warming one as it was a spontaneous gesture from the students of the Technical High School. They arranged and produced a concert at the school after hearing an address by Miss Josephine Collins and Mr. Ross Stanford on the work at "Raphael".

Another function was a competition arranged by the girls of the Telephone Exchange under the direction of the Supervisor, Miss Cecily McCarthy. This raised \$25.

Membership now stands at 30, but we hope that this will increase very rapidly. A good deal of enthusiasm was shown at the last meeting - the first after the Christmas and school holidays recess. The Committee was enlarged and three Sub-Committees formed namely:-

1. Membership & Donations.
2. Adoptions & Endowments.
3. Fund-raising.

All are in charge of enthusiastic convenors, targets were set, so I am sure that we can look forward to some positive results being achieved.

The first fund-raising event was held on 27th April - a morning coffee party at "Brigadoon", the home of the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Sealey, who are the Patron and Patroness of our Support Group.

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By 15th February - May - August - November.

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THE RYDER-CHESHIRE FOUNDATION (VICTORIA)

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