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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT- Leonie Sheedy



We are very happy to be holding our AGM in Perth, WA for the first time in October 2012. Since our last AGM in Brisbane, CLAN has had another eventful year.

CLAN continues to commit our passion and resources to advocate for Justice and Redress for ALL Australian Care Leavers.

CLAN has written to the Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard seeking a Royal Commission and we are awaiting her reply. In 2012 we established a campaign for a Royal Commission into sexual abuse and all forms of abuse. We had 10,000 postcards printed so that our members and the public could post them to the Prime Minister's office. We appreciate the support you have all given to this campaign.

During the year CLAN has completed two submissions to committees at the United Nations regarding the lack of justice and redress for Australian Care Leavers.

We sent submissions to the following United Nations Committees:

1. Committee on the Rights of the Child (CROC)
2. Committee Against Torture (CAT)

CLAN was invited to write a submission to the Western Australian St Andrew's Hostel Katanning Inquiry. We also wrote a very extensive and well researched submission to the Victorian Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations and it included over 300 newspaper articles on abuse of Victorian children in "care". CLAN also conducted research on Victorian children who absconded from orphanages and Homes and this information was sent to the inquiry committee as part of CLAN's submission. All four submissions can be viewed on CLAN's website – [www.clan.org.au](http://www.clan.org.au)

In September I was fortunate to travel to New York to hand deliver CLAN's submission to the Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Gary Quinlan. He was very welcoming, friendly and showed great interest in our issues. I would like to thank the office of Nicola Roxon – Attorney General and Richard Marles MP - Corio for their work in assisting us with this meeting.

I also visited Minnesota to see the wonderful work of Harvey Ronglien who established with his wife Maxine, and many others, the State Public School Orphanage Museum in Owatonna, Minnesota. It is a great credit to the town and everyone who has maintained the history of the site and the orphanage museum.

Harvey spent 13 years at the orphanage and meeting 85 year old Harvey was the highlight of my visit. He is a true inspiration. He inspired me to continue the work to establish a National Orphanage Museum in Australia.

Most importantly I would like to thank the dedicated and wonderful staff in our office. We are very fortunate to have three women - Julie, Natalie and Benita who care greatly about the work they do at CLAN. They are all long term employees of CLAN and they provide stability in the office and to all of our members.

I would like to personally thank all of our Patrons:

- **Hon. Jason Clare MP -** Member for Blaxland & Minister for Justice and Home Affairs & Minister for Defence Materiel
- **Hon. Richard Marles MP -** Member for Corio & Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs
- **Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP -** Member for Wentworth & Shadow Minister for Communications and Broadband
- **Claire Moore -** Labor Senator for Queensland
- **Steve Irons MP -** Member for Swan and the only Homie in Federal Politics
- **Gary Humphries -** Liberal Senator for the Australian Capital Territory
- **Steve Hutchins -** Former Senator for NSW
- **Andrew Murray -** Former Senator for WA

CLAN's Patrons have offered advice and support. Recently another two Senators have agreed to become CLAN Patrons. We welcome our new Patrons and look forward to working with them.

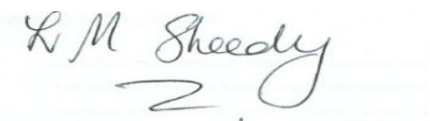
- **Rachel Siewert –** Greens Senator for Western Australia
- **Sue Boyce –** Liberal Senator for Queensland

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Hon. Jenny Macklin MP– Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and her advisor Abbie Clark for their support and ongoing funding to CLAN. I would also like to thank the staff at FaHCSIA who have been very supportive throughout the years. We are proud of our good working relationship with them.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the members of the CLAN Committee for their commitment and dedication to CLAN and support they offer me in my role.

Finally, thank you to the members of CLAN who trust us to work on their behalf.

I look forward to continuing my work for CLAN and advocating for a Royal Commission, Justice and Redress for ALL Australian Care Leavers.



Leonie Sheedy  
Executive Officer

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

### Jim Luthy



This year has been another year in which CLAN has come to fore as the only national support and advocacy group representing those who were in some form of institutional care.

This was shown in particular by the work of the Executive Officer Leonie Sheedy and the work that she did in presenting CLAN's submission to the United Nations Committee Against Torture which was hand delivered to Australia's Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Gary Quinlan.

CLAN has also been busy this year in taking the National Orphanage Museum on the road with displays at Geelong and Goulburn. These two cities had numerous institutions in them and in both places the exhibitions were well patronized by the local community. At the Goulburn event the Mayor, Cr Geoff Kettle was so impressed that he has asked CLAN to provide a similar display as part of the city's official 150<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations. This is the first time that there has been any official acknowledgement that the children's homes in Goulburn were part of the city's history. CLAN also acknowledges the input of the Local Member and Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Women, Ms Pru Goward and thanks her for opening the exhibition.

There has been four other major issues that have also dominated the work of CLAN this year and they are;

- 1) The need for a Royal Commission in **NSW** to examine institutional abuse in all its forms in particular highlighting the State Governments failure to investigate claims of abuse by churches, charities and government bodies, and the establishment of a redress system that is not discriminatory and meets the needs of all care leavers.
- 2) The need for a Federal Royal Commission to also look at the culture of institutional abuse which was sanctioned by all the churches, charities and various state government departments. CLAN has sent hundreds of postcards to the Prime Minister asking that this be done. **CLAN wishes to also acknowledge the Green Party for their support for a Royal Commission to force organizations to finally tell the truth.--> already received response from Imogen**
- 3) The other major advocacy project that CLAN has been involved with is the Victorian State Government Inquiry into sexual abuse by all the Churches and Charities. As the truth slowly comes out it validates the claims made by CLAN members of major systemic and endemic religious abuse. Whilst CLAN welcomes this inquiry (although there are some misgivings due to some statements made by some Victorian politicians) it also feels that it is too limiting because of the amount of sexual abuse (and other forms of abuse) that were committed by the Victorian Government is outside the terms of reference of this inquiry.
- 4) CLAN has been having talks with those who were in care in New Zealand and we will be looking at examining the possibilities of CLAN becoming an Australasian body. This of course will take time and will also require a lot of negotiations with all stakeholders and also a review of our constitution if this is going to occur. CLAN members will be kept informed of any developments.

CLAN was also involved with the Federal Government Find and Connect (F&C) service and we will wait and see the outcome of this over the next twelve months before we make any comments. The office staff also needs to be thanked for their work in ensuring that CLAN runs smoothly. They deal with front line issues, and people who at times, are not the most understanding. There is also the need to acknowledge their work in all the submissions that CLAN has done this year. We are indebted to our staff who are such a dedicated team.

I also want to thank those volunteers who give of their time to help in the office or organize socials and who do so because they believe in the work that CLAN does.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who have given donations of goods and money to CLAN. We are very appreciative of your kindness. Thank you.

I also acknowledge the CLAN Patrons and thank them all for their time and effort in promoting CLAN in the political arena. The work that CLAN does is not altogether too popular with churches and some government departments (for obvious reasons) and we need to thank those who are prepared to stand up for what is right and ethical.

CLAN faces some problems in the coming year mainly to do with finances. Many of the problems we are dealing were caused by the Churches and Governments, yet they seem quite content to ignore their responsibilities in providing adequate financial resources.

CLAN as an organisation will need to consolidate during the coming year and focus on one major issue which I see as the publication of the **proposed book**. This will however need to be discussed in detail by the incoming committee.

I want to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work and support. This is all done on a voluntary basis and requires commitment to ensure that CLAN runs smoothly. Whilst all members contribute to the overall running of CLAN and each provides input I particularly want to acknowledge Phyllis Cremona, (CLAN vice – president), Carmen Griffiths, (CLAN treasurer) and the incredibly supportive secretary that we have, Patricia Griffiths. Thank you all for what you do.

We are having our first AGM in Perth and I want to thank all those who will be in attendance and supporting us in our first meeting of this type away from the eastern states.

James Luthy  
CLAN President



# INTRODUCTION

Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) is an incorporated, non-profit organisation. CLAN is funded by membership, donations and grants from the State and Federal Government.

## OUR VISION

CLAN is an independent national support, advocacy, research and training network for all Australians that grew up in children's Homes, missions and orphanages or were fostered as children. Our members include people raised in every state of Australia and overseas orphanages, former child migrants, stolen generation and foster children.

## OUR PURPOSE

CLAN's objective is to raise community awareness of Care Leaver issues and to campaign and lobby for a national Redress scheme that is fair and equitable and provide services for all Care Leavers.

## OUR MISSION AND VALUES

Being raised without a family has lifelong implications that require lifelong support services. CLAN can provide information, understanding and emotional support. CLAN also aims to:

- Listen, hear and believe
- Advocate on every level for justice, peace and healing for care survivors
- Identify specific and individual strategies which will deliver positive life-changing outcomes to heal the past and give Care Leavers a chance of happiness and closure
- Document Care Leavers history their personal stories through an Australian Orphanage Museum and the CLAN library

Being raised without your own family has lifelong effects which require lifelong support services.

## CLAN'S PATRONS

Our wonderful patrons over the years have offered their continued support to Care Leaver issues. During CLAN's office launch, photos of CLAN's patrons and supporters as children were presented on a wall inside the new office.

We would like to thank and acknowledge CLAN's patrons:

- **Hon. Jason Clare MP** – Member for Blaxland & Minister for Justice and Home Affairs & Minister for Defence Materiel
- **Hon. Richard Marles MP** – Member for Corio & Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs
- **Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP** – Member for Wentworth & Shadow Minister for Communications and Broadband
- **Claire Moore** – Labor Senator for Queensland
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- **Gary Humphries** – Liberal Senator for the Australian Capital Territory
- **Rachel Siewert** – Greens Senator for Western Australia
- **Sue Boyce** – Liberal Senator for Queensland
- **Steve Hutchins** – Former Senator for NSW
- **Andrew Murray** – Former Senator for WA

CLAN is thankful and grateful for their ongoing bipartisan support.

## CLAN'S COMMITTEE

CLAN would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful committee members for all their dedication, efforts and their commitment to CLAN.

**Jim Luthy- CLAN President.** Jim was voted in as President at CLAN's 2010 AGM and has held successful meetings and gatherings representing CLAN.

**Phyllis Exell- CLAN Vice-President.** Phyllis extended her responsibility to CLAN's committee by representing CLAN in various meetings such as an Aged Care and Find and Connect meetings in Canberra and Melbourne.

**Pat Griffiths - Secretary and Public Officer.** Pat has been a long-term and wonderful asset to CLAN by tirelessly doing the minutes during the committee meetings and producing correspondence on behalf of the committee. Pat has also represented CLAN in many NSW socials.



**Carmen Griffiths – Treasurer.** Carmen joined CLAN's committee in 2011 and has greatly assisted the committee with financial information and thank you for your efforts with CLAN's limited budget.

**Geoff Meyers – Ordinary Committee Member.** Geoff has been a wonderful volunteer to CLAN over the last two years where he drives from Wollongong every Tuesday to do our gardening and general handyman work. Geoff offers valuable input to the committee.

**Robert Conway – Ordinary Committee Member.** Rob continually provides helpful information and input into the operation of CLAN

**Leonie Sheedy – Ordinary Committee Member.** As well as being the Executive Officer of CLAN, Leonie also offers her input to the committee and represents the committee in many events when advocating Care Leaver issues.

## CLAN'S STAFF

CLAN is fortunate to have 3 dedicated and committed employees who care greatly about the work that they are doing for CLAN and its members.

**Julie** is CLAN's office manager and handles the office incredibly well when Leonie is away. She conducts a range of administration and financial duties and is responsible for the memberships, log on to the CLAN's website and generally keeping the office running smoothly.

**Natalie** is CLAN's counsellor and this year she has taken on more clients and continues to assist them on a regular basis. You can see the counselling report on **page \_\_\_\_**. Natalie is working well with CLAN members and non-members and she has managed to gain the trust of many Care Leavers by the repeated requests for telephone and face-to-face counselling. Natalie has also assisted Leonie in completing various submissions including the United Nations submissions to the Convention on the Rights Of the Child (CROC) and Committee Against Torture (CAT) which will be discussed further in this report.

**Benita** is CLAN's project officer and is responsible for the administration and updating the website with photographs, history, media and other items. Benita is currently updating the museum section of the website and hopes that it will be completed by early next year.

## 2011/2012 HIGHLIGHTS

### CLAN'S OFFICE LAUNCH

CLAN's office launch was held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in the "White House" and we were thrilled that many of our patrons were able to attend including Malcolm Turnbull MP, Jason Clare MP, Richard Marles MP, Steve Irons MP, Senator Claire Moore, former Senator Andrew Murray and Senator Steve Hutchins was represented by his daughter, Lauren Hutchins. CLAN also dedicated a wall in its office to its patrons with photos of themselves as children

CLAN was also honoured to have congratulatory messages sent via DVD by the Hon. Jenny Macklin - the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and a message from Linda Burney - NSW Deputy Opposition Leader.

Two books were launched on the day - Steve Irons MP launched CLAN member **Michael Davey's** autobiography, *Journey of Hope*. The second book *Surviving Care* by Richard Hil and Elizabeth Branigan launched by Malcolm Turnbull MP, this book has contributions by many CLAN members and it's wonderful to see that Care Leavers are contributing to books about this important social justice issue.

On this day CLAN also acknowledged, Joanna Penglase – the co-founder of CLAN and the person who started it all when she placed that ad in 150 NSW newspapers in 1992. Andrew Murray, a wonderful supporter to CLAN unveiled the plaque dedicated to Joanna Penglase in recognition of her pioneering research to document the history and experiences of Australian Care Leavers.

CLAN also recognised its volunteers, social co-ordinators in each state and the committee members. It was a wonderful day with over 200 CLAN members attending the celebrations from all around Australia.

### CLAN TRAVELS TO NEW YORK



#### Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN)

#### Submission to the United Nations Committee Against Torture 2012

*"If this happened in a war prisoner's camp it would  
be called torture by the international community".*  
(Submission 87 to the Senate Committee)



CLAN Executive Officer, Leonie Sheedy handing CLAN's submission to Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Gary Quinlan.

## CLAN'S WORK

After the Christmas break the staff worked towards a CLAN information package which was sent to all caravan parks in Australia with a cover letter and a CLAN brochure informing the managers of CLAN. CLAN requested that our brochures be pinned up on notice boards to raise awareness. All in all CLAN sent these to approximately 2000 caravan parks in Australia. CLAN targeted caravan parks as we have become aware that many Care Leavers live permanently in caravan parks.

Vice President of CLAN Phyllis Exell, and Leonie had a meeting in Sydney with the Human Rights Commissioner Catherine Branson on 9th February 2012 which was very fruitful. The Human Rights Commission agreed to look at our draft submission to the United Nations Committee Against Torture and gave us very useful feedback. CLAN requested the Commissioner to make a statement regarding justice issues. This statement is available on CLAN's website.

The Victorian Cummins Report was released in February after the Vulnerable Children Inquiry in Victoria. CLAN was elated at first of the success of Recommendation 14.5.3 for an investigation into criminal abuse of children in Victoria by religious personnel. However, we were saddened to read that Victorian children harmed in Victorian Government run orphanages and children's Homes were excluded from this inquiry.

The committee conducting the inquiry included Donna Bauer MP – Carrum, Andrea Coote MLC – Southern Metropolitan, Bronwyn Halfpenny MP – Thomastown, Nick Wakeling MP – Ferntree Gully, Frank McGuire MP – Broadmeadows and Deputy Chair and the Chair of the Committee, Georgie Crozier – Southern Metropolitan.

In March, Leonie was invited by the Geelong Christian College to represent CLAN to attend the sports and aquatic centre opening which is on the original site of St Augustine's Orphanage.

CLAN member **Charlie Walker** also attended its launch where a commemorative plaque was unveiled to honour the Boys of St Augustine's who dug the pool from 1939 using tools including jam and kerosene tins. A photo of the plaque is shown below.



For the third year in a row, CLAN participated in Geelong Heritage Week by holding a display of orphanage life at the first orphanage built in Geelong - the Geelong Orphan Asylum. This orphanage was built in 1854 and it was good to hold an exhibition in an original orphanage building which resonated what life was like in an orphanage.

Some of the comments of the day included:

- **Yvonne and Brian** – *“Great display and lovely to chat to people”*
- **Sarah** – *“Thank you Leonie and Clannies. What a wonderful collection – very moving. I look forward to more of these events”*
- **Maite and Jeremy** – *“An eye opener. I feel so bad for all the children have suffered. Thank you for making me aware. I always thought life was bad but I never realised how awful and how cruel it was”*
- **Danny and Rosemary** – *“Needs to be larger and more people need to know about these meetings – but otherwise bloody good. Thank you!”*

CLAN completed its first submission to the United Nations putting in a submission to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CROC) which was sent to Geneva, Switzerland. The submission outlined the violations the Australian Government to children who were placed in orphanages, children’s Homes, foster care and other institutions. The United Nations have uploaded our submission to its website and it can be viewed on [http://www.crin.org/docs/Australia\\_Care%20Leavers%20of%20Australia%20Network\\_CRC%20Report.pdf](http://www.crin.org/docs/Australia_Care%20Leavers%20of%20Australia%20Network_CRC%20Report.pdf)

Leonie visited Nicola Roxon – Attorney General, at her electoral office in Melbourne to present her with a copy of the United Nations CROC submission made by CLAN. At the meeting they also discussed ideas for CLAN’s submission to the Committee Against Torture or Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and assistance in delivering a copy of CLAN’s submission to the Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Gary Quinlan.

CLAN welcomed the new manager of Open Place, Simon Gardiner who visited our office in May of this year. It proved to be a very fruitful visit as Simon learnt more about CLAN’s operations and we donated some books that we had extra copies of to Open Place’s library.

Peter Hatte from the Salvation Army Professional Standards Unit Eastern Australian Territory also visited the office. This was a wonderful chance to exchange ideas and information about the needs of Care Leavers and how the Salvation Army can assist people with their claims of abuse and neglect.

CLAN was invited to do an information session at Bankstown TAFE for Community Services students to help the younger generation have a better understanding of the needs and issues of Care Leavers. Many of the students were unaware of our history.

CLAN continues to provide training to other organisations to help them understand the issues of Care Leavers. In July we provided training for 6 people of Hammondville Aged Care, NSW who attended the CLAN office for training. We also did a training session for the Aged Care Assessment Team in Caulfield Hospital in VIC as well as the ACAT Victorian management training.

In August the office staff worked tirelessly for the second United Nations submission to the Committee Against Torture or Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) where it outlined the inhumane treatment of Care Leavers in Australia's orphanages, children's Homes and other institutions. To read our submission please visit the CLAN website.

CLAN has recently completed its submission to the Victorian Inquiry into handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations in Victorian institutions.

Although the terms of reference for this submission only included criminal abuse of people in orphanages and children's Homes run by the Churches and Charities; CLAN outlined the discrimination of Victorian Care Leavers as those who were raised in Government run institutions were excluded from this inquiry. One of the recommendations CLAN called for in this submission was a Royal Commission into the handling of abuse by religious, other organisations and the Victorian Government.

An orphanage exhibition was recently held in Goulburn, NSW with items from CLAN's Australian Orphanage Museum with photos and items all around Australia. Many CLAN members and non-members attended this wonderful showcase and commented on how important a display of such items was to Australian history. The member for Goulburn and current NSW Minister for Family and Community Service and Minister for Women – Pru Goward launched the exhibition.

Some of the comments of the day included:

- **David** – *“Very moving”*
- **Trish** – *“Just so grateful to be here with people I love because they accept me for who and what I am”*
- **Bob** – *“Keen on fighting the good fight. Very honest exhibition and tells our story in a moving way”*
- **Anne** – *“Very well put together and very moving”*.

Leonie recently attended the apology at NSW Parliament House to forced adoption practices in September to provide support for those birth mothers whose children were taken away. Leonie reported that this apology was very moving and well received with many people in attendance.

CLAN has been very involved in providing advice to both government and non-government organisations to assist them to better understand Care Leavers and their needs.

CLAN attended regular ACWA meetings in NSW and even presented at an ACWA conference in August of this year. In Victoria CLAN has attended 4 training workshops for the Who am I? Project and we have also attended 11 Find and Connect meetings and 3 Aged Care meetings held in Canberra. Staff from Relationships Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania also visited the CLAN office in September for an information session and training on the issues Care Leavers face today. CLAN will continue to offer training sessions for organisations.

A birthday list was started last year where we acknowledge our members on their special day. We currently have 399 CLAN members on our list which has increased significantly from only 70 members last year. We also acknowledge those members who are not well or those who have had a death in their family. Many members have contacted the office to say they appreciate these gestures.



Some of the comments from Clannies who receive cards include:

- **Janette, NSW** – *“Thank you for the lovely card I received from CLAN for my birthday. It was much appreciated.”*
- **Carolyn, WA** – *“My dear CLAN family, I would like to say a big thank you for my lovely birthday wishes and card.”*
- **Alex, TAS** – *“Thank you so much for my birthday card. It arrived on a day when I was feeling quite low, and cheered me up immediately.”*
- **Anne, SA** – *“Today I got a most beautiful card in the mail it was such a surprise as I have not been well. I thank you all for such a lovely thought.”*
- **Saundra, VIC** – *“Thank you for my get well card, it was beautiful. I am much better it's nice to know you have friends.”*

## INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

CLAN receives several phone calls and emails every day from members and non-members seeking our assistance and information. A total of 302 information packages were sent out to people wanting to know about CLAN over the last year to every state of Australia and overseas.

Each week we continue to update the website with more information, photographs and history of orphanages and children's Homes in Australia. We have recently included a new section on Australia's reformatory hulks/training ships. CLAN discovered that there were 6 training ships within Australia; there were 2 in NSW (the *Vernon and Sobraon Ships*), 3 in VIC (the *Success also known as the Sir Harry Smith, Deborah and John Murray Ships*) and 1 in SA (the *Fitzjames Ship*). We recently used an image of the Sobraon Ship on CLAN's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday bookmark.

Over the last year CLAN had assisted Care Leavers in many ways which include accessing their personal files, information about legal issues, compensation and Redress, referral to other support services and enquiries about CLAN's library. CLAN has written several letters of support to members and non-members who sought assistance with urgent matters regarding government departments such as receiving disability pension, application for priority housing, medical and dental services and general support.

CLAN has also delivered Care Leaver state ward files to people who are currently in gaol in NSW. We have received quite a number of correspondence from people who are incarcerated and we will continue to assist members and non-members who are currently in gaol.

We continue to offer support to members attending reunions, meetings with past providers and politicians and in visiting the sites of orphanages and children's Homes where they were once placed in.

We continue to use the resources of Ancestry.com to assist members with family research. This has been a wonderful resource and has helped many members. Our thanks go to Ancestry.com and FaHCSIA for providing this free service to CLAN.

Over the last year over 100 library books were borrowed from our library by members from all across Australia. The CLAN library has over 1000 books about the various orphanages, children's Homes and other institutions across Australia and overseas.

The library also has various research, reference and self-help books. Thank you to the many people who donate books to our library. The most popular book borrowed from the CLAN library was *Surviving Care: Achieving Justice and Healing for the Forgotten Australians* - Edited by Richard Hill and Elizabeth Branigan and the most popular self-help book was *Fatherless Daughters* by Dimitra Demetriades.

## MEDIA

CLAN has been featured in a number of media articles in the last 12 months and continue to raise awareness of Care Leaver issues. Some examples of articles in which CLAN has been featured include:

- ***Abuse inquiry not enough*** – Geelong Advertiser (28/9/12) – As we recently submitted a submission to the Victorian Inquiry CLAN wants a state inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations to become a prelude to a Royal Commission.
- ***The forgotten ones*** – The Monthly (8/12) – This article presented many stories from Care Leavers and showed the issues Care Leavers face today.
- ***Abused orphans take fight for justice to UN*** – The Age (6/8/12) – After the completion of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (CAT) submission, CLAN was interviewed prior to its meeting with the Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Gary Quinlan.

Media releases are sent to local and national newspapers, radio and television stations all around Australia to inform CLAN members and Care Leavers across the country about Care Leaver issues. Over the last year CLAN has sent 11 press releases about silent protests and the United Nations submissions.

We have also commented and written letters to the editor of 15 newspaper articles in the past year and 12 CLAN members have been interviewed either through their local newspaper or local radio.

The exhibition held by CLAN in Goulburn recently was advertised in the *Goulburn Post* and an interview about the exhibition was done on the local ABC Radio – Canberra.

CLAN was also featured three times on television. The first was on Channel 2 - ABC News about CLAN's 2011 Survey Report *Struggling to Keep It Together* and later on Channel 7 News – Melbourne about CLAN's silent protest outside Andrea Coote's MLC office. A recent interview on ABC Breakfast was about hand delivering CLAN's United Nations Committee Against Torture (CAT) submission to Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Gary Quinlan.

## ROYAL COMMISSION POSTCARDS

At the completion of our submission to the United Nations Committee Against Torture, CLAN printed 10,000 postcards to be sent to the Prime Minister of ALL Australians – Hon. Julia Gillard and we asked our members to send them to the Prime Minister.



These postcards stated “*Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse*”. While the message on the postcard called for a Royal Commission into child sexual abuse, all of CLAN’s correspondence advocates for a Royal Commission into all forms of abuse and neglect.

To view the postcard please visit [www.clan.org.au](http://www.clan.org.au)

CLAN wrote to Senator Christine Milne – Leader of the Greens, to ask her if she still stood by her statement of the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2005 where she said “*The Greens unreservedly support the creation of a Royal Commission into child sexual assault in Australia*”.

In early September we received a response from Senate Milne’s office where they stated that;

*“Senator Milne and the Greens remain of the view that there is a real need for a national independent inquiry such as a Royal Commission into child abuse in Australia. To this end Senator Milne has raised the matter with the Prime Minister.*

- *We are aware that this issue has been addressed in what has amounted to piecemeal fashion. Thus we have seen and are still seeing separate inquiries in various forms at state and federal levels investigating particular institutions or circumstances.*
- *While these inquiries are welcome and strongly supported by the community and the Greens, equally they raise frustrations and real despair as their individual narrowness of scope prevents many victims from being heard and receiving justice.*
- *The Greens will continue to advocate on this matter.”*

CLAN also wrote to the Prime Minister the Hon. Julia Gillard where in light of the continuing revelations of sexual abuse against children by the Catholic Church as well as the ongoing cover ups by all the Church, State and charitable organisations; CLAN requested the Federal Government to establish a Royal Commission into child abuse.

We wrote to the Prime Minister on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and we are still awaiting a response from the Prime Minister’s office.

## BOOKMARK

CLAN celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> birthday in June of this year.

As a gift from CLAN we printed and sent all our members a bookmark with images from various orphanages, children’s Homes and a training ship; as well as items from the Australian Orphanage Museum.

## NEW CLAN BROCHURE

CLAN has recently updated its brochure with more information about what CLAN offers to its members including updated information on CLAN’s library and the CLAN’s Australian Orphanage Museum.

The CLAN committee decided to include the Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement to ensure the safety and privacy of all CLAN members and the CLAN staff. To view the new brochure please visit [www.clan.org.au](http://www.clan.org.au)

## CLAN'S AUSTRALIAN ORPHANAGE MUSEUM BROCHURE

CLAN decided to promote Australia's Orphanage Museum with its own brochure. We featured 9 objects from the Australian Orphanage Museum including a doll donated after the National Apology on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009, a choir blazer from Clontarf Boys Orphanage, WA and badges from Tasmania and South Australia.

We hope that by producing this brochure, people will feel encouraged to donate objects to the Australian Orphanage Museum.

## NEWSLETTER ON CD

CLAN regularly sends out audio CD's to any CLAN member who has difficulty reading and writing or are visually impaired. Currently, CLAN sends the audio CD's to 12 members.

## POLITICIANS BIRTHDAYS

In January of this year we started a campaign of sending birthday cards to Federal and State Politicians and Senators of NSW, VIC, SA and Federal Governments reminding them that children that were raised in orphanages, children's Homes and other institutions did not receive a birthday card.

Inside the card we write, *"Please remember as you read your card that Australian children in orphanages, children's Homes and foster care did not receive a card or have their birthday celebrated"*

So far we have sent 347 birthday cards to NSW, SA, VIC and Federal politicians for the months of January-September and sadly only 4 politicians have thanked CLAN for their birthday cards.

## TRIBUTE TO ANZAC'S

A special page on CLAN's website will be dedicated to honour the men and women who grew up as wards of the state and were raised in Australia's orphanages, children's Homes and foster care and who fought for our country in WWI.

We hope that many Australian families will contribute to this important tribute page. You can view this honour board on our website.

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HISTORY CURRICULUM

CLAN has been campaigning for Care Leavers/Forgotten Australians history to be included in the National Australian History Curriculum. CLAN felt that it was important that our history was acknowledged and learnt about through inclusion in the school curricula.

We were thrilled to announce in February of this year, that after campaigning for over two years the Australian Curriculum, Assessment, and Reporting Authority (ACARA) decided to include our history in the Australian History Curriculum. We want all Australian children to be aware of all people separated from their families—the Forgotten Australians, Child Migrants and the Stolen Generation.

Our sincere thanks go to CLAN Patron Andrew Murray for all his efforts with getting our history in the Australian National History Curriculum.

To view the education package please visit

<http://www.clan.org.au/images/forgotten%20australians%20education%20package.pdf>

## VISITING NEW ZEALAND

In February of this year the CLAN Committee decided to hold a public meeting in Auckland, New Zealand as we have a number of members who live in New Zealand and who were both in Australian and New Zealand Homes.

Many New Zealand CLAN members attended as well as lots of new people from all around New Zealand. Thank you to CLAN members **Netta** and **Bill** for speaking about their experiences in 'care'. Other speakers on the day were Garth Young from the Ministry of Social Development who spoke about his research paper and Claire Booth who spoke about the role of the Confidential Listening and Assistance Service (CLAS).

The meeting was a great success with many New Zealanders being able to meet together in a social setting and become aware of CLAN and its services.

## SUBMISSIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

CLAN has completed two submissions to the United Nations this year. These submissions discuss the history of 'care' in Australia, the treatment of children in Australian Orphanages, Children's Homes, Institutions, and foster care, the effect of this treatment on Care Leavers, and the lack of response from the Australian Government to address the needs of Care Leavers.

Earlier this year CLAN completed a submission to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CROC), where it discussed Australia's violation of the following articles;

- **Article 9:** A child shall not be separated from his or her parents against their will.

- **Article 19:** Offer adequate protection of the child from all forms of physical or mental abuse, neglect and/or sexual maltreatment and exploitation.
- **Article 20:** A child temporarily or permanently deprived of his or her family environment, or in whose own best interests cannot be allowed to remain in that environment, shall be entitled to special protection and assistance provided by the State.
- **Article 28:** Recognise the right to education and provide adequate education to the child
- **Article 31:** Recognise the right to rest and leisure in recreational activities
- **Article 32:** Recognise the right to be protected from economic exploitation and from work interfering with a child's education
- **Article 34:** Protect the child from all form of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

It also discussed Australia's current violations of Article 39 as Australia has still not provided for the reintegration and recovery of child victims into Australian society by providing adequate Redress and compensation and services for Care Leavers.

This submission can be viewed on:

<http://www.clan.org.au/images/croc%20submission%20for%20website.pdf>

CLAN completed a second submission in July of this year to the United Nations Committee Against Torture (CAT) where it outlined Australia's violation of the following articles:

- **Article 1 and 16:** Children in Australian Orphanages, Children's Homes, Institutions and Foster Care were tortured and endured cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment and punishment.
- **Article 12:** That there is a prompt and impartial investigation, wherever there is reasonable ground to believe that an act of torture has been committed in any territory under its jurisdiction.
- **Article 13:** That any individual who alleges he has been subjected to torture in any territory under its jurisdiction has the right to complain to, and to have his case promptly and impartially examined by, its competent authorities. Steps shall be taken to ensure that the complainant and witnesses are protected against all ill-treatment or intimidation as a consequence of his complaint or any evidence given.
- **Article 14:** That the victim of an act of torture obtains redress and has an enforceable right to fair and adequate compensation, including the means for as full rehabilitation as possible. In the event of the death of the victim as a result of an act of torture, his dependants shall be entitled to compensation.

This submission can be viewed on:

[http://www.clan.org.au/images/Un%20Submission%20CAT%20final%20draft%20contact%20details%20in\\_latest.pdf](http://www.clan.org.au/images/Un%20Submission%20CAT%20final%20draft%20contact%20details%20in_latest.pdf)

As you read earlier in this report, CLAN Executive Officer Leonie Sheedy recently travelled to New York to deliver CLAN's submission to the Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Gary Quinlan.

Due to the processes of these committees, CLAN is currently unaware of when our submissions will be examined and discussed. Australia has not yet been scheduled to reappear in front of the Committee Against Torture and therefore it is likely it will be at least a year before we know anything more. CLAN will keep all our members up to date with any response from the United Nations through both our newsletter and website.

## OTHER SUBMISSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Over the last year CLAN has presented at 2 forums, completed 5 submissions sent around Australia and 2 submissions sent to the United Nations.

CLAN submitted an abstract to the International Child Welfare Forum, Melbourne, which was accepted for oral presentation, and presented in October 2011 and CLAN also presented *The legacy of leaving care unprepared: using past practice to inform current policy* at the ACWA conference in Sydney in August this year.

A number of submissions were also completed during this period including submissions to the:

- Roman Catholic Property Church Trust Property Amendment Bill which can be viewed on  
<http://www.clan.org.au/images/Submission%20RE%20bill%20to%20amend%20property%20trust%20of%20Catholic%20Church.pdf>
  - NSW Victims Compensation Scheme Review which can be viewed on:  
<http://www.clan.org.au/images/nsw%20vct%20submission.pdf>
- St Andrews Hostel Katanning Inquiry which can be viewed on:  
<http://www.clan.org.au/images/submission.pdf>

CLAN had also given evidence and attended a public sitting as well as completed a submission of the Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children Inquiry. This inquiry was a great success as the Cummins Report recommended a separate independent inquiry into child abuse in institutions.

CLAN has recently completed a submission to the inquiry into handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations in Victorian institutions outlining the various forms of abuse and neglect of children in 'care' and the long term effects of a childhood in care.

CLAN's submission for the Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children Inquiry can be viewed on:  
<http://www.childprotectioninquiry.vic.gov.au/images/stories/submissions/care-leavers-australia-network.pdf>

CLAN's submission to the Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations can be viewed on:  
<http://www.clan.org.au/images/Victorian%20submissionv2.pdf>

# SUPPORT TO CARE LEAVERS

CLAN is a national support, advocacy, research and training network that aims to assist all Care Leavers and has done so with a wide range of socials, reunions and other events. CLAN has had a total of 43 socials in Australia and New Zealand.

Many new members attended their first social or reunion and were encouraged to share their experiences by writing a piece for the newsletter.

Feedback from new members showed that they were made to feel welcomed and offered new understanding of Care Leavers/Forgotten Australians in a social setting.

As the third anniversary of the National Apology is approaching, CLAN has decided to hold socials for its members in each state. More information about this initiative will be available in upcoming newsletters.

**We offer our special thank you to all our members involved in hosting and attending socials.**

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

After the WA government announced a call for submissions into the independent inquiry into the sexual abuse of children at the St Andrews Hostel in Katanning, CLAN advertised information about this inquiry in the newsletter and the website and encouraged all WA Clannies to make a submission. CLAN also completed a submission for this inquiry.

Over the last year CLAN member **Carolyn Frawley** has successfully organised 7 socials with great success and for all WA Clannies who attended.

## QUEENSLAND

In QLD, Clannies had 5 successful get-togethers and we would like to thank CLAN President **Jim Luthy** and CLAN member **Julie** for their efforts in hosting the socials and our QLD members for their assistance in making the socials a great success.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

As our membership is quite low in the Northern Territory we are planning to visit Darwin in October to generate media and awareness about Care Leaver issues in the Northern Territory

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In April of this year Leonie and Vice-President Phyllis visited the office of John Rau – South Australian Deputy Premier to visit his chief of staff Daniel Romeo to speak about justice and redress issues relating to Care Leavers. CLAN has also been in contact with the South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill.

CLAN member **Priscilla Taylor** has done a wonderful job in hosting 4 socials in South Australia and continues promote the objectives of CLAN.

## TASMANIA

We would like to thank CLAN member, **Kris King** and **Karen Wilson** for hosting a total of 6 socials in Launceston and Hobart and we look forward to hearing about more socials in the Tasmanian region in the coming months.

## VICTORIA

Thank you to **Phyllis Exell** for her efforts in organising socials in Melbourne.

CLAN was invited to hold a display of items from its Australian Orphanage Museum during Geelong Historical Week in April of this year at the Geelong Orphan Asylum which proved very successful with many visitors travelling all around Victoria to visit the display.

CLAN contacted a number of politicians in Victoria regarding the need for a Redress scheme for Victorian Care Leavers, a historical abuse unit within the Victorian police force and a Victorian inquiry into children in 'care'. CLAN had meetings and spoke with the following politicians:

- Peter Ryan- Deputy Premier of Victoria
- Robert Clark – Attorney General
- Gavin Jennings MP – Shadow Minister for Health and Shadow Minister for Mental Health
- Frank McGuire MP- Broadmeadows
- Colleen Hartland – Greens MP
- Lisa Neville MP - Bellarine
- Danielle Green MP – Yan Yean
- John Eren MP – Lara

After a recommendation from the Cummins Report; and the announcement by the Baillieu Government about an independent inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations in Victorian institutions, CLAN wrote a letter to Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu.

This letter outlined the discrimination and injustice of Care Leavers in Victoria as the inquiry only focussed on people who were raised in church and charity run institutions and did not include



government run Homes. The letter also stated CLAN's disapproval of appointing Andrea Coote MLC as a part of the inquiry committee as she has shown her insensitivity to Care Leavers in the past.

The CLAN committee decided to hold a series of protests in Victoria to highlight the discrimination of Care Leavers. In total CLAN has held 19 protests in Victoria over the past year and continues to hold silent protests every month outside Attorney General Robert Clark's office. About 30 CLAN members brave all elements of the weather and the oldest members who attend the silent protests are 84 year olds **Ray Prosser** and **Alma Gardener**.

With assistance from CLAN, **Ray Prosser** found some information relating to his birth mother that helped him travel to Kalgoorlie-Boulder in WA in November 2011 to meet with people who knew of his mother and helped provide more information.

We also continue to use Ross House for meetings after the protests and CLAN held a public meeting in Broadmeadows late last year to discuss various issues of Care Leavers in the area.

Dr. Jane Wangmann – Lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology, Sydney conducted two workshops in Melbourne and Sydney speaking about Canada's Redress Scheme and what Clannies can learn from the Canadian experience.

Jane spoke about her research on Redress schemes for adult survivors of abuse as children in institutions in Canada and it was a great chance for Clannies to find out about the Redress scheme in Canada and what we can learn from it. This workshop was held in Ross House and was very successful with many Clannies attending.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Over the last 12 months several CLAN members hosted 17 socials. CLAN would like to thank **Kathie, Margaret, Maureen** and **Pat** for all their wonderful efforts organising the socials and everyone who attended the socials in these areas.

CLAN held a meeting for people raised in Salvation Army Homes at the CLAN office by the Salvation Army Australian Eastern Territory. The speakers of the day spoke about the type of support the Salvation Army can provide to former residents of the Salvation Army Homes and how lodge a claim against the Salvation Army.

CLAN has met and contacted the following politicians regarding NSW Care Leaver issues emphasising the need for a Redress scheme for NSW Care Leavers

- Linda Burney MP - Canterbury
- Barbara Perry MP – Auburn


Dr Jane Wangman also presented a workshop at the CLAN office about what we can learn from Canada's Redress scheme. Unfortunately only a few CLAN members attended this session but they still found it very informative.

A meeting was also held earlier this year to inform members in NSW about legal issues and other survivor support services. This was a very successful turnout with many NSW Clannies.

Recently CLAN held a display of orphanage items in Goulburn during the Gill Memorial reunion. This display attracted a lot of attention from the local media and was featured in the *Goulburn Post*. The display was a successful turnout with many people travelling from all over NSW to view the display and was launched by NSW Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Women – Pru Goward MP.

## NEW ZEALAND

Since CLAN's public meeting in New Zealand earlier this year, New Zealand CLAN members **Patsy** and **Netta** have hosted 2 successful socials. Thank you for organising these events.

New Zealand Clannies are continuing to meet every  and hold socials. It is great to see New Zealand and Australian people who live in New Zealand be able to get together.

**THE FOLLOWING PAGE HAS PHOTOS FROM VARIOUS SOCIALS HELD IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.**

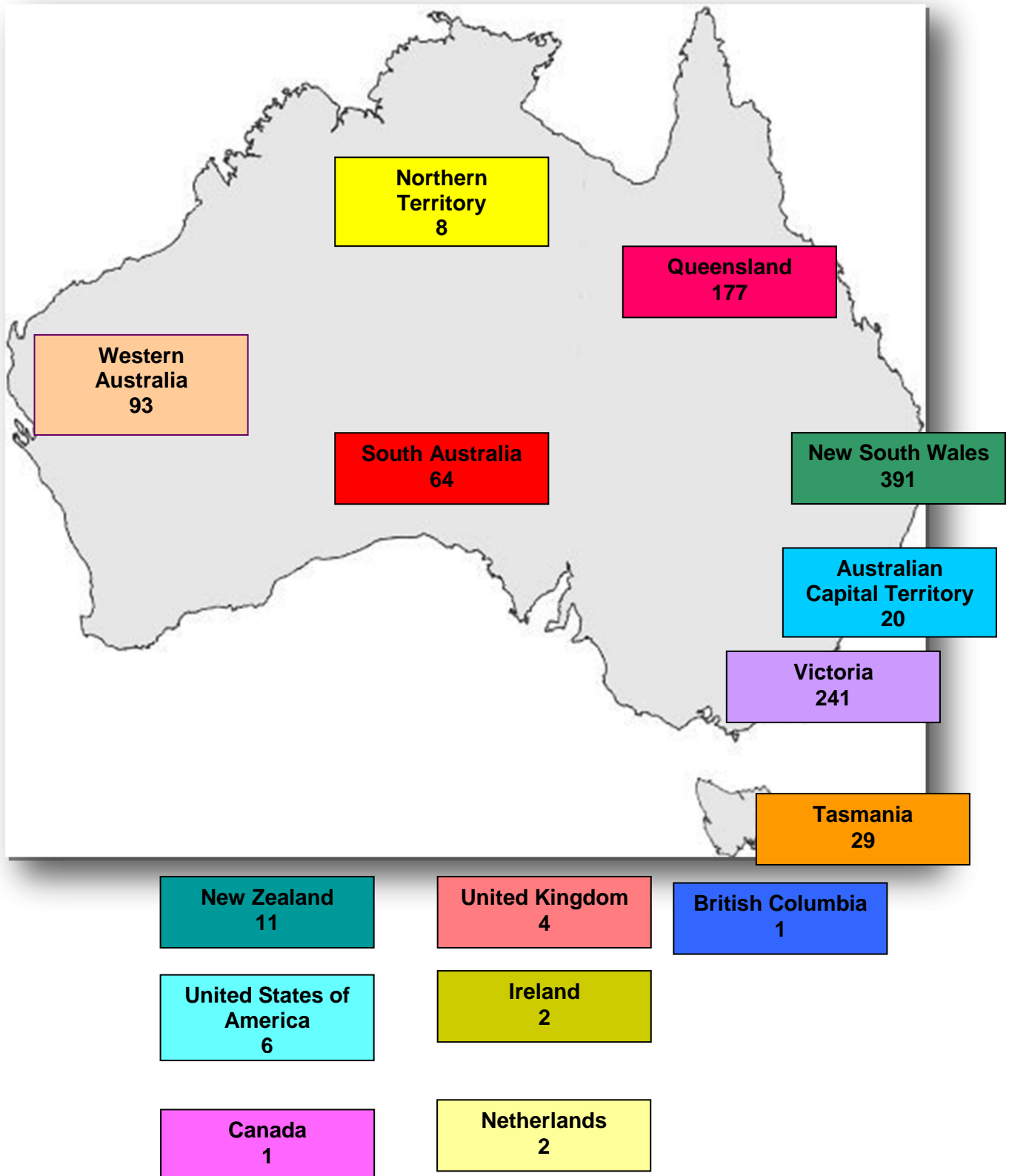
# PHOTOS FROM CLAN SOCIALS FROM ALL AROUND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND





# CLAN MEMBERS ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS

A TOTAL OF 1050 MEMBERS FROM THE 2011-2012 PERIOD



# COUNSELLING REPORT

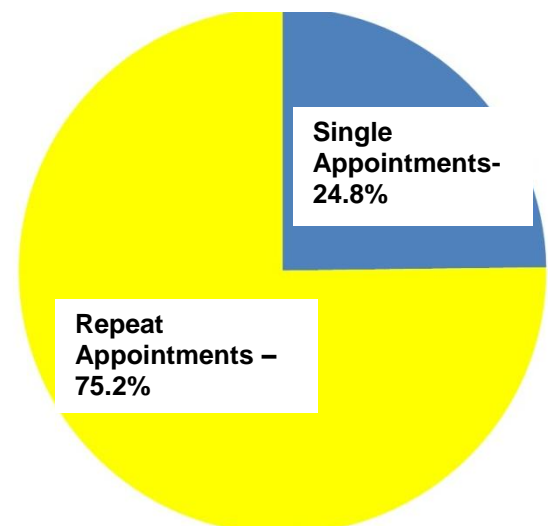
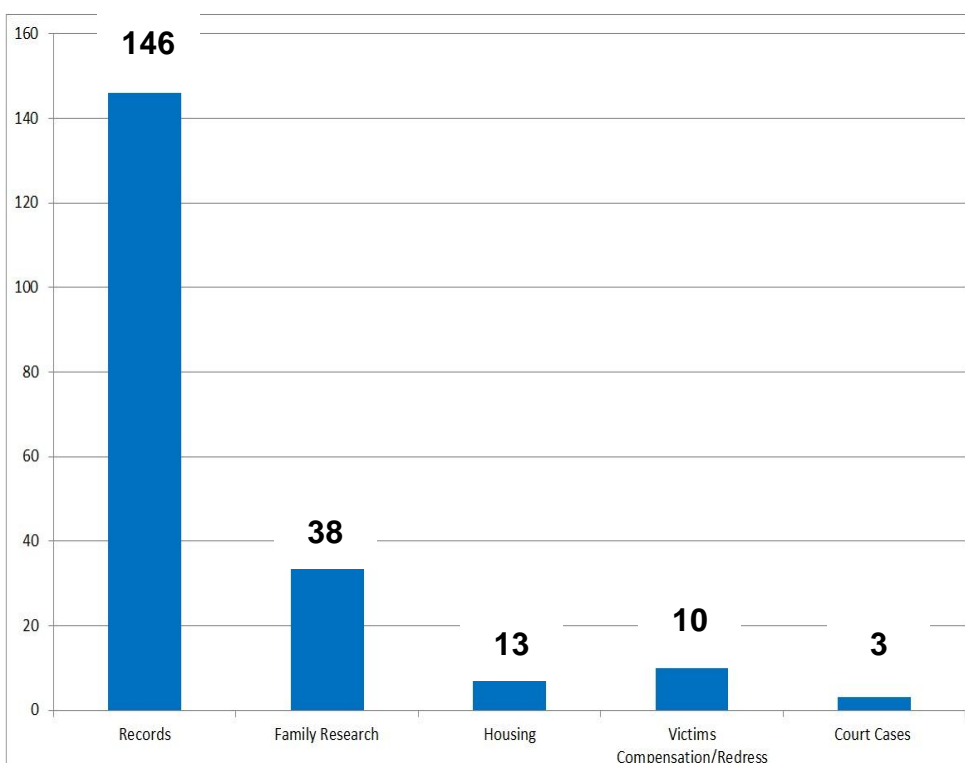
Another year has passed and I have had the opportunity to speak to a great many CLAN members and other Care Leavers alike. The CLAN counselling service is open to CLAN members, their families, as well as Care Leavers who are not members of CLAN. Counselling is conducted both face to face in our office in Bankstown, as well as over the phone, allowing many Care Leavers who cannot physically access a counsellor the chance to use a counselling service.

Since CLAN was given funding by FAHCSIA last year to extend the counselling service, we have been inundated with requests for counselling sessions. In the last financial year I have spoken to approximately 121 different Care Leavers or their family members. Of this number 83 Care Leavers have used the CLAN counselling service for the first time and overall this increased usage has resulted in over 1050 appointments for the financial year. *Please see the graphs for further details.*

The CLAN counselling service not only offers traditional counselling sessions to Care Leavers, but I can also help our CLAN members with things like applying for records, doing family research, support in liaising with Centrelink or Department of Housing, support letters and assistance through the Victims Compensation Scheme, help with forms or paperwork for various government agencies, and also support with court cases and reporting abuse to the Police. I have also had the pleasure of assisting some of our members who struggle to read and write to put together letters lobbying politicians on Care Leaver issues.

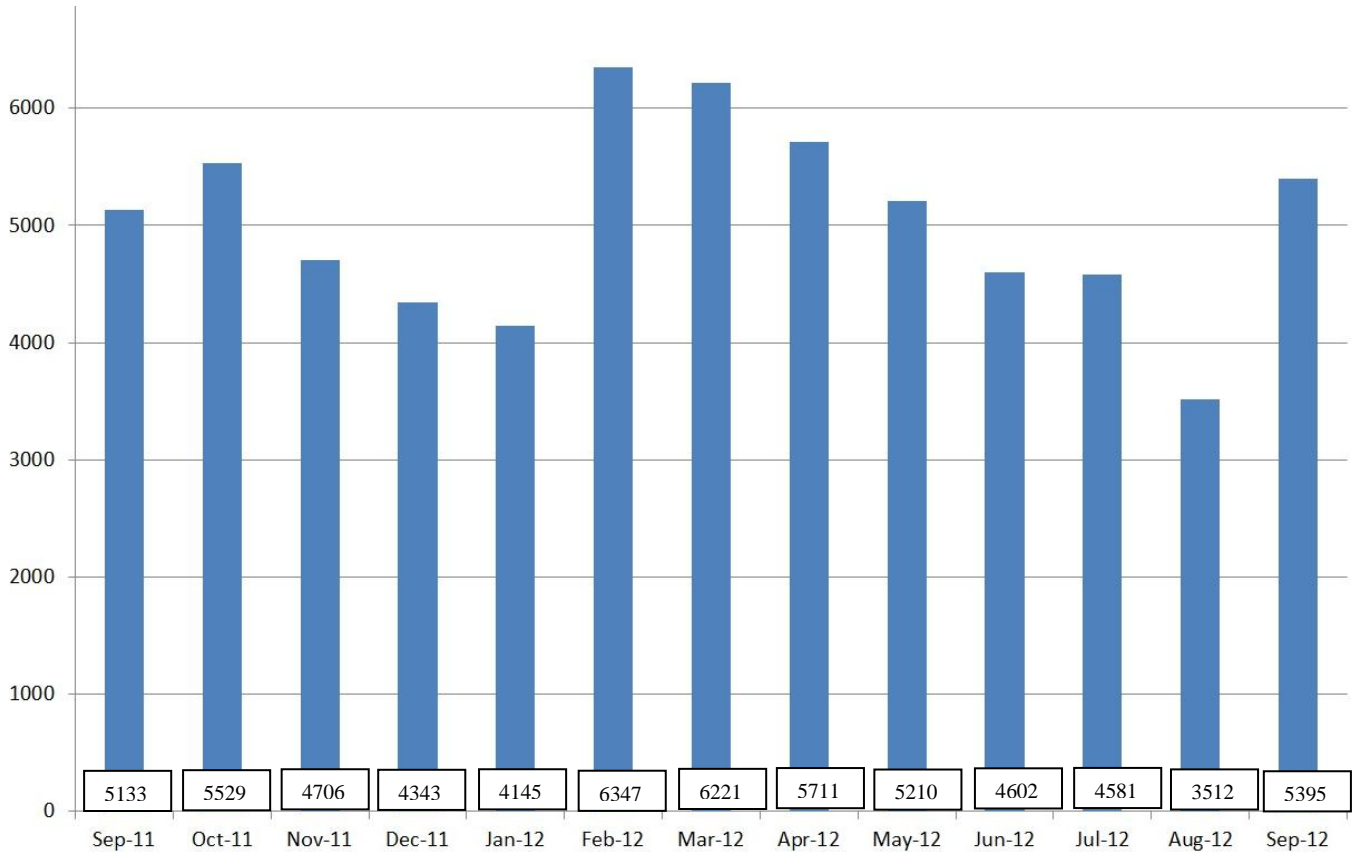
I have been at CLAN for almost three years now and I have truly enjoyed speaking to you all and I am happy to help in any way I can. Please remember that there are times everyone needs support or just someone to listen to what they are saying. If you feel that this may be you then please contact us and we will do what we can to assist you.

**Number of Care Leavers who received assistance from CLAN**

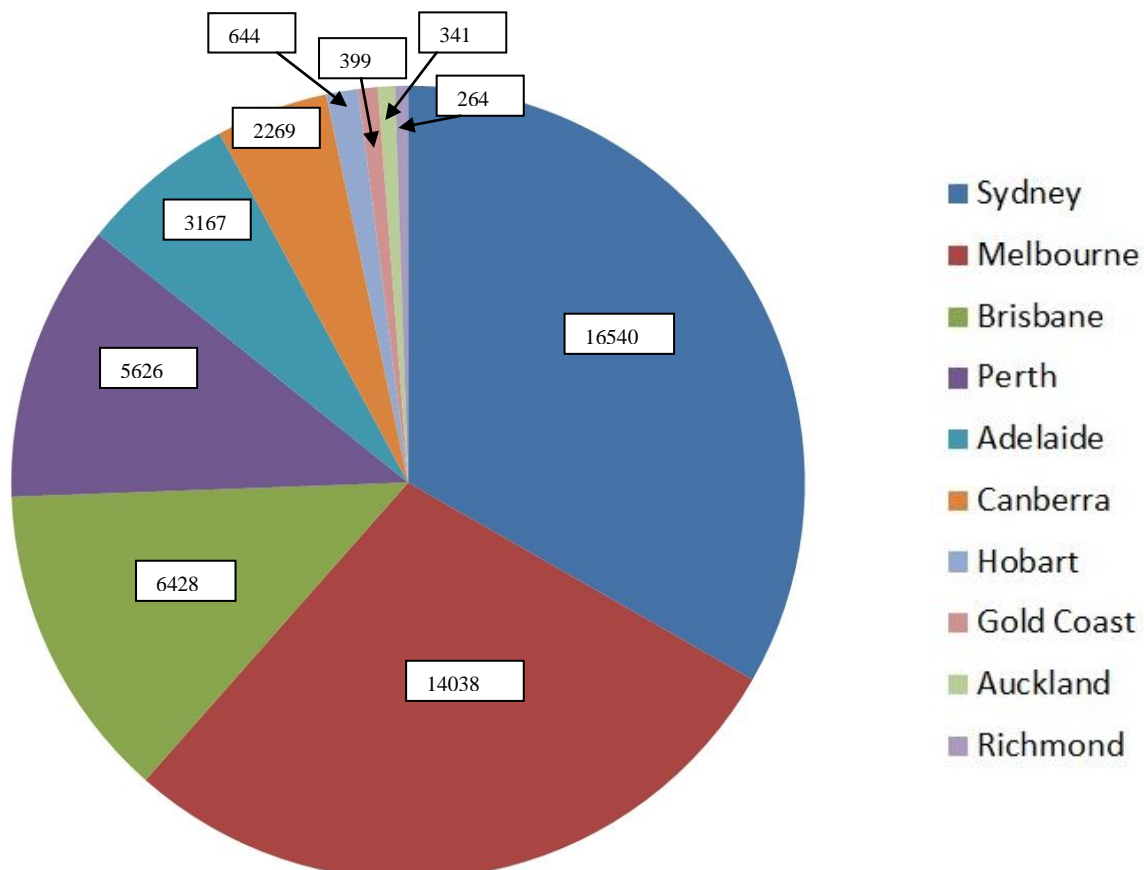


# WEBSITE REPORT

The first graph outlines the hits on the CLAN website month by month.



The second graph shows the top 10 cities in Australia that visit the CLAN website.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2010-2011 accounts were audited by S.J. Canny of Norlane, VIC and follow on the next page.

The budget for 2012/2013 has been approved and adopted by the committee.

There have been no substantial changes to funding during 2011/12.

The committee are currently in the process of formulating a business plan to request more funding from FaHCSIA to expand CLAN.

We are grateful for the Federal and State Government funding but as you can see from the list below, not every State Government provides CLAN with funding.

- **Federal:** We are currently in our second year of the funding of \$400,000 which was given in June 2011
- **NSW:** \$35000
- **VIC:** \$15000
- **SA:** \$15000
- **TAS:** \$5000
- **ACT:** \$3000
- **QLD:** NIL
- **WA:** NIL
- **NT:** NIL

Capital items to the value of \$551.09 were made in purchasing artefacts for the Australian Orphanage Museum.

There has been a slight decrease in memberships to CLAN over the last year due to a decrease in memberships from Past Providers. The memberships to CLAN were \$21244.55 in 2010-2011 to \$17606.64 in 2011-2012.

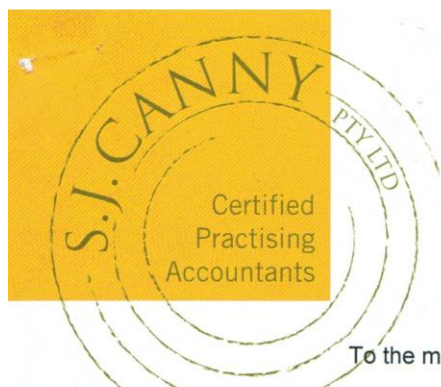
At the commencement of the financial year (July 2011), CLAN held only \$583,746.12.

At the end of the financial year (June 2012) CLAN held \$355,432.39.

In conclusion, we thank the Federal and five State Governments who support CLAN with funding. However without the Federal Government funding, CLAN would find it difficult to continue our important work for Australian Care Leavers.



# CLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012



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To the members of: Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc.

## **Report on the financial report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity/statement of recognised income and expenses and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the committee's declaration.

## **The Committee's declaration for the financial report**

The committee are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian accounting standards. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

## **Auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian auditing standards. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

## **Auditor's opinion**

***In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc. as at 30th June 2012, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian accounting standards including the Australian accounting Interpretations.***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wilkens'.

Mandy Wilkens - Director

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012

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# CLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

## CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK

P.O. Box 164  
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### Profit & Loss Statement

July 2011 through June 2012

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Income	
Donations	\$27,792.78
Reimbursement Printing	
Membership \$10	\$5,329.47
Membership \$20	\$2,617.93
Membership Friend \$25	\$1,786.53
Membership Researchers \$50	\$672.66
Membership Past Providers \$200	\$5,490.96
Membership Funded Groups \$100	\$454.55
Library Fees \$10	\$1,254.54
Orphans of the Living \$25	\$500.01
Journey of Hope	\$68.90
Reimbursement Wages	\$1,054.16
Fund Income	
Docs NSW	\$36,334.20
DHS - Victoria	\$16,957.83
Dept Health Disability ACT	\$2,727.27
Govt SA	\$15,000.00
DHHS - TAS	\$5,000.00
Reimbursement Mobile	\$693.35
refund	\$438.80
Survey	\$236.37
Miscellaneous Income	\$101.37
Reimbursement Certificates	\$124.30
reimbursement Printing	\$55.00
DVD Forgotten Australians	\$75.00
Total Income	\$124,765.98
Cost of Sales	
Gross Profit	\$124,765.98
Expenses	
Insurance	\$6,286.36
Supplies	\$7,544.39
Discounts	
Expenses - Promotional items	\$440.91
Refund	\$39.09
Bank Fees	\$61.25
Garbage Collection	\$260.00
Aust. Federation Employers	\$462.55
Legal & Accounting	\$1,273.71
Printing	\$17,028.25
Employment Expenses	
Staff Amenities	\$285.26
Superannuation	\$17,249.99
Superannuation 2010/11	\$4,421.98
Wages & Salaries	\$213,809.05
Supervision	\$2,200.00
Workers' Compensation	\$1,962.68
Conferences/Courses	\$1,340.90
Miscellaneous Exp.	\$11,656.17
Expenses - Gifts	\$419.84
Expenditure Museum	\$87.27
Expenditure Library	\$400.98
Renewal Post Box	\$76.86
Postage & Shipping	\$9,358.05
Norton Design	\$617.50
Software Updates	\$171.82
Rent	\$13,141.63
Internet	\$287.26
Interstate Accommodation	\$350.86
Telephone	\$11,447.65
Travel	\$10,598.13
Mobile Telephone	\$2,063.27



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## CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK

### Profit & Loss Statement

July 2011 through June 2012

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Services	
Gas	\$217.42
Electricity	\$1,865.93
Total Expenses	<u>\$337,427.01</u>
Operating Profit	<u>-\$212,661.03</u>
Other Income	
Interest Income	\$15,071.23
Total Other Income	<u>\$15,071.23</u>
Other Expenses	
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>-\$197,589.80</u>

# CLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

## CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK

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### Balance Sheet

As of June 2012

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<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand		
Account Balmain	\$11,787.62	
Maxi Interest Account	\$327,567.03	
Petty Cash	\$178.98	
Superannuation-Prepayment Ac	\$8,381.01	
Investments		
Inventory		
Withholding Credits		
Other Assets		
Expenditure Museum	\$551.09	
Property & Equipment		
Buildings		
Motor Vehicles		
Furniture & Fixtures		
Security Bond	\$6,966.66	
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$355,432.39</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$1,697.82	
GST Paid	-\$4,299.71	
Payroll Liabilities		
Payroll Accruals Payable	\$10,068.54	
Superannuation Liabilities		
Superannuation Accruals	\$4,333.77	
Long-Term Liabilities		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$11,800.42</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>\$343,631.97</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	\$455,671.60	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	-\$197,589.80	
Historical Balancing	\$85,550.17	
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$343,631.97</b>

# THANK YOU

CLAN would like to thank the following people who have contributed significantly through their volunteer work.

- **Geoff, NSW** – drives from Wollongong to Sydney every Tuesday to mow the lawns and general handyman work. He always brings a smile to the office staff with his cheeky sense of humour.
- **Yvonne, NSW** – came into the office every fortnight to archive and file correspondence and photographs that CLAN has received over the last 12 years. Unfortunately due to a shoulder injury Yvonne has been unable to come into the office and we wish her a speedy recovery.
- **Steve and Stewart, NSW** - have recently helped with the labelling of items in CLAN's Australian Orphanage Museum and have been a great assistance to the office staff.
- **Brian, VIC** – for continually attending the silent protests and researching and sending newspaper articles on child abuse stories.
- **Keith, VIC** – drove Leonie and other CLAN members to and from the silent protests held in Melbourne

To all the social co-ordinators CLAN would like to say a big thank you for all your efforts in organising these events for Clannies.

- **NSW: Kathy, Maureen, Margaret and Pat**
- **SA: Priscilla**
- **VIC: Phyllis**
- **TAS: Kris and Karen**
- **WA: Carolyn**
- **QLD: Jim and Julie**

CLAN is appreciative for the much needed funding from the Federal and State Governments.

- **Federal:** We are currently in our second year of the funding of \$400,000 which was given in June 2011
- **NSW:** \$35000
- **VIC:** \$15000
- **SA:** \$15000
- **TAS:** \$5000
- **ACT:** \$3000
- **QLD:** NIL
- **WA:** NIL
- **NT:** NIL

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- **Who Am I? Project \$500**
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Our member's donations of money, stamps and other items are gratefully accepted.

We would also like to thank everybody who continues to donate both small and large items to the CLAN's Australian Orphanage Museum.

Finally we would like to thank all our friends and supporters who encourage CLAN to keep advocating for Justice and Redress for all Australian Care Leavers.



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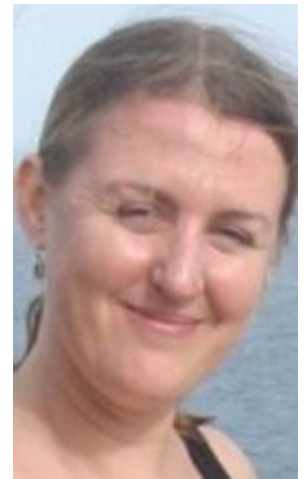
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