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00:00 Sue Ryder: [unclear] ... Pete and Vivian Cribb, a Mrs. Cath French and indeed all friends, if I may refer to you as such. We who have recently arrived in Perth are very honoured and privileged to be with you here this evening. In the last 4 years we've heard so much and read so much of what each of you in your own ways are doing, and it's wonderful to be at last amongst you, we wish it could be more often. And we are certainly very graced to be in this beautiful building and to be amongst people who themselves are interested and feel that they are fellow workers. We were immensely impressed by what we have seen in the shop yesterday and we wish you and the shop helpers in particularly many, many more years of trading and collecting, because it is upon the shops that we look so greatly for this assistance. We have heard two of the other ways in which you meet together - formally and informally - and especially in beautiful gardens amongst the flowers and under the skies at night.

01:38: To us who have come from the great continent of India, and who so recently saw there such terrible poverty that it'd be impossible to try and explain it, and to see at the same time the immense courage and spirit of those who carry that poverty and that suffering and who don't complain. To see too those - a few of those - who through your help have been rescued and are now being looked after and contribute again to life. What immense confidence they have once they have been given the chance of being educated. The children, the leprosy patients, the TB sufferers and everyone who in some way or another is afflicted, they make us feel very humble in their midst. Indeed, one is lost for words of how to explain what life means to them. Simple things - of food, a bed and water - those all add up so greatly in their simple lives. It's only a few days ago that the children were giving us a concert, and through their mime, and through their acting and singing and dancing, we realised again how greatly they had to give to life. One of the dancers was a woman with leprosy, who had no arms and no feet left, and yet she could still dance and sing. And tonight here, we bring you their good wishes, and thanks and appreciation for your interest and your knowledge of them, your prayers above all, and your love. And we remember too the others in other countries, so far that we can't see them but yet they are with us in spirit - the girls who suffer from rheumatic diseases, the children, the cancer patients, to mention a few, the young people, and those who are middle aged, the elderly and the dying - and at each we remember that they like us are pilgrims on this earth.

04:30: Alas we are with you for such a short time, but this time we bridge our friendship and we carry on and take with us the knowledge of your affection and the knowledge of your support. We hope that one day perhaps there will be a Ryder-Cheshire home near here in Perth, with God's blessing. And that in turn will link the many millions of others who look to us for this support, because we are only reaching a comparatively small number in different countries. But on their behalf, I would like again to appreciate to each of you - who've come, who've given, who've prayed - their love and affection and thanks. And to end by reading you these few lines which I hope will try and symbolise what I have tried, very inadequately, to mention here this evening. No man is an island in tire of itself, every man is a part of the continent, a part of the main. Any man's death diminishes me, because I'm involved in mankind.

05:45: *speech ends*.

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