

**COMPENSATION FOR ALL
AUSTRALIAN CARE LEAVERS – NOW!**

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013



Care Leavers of Australia Network

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

After more than a decade of calling for a Royal Commission into the abuse of Children in Orphanages, Children's Homes, Foster Care and other government institutions, 2012 – 2013 was the year a Royal Commission was finally announced!!

And while the terms were not as broad as we hoped – we have always argued for all types of abuse to be properly investigated, not just sexual abuse – never-the-less the announcement has been a great cause for celebration amongst our members.

The six-member Royal Commission Panel headed by the Hon. Justice Peter McClellan, AM was announced on 11 January 2013. They were appointed for a three-year period, with an interim report to be tabled by June 30, 2014. The Royal Commission took until about April 2013 before it was properly up and running.

Confirmation that a Royal Commission would be established came soon after our last AGM held in Perth in October last year. It has proven to be a very busy year as we here at CLAN have engaged with the government and more recently the Royal Commission to ensure that they understood the needs of our members and other care leavers as they got under way.

While CLAN originally received some additional funding from November to enable us to increase our counselling service, CLAN successfully submitted for new Royal Commission Support Services funding in April 2013. We received confirmation of new funding in August 2013 – outside of this reporting period – and so we will report about this in the next Annual Report in late 2014.

Our activities on behalf of Care Leavers have been steadily building year on year. The numbers of people using the CLAN website has continued to grow, as CLAN focuses on informing Care Leavers about up-to-date news and happenings through our newsletters, flyers, our website and now on our continuing Twitter account: @CLAN_AU. We also update our website on the history of Orphanages and Children's Homes, including with photos, as they come to hand.

CLAN staff were also busy supporting the establishment and commencement of the Royal Commission. CLAN met with Commissioners Peter McClellan (Chair), Helen Milroy and Robert Fitzgerald in February 2013 to discuss issues that Care Leavers may face when submitting their stories to the Royal Commission.

Commissioners Jennifer Coate and Bob Atkinson visited CLAN's office in Bankstown on 14 May 2013. They met with CLAN co-founder Joanna

Penglase and toured our National Orphanage Museum. They also discussed the possibility that the Royal Commission would receive *all* stories of abuse even though some may fall outside the terms of reference. The Royal Commission will include reference to those matters falling outside of the terms of reference – such as physical abuse – in their final report.

Justice Peter McClellan also visited CLAN's office in Bankstown and toured the National Orphanage Museum in September 2013. During his visit he listened to CLAN members tell him their 'stories' as well as their experiences calling and contacting Royal Commission staff via the hotline.

CLAN also undertook a survey of the forms of abuse members had been subjected to as children during their time 'in care', and whether or not crimes against them had been reported to Police. Initial finding statistics were provided to the Royal Commission.

I would like to thank the wonderful support team of CLAN. I would like to thank the dedicated and wonderful staff in our office - Julie, Natalie and Benita. I am pleased to say that we have more staff with the increased workload of the Royal Commission and I would like to thank our newest staff members – Geoff, Vicki, Kylie and Janis. We are very fortunate to have people who care greatly about the work they do at CLAN.

Thank you to CLAN's Patrons who have offered ongoing advice and bi-partisan support.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the members of the CLAN Committee for their commitment and dedication to CLAN and the support they offer me in my role. They have been instrumental in the running of CLAN and have been a wonderful support to me during this busy time of the Royal Commission.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the federal government for funding the Royal Commission. I would also like to particularly also thank the former Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), The Hon. Jenny Macklin, MP for her support of CLAN. I would also like to thank the staff at FaHCSIA (now known as the Department of Social Services) who have been very supportive of CLAN throughout the years. We are proud of our good working relationship with them.

Finally, thank you to the members of CLAN who trust us to work on their behalf. I would like to extend a warm thank you to all our members for their support and generous donations.

We are very pleased to be holding our AGM in Adelaide, South Australia for the first time on the fourth anniversary of our apology on 16th November 2013.

CLAN's unique position is that we are an organisation established and managed by Care Leavers that works for Care Leavers. The experiences of Care Leavers are taken into account in the development and delivery of all

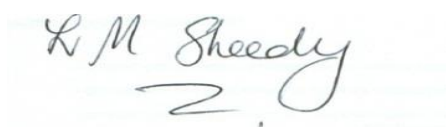
services and we regularly both consult and communicate with our members to gain feedback so as to improve our services.

Our aim is to improve the life experiences of adults who have been in care by using their experiences and knowledge to promote change. CLAN provides the framework within which Care Leavers can contribute to changing things for the better.

The next 12 months will be an exciting time for CLAN. Our key focus will be on strengthening and sustaining the long-term future of the organisation and contributing to making a positive impact on the lives of Care Leavers in a range of areas including advocating for justice and compensation for all Australian Care Leavers and supporting our members and other Care Leavers to engage with and/or survive the Royal Commission hearings.

And we are focused on lobbying for the establishment of a National Independent Compensation Scheme that all Churches, Charities and State Governments contribute so that all Care Leavers can get access to fair compensation for the harm that was done to us in our childhoods. Priority access to services that help us manage our health, housing, medical and dental needs will also be given a key focus for us during the coming year.

We will continue to advocate for justice, compensation and to make our histories visible to the Australian community to foster a greater understanding of our needs.



Leonie Sheedy
Executive Officer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to start my report by thanking those people from Western Australia who last year made us feel incredibly welcome and provided such hospitality and to thank those from South Australia who have made us feel so welcome today.

CLAN is still the only national organisation to represent and provide advocacy for care leavers and it is only proper that annual general meetings are held across each state in order to show its national identity.

Every year since its inception Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) has been notable in what it has managed to achieve and this has meant fighting battles with churches,

charities and State and Federal Government authorities in order to exist and to promote the cause of care leavers Australia wide. This has never been an easy task and it becomes more complex each year.

This has been one of the most dramatic years in the short history of CLAN. This year we have seen at a national level;

- The Victorian Inquiry into Institutional abuse. I was personally amazed and horrified at how some of the Churches and other organizations have sought to cover their tracks, deny responsibility, give meaningless responses to questions and use every available means to refute claims of abuse.
- The historic Royal Commission which was initiated last year. Whilst there have been many factors that have brought about the Royal Commission, as members are aware CLAN has been pushing for a Royal Commission since the Senate Inquiry in 2004 and at times CLAN has been the only group wanting this and actively pursuing this course of action. Whilst some state Governments and the Federal Government gave tacit support they initially didn't really want anything to do with such an inquiry. CLAN believes that it is a national disgrace that we have had to wait so long for this to come to fruition. We also know that those CLAN members who participated in the letter writing campaign to the Federal Government had an impact at a Federal level and I would like to thank all those who took the time and participated in this action.
- A change in the Federal Government will impact upon CLAN. We still don't know what this change will have in relation to CLAN. CLAN has written to the new Minister – The Hon Kevin Andrews, MP – to invite him to CLAN to meet with us at his earliest convenience. We want to show him the orphanage museum as well as talk about the work that advocacy work that CLAN does.

CLAN, due to the work of the Executive Officer, M/s Leonie Sheedy has been exceptionally proactive in supporting members and non-members alike who want to make statements to the Commission and I believe special mention needs to be made of this part of CLAN's role. To this end, and due to some specific Government funding, CLAN has also purchased a vehicle to use for this purpose. For the last twelve years a private vehicle was used for these purposes. Whilst this was a generous offer it was a situation which was becoming totally unworkable due to the significant mileage travelled and the on-going mechanical repair costs. Vehicle purchase was the most practical solution.

I particularly want to acknowledge the work that CLAN's Executive Officer, M/s Leonie Sheedy has played in accomplishing the work of CLAN. This has not been easy at times and in doing so she has gone way beyond what would be expected of a person, but I thank her for her dedication and passion for "Forgotten Australians."

Apart from Leonie I also particularly need to acknowledge Phyllis Cremona the CLAN vice – president who acted as president when I was overseas and I also want to give a special vote of thanks to Pat Griffiths, CLAN's secretary. Pat does an amazing job in keeping our meetings going, getting out the minutes and generally ensuring things run smoothly, her input is greatly valued and appreciated.

The CLAN committee has been very active this year. We meet each month and as members live in various states it is not always easy to meet – technology does not solve all problems, but I would like to thank the committee for their support and encouragement.

We have met either as a full committee or as an executive for all-day workshops and business planning meetings. These meetings also mean travel for the committee who give up their days to ensure that CLAN continues to keep on track and continues to plan for the future.

During this year we have also had a representative from New Zealand also taking part in committee meetings as they want to establish a group along the same lines as CLAN. This is beneficial to us for there are also CLAN members who live in NZ.

The committee, apart from the Executive Officer is made up of volunteers who willingly give of their time to support the aims and ideals of CLAN. We also have volunteers, who help with many of the tasks that go into the efficient operation of CLAN, as well as those who organise socials, go on protests, and support CLAN financially and by many kind words, cards and letters of support. We thank each of you and value the contribution that you make towards the overall successful running of CLAN.

There are two committee members who are not standing for re-election this year and they are Carmen Griffiths and Geoff Myers. Carmen has been out treasurer for the past two years and I want to formally acknowledge her input into helping with the running of CLAN's finances and to acknowledge Geoff's knowledge in regards to procedural meeting matters and his general good and helpful advice.

I would like to encourage everyone when they phone the office to thank the incredible office staff that we have as well as the counselling staff who all give willingly to assist CLAN doing its job of supporting care leavers. Quite often they have to deal with people not being all that supportive and again I want to remind members that they also work under enormous pressure due to the Royal Commission requirements. The staff also needs support and encouragement.

I also want to thank our patrons for their political support, encouragement and help and for their willingness to support the aims of CLAN.

We look forward to continuing the expanding role of CLAN in the coming year and once again I want to thank you, the members for your support and confidence in the committee.

James Luthy,
CLAN President

CLAN'S PATRONS

CLAN's wonderful patrons over the years have offered their continued support to Care Leaver issues. We would like to thank and acknowledge them:

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| • <i>Sue Boyce</i> | Queensland Senator |
| • <i>Hon. Jason Clare MP</i> | Member for Blaxland, NSW |
| • <i>Julie Collins</i> | Member for Franklin, TAS |
| • <i>Mitch Fifield</i> | Victorian Senator |
| • <i>Gary Humphries</i> | Australian Capital Territory Senator |
| • <i>Steve Hutchins</i> | Former New South Wales Senator |

- **Steve Irons MP** Member for Swan, WA. The only 'Homie' in the Australian Parliament
- **Hon. Richard Marles MP** Member for Corio, VIC
- **Claire Moore** Queensland Senator
- **Amanda Rishworth** Member for Kingston, SA
- **David Shoebridge** NSW Member of the Greens Party
- **Rachel Siewert** Western Australian Senator
- **Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP** Member for Wentworth, NSW and Minister for Communications

CLAN is thankful and grateful for the ongoing support of all our Patrons.

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 has been the President since CLAN's 2010 AGM. Jim has proven to be indispensable – he has been an incredibly effective leader of CLAN these past few years.

Phyllis Exell- CLAN Vice-President. Phyllis represents CLAN in various forums such as Aged Care, and Find and Connect meetings. Phyllis also provides great support to CLAN's Executive Officer.

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 and CLAN's application for Royal Commission funding.

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 and has represented CLAN at meetings.

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

Leonie Sheedy – Ordinary Committee Member. Has continued to be a very visible and active Executive Officer, and has maintained her strong and effective working relationship with the Committee.

Thank you to Geoff Meyers and Carmen Griffiths for their work on the CLAN committee in past years – they will not be nominating again this year.

CLAN'S STAFF

Throughout the 2012 – 13 financial year, CLAN operated with the following staff:

Leonie Sheedy – Executive Officer
Julie Evans – Office Manager
Natalie Wallace – Counsellor
Benita Rupan – Website and Projects Manager.

With the additional Royal Commission establishment funding we received from November 2012, CLAN was able to employ an additional part-time counsellor – Vicki Geraghty, and a reception/administration officer from January 2012, Janis Ishak.

Vicki Geraghty had stepped in to provide additional counselling capacity until we were able to successfully recruit a Melbourne-based counsellor in April 2013 - Kylie Lonergan.

While CLAN has a small staff for a national support network, we are fortunate that they are very dedicated, and care greatly about the work that they are doing for CLAN. The CLAN committee is grateful for commitment, dedication and long hours the staff contribute to keeping CLAN's offices and services running effectively.

ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

A highlight of the last financial year was the announcement of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Royal Commission came about because of public pressure of many people, including the constant lobbying by CLAN's Executive and members.



We would like to acknowledge everyone and especially our members who helped to bring about the Royal Commission – the CLAN Committee thanks each and every one of our fantastic members for their continuing support!

Special thanks also goes to Detective Chief Inspector Peter Fox of the Newcastle Police, Fr. Kevin Dillon of St Mary's Church Geelong, and all the journalists for their coverage of the Royal Commission.

CLAN would like to give a very special thank you to Australia's former Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, for listening to the voices of Care Leavers and for receiving the many thousands of postcards calling for a Royal Commission that we sent her.

We were very pleased to have our former Patron and former Senator for WA, Andrew Murray appointed as one of the six Commissioners of the Royal Commission. Care Leavers will feel safe and reassured that their stories will be listened to by someone that has such extensive experience and understanding of Care Leaver issues.

INFORMATION & SUPPORT SERVICES

CLAN receive several phone calls and emails every day from people seeking our assistance and information. A total of 218 information packages were sent out to people wanting to know about CLAN over the last year, including to every State and Territory of Australia, as well as overseas.

We also receive requests from Care Leavers to help them access their personal files, information about legal issues, history of orphanages, compensation and redress, referral to other support services, enquiries about CLAN's library and information about the Royal Commission. Over the last year we have received a total of 5918 phone calls and 12576 emails about the Royal Commission and Care Leaver issues.

CLAN has written several letters of support for people who sought our assistance with disability pension, application for priority housing, medical and dental services and general support. We have also supported members who visited court to face their abusers.

CLAN has also successfully applied for records on behalf of Care Leavers who are currently in gaol. CLAN has visited a number of prisons and has applied for and delivered personal files/records to people who are currently in gaol, as well as providing training to prison staff about the particular needs of and issues faced by Care Leavers.

Over the last year over 250 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 as well as self-help books and autobiographies of Care Leavers.

COUNSELLING SERVICES REPORT

It has been another busy year for CLAN preparing for the Victorian inquiry into handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations and the Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse. Since CLAN successfully tendered for funding to support Care Leavers for the Royal Commission we have been inundated with requests for counselling sessions and there has been a significant increase in the number of Care Leavers and their family members using our counselling service. Due to the increased interest in counselling we have employed another counsellor, Kylie, who is proving to be very welcoming and understanding of the needs of Care Leavers and their families.

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 offices in Bankstown and Melbourne, as well as over the phone, allowing many Care Leavers who cannot physically access a counsellor the chance to use a counselling service.

The CLAN counselling service not only offers traditional counselling sessions to Care Leavers, but can also help our Care Leavers 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, support with court cases, writing submissions on behalf of Care Leavers to the Victorian Inquiry and the Royal Commission and reporting abuse to the Police and support to Care Leavers in their private sessions with the Royal Commission.

CLAN's counsellors, Natalie and Kylie, each work 4 days a week.

PROMOTING CARE LEAVERS NEEDS AND ISSUES

CLAN has continued to take every opportunity to promote the needs and issues of Care Leavers through participation in government forums and being featured on television and radio interviews, as well as contributing articles and opinion pieces to newspapers through Australia.

We have also commented and written many letters to the editor of many newspaper articles in the past year, including The Sydney Morning Herald, The Daily Telegraph, The Age, The Canberra Times, The Newcastle Herald and The Ballarat Courier.

In total CLAN has featured in 36 interviews about the Royal Commission, and 5 interviews about Care Leavers issues. This was via 32 newspaper articles, 6 radio interviews and 3 television interviews

Over the last year CLAN has sent 21 press releases about silent protests and the Royal Commission.

There have also been 17 interviews with CLAN members about the Royal Commission. This comprised 13 newspaper articles, 3 radio interviews and 1 television interview. Thank you to all the CLAN members who participated in telling a part of their story to the Australian media. We appreciate the efforts involved in sharing your painful memories.

CLAN has also been instrumental in media promotion of the 'Inside' Exhibition about life in Orphanages and Children's Homes and other institutions and foster care that is currently on show at the Melbourne Museum.

CLAN's Twitter Account commenced early in 2013. At the time of writing, CLAN has made more than 400 tweets, and has 156 followers.

NATIONAL ORPHANAGE MUSEUM REPORT

The CLAN National Orphanage Museum has continued to draw visitors from around Australia during 2012 – 13. In May 2013 Commissioners Jennifer Coate and Bob Atkinson visited the Museum. Their comments, along with several other visitors, are included below.

During the year we received from Harvey Wilkes donations of football pennants from the Salvation Army Gill Memorial Home in Goulburn. We have also received a number of photos and other memorabilia – thanks to all those who have visited and have made donations of items – it is greatly appreciated.

A number of items from the CLAN Orphanage Museum are currently on loan to the 'Inside' exhibition of life in children's orphanages and institutions, currently open to the public at the Melbourne Museum.

What have visitors said about our Orphanage Museum?

'This is such a powerful place – I am so glad to have been given the opportunity to visit. Thank you so much for capturing this history for our nation' (Jennifer Coate)

'Many thanks for your work efforts and support for others over many years together with the establishment of the CLAN museum and the associated preservation of historical items associated with this part of Australian history' (Bob Atkinson)

'First visit, well done CLAN! Thank you for all the souls who are no longer on the earth place.' (Trish)

‘An eye-opener – I feel so bad for all the children that have suffered, thank you for making me aware.’ (Jeremy)

‘Inspiring, confronting and real!’ (Jan)

NEW MELBOURNE OFFICE FOR CLAN

In late 2012, CLAN opened an office in Melbourne. It gives us a facility to hold meetings and social events for our members, and is a gathering place for the Victorian members after our regular silent protests.

The new office was launched in December 2012 by CLAN’s Patron, the Hon Richard Marles MP, along with Victorian MLA Bronwyn Halfpenny, and was attended by many Care Leavers.



CLAN’S SOCIAL NETWORK EVENTS

We offer our special thank you to all our members involved in hosting and attending our social network events throughout Australia.

QUEENSLAND:

In QLD, Clannies had 6 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:

Last year CLAN member **Frank Holden** held a social to commemorate the national apology and it was attended by a few members.

CLAN also provided training to the staff of Relationships Australia, NT earlier in the year.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

Over the last year CLAN member **Carolyn Frawley** has organised 10 socials with great success and for all WA Clannies who attended. CLAN also did 2 Royal Commission workshops and many WA Clannies found it very informative and beneficial.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

CLAN member **Priscilla Taylor** hosted 5 socials in South Australia and continues promote the objectives of CLAN. Priscilla has also greatly assisted CLAN in finding a venue for its AGM this year.

TASMANIA:

We would like to thank CLAN member **Karen Wilson** for hosting a total of 5 socials in Launceston and Hobart and we look forward to hearing about more socials in the Tasmanian region in the coming months.

NEW SOUTH WALES:

Over the last 12 months several CLAN members hosted 18 socials. CLAN would like to thank **Kathie, Margaret, Maureen** and **Dennis** for all their wonderful efforts organising the socials and everyone who attended the socials especially in the areas of Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Cardiff and Albury/Wodonga.

CLAN held three meetings in its Bankstown office in NSW about the Royal Commission and NSW sex crimes that were well attended by members. Most members found the information from these meetings to be very beneficial to them. NSW Clannies also attended 7 silent protests that were held outside Churches and government buildings.

We thank everyone who comes to the protests and we understand not everyone is able to come to the protest due to ill health, cost of transport or they live too far away. We know you are with us in spirit and that you support us.

VICTORIA:

Thank you to **Phyllis Exell** for her efforts in organising 5 socials in Melbourne. They were a great success. CLAN was at Blokes Day Out last year. Thank you to Vlad for his assistance on a very windy day in Geelong.

CLAN also held 11 silent protests and 2 meetings in Ross House about the Royal Commission and would like to thank all the CLAN members who have attended these silent protests in rain, hail or shine. These protests were held outside Churches as well as government and past providers buildings.

Victorian Clannies also attended the first sitting of the Royal Commission in Melbourne in April this year and several Clannies protested outside the County Court of Victoria. CLAN was even featured on Channel 7's *Sunrise* program on the opening day of the Royal Commission in April 2013.

We appeared at the Victorian inquiry into handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations in December last year. Thank you to Frank Golding, Phyllis Cremona and Leonie Sheedy for their presentation to the Victorian Inquiry. We await the recommendations of this vital report. However we are disappointed that State Government orphanages and children's Homes were excluded from this report. The report was tabled in Victoria on 13 November 2013, and CLAN protested on the steps of the Victorian Parliament, which was given wide media coverage.

NEW ZEALAND:

Since CLAN's public meeting in New Zealand last year, New Zealand CLAN members **Patsy** and **Netta** continue to hold socials and are moving forward in organising a New Zealand support network for Care Leavers.

PEN FOR CLAN'S 13TH BIRTHDAY

CLAN celebrated its 13th birthday in June of this year. As part of CLAN's 13th birthday all members were sent a commemorative pen with our contact details, as a small gift of appreciation.

CLAN MEMBERS ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS

A TOTAL OF 954 MEMBERS DURING THE 2012-2013 PERIOD



TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts were audited by MK Nominees & Associates Pty Ltd of Sydney NSW and follow on the next page.

The budget for 2013/2014 has been approved and adopted by the committee.

CLAN received funding from the Federal Government for the period of 2012-2013 of \$195,000 for counselling and support for the Royal Commission.

As stated in the auditor's report at the end of the financial year June 2012, the balance sheet did not reflect any entitlement liabilities. Entitlement liabilities were added in as an opening balance in July 2012 and is now reflected on the CLAN's Balance Sheet.

We are grateful to the Federal Government and some State Governments who provide funding. However, as you can see from the list below, not every State Government provides CLAN with funding to provide our essential services.

- Federal:	\$195,000
- NSW:	\$35,000
- VIC:	\$17,000
- SA:	\$15,000
- ACT:	\$3,000
- QLD:	NIL
- WA:	NIL
- NT:	NIL
- TAS:	NIL

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

At the end of the financial year (June 2013) CLAN held \$222,261.48



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK (CLAN) INC
A.B.N. 67 736 746 011**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Care Leavers Australia Network (Clan) Inc (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2013, and the profit and loss statement.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation of the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls 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. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. 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 whether 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 judgment, 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 accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Management 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 Australian professional ethical pronouncements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK (CLAN) INC A.B.N. 67 736 746 011

Qualification

As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practical for Care Leavers Australia Network (Clan) Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations and subscriptions until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fundraising was limited to amounts recorded.

Our examination disclosed discrepancies between internally generated management reports and accounts as presented to members for the year ended 30 June 2012. The cause of the discrepancies was unable to be verified. After discussions with Members of the Management Committee it was decided that the only cause of action was to reduce the Association's Accumulated Profits by this amount.

Qualified Auditors Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation in the qualification paragraphs not existed, the financial report of Care Leavers Australia Network (Clan) Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Care Leavers Australia Network (Clan) Inc as of 30 June 2013 and of its financial

Name of Maynard Kearns
Chartered Accountants



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Dated this 1st day of November 2013

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CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK

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Balance Sheet

As of June 2013

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Current Assets	
Cash On Hand	
Account Balmain	\$4,121.49
Maxi Interest Account	\$173,655.71
Petty Cash	\$123.43
Undeposited Funds	\$70.00
Investments	
Inventory	
Orphans of the Living	\$219.21
CLAN Cap	\$136.36
Withholding Credits	
Other Assets	
Expenditure Museum	\$793.83
Property & Equipment	
Buildings	
Motor Vehicles	
Motor Vehicles at Cost	\$36,174.79
Furniture & Fixtures	
Security Bond	\$6,966.66
Total Assets	\$222,261.48
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
GST Liabilities	
GST Collected	\$1,068.71
GST Paid	-\$8,331.10
Payroll Liabilities	
Payroll Accruals Payable	\$4,836.00
Annual Leave Liabilities	\$21,676.52
Long Service Leave Liability	\$9,103.45
Superannuation Liabilities	
Superannuation Accruals	\$216.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	\$28,569.58
Net Assets	\$193,691.90
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$248,934.46
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	-\$134,315.87
Historical Balancing	\$79,073.31
Total Equity	\$193,691.90

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Income	
Donations	\$30,961.00
Reimbursement Printing	
Membership \$10	\$3,985.98
Membership \$20	\$1,527.12
Membership Friend \$25	\$1,291.02
Membership Researchers \$50	\$522.68
Membership Past Providers \$200	\$2,645.48
Membership Funded Groups \$100	\$272.73
Library Fees \$10	\$854.54
Orphans of the Living \$25	\$259.14
Training	\$454.55
Raffle	\$20.00
Reimbursement Wages	\$217.29
Fund Income	
Docs NSW	\$35,917.00
DHS - Victoria	\$17,438.27
Dept Health Disability ACT	\$3,000.00
Fahcsia	\$437.00
Govt SA	\$15,000.00
Govt Fahcsia counselling 2	\$115,000.00
Aust Govt Fahcsia counselling	\$80,000.00
Aust. Govt Fahcsia plan staff	\$23,059.55
Survey	\$90.90
Miscellaneous Income	\$96.82
Reimbursement Certificates	\$30.00
reimbursement Printing	\$45.46
reimbursement Postage	\$1,176.91
reimbursement travel/expenses	\$45.45
Total Income	\$334,348.89
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Gross Profit	\$334,348.89
Expenses	
Insurance	\$7,086.35
Supplies	\$8,444.45
overpayment	\$0.27
Discounts	
Payment for Journey of Hope	\$39.00
Bank Fees	\$61.00
Garbage Collection	\$195.00
Legal & Accounting	\$1,500.00
Printing	\$12,929.00
Employment Expenses	
Staff Amenities	\$369.89
PAYG Paid	\$46,665.54
Superannuation	\$22,255.88
Wages & Salaries	\$248,696.32
Supervision	\$1,180.00
Workers' Compensation	\$2,296.92
Conferences/Courses	\$6,079.10
Miscellaneous Exp.	\$8,622.02
Expenses - Gifts	\$915.57
Expenditure Library	\$624.10
Postage & Shipping	\$6,152.60
Netregistry	\$544.91
Software Upgrades	\$1,323.62
Rent - Head office	\$40,466.56
Rent - Melbourne	\$2,790.84
Internet	\$397.27
Interstate Accommodation	\$1,011.82
Telephone	\$9,057.16
Travel & Meals	\$9,480.89

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Travel/Expenses R.C. support	\$277.00	
Mobile Telephone	\$807.59	
Services		
Gas	\$202.47	
Electricity	\$2,071.82	
Consultancy	\$20,636.36	
Business Plan	\$980.00	
Website Upgrade	\$8,766.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$472,927.32</u>
Operating Profit		<u>-\$138,578.43</u>
Other Income		
Interest Income	\$4,262.56	
Total Other Income		<u>\$4,262.56</u>
Other Expenses		
Net Surplus / (Deficit)		<u>-\$134,315.87</u>

THANK YOU...

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

- 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** Drives Leonie and other CLAN members to and from the silent protests held in Melbourne
- Marlene, NSW** For her dedication to the maintenance and organisation of the more than 1,000 books in CLAN's library.
- Ray, VIC** Who is 86 years old and has attended the silent protests in Melbourne come rain, hail or shine for many years. Ray also donates stamps and envelopes to CLAN.
- Note:** In December 2013, Ray will be awarded CLAN's Volunteer of the Year for his fantastic ongoing support of and assistance to CLAN.

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*

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CLAN would also like to say a special thank you to those who have made substantial donations during the year, including:

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- Barnados Australia	\$5,000
- Salvation Army	\$6,000
- Anonymous from ACT	\$3,000
- William, QLD	\$2,000
- Peter, NSW	\$1,000
- Margaret, VIC	\$520
- Kathy, NSW	\$500
- Kenneth, QLD	\$490
- Thelma, VIC	\$325
- Carol, NSW	\$200

CLAN would also like to acknowledge and thank all our wonderful members and supporters who have sent us financial donations, stamps, envelopes and other items to help keep CLAN going.

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

Thank you to all our members who attend the CLAN socials in all States of Australia and overseas, and to our members who attend the silent protests in Melbourne and Sydney.

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

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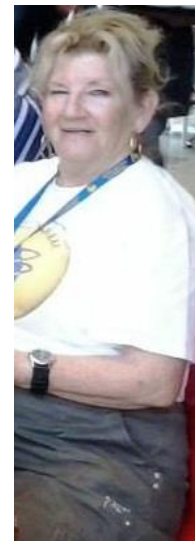
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