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Gentili Signori,

L'Ambasciata d'Italia in Canberra ha segnalato a questo Consolato Generale il pietoso caso del giovane connazionale Michael DI TUCCI, affetto da distrofia muscolare.

Poiche' al ragazzo non sembra che rimanga piu' di qualche mese di vita, data l'inarrestabilita' della malattia, e' stata organizzata da parte della Sunshine Association of Australia - ACT Branch una raccolta di fondi onde permettere a Michael, alla madre ed alla sorella di fare rientro in Italia e dare al predetto l'opportunita' di rivedere la nonna.

Vi sarei pertanto particolarmente grato se vorrete informare di tale iniziativa la comunita' dei connazionali, invitandoli a partecipare all'appello. Le offerte potranno essere inviate direttamente alla Sunshine Association of Australia - ACT Branch, P.O. Box 775, FISHWIK, ACT 2609.

Le donazioni sono deducibili dalle tasse, pertanto sarebbe opportuno informare di cio' la comunita', precisando che assieme alle offerte dovra' pervenire anche il recapito del donatore, al fine di ricevere la quietanza.

Si trasmette, per opportuna conoscenza, copia degli articoli recentemente apparsi sul giornale "Queanbeyan Age" in merito al caso.

Con i migliori saluti

IL REGGENTE

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HELP MICHAEL'S WISH COME TRUE



Michael Di Tucci, 12, of Cooma Street, Queanbeyan, is terminally ill and his last wish is to visit his grandmother and other relatives in Italy.

To help Michael's wish come true, the "Age" today launches a community appeal to help raise the money needed to send him, his mother and sister, Anna, to Italy in August.

The appeal is endorsed by the Mayor of Queanbeyan, Ald. David Mader and is being organised by the Sunshine Association of Australian (ACT) branch.

Michael is a victim of Muscular Dystrophy. His brothers died of the disease.

- His father is out of work.
- Collection boxes for donations to the appeal are located at:
 - The city council chambers, Queanbeyan.
 - The tourist and information office, Queanbeyan.
 - The National and

- Australia Bank, Queanbeyan.
- The Marco Polo Club, Queanbeyan.
- The Motor Registry, Queanbeyan.
- The "Age" office in Queanbeyan.
- The Hiale Australian Club, Canberra.

A donations mailing is published in today's "Age".

DISEASE
Muscular Dystrophy is a creeping disease that strikes young boys

The target is \$10,000

and wastes their bodies away slowly.

Like most genetic diseases it leaves the child with a short life.

Children live on dreams and when time is running out for terminally ill children that is when the Sunshine Association (ACT Branch) attempts to make their dreams come true.

Twelve-year-old Michael Di Tucci of Queanbeyan is one such victim.

Two of Michael's older brothers died from the same disease.

Michael's last wish is to visit his "Nanna" in Italy, before he is too weak to travel.

That is where the Sunshine Association of Australia (ACT) came into the picture.

The Association was formed to attempt to fulfill the last wishes of terminally ill children.

Michael's wish to go to Italy has placed pressure on the Association's resources, so they have called on the people of Queanbeyan and district to help Michael see his grandmother for the first and last time.

Mr Nick Mayer, Sunshine's ACT executive officer, said that the branch did not have enough money in its investment account to send Michael Di Tucci, his sister Anna and mother to Italy.

"That is why we have

launched this public appeal in the City of Queanbeyan," said Mr Mayer.

The Mayor of Queanbeyan, Ald. David Mader, agreed to publicly endorse the appeal for Michael.

Mayor Mader said he was sure the people of Queanbeyan would get behind the appeal and help Michael see his dream come true.

HIS NANA
"I call on the people of Queanbeyan and dis-

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INSIDE TODAY: YOUR SOUTH EAST MAGAZINE

SOUTH EAST MAGAZINE: This magazine is published weekly in the following 15 newspapers —

- Bateman's Bay Post
- Boorowa News
- Bega District News
- Cooma Monaro Express
- Cootamundra Herald
- Crookwell Gazette
- Eden Magnet
- Harden-Murrumburrah Express
- Kiama Independent
- Moruya Examiner
- Queanbeyan Age
- Snowy Mountains News
- Temora Independent
- Ulladulla Times
- Young South West News

Read it on pages 7 to 18

Editorial

Appeals to help Michael

The "Age" today launches a special appeal to help Michael Di Tucci of Queanbeyan and calls on the residents of our city and district to support that appeal.

Michael, 12, is terminally ill with Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that strikes young boys, that wastes their bodies, that cuts their life short.

Michael's two older brothers died in their youth, victims of Muscular Dystrophy and his life is expected to be shortened dramatically.

After lengthy discussions with the Mayor of Queanbeyan, Ald. David Madew (a medical practitioner), the "Age" has agreed to lend its support to a Sunshine Association of Australia (ACT Branch) appeal to help try and make Michael's last wish come true, to visit his grandmother in Italy.

It needs to be made clear that Michael's family cannot afford the money needed to help Michael's wish come true.

The Sunshine Association of Australia was formed to attempt to fulfill the last wishes of terminally ill children in this country.

The Association was first established in Queensland. The ACT branch was launched early last year, and was fully incorporated in the ACT in April, 1983. The ACT office, like its Sydney counterpart, has no relationship to the Queensland organisation, other than bearing the same name.

We make that point because of some adverse publicity for the organisation outside the ACT and NSW. The Queensland and ACT branches separated in November 1983 and have operated independently ever since.

We are assured that all money raised during the help Michael Di Tucci appeal will go towards meeting Michael's last wish.

We support Mayor David Madew's public endorsement of the appeal to help meet Michael's wish and ask the people of Queanbeyan and district to give generously to the appeal.

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district to help send Michael Di Tucci of Queanbeyan to Italy to see his Nanna and make his wish come true," said Mayor Madew.

Gifts of \$2 and over

PICTURED: Members of the Di Tucci family Cooma Road, Queanbeyan, with Michael (centre front), and Nick Mayer of the Sunshine Association (centre rear). Your donations could help Michael's last wish come true.

for the appeal are tax deductible.

Mr Mayer said that Ansett Airlines had agreed to donate the air travel for Michael, sister Anna and Mrs Di Tucci to Sydney and return to Canberra.

He said that City Travel Service Pty Ltd., was arranging a travel to Rome and return to Sydney August (see Editor's page 2).

— B.C.

LETTERS

Family history search

Sir — Through your valued journal I seek assistance in compiling a family history of my great grandparents James Robertson and his wife Ann (nee Bullock).

They were married at Dunbeigh Parish, Narallen, in 1831.

In 1832, James was overseer to F. N. Rossi of Goulburn Plains.

Of particular interest, my great grandmother, Elizabeth married John Mason (1851) who died in

Please return to
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"Special Appeal for Michael to Visit his Nanna in Italy"

DONATION SLIP

My Special Donation to help MICHAEL to see his Nanna

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(Please circle the amount)

By Cheque Money Order
 Bankcard 496

Date of Expiry / / Signature

Name Mr/Mrs/Ms/Ms
Address Postcode

Phone Number

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