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### **SMELLING THE (RED) ROSES**

It seems strange not to mention the pandemic at least once every time I sit down to write at my computer. So here it is, COVID-19. Now that wheezing rhumy-eyed elephant has been ushered out of the room, let me get down to what I really wanted to say to you all.

Life is beautiful and surprising and worthwhile. Even life indoors.

Last week I was rescued from a spiral of news stories and research articles and COVID prognostications by an email from a young mum in our community whose daughter Emily drew a red rose for her sister who has CF.

The email went on to explain that while cooped up indoors and struggling to take their mind off of outside events the family had been dabbling in arts and crafts.

Even Emily's father got a go on the crayons, but I'm reliably informed by Emily's mother that this rose in front of me was the pick of the bunch. It was indeed beautiful.

At the time the only acknowledgement I could give to Emily's artistic achievement was a little red 'keep' flag in my Inbox, but this week I want to honour that Red Rose by reminding everyone that things are looking up, curves are looking flat and this world is still ours to enjoy.

As ever, CFA strives to be the glittering funhouse mirror that reflects our amazing community to itself and shows off how wonderful you guys are. We are VERY happy to post your artworks or your hopeful messages.

Parents that I've spoken to assure me that it helps to keep their little ones busy, but art is for all ages, so we would love to hear from anyone who has something to share. We want to share your works of art on our social media pages and website. Send your efforts to [nickim@cfa.org.au](mailto:nickim@cfa.org.au) and when the COVID-19 cloud lifts we will be awarding prizes to a few creative souls.

In the meantime, Emily and I are happy to share with you guys, and to wish you all the very best (indoor!) fun during Quarantine.



Kind regards

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