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A NEW RYDER-CHESHIRE HOME IN EAST TIMOR

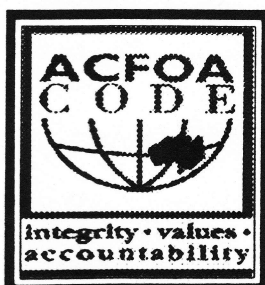
After witnessing the terrible events that followed the referendum in East Timor last September, the Ryder-Cheshire Foundations in Australia have decided to establish a new Home in East Timor.

Our present funds are largely committed to *Raphael* (in India) and to the Homes in Australia. **This will continue into the future.** Hence we will be establishing a new funding base for East Timor.

After months of discussion and planning, the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation has approval to establish a new Home in East Timor. The Project was endorsed by the National Executive at the Biennial Conference in April, and the Victorian President, Peter Newton, has made two trips to East Timor in May and July to assess the situation and identify a suitable project. The Interim Health Authority in Dili has now given its approval for the Foundation to set up a Home to care for sick and disabled people.

The Home is located about 15 kilometres west of Dili in the village of Tibar. It was built by the Indonesians in 1996 to accommodate fifty physically and mentally disabled people. Fortunately, the Home was not destroyed by the Militia after the referendum last September, although it has been vandalised and most of the equipment and furniture was stolen. The Home will need some restoration to make it suitable for our needs and we hope that a team of volunteers from Rotary Clubs in Melbourne will undertake this work in October, together with local tradesmen.

The Home comprises eighteen buildings in a site of about 3 acres. It is ideally set up for sick and disabled people with many of the buildings inter-connected by covered walkways. The grounds have many trees and shrubs, and there is a large vegetable garden which the staff and residents are maintaining.



The majority of the residents and staff fled to the hills above Dili in the blood-bath that followed the ballot. Twenty one residents have returned and are now living in the Home, and there are sixteen staff presently employed by the Interim Health Authority. We will take over responsibility for these residents and staff and then build up the numbers with patients from the Dili Hospital who do not need to be in an hospital bed. At present there are dozens of patients occupying beds in the Hospital when they really only need outpatient care. By taking these patients we will free up many beds for other urgent cases. We will also accommodate the families of hospitalised patients from the villages when they are unable to find other accommodation in Dili.

This work is very similar to that being done so successfully at the Homes in Melbourne (Ivanhoe) and Perth (Barbara Seabrook House). So we have some experience to call on to help us along the way.

Our plan is to also provide support to a very small Home in Dili run by an East Timorese lady, Maria Diaz. Maria's Home accommodates twelve patients recovering from plastic surgery, performed by teams of visiting plastic surgeons from Australia. Maria coordinates the visits of these surgeons. Her Home will become our Dili town base and short term patients will be accommodated there. All long term patients will be relocated to the main Home at Tibar.

Our aim is to take over the Home in late September or October. In the meantime, much needs to be done to prepare the way. We have arranged for a container to be loaded with building materials, furniture and equipment to set up the Home. Then we need to acquire all the household items that will be needed for the fifty residents and patients. If any readers are able to assist by donating items, they should contact the Victorian President, Peter Newton on tel 03 9894 3191 or fax 03 9894 7671, as quickly as possible so they can be loaded into the container by late September. Cash donations would also be most welcome.

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RAPHAEL NEWS

From the Director

24th April 2000

We are all fine. Day Centre building is coming up next to Working Girls Hostel.

We had taken Ava Vihar children to Lachhiwals picnic spot on 20th April – everyone enjoyed it.

The weather has become quite warm now, however nights are still pleasant.

26th May 2000

This year we are trying to get the following Little White House residents into Nursing Training in Holy Family Hospital, New Delhi, or in any other institute in Northern India: Anita; Sunita-II; Anjali; Bhagirathi. These girls have finished their 10+2 examination and it is time for their rehabilitation and make room for younger ones to join LWH. Their training is for 3 years and you will hear more about it once they are finally selected. The course starts in September 2000.

Work on the Day Centre building is in progress, it has reached roof level now.

We are having summer vacation these days. Time for Raphael

maintenance and repair in LWH and Primary School.

9th June 2000

Thank you for Ryder-Cheshire News for April – we all liked it very much.

Everything is fine at Raphael. We are trying to give face-lift to the Hospital Building including volunteers' accommodation. Hospital facilities will also be improved. This year there will be emphasis on TB Hospital and Chronic Ward.

Retaining wall near the main entrance has been constructed partially to stop further erosion. It is quite effective.

Day Centre building is coming up fast as per schedule. We should be able to shift by the end of the year.

We have had one admission in Ava Vihar this year, Shiva Giri (boy) joined on 5 June.

We are trying to send a few senior boys for vocational training to Rampur (UP). This will be in the form of Welding, Carpentry and Electricians two years course.

Computer training has been quite popular with the children. We might go for a computer for LWH (maybe a secondhand one).

The Patricia Korting Library is improving every year.

We are sorry that Jack has resigned – he has been a great supporter and dynamic personality.

19 June 2000

All is well at Raphael. Chairman is enjoying good health and is very active.

We have only three volunteers at present from New Zealand, Australia and U.K.

Beena is doing fine in her training. She will make a success and will bring a good name to Raphael.

I have become a senior citizen, just completed 65 years. We celebrate our 41st wedding anniversary in July.

3 August 2000

Everything is fine. On the occasion of death anniversary of Lord Cheshire we had special prayers in all wings on 31 July.

Sunny, our Mess Cook, has retired from service on 31 July after 34 years of long meritorious service to Raphael.

Pratap (from Little White House) has now become a Yoga teacher in the Day Centre.

We have had three new admissions in Shiv Sadan. One woman

from Tehri Garhwal and a couple from Nepal. There are now 42 women and 31 men in the colony. Our effort continues to build up the strength in Shiv Sadan.

A baby boy was born in Shiv Sadan to Rameshwar and Gauri on 9th July. This couple came to the colony on 14 February 2000.

The Day Centre is coming up as per schedule. The shifting of the Centre to the main location will make all the difference in providing good vocational training to the residents of Ava Vihar and the day students attending the Centre.

Note from Editor.

SUNNY - MESS COOK

Volunteers to Raphael over the last 30 years will remember Sunny with affection. Always courteous, always helpful.

We send him best wishes for his well-earned retirement.

Extracts from Newsletter send by Roma Brij Natha, Liaison Officer

I would like to begin this Newsletter with special thanks for the committees and individuals in Australia, New Zealand and England whose initiatives raise

funds for Raphael – innumerable efforts, giving time and energy in a united endeavour.

Our Founders Day on 5th April was enjoyed by all within the lovely setting of the Ava Vihar garden surrounded by the tall trees. General Bakhshi requested those present to say a silent prayer for Lady Ryder....hoped that she would visit Raphael next year.

A first visit by Alistair Burt took place the same week Brigadier Harshpati had drawn up a busy schedule for him....he said he would return to Raphael soon.

On alternate Fridays about 20 residents of Ava Vihar meet to share and express their individual experience and interpretation of the world with each other. On two Saturday afternoons every month groups of the residents go on "outings" in the jeep, pocket money in hand for cups of tea and peanuts. Working in the garden continues to be a favourite occupation, and they have grown a wild mix of flowers, herbs and the obsequious weed.

This year 10 children are to sit for the Class X & XII exam. Their school years will soon be at

an end. The possible avenues for vocational training are being actively explored by the Director, who keeps the individual child's potential in mind. We are able to witness on the campus the achievements of many ex LWH children who now staff our different Units so very ably.

I end in hope and the faith that we will continue to work together towards a better future for the residents of Raphael.

RAPHAEL IN INDIA

Joy Brisbane

This poem from Joy's book is from the section "RAPHAEL"

INSIGHT

In the deformed mind
is the purity of thought.
In disfigured bodies
is the dance of the cosmic spirit.

In blind eyes
is the sight of the All-Seeing
One.

I hold crippled fingers
and

I know I touch the body
of the Supreme Being
and

hear the voice of Love
Spanning all eternity.



NEWS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE met in Melbourne in July – the all-day session covered many Ryder-Cheshire activities. Christine Edwards (UK) has been appointed as the new Overseas Project Officer (replacing Patsy Wright-Warren who is now the Chairman of Ryder-Cheshire International).

Currently there is a proposal to set up a “Memorial Board” in Raphael, commemorating those who have contributed significantly to the development of the Centre since its beginnings.

East Timor – Executive discussed at length the proposal to set up a Ryder-Cheshire facility in East Timor – see the lead article for the latest developments. Peter Newton, Victorian President, is to be congratulated, and thanked, for his efforts in bringing this initiative to the current state.

Adoptions – It was pointed out that the rates varied within Foundations. Peter Coleman (NSW) has offered to contact Adoption Secretaries to see if a consistent standard can be set.

Volunteers – New Guidelines have been prepared for volunteers to Raphael and given to all Foundations. The question of advertising for volunteers (both for Raphael and East Timor) will

be discussed at the next Executive meeting.

Ryder-Cheshire Worldwide Directory – U.K. is preparing this Directory, and it will contain an entry from Australia.

Biography – The authorised biography of Leonard Cheshire has been published in U.K. by Viking. The book “*Cheshire : The Biography of Leonard Cheshire, VC, OM*”, by Richard Morris, is available in Australia (try Dymocks), at a cost of \$55.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Secretary Jenny Coleman

NSW is expected to assist with the East Timor initiative as much as possible, with funding and with donations of household goods. Support for Raphael continues to be the main priority.

Cards – Barbara Shield reports that two new cards have been acquired, a Monet, and Honolulu Lily (a painting which artist Margaret Ceon has kindly given permission to reproduce as a card. Cards will sell at 70 cents each. Barbara has made up some packets which are selling well.

Fundraising – Stalls planned for August, October, November. Suggestions for a Christmas shopping tour in November, and a Theatre Party/Film Morning.

VICTORIA

President Peter Newton

The annual concert on 4th May was a great success. This year we shifted the venue to St. John's Church in Southgate, where the Victorian flute Ensemble provided a wonderful programme of classical and contemporary music. The beautiful voice of soprano Jenny Caire and the haunting tunes of Andrew MacGregor on his Shakuhachi flute made this a special night.

A Bridge Day on 21st June was great fun.

Leonard Cheshire Memorial Address on 12th July – Bishop Hilton Deakin presented the Address to a large audience of supporters – it was a moving account of events in East Timor, given by a man who has visited the country 18 times and who has a great empathy with the people and their problems. The Address was particularly relevant as it focused attention on the plight of the people of East Timor who we are planning to assist by establishing a new Home. The Victorian Committee has been extremely busy with the planning for this Home and delighted to learn of the approval from Dili [see lead article].

Sponsorships for Raphael continue to grow with four new sponsors since April. We are now

also looking for new sponsors for the East Timor Home as well as for Raphael.

Cards – A special effort is being made for the sale of Christmas and greeting cards with the circulation of an advertising brochure to supporters and to businesses. The six new cards are great value and we hope you will support the Foundation by ordering.

Support Groups – As always, Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong continue to achieve excellent results in spreading the word and gaining supporters. Thank you to them, and to all sponsors and supporters, without whom we could not continue to do the work for the relief of suffering.

BALLARAT SUPPORT GROUP – Cath McLenehan (Publicity)

Thank you Cath for the article on Sarah Dyer from Ballarat, who is the Leonard Cheshire International's new assistant director, training and development. This, together with News from the Support Group is included in another section of this Newsletter.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Margaret Blaber Secretary

The Annual General Meeting

was held on 18th May, with all committee members continuing in office.

A moving Tribute to Russell Longmire and Dame Roma Mitchell was given by Ross Stanford.

The Rev. Chris Beal, Chaplain of the Walford Anglican School for Girls, was guest speaker. Walford has supported the Foundation for over 25 years, and Chris spoke of the Walford Foundation at the School which initiates projects to assist many organisations within Australia and overseas, and the students are thus encouraged to help those less fortunate.

Fundraising – S.A. has found it advantageous to combine with other groups in raising funds. Thus the Combined Film Morning on 19th June and the Combined Theatre Afternoon on 9th July added much needed funds for Raphael.

Cards – The Charity Card Shop (Basement, Southern Cross Arcade) opened for the Christmas Season on 15th August. Judith Weston, Cards Coordinator, and Les Blaber attended the opening. We have four attractive cards on sale

through the shop, and also packets of selected cards.

Speakers – Margaret Blaber has been invited to talk to the Rotary Club of Hyde Park in September. This is an opportunity to speak of the work of Ryder-Cheshire and also to screen the introductory video which has proved so relevant in depicting the activities at Raphael.

Oswald-Raphael Support Group – will be holding its annual dinner in November. The Group supports a resident in the Little White House.

East Timor Proposal – S.A. will back this initiative by seeking support from new contacts, keeping in mind that present finances are committed to Raphael.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Malcolm and Evelyn Petters will be visiting India in October. Malcolm was a schoolboy in Dehra Dun and the visit is part of a reunion for old scholars. They will also pay a flying visit to Raphael.

Barney Fernandes from W.A. has agreed to join the National Executive as Special Projects Officer-Raphael. The next Newsletter will include a profile of Barney. He will be visiting Raphael in September.

BALLARAT SUPPORT GROUP

Cath McLenehan – Publicity

Earlier this year we were saddened by the passing of Neville Grace, who with his wife Patricia have been long time supporters and sponsors, Patricia having also spent some time on the committee. Their children, Christine, Theresa and Michael were volunteers at Raphael in the mid-seventies. We extend our sympathy to Patricia and family.

Our next fundraiser will take place on September 22nd, as the Ballarat Festival Theatre is giving us the opening night of the mystery play, “The Portrait of Murder”.

Ballarat’s volunteer, Alison Rennie, has returned from her three months at Raphael, and spent some time touring India. The Committee was delighted to have Alison as its guest at the July meeting when she shared her experiences with them.

SARAH DYER is the new assistant director, training and development, for Leonard Cheshire International.

Sarah was born in Ballarat and spent her early education there. Her father, David, was headmaster of Ballarat College and joined the Ballarat Support Group in 1966. Later as Headmaster of Camberwell Grammar, he became Victorian Vice-President of R.C.F. Betty and David have now retired to Buninyong, near Ballarat, and once more supporting Raphael through sponsorship and renewed interest.

The following is an article taken from *COMPASS*, the Leonard Cheshire Quarterly Magazine – Disability Issue.

HAVE SUITCASE - WILL TRAVEL

Living out of a suitcase is second nature to Sarah Dyer.... She is responsible for overseeing training and development internationally for Leonard Cheshire and pushing forward its Self Reliance Programme, which supports low-cost income generation schemes and small businesses.

Wanderlust has taken Sarah all over the world, starting with a Trans Siberian train journey across China and Moscow, inspired by a teacher from her native town.

She cut her teeth on international development work with Action on Disability and Development (ADD) though she already had voluntary experience working in a hospital in Uganda and had worked extensively with disabled children in the UK. She joined ADD as a physiotherapy trainer in Zambia and became the project manager when the situation became vacant.

"I realised that there was something useful I could do. The fear is that people like to go overseas and 'do their bit' from the outside, but a major consideration is what 'your bit' is offering. Is it appropriate and useful and actually needed? Although you always do work that's fulfilling for yourself it's important that the primary emphasis is that you are contributing and not disrupting what's taking place," says Sarah.

Her job at ADD involved development work and project management as well as fundraising and Sarah believes the experience will really help her understand the work of the overseas training and development officers (TDOs) that she manages: *"They're setting up something new and are working with distance management in London, keeping up impetus and energy and building links with Leonard Cheshire services. I know what that's like."*

There are currently three training and development officers in Africa and one of Sarah's challenges is to recruit new staff for the Eastern and Far Eastern Regions.

"We're looking for people with experience in training, in disability and community development. They will work in partnership with local Cheshire services to identify training and development needs, and with local service providers, employees and service users. They will do needs analysis and develop plans and priorities for training and development," Sarah comments.

She's already visited some of our overseas services to review current practice and to look at their achievements and aspirations.

"In Bombay I talked to committee members and local service proviers. What came out very clearly is that services have diversified and are very responsive to the needs of service users and potential users. There was much more linking with the

the local community whether this was inclusive education or going out for employment or vocational training and developing outreach services.”

Sarah believes that this level of community development is very positive, but wants to reassure people living in our residential homes overseas that they won't be pushed out or forgotten. She says that Leonard Cheshire International is going through a transition, which will take time and that there is always likely to be a need for a certain amount of residential care.

“I look upon it as a balance. It will be a natural progression, evolution. We're working with residents to find out what they want to do and many want to get more education and vocational skills and to find employment. Services are not just doing that within their own four walls –they're doing it by linking in with the local community. As those links naturally form because of listening to what residents want and need, and developing them, so transition starts.”

Sarah reflects on a time of quite incredible change in the international world of disability. The last 15 years have seen civil rights for disabled people high on the agenda with the International Year of Disability, the UN Charter on the rights of disabled people, and moves towards community based rehabilitation.

Sarah argues: *“Disabled people have rights and choices and we all, as members of society, have a shared responsibility to make sure their rights are respected and fulfilled.”*

Sarah believes she couldn't have joined Leonard Cheshire International at a better time:

“We're developing our direction and focus and introducing a different way of working with disabled people, which is remarkable and very positive and I'm excited to be part of that.”

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INDIAN MEMORIES

The third contribution in this series is by

Alice Jones , currently a member and supporter of the NSW Foundation.

Alice, now 88 years of age, has not visited Raphael, but has been associated with Ryder-Cheshire for 40 years, in Canberra and in New South Wales.

Some Personal Reflections

As I look back over nearly forty years as a member of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation it seems such a short time since I first learned of the Foundation and heard of "Raphael". Of course, during and just after the war, I had heard of the wartime exploits of Leonard and Sue but I knew nothing further.

In 1960 whilst living in Sydney I was invited by some mothers of our school auxiliary – Marist Brothers, Eastwood school – to an auxiliary luncheon for 'Freedom from Hunger'. The guest speaker was Mrs. Colleen McLeod. She was interesting and could speak at first hand of poverty she had seen as she and her husband – who was with Shell Oil – had lived in India for several years. More or less in passing she first mentioned "Ryder-Cheshire" and the contact she had had with one of the Cheshire Homes in India.

Nothing happens by chance, and when I was asked to dinner at her home I was delighted. Here was the opportunity to hear more of this 'Ryder-Cheshire Foundation' and just what Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder (both of whom I still admired very much) were doing in India. Colleen said she was hoping to get people interested in Ryder-Cheshire (there was already a foundation in Melbourne) and they hoped Leonard Cheshire would soon visit Australia.

Leonard made the visit in 1962 and spoke in St. Albans Anglican Hall at Epping. As Colleen and Barbara Coleman (later Barbara Lewis) had told us, Leonard spoke very quietly but sincerely and he inspired us just as he did his air-crews during the war.

Now we were ready for action. As usual with Ryder-Cheshire Foundations we were a small group but very enthusiastic.

I had my first function, not really this time for Ryder-Cheshire but for the local Catholic Women's League who were interested in various good works. I promised Colleen McLeod a donation for being our guest speaker and invited several special friends I thought would be interested in this new 'Ryder-Cheshire Foundation'. One of them, Toni Joseph, was Adoption Secretary for many years. I was actually first Adoption Secretary but some 18 months later we had a move to Canberra and Toni kindly took over. It was most interesting being in contact with others interested in the adoption scheme.

I remember *Ava Dhar* who was a very fine Indian lady in charge at Raphael in the early days. I never met her but she wrote such interesting notes and was so dedicated to those early residents of Raphael.

One of the earliest fund raising schemes was a Christmas Card with a picture of the Taj Mahal painted for us very cheaply by the Boys' Home at Westmead. I smile as I think of the early Adoption money. It was twenty pounds in the old currency.

In January 1965 with my husband and our sons we moved to Canberra. Well! I thought I shared an Adoption "Herman" and I would hear news of Raphael. To my delight only weeks after settling in Canberra I had a phone call. Would I like to attend a meeting to try and establish a Foundation in Canberra? Of course, my husband and I attended that first meeting and were delighted to see another Ryder-Cheshire Foundation get under way.

My eleven years in Canberra were happy ones working with very dedicated people. As the boys grew up and moved to University I had a little more time. Luncheons, and stalls at the local Canberra Market were great fund raisers, and an Art Show and also one unusual fund raising event – it was a 'Magic Show' put on at the Canberra Theatre by Peter McMahon who was President of our group at the time. He got together a number of amateur magicians and their friends to take part. Quite a number came from Sydney and it was a very entertaining night and something different. I think of the kind friends, not even members of our Foundation who would make cakes for our stalls.

Although I met Leonard Cheshire several times I only met Sue once, and that was in Canberra. Her talks were most inspiring and we entertained at night at the McMahon's home.

In 1976 I once again returned to Sydney. My husband had died and my then unmarried son starting work in Sydney. I was soon in touch with Jenny and Peter Coleman and involved in Ryder-Cheshire. There were new faces and I couldn't get to meetings because of distance. On special occasions and functions at night my son took me along. In the daytime I could usually drive a car full of friends to luncheons - some delightful luncheons at Joyce Ratcliffe's home. I was still able to collect goods for stalls and of course cook cakes. As at Canberra we still helped at the card shop at Christmas.

The Cheshire Shop at Dee Why [was] undertaken at Sue's urging. It was appreciated by our customers but a great deal of work for Jenny and those who did the organising, with only small profit. So back to stalls instead.

Now, at 88 years and living in a 'Retirement Village', I still have an adoption. Over nearly forty years there have been several. I still sell Ryder-Cheshire cards to friends and residents of the Village, \$230 worth in the past year, and I attend the annual Indian Dinner and read "Ryder-Cheshire News" and keep all our supporters in my prayers.....

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The following extracts are taken from Raphael's 1999 Annual Report – specifically from the Chairman's Statement. Many readers will have seen this Annual Report, but many will not. It is worth repeating:

Major General Ranbir Bakhshi, MC, Chairman of the General Council at Raphael, heads his report:

DOWN MEMORY LANE

.....I thought I would briefly go down memory lane to list some of the major achievements and events under the guidance of that wonderful couple, Raphael's Founders —and that of the members of the General Council.....

Lease of the Reserve Forest Land - in 1974 the lease of the Reserve Forest Land on which Raphael stands was only until 1989....to ensure that Raphael continued in its present location, the Finance Minister of the Uttar Pradesh Government....helped us by having not only the lease period increased from 1989 to June 2009, but saw that the deed contained an extra clause which stated that Raphael could apply for the extension of lease for a further period of 40 years!!!

....to reach Raphael via Mohini Road, one crossed the Rispana River over an Irish Bridge which was in such a dilapidated condition that during the monsoon one could not even safely walk over the bridge let alone drive a vehicle. My car would be parked at a friend's house while I negotiated the river on foot and took a ducking several times in the process!! The Irish Bridge was rebuilt in 1976 as a Submersible Bridge.

Ava Vihar - The Welfare Ministry sanctioned a "One-time Grant" towards the construction of a proper hostel for 60 residents – the balance was raised in Australia and New Zealand, and the residents moved into the new hostel in 1981. The old building for men was converted to the Primary School....and the building for women knocked down and a double storey building for the TB Control Mobile Team staff was built.

Rehabilitation - In 1981 the Welfare Ministry suggested that if Raphael were to change its role and start to rehabilitate MR children then the Government would sanction special staff....since 1981 we have been receiving yearly Grant-in-Aid. Today, between Ava Vihar and the Day Centre we have 28 specialist staff employed and 90% of their emoluments are paid by the Ministry. Most of this staff consists of men

and women who were brought up in LWH and been trained in Central Government run institutions.

TB Control Mobile Team – Before Ann Young (the “Mountain Nurse”) left Raphael in 1978, I had accompanied her a number of times into the interior on her expeditions...I noticed the absence of medical cover in these areas...the first Team was finally set up and started to function in January 1984. A second team was set up in 1991 and supported by SOIR-IM of Sweden. We are now getting assistance from the Central Government with supplies of much needed drugs.

Accommodation – Between 1986 and 1990 the proposed building for classrooms and residential accommodation for staff of Ava Vihar was built opposite the Ava Vihar hostel. Raphael raised half the estimated cost and the other half was donated by the Australian Government. I cannot thank enough the Australian Government for this generous gesture. ...*AND*

Having reached the end of the lane which I had not expected to be so long, I would like to thank Sir Peter Ramsbotham and Mr. Michael Humfrey under whose guidance I had walked till the end of the century and to welcome the new Chairman, Miss Patsy Wright-Warren, and the new Director, Mr. Alistair Burt.

My memories will not be complete without my recalling....though the foundations of Raphael were solidly laid by the Founders, it was the most dedicated and generous members of the Ryder-Cheshire Foundations in Australia and New Zealand who have helped to build Raphael as it stands to-day, high, with arms open and willing to help relieve suffering for those who come to the Centre and reach out to the rural TB Control Centre.

And that is a good note to end this issue of Ryder-Cheshire News. One last item:

Best wishes to Lady Ryder (Sue) from all of us 'Down Under'.

The next Newsletter will be issued in December 2000.

Contributions are welcome and should be sent to Margaret Blaber, 2/5 Cornish Street, Stepney, South Australia 5069, please, by 9th November.

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