



Care Leavers Australasia Network

**Annual Report
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President's Report

This year has been a year of major achievement for CLAN.

The Final Report of the Royal Commission was handed down in Sydney before Christmas. This was an historic point of closure and the start of another critical piece of work – ensuring the Royal Commission's more than 400 recommendations are implemented.

In January, CLAN Vice President Frank Golding was recognised for his many years of service to Care Leavers with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours List. We are very fortunate to have Frank working with us. His contribution to CLAN is invaluable.

National Redress was introduced on July 1 and Clannies gathered at the site of the Royal Commission in Sydney to mark the day with One Minute's Silence. It was important to acknowledge those Care Leavers who were not sexually abused but were abused in other ways and will not benefit from the scheme in its current form. These people are equally deserving of financial justice.

It has been a great privilege to travel with CLAN CEO Leonie Sheedy to talk to Clannies about National Redress and the National Apology.

I have found these visits hugely rewarding. Meeting Clannies for the first time is like catching up with members of my extended family. Care Leavers have experienced the same things I have and there is always a special connection.

There has been a great deal of misinformation about National Redress and Care Leavers can require a lot of support through what is proving to be a very slow application process. We are also disappointed that some Churches and Charities have still not joined the scheme.

I felt privileged to support Clannies in Canberra for the National Apology in October. It was important for people to hear the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader say what we have been saying all along: that these things happened and no one listened.

That same day we also launched the Robert House commissioned painting the Raft of the CLAN. This is a wonderful artwork that shows the storm of emotions associated with the Care Leaver experience. We hope many people are able to see the painting and recognise their own story in it.

I'd like to sincerely thank the work of our hard-working CEO Leonie Sheedy who never stops and never gives in. CLAN wouldn't be what it is without her.

I also thank the CLAN committee members for their valuable input, insights and guidance. It is very much appreciated.

The CLAN staff and volunteers do a wonderful job keeping the wheels turning in our Melbourne and Sydney offices so that Clannies across Australia are well supported. To Clannies everywhere, you are the reason we all do what we do. I acknowledge your courage and thank you for your support.

CLAN should be proud of all that has been accomplished this year. People take note of the work we do, not just nationally, but internationally. We are setting an example and our message is loud and clear: that all children must be protected.

Yours sincerely,

Vlad Selakovic

CLAN President
2017-2018

Executive Officer's Report

2018 began with the Thankyou Morning Tea for the Royal Commissioners. We welcomed former Commissioner Chair Peter McClellan and former Commissioners Jennifer Coate, Bob Atkinson and Robert Fitzgerald, Counsel Assisting, Gail Furness and Royal Commission staff and many of our Parliamentary Patrons to our Bankstown office. The morning tea was a wonderful opportunity for us, as Care Leavers, to personally thank the Royal Commission for their tremendous work over five years. For some Care Leavers, the Royal Commission was the first time they talked about what happened to them and, often, the first time they felt truly believed, respected and treated with dignity. This has a powerful impact on people and the Royal Commissioners have our deepest thanks. We send additional thanks to Bob Atkinson who has accepted our invitation to be a CLAN Patron.

Another highlight earlier in the year was welcoming Victorian Minister for Families Jenny Mikakos to officially open our new Melbourne office at Ross House in the CBD. While still in the same building, the larger office means we can provide greater privacy for Care Leavers during counselling sessions.

The focus of much of our work this year has been preparing for the National Apology and the introduction of the National Redress Scheme. I have travelled around Australia to meet with Care Leavers and discuss this and other important issues. I enjoyed my visits immensely and was able to meet Clannies in SA, TAS, QLD, WA, SA, VIC, NSW and the ACT.

The National Redress Scheme remains a major focus for CLAN. It is not a perfect scheme and we have campaigned for changes to Part 3 of the Redress application form but there is still work to do. The scheme is agonisingly slow. CLAN has helped about 120 Clannies fill out Redress applications. A small handful have been paid so far. As I feared, Clannies are dying waiting for Redress payments to come through. It's heartbreaking and a final injustice they and their families don't deserve.

Throughout the year CLAN has continued helping people trace family members and access their State Ward records. We continue to highlight the terrible consequences when Care Leavers receive redacted records and met the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission Rosalind Croucher to request her support. This documentation is highly personal to Care Leavers and may be the only record of their history and family situation. All organisations need to understand they have no right to deny Care Leavers this information.

We are also working very hard to establish the Australian Orphanage Heritage Centre. This will give the precious collection in our orphanage museum a permanent home and ensure our stories continue to be seen and heard.

A big thankyou to all Clannies now using twitter. It is great to see so many of you sharing tweets and comments. I am very proud of you! Remember governments do take notice of our tweets so keep it up!

I would like to thank the hardworking and dedicated team in the CLAN office for all they do supporting the CLAN committee and myself. Thank you Julie, Natalie, Janis, Kristen, Steven, Shanice, Dee, Pauline, and June. I want to acknowledge the work of volunteers Stewart who helps Janis with the museum cataloguing and Michael who helps with the stamps. Special mention must be made of Geoff Myers, a committed volunteer and our Sydney Santa who sadly died in October. Geoff never received Redress and the National Redress Scheme lost his application – twice. At one stage it was missing for 28 days. This is a very distressing outcome. As he said in his Meet a Clannie interview in the special 100th issue of the Clanicle in May 2016, he wanted the compensation for his children to make up for being an overprotective father. He said that would “lighten a load” from him.

I sincerely thank CLAN Committee members, Vlad Selakovic, Frank Golding, Stewart Quinn, Pat Griffiths, Rhonda Janetzki, Pat McNair in New Zealand and Carolyn Frawley for their efforts at our monthly meetings and helping CLAN run smoothly.

Thank you, also, to QLD Senator Claire Moore who is retiring from Federal Parliament at the next election. She has been a tireless CLAN Patron and advocate for Care Leavers over many years. She has encouraged me and always returned my calls. We are thrilled she will continue to be our Patron.

And also a big thank you to retiring Hon. Jenny Macklin MP, for her continued support for CLAN and Care Leavers over the year.

A big, big thankyou to all Clannies who attend our CLAN protests, especially those who travel long distances at your own expense. Your commitment is immeasurable.

I also want to thank all Care Leavers for the support you give to CLAN, to me, and the support you give each other. It means so much and makes CLAN the wonderful support network it is.

It is an enormous privilege to represent Care Leavers and advocate for better outcomes from Churches, Charities and state governments for the crimes that were inflicted on us. We have achieved so much in the past 18 years but there is a lot of work still to do. We will never give up and never go away.

Hooroo

Leonie Sheedy
CLAN CEO

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About Us

Care Leavers Australasia Network (CLAN) is a national, independent, peak membership body which represents, supports and advocates for people who were raised in Australian and New Zealand Orphanages, Children's Homes & Foster Care. CLAN has been operating since 2000, and has offices in Sydney and Melbourne. CLAN understands that being raised without your own family has lifelong effects which require lifelong support services.

Our Mission

CLAN's mission is to listen, hear, believe, and acknowledge your experiences and to raise awareness about the abuse, neglect and trauma we suffered and the ongoing consequences of our past treatment.

CLAN also advocates for justice and redress for ALL Care Leavers.

Our mission is to also support all Care Leavers and their families through free face-to-face or telephone counselling and to provide assistance in obtaining records, and immediate or ongoing services where needed.

CLAN has an ongoing mission to document and preserve our history and our personal stories through a National Orphanage Museum.

What We Offer

Being raised without your own family has lifelong effects which may require lifelong support services. CLAN offers free telephone counselling to any Care Leaver or a family member of a Care Leaver and face-to-face counselling to anyone in Sydney or Melbourne. You do not need to be a member to speak to one of our counsellors.

CLAN also offers:

- Information about National Redress
- We hold Social Events in every state
- A bi-monthly newsletter, *The Clanicle*
- Help to obtain your State Ward or Home files
- Free advertising in our Newsletter
- Photo Gallery for Care Leaver members only
- The only place in Australia you can have your story published
- Advocacy & lobbying Care Leaver issues in all States and to continue to fight for Justice & Redress for ALL forms of Abuse, Neglect & Child Labour

CLAN's Committee

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



Vlad Selakovic
CLAN President

Vlad has been President since November 2016. A long-term member of CLAN, Vlad is a regular at our protests and an enthusiastic volunteer whenever help is needed.



Stewart Quinn
Treasurer

Stewart has been Treasurer since November 2016. A long-term member of CLAN, he also volunteers in the Australian Orphanage Museum, cataloguing items in our collection.



Frank Golding
CLAN Vice-President

Frank has been Vice-President since the 2014 AGM. He has been influential in effectively educating and raising awareness on Care Leaver matters.



Pat Griffiths
Secretary & Public Officer

Pat has been a CLAN volunteer for 15 years. She continues to take minutes for our committee meetings and produces correspondence on behalf of the committee.



Pat McNair
Committee Member (NZ)

Pat has been CLAN's eyes in New Zealand over the past few years. She has been great in promoting CLAN and its work in New Zealand.



Rhonda Janetzki
Committee Member

Rhonda has been influential in raising awareness and educating various institutions as well as individuals in the Albury/Wodonga region. She is a great promoter of CLAN.



Carolyn Frawley
Committee Member

Carolyn organises CLAN social events in Cairns, QLD, and is a great promoter of CLAN and its work.

CLAN's Patrons

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



Commissioner Bob Atkinson

Former Police Commissioner and Commissioner for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse



Hon. Jason Clare, MP

Member for Blaxland, NSW



Hon. Steve Irons, MP

Member for Swan, WA



Hon. Jenny Macklin, MP

Member for Jagajaga, VIC



Hon. Richard Marles, MP

Member for Corio, VIC



Senator Claire Moore

Senator for QLD



Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP

Member for Sydney, NSW



Hon. Amanda Rishworth, MP

Member for Kingston, SA



Hon. Bill Shorten, MP

Member for Maribyrnong, VIC
Opposition Leader



Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP

Former Prime Minister
Former Member of Parliament, NSW



Hon. Ken Wyatt AM, MP

Member for Hasluck, WA
Minister for Indigenous Health
Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care

CLAN's Volunteers

CLAN would like to thank all volunteers for their time and helping hand throughout the year.

A big congratulations to the 2017 Volunteers of the Year Award.

- Rhonda Janetzki
- Stewart Quinn

CLAN greatly appreciates your hard work, dedication and commitment.

The 2018 Volunteers of the Year award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on the Gold Coast, QLD.



Last year's Volunteers of the Year
Rhonda Janetzki & Stewart Quinn, with
Ross Hart, member for Bass



CLAN's Volunteer of the Year Award Shield

CLAN's Team

Julie Evans

Office Manager/Accounts Manager

Julie has worked for CLAN for 10 years and has held several roles in this time. Julie started out as a Personal Assistant to Leonie and Joanna and as CLAN grew, Julie took on the role of Accounts Manager. Since this time, Julie has also had the responsibility of being CLAN's Office Manager to ensure everything at CLAN is running smoothly. Julie has an extensive background in accounts and administration before joining CLAN. Julie continues to support the Executive Officer, Leonie Sheedy, as well as the CLAN Staff and volunteers in her capacity as Office Manager.

Janis Ishak

Museum Coordinator

Janis has worked for CLAN for 6 years with a variety of roles, telephone answering helping callers with their enquiries, email enquiries, helping to co-ordinate the social gatherings/events held at the CLAN Office and liaising with the CLAN members and volunteers. Janis is now the Museum Co-ordinator for CLAN.

Shanice Andres

General Administration/Records Assistant

Shanice has been working for CLAN for 1 year as our receptionist and administration assistant. Her main roles are answering the telephones and helping our members and other Care Leavers with their enquiries, and has also been assisting Care Leavers search for their records for themselves and family members. Shanice also sends out birthday, get well, and sympathy cards to our Clannies.

Dee Rogers

Reception/General Administration

Dee has been working for CLAN since June 2018 as our receptionist and administration assistant. Her main roles are answering the telephones and helping our members and other Care Leavers with their enquiries. Dee also coordinates the entries for our newsletter.

Natalie Wallace

Senior Counsellor (Sydney)

Natalie has worked at CLAN for the past 9 years as a counsellor. Natalie's educational background is in Psychology, but she has also done training in process psychology/counselling, trauma informed counselling, and narrative therapy.

The counsellor role has incorporated many jobs, not only telephone and face to face counselling, but also casework, advocacy, general support, as well as writing submissions to Government and non-government agencies. She has also been involved in supporting CLAN members and other Care Leavers through the Royal Commission process. Natalie is also the Royal Commission Administrator which involves coordinating CLAN's funding responsibilities. Natalie went on maternity leave at the end of December 2017.

Kristen Harris

Senior Counsellor (Sydney)

Kristen has worked at CLAN for the past 4 and a half years, and has an educational background in Psychology. She also provides telephone counselling and advocacy & support for Care Leavers and their families. Kristen does CLAN's submissions responding to Royal Commission publications and issues papers.

Steven Serbati

Website Administrator

Steven has worked at CLAN for almost 3 years. He currently ensures that CLAN's website is kept up to date with the latest news on Redress and the Royal Commission.

June Rolleston

Counsellor (Melbourne)

June has worked at CLAN since June 2018. She provides telephone counselling and advocacy & support for Care Leavers and their families.



CEO
Leonie Sheedy



Office Manager
Julie Evans



Senior Caseworker
Kristen Harris



Records Assistant
Shanice Andres



Senior Counsellor
(Maternity Leave)
Natalie Wallace



Senior Counsellor
Kristen Harris



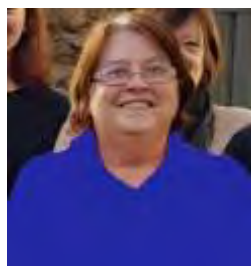
Counsellor
June Rolleston



Web Administrator
Steven Serbati



Museum Co-ordinator
Janis Ishak



Admin Assistant
Dee Rogers

HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

National Redress & National Apology Meetings

Redress & Apology meetings were held at:

- Senator Claire Moore's Brisbane office
- CLAN's Bankstown office
- Wodonga Services Club
- MP Andrew Wilkie's office, Hobart
- Launceston
- Andrew Leigh MP, Canberra
- Steve Irons, MP, Perth
- Catherine King, MP Ballarat
- Hon Richard Marles MP, Geelong
- SA Best office, Adelaide



Redress & Apology Meeting
Senator Claire Moore's Brisbane office
15th April 2018



Redress & Apology Meeting
Bankstown Library
3rd April 2018



Redress & Apology Meeting
Wodonga, VIC
17th May 2018



Redress & Apology Meeting
Hobart, TAS
21st May 2018



Redress & Apology Meeting
Launceston, TAS
23rd May 2018



Redress & Apology Meeting
Office of Steve Irons, MP, Perth, WA
21st May 2018

Special Events

Two milestone birthdays were celebrated during this year. Frank turned 80 and Ray turned 90!



Frank Golding at his 80th birthday bash.



Ray Prosser and his wife Wendy at Ray's 90th birthday celebration.

Protests

Protests held during 2017-2018:

VIC

- Salvation Army Bourke St, Melbourne on 17th July 2017
- St. Pauls Cathedral, Flinders & Swanson Sts, Melbourne 28th August 2017
- Parliament House, Melbourne, 9th October 2017

NSW

- Department of Premier & Cabinet, Martin Place, Sydney on 24th July 2017
- Salvation Army Eastern Territory, Elizabeth St, Sydney on 4th September 2017
- Parliament House, Sydney on 3rd October 2017

SA

- Adelaide Parliament House, King William St, Adelaide on 26th February 2018

Socials

The following socials were held during 2017-2018:

- Woolloongabba, QLD
- 5 socials held at the Bankstown office in Sydney
- Bendigo, VIC
- 5 socials held at CLAN's Melbourne Office
- 5 socials held at Coffs Harbour, NSW
- 4 socials held in Adelaide, SA
- 5 held in Albury, NSW/Wodonga, VIC
- 5 held in Queensland
- Warrnambool, VIC
- Gold Coast, QLD
- 3 held in Cairns, QLD

CLAN Christmas Socials



CLAN Socials



CLAN Protests



Advocating for Care Leavers

- Advisor to the Hon. Dan Tehan MP
- Minister for Aged Care & Indigenous Health, Ken Wyatt AM MP.
- The Hon. Martin Pakula, MP Attorney-General, VIC
- Hon. Mitch Fifield
- Nick Xenophon
- Hon. Frank Pangallo MLC
- Telephone meeting with former SA Premier Jay Weatherill
- Senator Derryn Hinch
- Senator Claire Moore
- Hon. Jason Clare MP
- Sarah Henderson MP
- Attorney-General The Hon. Mark Speakman
- Hon. Dr David Gillespie MP
- Hon. Richard Marles MP
- Hon. Steve Irons MP
- Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Opposition Leader



CLAN CEO Leonie with Minister for Aged Care Ken Wyatt
& his advisor Paula Gelo
29th November, 2017



The Hon. Richard Marles MP, CLAN CEO Leonie
Sheedy and Justice Peter McClellan at the retirement
morning tea for Justice Peter McClellan
10th February, 2018



CLAN President Vlad Selakovic, Senator Derryn Hinch, CEO
Leonie Sheedy & Vice-President Frank Golding
16th March, 2018

New Zealand News

CLAN's CEO and Vice President were invited to travel to Wellington, New Zealand to attend the "Inquiry into State Care in New Zealand" workshop. All travel expenses and accommodation were paid for by the New Zealanders.



(l-r) CLAN CEO Leonie Sheedy, Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO (former Governor-General of New Zealand, Netta Christian, Pat McNair, and CLAN Vice-President Frank Golding in New Zealand, 13th February, 2018

Royal Commission News

On Friday, 15th December 2017, Clannies gathered outside the gates of Government House, Canberra to thank the Royal Commissioners as they delivered the final report of the Royal Commission to the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove.



Many CLAN members from around Australia attended the Royal Commission's final hearing where Justice Peter McClellan gave his final speech of thanks and apologies on 14th December 2017.



- CLAN's CEO and Vice President were invited to give evidence at the public hearing of the Senate Inquiry into the Redress Legislation.
- CLAN's CEO and Head Counsellor Natalie Wallace attended the Counselling and Support Services end of the Royal Commission Seminar and the Civil Litigation roundtable in Sydney.
- CLAN's CEO and Vice President met with the Department of Human Services, Berry Street, and Open Place on a number of occasions.
- CLAN has done and will continue to do research to assist Care Leavers with family history.

Royal Commission and Mediation Support

In the five months since the end of the financial year, CLAN staff have supported 5 Care Leavers during their mediation hearing and supported 6 Care Leavers at the Royal Commission.

CLAN staff have also assisted many Care Leavers to send their submissions to the Royal Commission.

CLAN's Submissions

- Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs in response to the proposed Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2017 and Related Bill – January 2018
- CLAN's response to "Potential ACT Criminal Justice Legislative Reforms Arising from Recommendations to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse" – April 2018
- "Response to the NSW Department of Justice Regarding the Report on Proposed Responses to the Royal Commission's Civil Litigations Recommendations" – April 2018
- Inquiry into the quality of care in residential aged-care facilities in Australia – February 2018
- Submission to the Australian Capital Territory Government in response to the external consultation paper: "Reportable Conduct Scheme" – January 2018
- Submission to the Victorian State Government in response to the external consultation paper: "Betrayal of Trust Recommendation 26.1" – November 2017
- Submission to the NSW Government in response to the consultation paper: "NSW Government Consultation in Relation to the Civil Litigation Recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse" – October 2017
- Submission Tasmanian Limitation Amendment Bill – October 2017
- Submission to the QLD Government in response to the "Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2017" – September 2017
- Submission regarding Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Reforms – August 2017

Thank you to Natalie and Kristen on their work on these submissions.

Care Leaver-Informed Training

CLAN provided Care Leaver-informed training for:

- 2 training days to Family & Community Services NSW – attended by 26 staff
- Simpkin House, Bendigo, where there were 30 staff members in attendance
- Calvary, Kogarah where 20 staff attended
- Knowmore, NSW – there were 35 staff in attendance
- Department of Human Services, Victoria

Counselling Report

It's been another busy year for the CLAN counsellors. This year has also seen the closure of the Royal Commission, and assisted Care Leavers through the last of the hearings, as well as finalising their written submissions. CLAN has been inundated with requests for counselling, and there has been a significant increase in the number of Care Leavers and their families using our free counselling service.

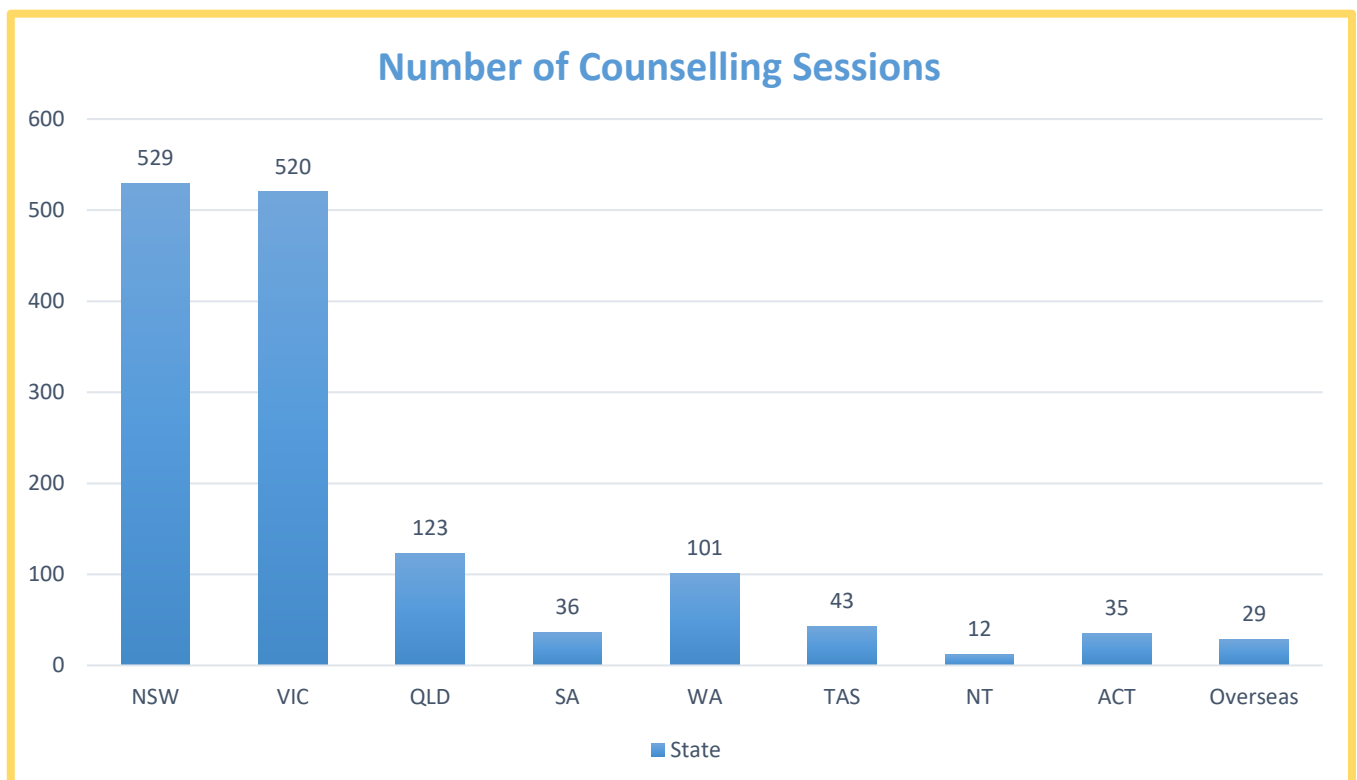
CLAN has assisted Care Leavers through the closure of the Royal Commission, and supported them through the anticipated National Redress Scheme.

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. This allows many elderly, unwell or Care Leavers living at a distance, to be capable of accessing a counselling service in the privacy of their own home.

Not only does CLAN provide counselling, we also support Care Leavers and their families with:

- ✚ Conversing and advocating with Centrelink/Department of Housing,
- ✚ Writing support letters,
- ✚ Assisting with Victims Compensation Scheme,
- ✚ Assisting Care Leavers through their civil and court cases,
- ✚ Help with completing paperwork for various agencies,
- ✚ Writing submissions to the Royal Commission,
- ✚ Attending the Royal Commission,
- ✚ Reporting their abuse crimes to the Police.

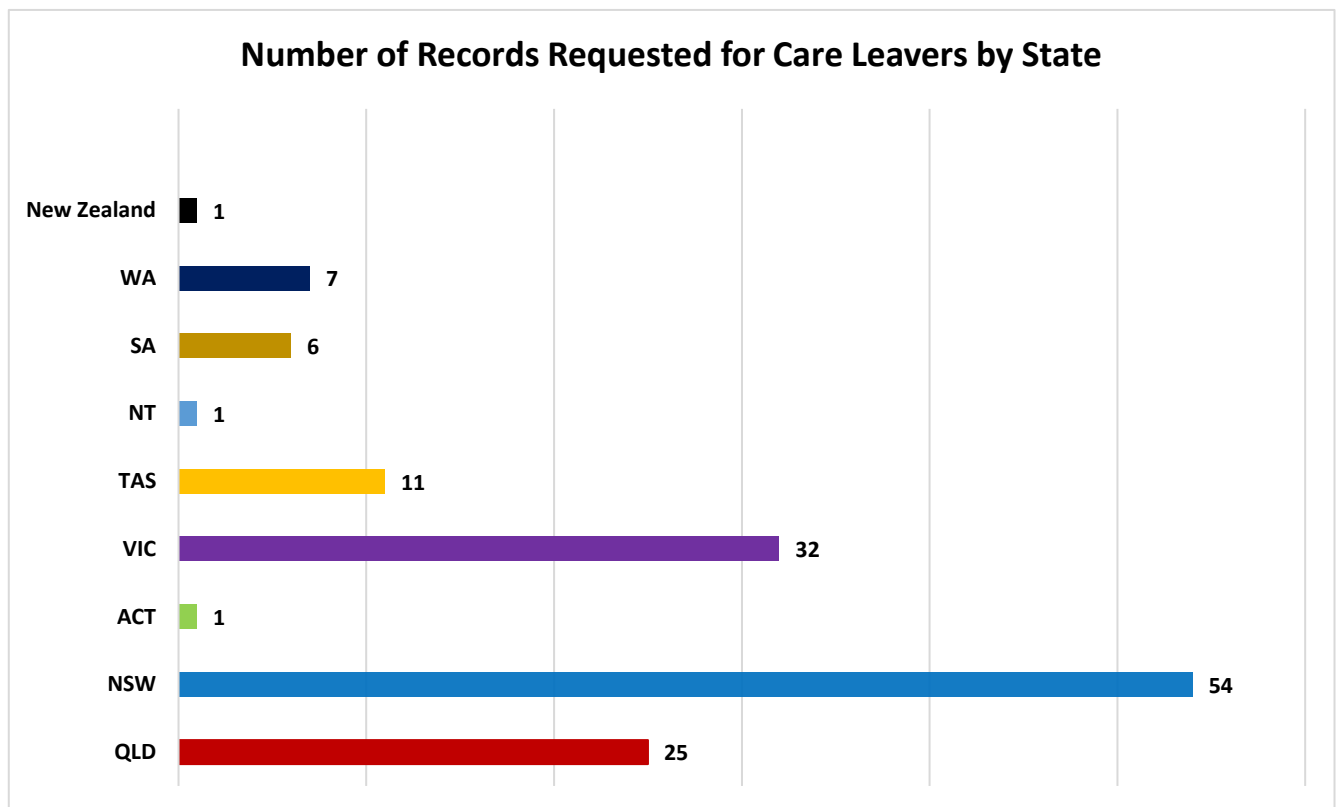
The graph below depicts counselling by state that the Care Leaver grew up in 'Care'.



Casework Report

CLAN assists Care Leavers in family history research and accessing their personal files and Orphanage Records. CLAN assisted **138** people this year in obtaining Family War Records, State Ward Records & Past Providers Records.

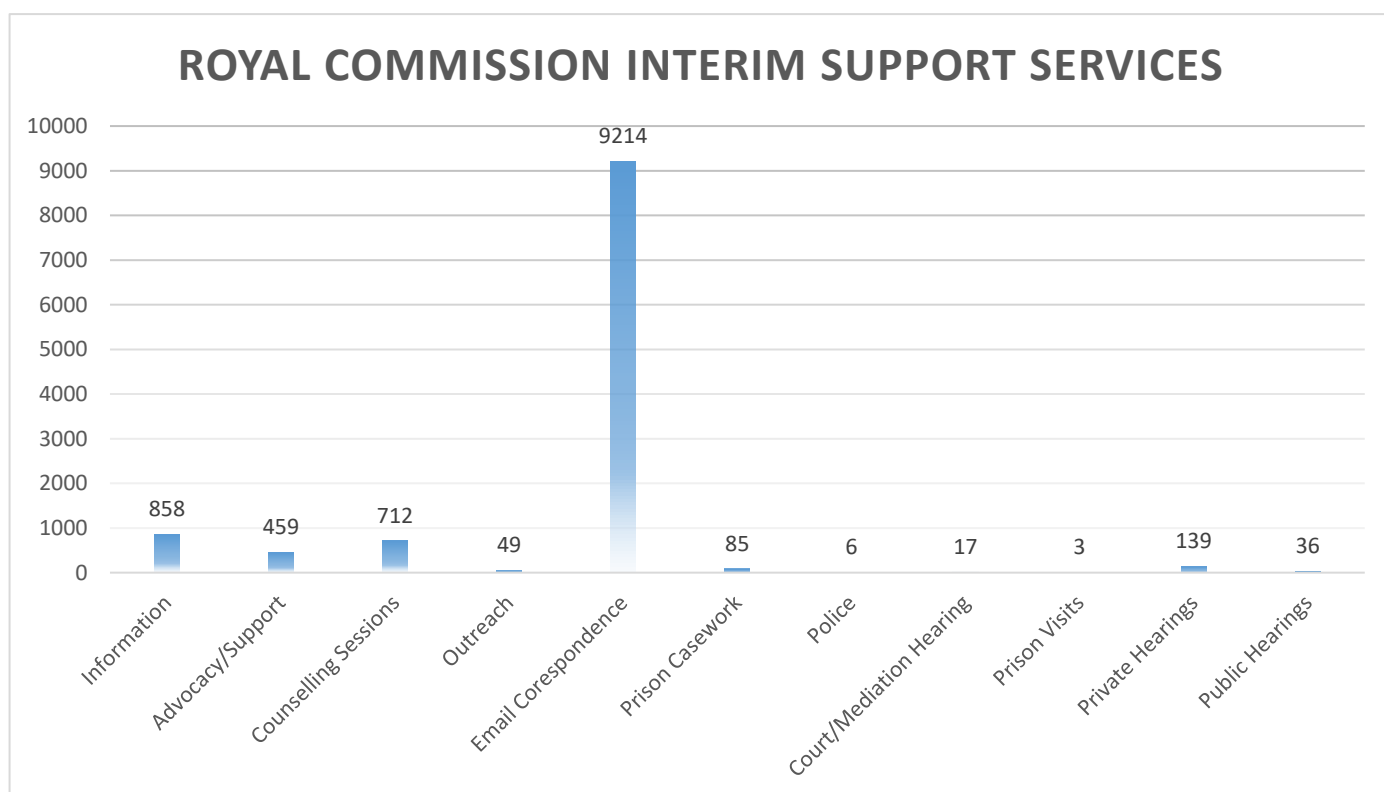
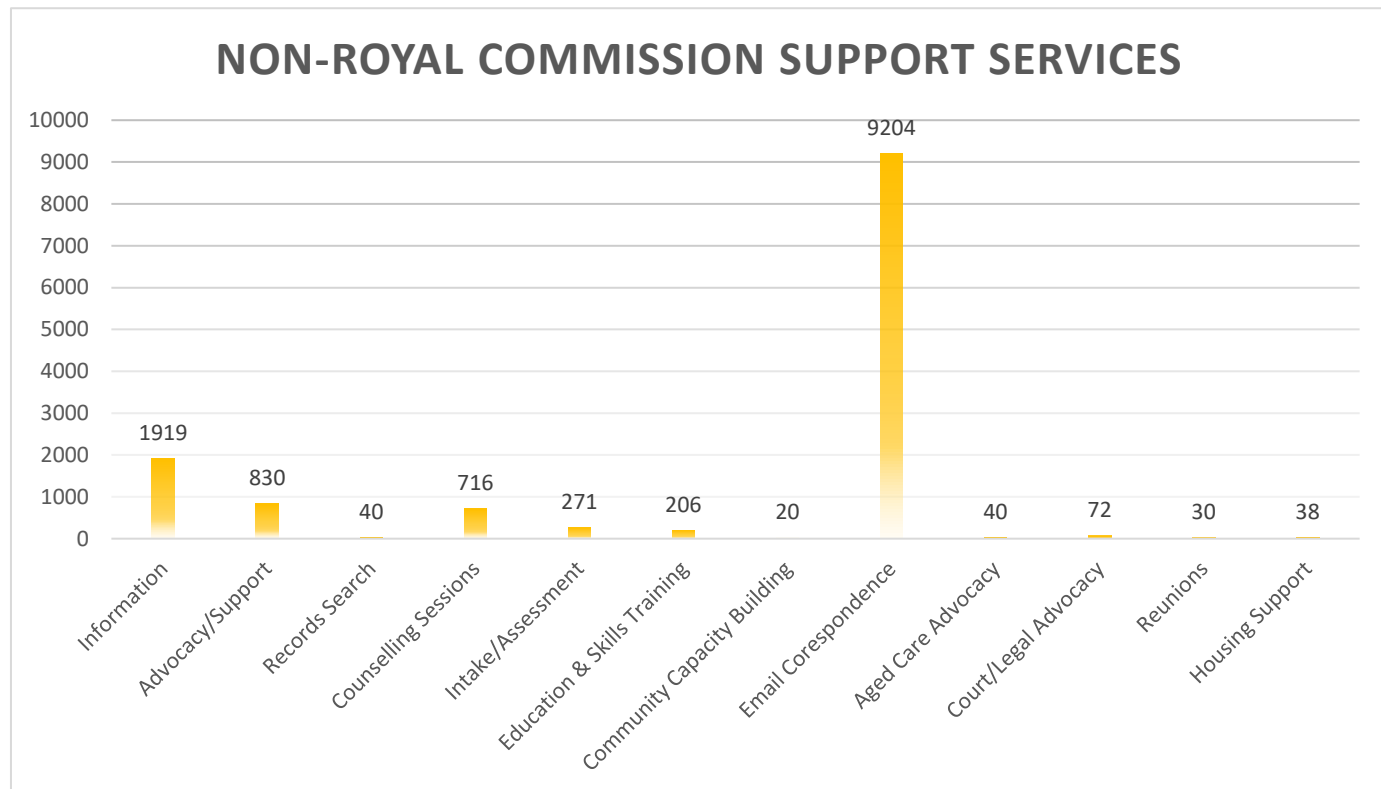
The graph below shows that in the last financial year CLAN has applied to every State and Territory for Care Leaver records.



763 calls were made to all State Government departments, Births Deaths & Marriages, Health Services/Hospitals and various organisations, liaising with other professionals in order to assist in obtaining any information on records.

Information Report

CLAN receives several phone calls and emails every day from people seeking our assistance and information. A total of **151** information packages were sent out to people wanting to know about CLAN and our services we provide, and a total of **2777** phone calls were taken.



Australia's Orphanage Museum

CLAN has a Museum collection of around 1,000 plus items. The Museum aims to collect, document and present objects and material from Orphanages and children's Homes from around Australia. Items in the collection are on display in the Museum at the Bankstown office of CLAN. The collection includes plaques, signs, badges, photos, crockery, personal diaries and personal material that have been donated by care leavers.

The Orphanage Museum is presently using a web-based collection cataloguing system called "ehive". This system is used worldwide by hundreds of other museums to catalogue objects, store images and manage the information and publish the collection online for public viewing.

With the help of CLAN volunteers, we have been busy cataloguing and photographing the many items in our collection. The process of record keeping for each item including registration, cataloguing and research is a lengthy process. A special thank you to Stewart who comes every week to assist. We have purchased a lighting tent which allows the items in the collection to be photographed without any background distractions.

CLAN recently was awarded with a Community Heritage Grant which was supported with letters from Senator Derryn Hinch VIC, Tanya Plibersek MP Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Richard Marles MP Federal Member for Corio, Jason Clare MP Federal Member for Blaxland, Steve Irons MP Member for Swan, Dr. Mat Trinca, Director of the National Museum Australia. This grant will allow us to have a "Significance Assessment" done on our Museum collection. The significance refers to the values and meanings of the items in the collection and to understand the history of where they came from.

I attended the Award Ceremony in Canberra on October 30th, to receive the award and attend a 3-day intensive Preservation and Collection Management Training workshop as part of the prize. The workshop was most informative and beneficial to our collection.

Please have a look at our collection on ehive.com – **Australia's Orphanage Museum**

Janis – Museum Co-ordinator



Salvation Army Bayswater Boys' Home, Victoria



Salvation Army Gill Memorial Home, Goulburn, NSW



A nun from Croagh Patrick Orphanage, Orange, NSW



Eric Barker holding up his 'Eric Barker Reading Room' sign

Acknowledgments



CLAN would like to extend a big thank you to all social co-ordinators for all your efforts in organising events and socials for all Clannies.

CLAN would like to thank the following Government Departments for their continued support & funding:

- Department of Social Services
- Department for Families SA
- Department of Human Services VIC
- Department of Families & Community Services NSW
- Ancestry.com

CLAN would like to say a special thank you to those who have made substantial donations throughout the year:

- Alan, WA - \$1,050
- Charles, QLD - \$990
- Peter, NSW - \$1,000
- Yasmin, VIC - \$500
- Damon, QLD - \$5000
- John, NSW - \$280

Thank you to everyone who donated to CLAN during the last year. Your donation is much appreciated, whether it is big or small.

Thank you to the special people who send us handmade cards to send to people on the birthday list. Sincere thanks to:

- Gwen, ACT
- Julie, QLD
- Trudy, ACT
- Patricia, QLD
- Beth, NSW
- Bill, WA

CLAN also extends a big thank you to our amazing members and supporters who have sent us financial donations, stamps, envelopes, newspaper articles and other items to help keep CLAN going. All donations are gracefully accepted.

We would also like to thank everybody who has and have continued to donate items to CLAN's Australian Orphanage Museum. We are always on the lookout for items for the Museum – we will treasure them.

Thank you to all our members who attend the CLAN socials in all states in Australia and New Zealand, and to all members who attend the silent protests CLAN holds for a National Redress Scheme. You are the true champions!

Thank you to Tony, NSW, for donating tea and coffee for the office in Sydney.

Thank you to Yvonne who cleans the CLAN office every week and makes sure the office is sparkling clean! Your work is much appreciated.

And thank you to Ray Prosser for his stamp donations, and Eric Wheeler for his help with signage.

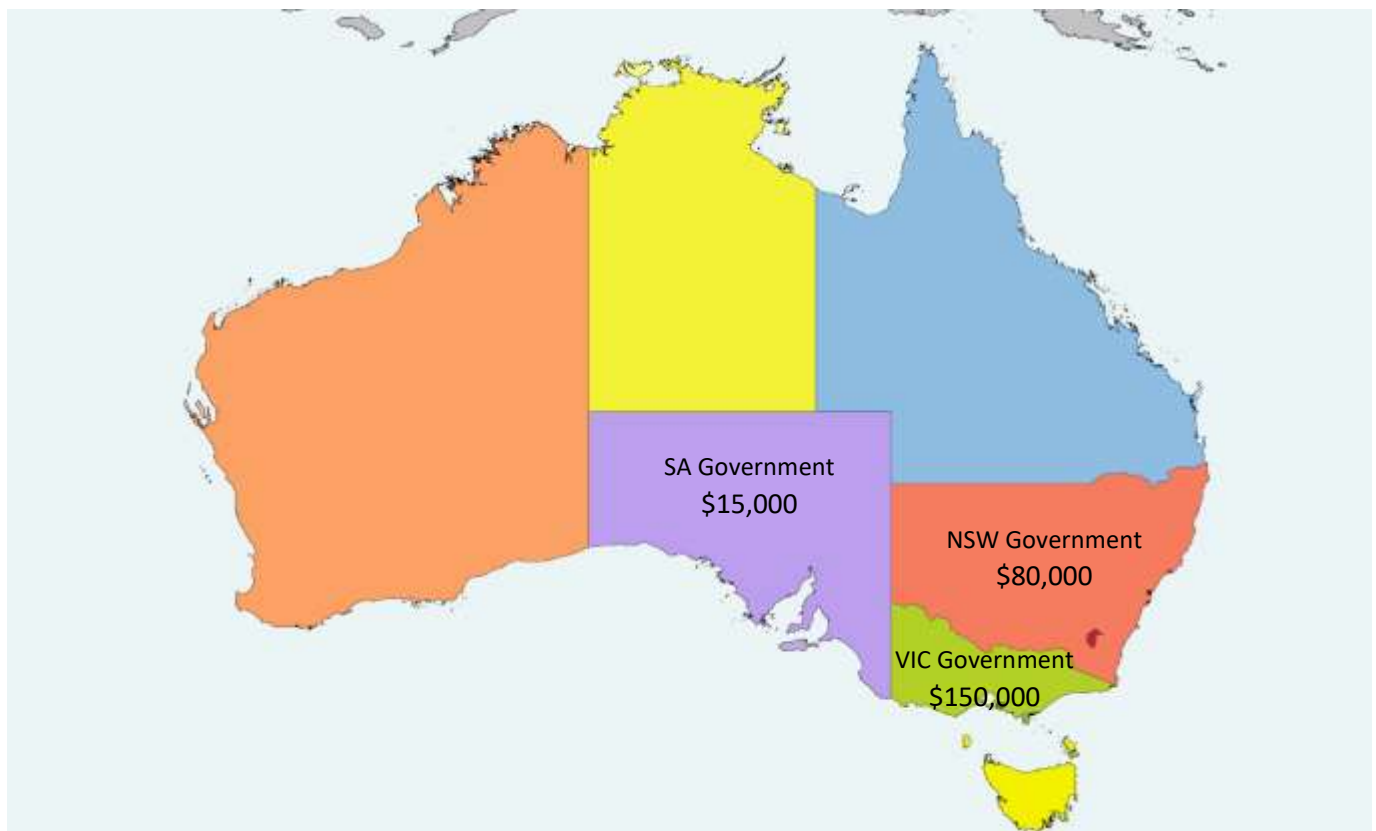
Lastly, we would like to acknowledge and thank all our friends and supporters who encourage CLAN to keep advocating and supporting all Australian Care Leavers.

Financial Report

The accounts were audited by MK Nominees & Association Pty Ltd of Sydney, NSW and follow on the next page. The budget for 2017/2018 has been approved and adopted by the Committee.

As has been the case over the past few years, The Royal Commission/National Redress Scheme has continued to take the majority of CLAN's focus over the last twelve months. In saying this we have also focused our resources and time in ensuring the day to day running of the office, the publication of our newsletter as well as providing casework, advocacy, support and counselling for our members and all Care Leavers.

We are grateful to the Federal Government and some State Governments who provide funding to CLAN;



Federal Government
(Support & Advocacy)
\$150,000

Federal Government
(Royal Commission)
\$400,000

Thank you to an anonymous donor from NSW who donated \$5,000.

CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 67 736 746 011

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Committee submit the financial report of the Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

Committee Members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Vlad Selakovic
Frank Golding
Patricia Griffiths
Pat McNair
Rhonda Janetzki
Carolyn Frawley
Stewart Quinn
Leonie Sheedy

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were the provision of support, advocacy, research and training network for people who grew up in Australian orphanages, children's Homes, foster care and other institutions.


Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$109,460.50.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Committee Member: 
Vlad Selakovic

Committee Member: 
Stewart Quinn

Dated this 25th day of October 2018

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME			
Government Funding			
Docs NSW		78,306.87	39,560.61
DHS Victoria		172,995.77	20,693.05
DSS Funding Activity 1		157,885.50	156,468.00
Govt SA		15,000.00	-
DSS Royal Comm Funding		419,381.82	414,000.00
DSS Funding		-	12,272.72
Department of Health		-	10,000.00
		<u>843,569.96</u>	<u>652,994.38</u>
Donations		50,563.21	155,938.10
Membership Fees		12,775.10	14,461.89
		<u>906,908.27</u>	<u>823,394.37</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Centrelink Parental Leave		6,998.70	-
Wages Subsidy		9,090.90	
Bank Interest		4,903.61	335.18
Miscellaneous Income		1,063.65	18,211.22
		<u>22,056.86</u>	<u>18,546.40</u>
		<u>928,965.13</u>	<u>841,940.77</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising		1,699.81	
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees		117.19	107.44
Cleaning		4,764.56	50.00
Computer Software & Maintenance		3,081.80	1,882.25
Conferences & Courses		5,580.00	90.91
Consultancy		70,228.20	25,920.00
Depreciation & Amortisation		9,112.00	9,067.00
Gas		272.31	237.81
General Expenses		7,181.00	8,242.71
Hall Hire Expenses		503.63	151.87
Insurance		16,069.77	13,557.89
Legal & Accounting Expenses		2,725.00	2,650.00
Licences & Fees		1,540.04	762.89
Light & Power		3,798.49	3,096.37
Library Expenses		312.40	78.05
Motor Vehicle Expenses		5,379.90	7,322.98
Museum Expenditure		1,348.78	3,209.09
Printing, Postage & Stationery		32,908.61	31,946.18
Rates & Taxes		27.82	108.24
Rent		57,129.25	48,172.69
Salaries & Wages		508,447.04	465,902.93
Staff Amenities		359.90	396.90
Subscriptions		1,803.98	1,375.92
Supplies		2,321.11	2,489.87
Supervision		5,042.00	6,826.36
Superannuation Contributions		47,974.87	43,675.74
Telecommunications		8,305.82	9,313.92
Travel & Accommodation		21,023.51	23,951.57
Waste Disposal		445.84	303.25
I		<u>819,504.63</u>	<u>710,890.83</u>

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>109,460.50</u>	<u>131,049.94</u>
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year		<u>336,675.29</u>	<u>205,625.35</u>
Retained funds at the end of the financial year		<u>446,135.79</u>	<u>336,675.29</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		552,726.38	439,683.22
Trade and other receivables	2	6,653.15	5,444.19
Inventories	3	219.21	232.84
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>559,598.74</u>	<u>445,360.25</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	31,163.26	29,151.69
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>31,163.26</u>	<u>29,151.69</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>590,762.00</u>	<u>474,511.94</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables		23,370.36	16,580.80
Employee benefits	5	121,255.85	121,255.85
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>144,626.21</u>	<u>137,836.65</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>144,626.21</u>	<u>137,836.65</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>446,135.79</u>	<u>336,675.29</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Retained Funds	6	446,135.79	336,675.29
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>446,135.79</u>	<u>336,675.29</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 110:	Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 116:	Property, Plant and Equipment
AASB 119:	Employee Benefits
AASB 1031:	Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and are net of any rebates and discounts received.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment of losses. Plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

Employee benefits are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least one year after the reporting date regardless of the classification of the liability for measurement purposes under AASB 119.

Taxes

Income Tax

No Income Tax is payable by Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated as Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 exempts Charitable Institutions from Income Tax

Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax, except:

- (i) where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. It is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of the expense.
- (ii) receivables and payables are shown inclusive of GST

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
2 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Input Tax Credits	6,653.15	5,444.19
3 Inventories		
Current		
Orphans of the Living	219.21	219.21
CLAN Caps	-	13.63
	219.21	232.84
4 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Expenditure Museum	2,052.41	2,052.41
Motor Vehicles	36,174.79	36,174.79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(22,622.00)	(18,100.00)
	13,552.79	18,074.79
Furniture & Fixtures	32,308.06	21,184.49
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(16,750.00)	(12,160.00)
	15,558.06	9,024.49
Total Plant and Equipment	29,110.85	27,099.28
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	31,163.26	29,151.69

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
5 Employee Benefits		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	49,401.31	49,401.31
Provision for Personal and Carers Leave	42,490.57	42,490.57
Provision for Long Service Leave	29,363.97	29,363.97
Total Employee Benefits	<u>121,255.85</u>	<u>121,255.85</u>
6 Retained Funds		
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year	336,675.29	205,625.35
Net surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the association	<u>109,460.50</u>	<u>131,049.94</u>
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year	<u>446,135.79</u>	<u>336,675.29</u>

CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 9:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President:


Vlad Selakovic

**Finance
Manager:**


Stewart Quinn

Dated this 25th day of October 2018

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 67 736 746 011**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practical for the association to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions, sales and fundraising activities until their initial entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to such revenue was limited to amounts recorded and banked. We are therefore unable to express an opinion on the completeness of the funds raised.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion except for the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009.

Basis for Opinion

We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

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

Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Association Incorporations Act NSW 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the association. Our opinion is not modified in respect to this matter.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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Responsibilities of Management and those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

Name of Firm: Maynard Kearns
Chartered Accountants

Name of Principal:


Kirk Maynard

Address: Suite 6 Level 1, 432 Chapel Road Bankstown NSW 2200

Dated this 25th day of October 2017



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Above: Formal Royal Commission Chair Justice Peter McClellan cuts the cake at the Thankyou Morning Tea for the Royal Commissioners, held at CLAN's Bankstown office in February. With him are former Commissioner, from left Justice Jennifer Coate, Robert Fitzgerald and Bob Atkinson.



Above: Former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Opposition Leader Bill Shorten MP, and Gail Furness.



Left: Jenny Mikakos MP, Minister for Family, Children & Youth Affairs, Victoria, at the opening of the Counselling Office in CLAN Melbourne.

**CLAN will continue
to fight for Justice and
Redress for ALL forms
of abuse, neglect,
and unpaid labour for
ALL Care Leavers.**