



*"The charity who helps  
when there is no one else who can"*

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# Sir Roden Cutler VC

Sir Roden Cutler was a gallant and fine Australian who won the respect and affection, from all people he met, in the time that he served as Governor of New South Wales, from 1966 for a period of 15 years.

His life was one committed to the service of his country and his fellow Australians. His service, both in war and in peace, was courageous, distinguished and dedicated. After joining the Second AIF in 1940, Sir Roden was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous and consistent gallantry against the enemy during the capture of the Syrian town of Merdjayoun in June 1941. A few weeks later, while moving forward against machine-gun fire at Damour, he suffered severe wounds in a leg that was subsequently amputated. At the time of Sir Roden's passing, there were only two living Australian holders of the Victoria Cross and a total of 17 throughout the world. After his discharge from the Army in 1941, he became the State Secretary of the RSL and Assistant Commissioner at the former Department of Repatriation. In 1946, Sir Roden entered the diplomatic service. He had a successful career in the diplomatic service, serving as Ambassador to the Netherlands, delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, Consul General in New York and High Commissioner in Pakistan, the then Ceylon and New Zealand, as well as in other posts. From 1966 to 1981, Sir Roden served as Governor of New South Wales and was the longest serving appointee to that office, eclipsing the previous record of 12 years by Governor Lachlan Macquarie.

Sir Roden also served as President of the Scouts Association of New South Wales and gave much of his time to numerous other charities in a voluntary capacity, including the Red Cross, Legacy and the Bradman Museum.

In every way, Sir Roden was an exceptional Australian. He left an indelible impression on the life of Australia, particularly Sydney and New South Wales. He was a great servant of the state as Governor, he was a gallant soldier for Australia and he won the greatest military award that any person can win in battle through showing conspicuous bravery in extraordinarily difficult circumstances. He was a great lover of sport, a great Australian; somebody who displays such extraordinary bravery, pays very dearly through the loss of a limb and then pours the rest of his life back into the service of his country as a contribution to his fellow Australians.



*Sir Roden Cutler & Sir Donald Bradman*



*Sir Roden Cutler*



*Sir Roden Cutler & The Hon. Gough Whitlam*

# Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation

The Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation is a charity established in 1999 to help people in need who have no other means to meet the need, especially the elderly and physically handicapped to be mobile, and to assist with transport to and from hospital and their medical appointments.

The Foundation was formed to recognise Sir Roden's example of serving his fellow Australians and in providing for the neediest in Australia. It started in Sydney with the aim of extending services throughout NSW as the need and opportunity arises.

In its short history it has rapidly grown to meet an important community need through the Pick Me Up Service & Caring for Carers initiatives as well as providing essential funding through the Special Circumstances Grant.

- 1999** Its origins arose out of the Club of St Christopher and was formed from a Kings Cross Rotary Club project helping police get stranded kids home. This was incorporated in 2001 as it grew to include transport for the elderly.
- 2001** The Club of St Christopher was incorporated so its work can be ongoing.
- 2002** Lady Cutler joins as an advisor and allows the charity to take on Sir Roden's name.
- 2003** Name change to Sir Roden Cutler Charities Incorporated is completed.
- 2009** Organisation structure changed its name to Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation.

*The Foundation has also extended its services to include small grants for special circumstances related to assisting mobility.*

*The charity is supported by corporate sponsors and donors, private donations and fund raising events.*



# Objectives & Vision

## The objectives of the Foundation are:

- (i) To relieve persons in Australia who are in necessitous circumstances.
- (ii) To relieve persons in necessitous circumstances who are unable to attend to their necessities of life without transport assistance, including the infirm, the aged, the incapacitated, the disabled, the intellectually impaired and the delinquent.
- (iii) To provide to persons who, by reason of their infirmity, age or disability are immobilised, transport to hospital, medical practitioner, social workers or to other venues to obtain the necessities of life.
- (iv) For the public benefit, to provide to persons or organisations providing to persons in Australia direct relief in cases of disability, distress, helplessness, misfortune, poverty, sickness & suffering.

**VISION** To help when there is no one else who can.

**MISSION** "To provide needy Australians and their carers with the transport and financial support necessary to maintain and enhance their quality of life"

### VALUES

**Responsive** Ensure the transport/mobility needs of elderly and disabled are being supported and met in a timely manner.

**Caring** All people that we interact with or provide a service to will be treated with respect, patience and courtesy.

**Independence** The opportunity for people to remain within their home and local community and benefit from the services that local networks can bring.

**Volunteering** Promote and recognise giving and community service and interaction through, sharing and co-operation between residents living and operating within our community.

*I was an extremely grateful passenger for four weeks to and from St Luke's Hospital. It was such a comfort and joy to travel in your fleet with kind drivers.*

*My best wishes for continued success in this wonderful foundation.*

*Julia Weston*

## Goals for the Next Five Years:

1. To provide 15,000 free and volunteer based transport journeys to assist the disabled, elderly, terminally ill and those that care for them to attend to their medical needs.
2. Grow the Special Circumstances Grants program to distribute \$250,000 per annum focussing on mobility support grants and top up grants.
3. To replicate the Pick Me Up transport service in two major centres in NSW per year to establish a NSW network.

# Pick Me Up & Support Service

## Pick Me Up & Support Service

A free service that involves a volunteer in a sponsored vehicle driving seriously or terminally ill, children, elderly or disabled to and from their medical appointments.

People who require this service are often too ill or frail for public transport or taxis. Many, especially the elderly, do not have family support to assist them during these times. Many of the passengers are cancer patients requiring daily radiotherapy or chemotherapy.

This service also provides assistance to those who continually give - carers. They are the forgotten section of the community. Personal assistance and costs related to respite transport is provided, giving carers a vital break from caring.

The service covers the majority of Sydney and is free of charge to assist the needy. They may access the service with a referral from a local doctor, a health care professional or an aged care worker.

The demand for the service has been steadily growing because there are more treatments available and more people are at home rather than in institutional care or hospitals. Over 5,500 bookings for pickups were made during the past twelve months.

This service relies almost entirely on a wonderful team of volunteers. Without them, there would be no 'Pick Me Up' service.

It is however constantly under pressure due to an ever increasing number of calls for assistance.

*We thank you for the wonderful service provided by you and all the members of your staff, especially the friendly and caring drivers we came in contact with.*

*Keep up the much needed and excellent work you are doing.*

*Joshua & June Owen*



*'Pick Me Up' vehicles branded with the Foundation*



# Carers & Special Circumstances Grant

## Carers

Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation also provides assistance to those who continually give – the carers. They are the forgotten section of the community who dedicate their time to supporting the disabled people in their lives. Having a family member who requires more specialised attention is wearing and taxing on all the family.

Personal assistance and costs related to respite transport is provided, giving carers a vital break from caring.

The Caring for Carers and Caring Act of Kindness programs provide carers with theatre tickets, restaurant vouchers, special treats, and financial assistance to give them some of the little extras we all take for granted.

Often “the well and fit person” may feel embarrassed, resentful or forgotten as attention is drawn to the child or person who requires more attention. This program is aimed at giving back to those who continually give.

## Special Circumstances Grants Scheme

Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation provides financial and material assistance for families in need. Applications are received from health care professionals for assistance to people when there is no one else to help them. Past examples include providing assistance with disabled taxis for young people needing respite, scooters, conversions for wheelchair accessible, stair rails, hearing aids and top up grants for vehicle wheelchair conversions.

*I trust that your organisation goes from strength to strength, as it fills a much needed service to us, the frail and elderly; it is greatly appreciated.*

*Pamela Minshull*



# Wheel Chair Roll

## Wheel Chair Roll

In May 2006, the inaugural Wheelchair Roll commenced from Manly Public School to Sydney Boys High School at Moore Park. In this Roll three people were pushed in their wheelchairs all the way from Manly through the city and on to Sydney Boys High School. The "Roll" turned out to be a huge success and each year the event has expanded. This annual event focuses on community awareness and problems confronting the disabled on a daily basis, and gives disabled people an opportunity to participate in a unique event through the city of Sydney.

Funds raised from the Wheelchair Roll go towards the Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation's fleet for the Pick Me Up Service. It continues to be a unique program that helps people in local communities.

The Wheelchair Roll builds on the profile that Sir Roden himself set years ago when he traveled extensively as Governor of NSW. He always showed concern, compassion and support for local community projects and this continues with the annual Wheelchair Roll.



*Eager participants from the 2007 Wheel Chair Roll*

# Recognition

## The Sir Roden Cutler Medal

Sir Roden Cutler was, during his 15 years as Governor, patron to over 100 charities. As Director and Chairman of various companies he continued his involvement and support of as many charities as he could.

Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation announce a medal winner each year to perpetuate his memory. Accordingly the award of the Sir Roden Cutler Medal is decided upon to recognise, each year, an individual in the community who has made an outstanding contribution to charity.

The Sir Roden Cutler Medal is awarded annually to a person in the community who is deemed by the selection panel to have made an outstanding contribution to charity.

In 2011, a new medal category will be introduced that acknowledges the contribution that organisations make to charities. This will include corporations, small businesses and non profit organisations. There is an annual dinner to recognise these worthy recipients.

## Lady Cutler Carers Awards

Sir Roden's widow, Joan has given her name to the Lady Cutler Carers Awards. She cared for Roden in his last years, so she relates personally to carers everywhere.

The Lady Cutler Carers Awards gives the public an opportunity to nominate a person who does an outstanding job caring for a family member or friend. Carers are usually family members who provide unpaid care and support to family and friends who have disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness or who are frail aged.

Nominations are open to all unpaid carers throughout Australia. All entries received will be reviewed by Lady Cutler and a specially selected panel.



Lady Cutler

## Past Sir Roden Cutler Medalists:

2003 Medalist	Alan Jones AO
2004 Medalist	Steve Waugh AO
2005 Medalist	Rev Bill Crews AM & John Singleton AO
2006 Medalist	John Thorpe AM
2007 Medalist	Bill Moss AM
2008 Medalist	Ros Packer AO
2009 Medalist	Basil Sellers AM
2010 Medalist	Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE







2010 Medalist - Dame Elizabeth Murdoch AC, DBE



2009 Medalist - Basil Sellers AM



2008 Medalist - Ros Packer AO



Special guests celebrating at the Sir Roden Cutler Medal Dinner



A variety of entertainment at the Sir Roden Cutler Medal Dinner

# How can you help

## Donate

The service that Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation provide for Australia's seriously ill is heavily reliant on donations. Whatever can be contributed is highly appreciated and will go towards continuing a much needed service.

Contributions may be made as a one off donation or regular monthly or quarterly donations.

To make a donation, please call (02) 8362 4430 or post a cheque/ money order to Sir Roden Cutler Foundation, PO Box 198, Paddington NSW 2021.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are the key to enable Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation to achieve their vision of a more caring society.

The demands of services continue to grow as Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation expands into new areas. Without volunteers, much of this expansion would not be possible.

All volunteers are extensively trained to give them an understanding of the vision, mission, purpose and values of Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation, and to give them the skills necessary to carry out what are often very challenging and demanding roles.

Donating your time, talent or expertise as a volunteer can be incredibly rewarding.

## Bequests

By including Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation in your will, you will be investing in an important service for the disadvantaged. You will also be sharing the vision of the Foundation for a more caring Australian community.

You can bequeath cash, a specific sum or a percentage of your estate. You may wish to discuss with us the type of gift you intend to leave Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation to ensure that we are able to apply it appropriately to our work.





# Sponsorship

Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation helps when there is no-one else to help. Please assist to continue their much needed service to the needy of Australia. There are many ways that your organisation may assist:

## Become a Foundation Governer or a Lieutenant Governer

Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation rely on outstanding organisations to contribute to the continuation of the services. Corporate businesses and individuals are sought to be named as one of fifteen Foundation Governors and Lieutenant, representing one for each year of Sir Roden's service as Governor of NSW.

Governor	\$15,000
Lieutenant Governor	\$ 5,000

## Support Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation for the Future

With the ongoing demands on the Foundation, we invite you or your organisation to provide financial support for three consecutive years. Your contribution will assist the Foundation into the future.

Business or Organisation Supporter	\$3,000 per year
Individual Support Supporter	\$1,000 per year
Individual Contributor	\$ 300 per year

## Sponsor Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation Website

The website will become the central focus for the Foundation. It will be developed to accommodate online Pick Me Up booking service, online donor service, support a friend and general information and news regarding the Foundation.

Website Major Sponsor	\$20,000
Website Support Sponsor	\$ 3,000

## Sponsor the Pick Me up Service

Apart from the volunteers, Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation rely on organisations to assist with the upkeep of the vehicles.

Organisations will be acknowledged in different ways:

Overall sponsor of one vehicle for one year	\$15,000
Fund ten journeys	\$ 3,000
Train five volunteers for the service	\$ 1,500

## Sponsor a Special Circumstances Grant

Past examples for Special Circumstances Grants include providing assistance with disabled taxis for young people needing respite, scooters, conversions for wheelchair accessible, stair rails, hearing aids and top up grants for vehicle wheelchair conversions.

Major Grant	\$5,000
Supporter Grant	\$2,000
Individual Grant	\$ 500

## Your Acknowledgement

Every organisation or individual will be acknowledged within the Foundation in various ways. All sponsors and supporters will receive a certificate and listed on the Foundation website. A package outlining the exposure for you and your organisation will be developed to thank you for your important support.

**For further information regarding pledging your support to Sir Roden & Lady Cutler Foundation, please contact us on (02) 9362 4430 or email to [info@sirroden.org.au](mailto:info@sirroden.org.au)**



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