



Care Leavers Australasia Network



Annual Report 2018 – 2019

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President's Report

This year's report has been written by Vice President, Frank Golding, on behalf of President Vlad Selakovic who has been sadly hindered by ill-health. We wish Vlad all the best for a complete recovery and thank him sincerely for all the work he has done during his term as President.

The National Redress Scheme continues to be a mess in slow-motion. CLAN is putting pressure on the government for change. It has met with Ministers and other parliamentarians and given evidence to two Parliamentary Inquiries about the problems in the Scheme, especially lifting the cap back to \$200,000 (the Royal Commission's figure) and getting rid of indexation.

Some State governments have changed laws to make it easier to take civil action in the courts—as an alternative to redress. CLAN applauds these changes such as getting rid of time limits. But, we urge Care Leavers to get the best advice available before making up their mind about what's best for them. We are always there to help and support whatever decision you make.

Changes are slowly happening to make access to Care Leavers historical records easier and fairer. But the various organisations and states are inconsistent. Our members still give us examples of unreasonable—sometimes ridiculous—redactions. CLAN will continue to fight for the right to all our personal records.

We also continue the struggle for our rights to services like access to medical, dental and other health services, support for housing, and help with emergencies. We are keeping an eye on services in all States making sure that Care Leavers' interests are central to the way services operate.

As you know, CLAN moved out of the rented building in Sydney and bought our own building—the Yellow House. While it is far superior to the previous accommodation, it is not quite big enough to house the Orphanage Museum. So, the Orphanage Museum and Library will operate from McKillop Street in Geelong. We also have plans to make the precious items available online so that people can see the items no matter where they live.

Our CLAN friends across in New Zealand have their own Royal Commission into Abuse in Care. Our NZ Committee member, Pat McNair, keeps us updated. It has not been easy with resignations of key people and other controversies. But we are optimistic that the Commission will come good.

Robert House, a CLAN Committee member and artist, has commissioned several prominent Australian artists to make artworks related to the Royal Commission paying tribute to courageous Care Leavers and those who were active in the Commission. The centrepiece, "The Raft Of The CLAN", was launched at Parliament House in 2018 by Julia Gillard. The collection will be launched at the Ballarat Art Gallery in November 2020 for three months—and other places will follow.

A huge thank you to the CLAN members who attend our silent protests at key locations, showing politicians and the public that we are not going away until our demands are acknowledged and acted on. Another big cheer also for all the volunteers who chip in and support CLAN in so many different ways. We couldn't do it without volunteers. That's what makes CLAN successful. We are Care Leavers, run by Care Leavers, for Care Leavers.

And last, a big thanks to Committee members who always go that extra mile to make CLAN better and better every year.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Golding on behalf of Vlad Selakovic

CLAN President
2017-2019

Executive Officer's Report

Dear Clannies, Supporters and Patrons

It's hard to believe another 12 months have passed since we held our AGM on the Gold Coast to meet our Queensland Clannies. It was lovely to have one of our Patrons, Senator Claire Moore, to act as returning officer and to hand out the Volunteer of the Year Awards to three worthy recipients:

- Julie Adams & Pat Curnow. Julie and Pat are both NSW Care Leavers who live in Queensland. Julie and Pat make the beautiful birthday cards many of our Clannies receive.
- Robert House, a NSW Care Leaver who lives in Victoria, received his award for his contribution to commissioning the painting of the "Raft Of The CLAN" and for his support of CLAN through the protests.

Congratulations & sincere appreciation to our three award winners.

CLAN's biggest accomplishment in 2019 was buying the Yellow House in 30 Columbine Avenue, Bankstown. CLAN was able to do so due to Garry O'Neill leaving his estate to CLAN. What a generous bequest. If you ever visit CLAN's Headquarters, you will see Garry's brown briefcase placed at the front entry in his memory. Inside the case we found all his family history information. The Committee's decision to buy a house was huge. I thank them all for their leadership and commitment.

Moving after eight years at our previous Headquarters, the White House, took five skips and lots of hard yakka. The staff at CLAN worked tirelessly packing box after box of the Orphanage Museum, 900 library books, office furniture, Royal Commission furniture and some of Garry's things too. Then they had to be unpacked and set up when we moved into the Yellow House.

Another of our Patrons, Jason Clare MP, officially opened on the Yellow House on 1st July. It was a lovely sunny day in winter and thank you to all who came especially the Victorian Clannies who came up for the opening.

As the Yellow House was not big enough to fit the 900 Library books or the Australian Orphanage Museum, the Committee approved the move to Geelong and a suitable house was found at 62 McKillop Street, Geelong. It was opened on 19th October 2019 by our Patron Richard Marles MP Corio and another Patron, Steve Irons MP Swan. Since we opened, we have had many visitors to the Museum and received donations from three different people. The Museum has also attracted new members.

I wish to sincerely thank all members of the Committee for their support of me personally and for their voluntary service to CLAN. The Committee members are:

- Vlad Selakovic President
- Frank Golding Vice President
- Pat Griffiths Secretary
- Stewart Quinn Treasurer
- Committee Members
- Rhonda Janetzki
- Carolyn Frawley
- Robert House
- Pat McNair

The Committee took on extra workload, more phone calls, more emails than in any previous year due to the big moves in the one year. Thank you for helping CLAN run smoothly.

We continue to fight for human rights for all Australian Care Leavers. We met with and wrote to the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Rosalind Croucher, seeking support for Care Leavers. We await the day that the Australian Human Rights Commission finds their voice on the lack of human rights for Australian Care Leavers.

This year, CLAN held our first ever Red Mass protests outside St Patrick's in Melbourne & St Mary's in Sydney. Red Mass—an event where judges, barristers and solicitors meet with bishops and priests—has been held at Catholic Cathedrals across Australia every year since the 1930s. When the Royal Commission has roundly condemned widespread child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy, it seems insensitive that this cosy relationship between church and the judicial system should continue. Thank you to all the Clannies for coming in red clothing to make the protest memorable.

Redress remains CLAN's major focus. Too few Care Leavers have been paid, and the delays are inexcusable. As far as we are aware only nine NSW Care Leavers have been paid. Four out of the nine have died prior to, or since, getting their payment. It's not good enough and we continue to tell Minister Senator Anne Ruston and Prime Minister Scott Morrison of the serious flaws in the National Redress Scheme.

During the year, CLAN held socials across Australia and in NZ. Tasmania is the exception, but we will go to Tassie in 2020 and try to recruit a volunteer to arrange socials there too. A big thank you to the female Clannies who organise the CLAN socials.

- Margaret Anderson, NSW North Coast
- Sue Henthorn, WA
- Colleen Ewen Newcastle
- Rhonda Janetzki, Wodonga
- Carolyn Frawley, Cairns
- Yvonne Smith, Sydney
- Liz Kennedy, Adelaide
- Gayle Hamilton, Melbourne
- Pat McNair, New Zealand

One of the best parts of my job is assisting Care Leavers to find family members, family history or photos. Recently I went to the UK for a Care Leaver conference in Liverpool. It was wonderful to meet the two lads, Ian Gould & Ian Dickson and so many other UK & Scottish Care Leavers who are doing amazing things to highlight the need for better support for Care Leavers. Thank-you to DHHS and FACS NSW for funding this trip. I learnt a lot at the conference, and at the Danish Welfare Museum. One big difference was that I didn't hear of many UK Care Leavers needing to find families, which is completely different to the situation in Australia. So many of us are still searching for our fractured families or a gravestone.

Whilst in the UK I visited a Victorian Care Leaver, Violet 82. She had not seen her brother Albert for 80 years when all the siblings were removed and placed in Royal Park Depot. One of our Victorian Clannies, Sylvia, 90 years told CLAN 19 years ago about her horrific childhood with foster carers in Bendigo. Violet's brother was also in foster care in Bendigo.

Sylvia gave us the names of the other state wards and I had remembered one was named Albert. It turns out it was Violet's brother, at the same foster home as Sylvia. She was able to give information that I was able to share with Violet when I visited her. It doesn't make up for NOT seeing or finding her brother, however it does help to know that at least someone remembered Albert.

Thank you to all the CLAN Staff who have given tremendous support to the smooth running of CLAN. It has been a tough year for everyone, but with the two moves it has been especially demanding for our great team of workers. They have come through with flying colours.

Sincere thanks to the Commonwealth through DSS, Victoria DHHS, NSW FACS and SA for funding CLAN to support Care Leavers across Australia. We hope the other states and territories will see the value in funding CLAN. Finally, thanks to the Care Leavers and Clannies who place their trust in CLAN. It's an honour to work for you.

Hooroo

Leonie Sheedy
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 Orphanages, Children's Homes, Missions & Foster Care within Australia and New Zealand. CLAN has been operating since 2000 with offices in Sydney and Melbourne. Being raised without your own family has lifelong impacts which require dedicated Care Leaver informed support services. CLAN also operates our museum and library now located in Geelong.

Our Mission

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

We support all Care Leavers and their families through free face-to-face or telephone counselling and provide assistance in obtaining records and assist Care Leavers with Redress applications.

We advocate for justice and Redress for ALL Care Leavers.

We strive to document and preserve our history as well as our personal stories through The Australian Orphanage Museum located in Geelong.

What We Offer

CLAN offers free telephone counselling to any Care Leaver or a family member of a Care Leaver and face-to-face counselling to anyone who resides in Sydney, Melbourne or Geelong. You do not need to be a member to speak to one of our counsellors.

CLAN also offers:

- Counselling for Care Leavers and their families
- Information about the National Redress Scheme
- Assist with doing Redress applications
- 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 where you can have your story published
- Advocacy & lobbying Care Leaver issues in all States and continuing the fight for Justice & Redress for ALL forms of Abuse, Neglect & Child Labour

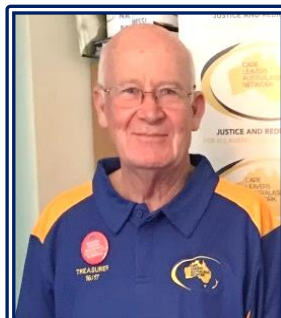
CLAN's Committee

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



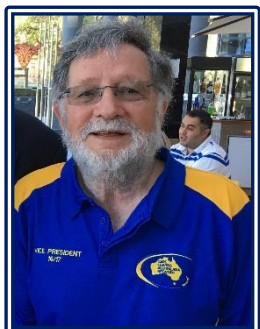
Vlad Selakovic
CLAN President

Vlad has been President since November 2016. A long-time 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-time 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.



Robert House
Committee Member

Robert is a NSW Care Leaver who joined the Committee in 2018. He has organised Art exhibitions for CLAN since 2014.

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

Former Member for Jagajaga, VIC



Hon. Richard Marles, MP

Member for Corio, VIC



Senator Claire Moore

Former 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 hands throughout the year.

A big congratulations to the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award recipients:

- Julie Adams QLD who made the beautiful cards sent to our members
- Patricia Curnow QLD who also made the beautiful cards sent to our members
- Robert House VIC for his contribution to CLAN, commissioning and donating "The Raft Of The CLAN" artwork.

CLAN greatly appreciates your hard work, dedication and commitment. Thank you to Claire Moore our patron for attending the AGM at the Gold Coast Queensland and for giving out the Volunteer of the Year awards.



CLAN's Volunteer of the Year names on the Shield

CLAN's Team

Julie Evans

Office Manager/Accounts Manager

Julie has worked for CLAN for 11 years and has held several roles in this time. Julie started out as a Personal Assistant to Leonie and Joanna. As CLAN grew, Julie took on the role of Accounts Manager. Since this time, Julie has also taken on the responsibility of being CLAN's Office Manager to ensure everything at CLAN is running smoothly.

She already had 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 the smooth running of the CLAN headquarters.

Janis Ishak

Museum Coordinator/Administrator

Janis has worked for CLAN for 7 years within 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.

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.

Alice McGill

Caseworker (Sydney)

Alice has worked at CLAN since February 2019. She does casework and records requests as well as assisting with administrative tasks in the office.

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

Natalie Wallace

Head Counsellor Sydney

Natalie has worked at CLAN for the past 10 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

Kristen Harris

Senior Counsellor Sydney

Kristen has worked at CLAN for the past 5 and a half years with an educational background in Psychology. She provides telephone counselling or face to face counselling in Sydney as well as advocacy & support for Care Leavers and their families. Kristen does CLAN's submissions responding to Royal Commission publications and issues papers.

Sara Wulf

Counsellor Melbourne at Ross House

Sara has worked at CLAN since May 2019 and provides telephone counselling or face to face counselling in Melbourne and Geelong. She also provides advocacy & support for Care Leavers and their families.

All three counsellors have assisted many Care Leavers to complete their Redress applications.

Thank you to all the staff for all the hard yakka and patience with the moves and the packing and unpacking many, many boxes for the move to the yellow house and Geelong. I really appreciate the support you all gave to me.

Leonie Sheedy
CEO of CLAN



CEO
Leonie Sheedy



Office Manager
Julie Evans
Sydney



Senior Counsellor
Kristen Harris
Sydney



Head Counsellor
Natalie Wallace
Sydney



Caseworker
Alice McGill
Sydney



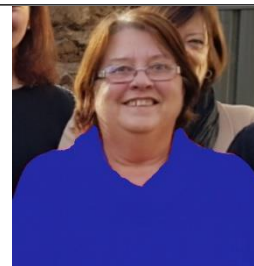
Counsellor
Sara Wulf
Melbourne



Web Administrator
Steven Serbati
Sydney



Museum Co-ordinator
Janis Ishak
Sydney



Admin Assistant
Dee Rogers
Sydney

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The Opening of the Yellow House

For the past 19 years, CLAN has envisioned an opportunity to acquire full ownership of their own office. This has turned into reality as a result of a generous NSW Care Leaver who left his estate to CLAN. CLAN thanks Garry O'Neil for his generous bequest to CLAN.

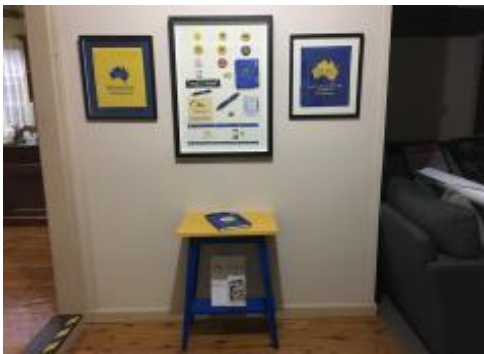
CLAN left the White House on the 22nd of June 2019 and celebrated the official opening of our new office in 30 Columbine Avenue, Bankstown on the 27th of July 2019. Our office was opened by CLAN Patron and long-time supporter of CLAN Jason Clare MP, member for Blaxland. This new office has provided a comfortable working environment for the hard-working staff and flexibility to the overall operations. The backyard is lovely and large with lots of shelter for our CLAN socials and a large garden which we are starting a garden group



Jason Clare MP and his son Jack opening the new office at Bankstown



Natalie Ward NSW Parliamentary Secretary, representing Mark Speakman the NSW Attorney General, Matthew Jones FACSNSW and Joanna Penglase Co Founder of CLAN



Thank you to Robert House for hanging all the pictures in the Bankstown Headquarters



Vlad, Jason Clare, Robert, Stewart, Royal Commissioner Robert, Yvonne, Tony, Joanna, Fred and Bob



Tony, Brian, Fred, Max & Joanna Penglase speaking about the amazing NSW Child Welfare records dating back to 1932 which Max donated to the Australian Orphanage Museum



Early bird CLAN workers Julie, Natalie, Yvonne, Kristen, Vlad & Robert

New Zealand

CLAN AGM 9th November 2019

New Zealand is now in full swing with its Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry

Commissioners Sandra Alofivae, Andrew Erueti, Coral Shaw and Paul Gibson, along with Commission Chair Sir Anand Satyanand have been travelling the country listening to hundreds of survivors' experiences of abuse in care through private sessions. These private sessions will run for the length of the Inquiry. So there is still plenty of time to register. Priority will be given to older people or those who are unwell. <https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/survivors/register/>

The Commission currently has registrations from New Zealand survivors living across the world, who wish to participate. They are currently looking at how they could most effectively engage with survivors who live overseas. It is not envisaged at this point that survivors will be flown to New Zealand for private sessions. However, a number of options are being considered, which include survivors providing their experiences in writing and /or participating in a private session via Zoom. These decisions will be made early next year and the information will be made available via the Commission website. www.abuseincare.org.nz

As well as continuing the Private Sessions around the country, the Commission has now also moved into the Public Hearings and operational phase of the Inquiry. Survivors, their advocates, academics and expert witnesses have just taken part in a two-week Public Hearing, which covered a huge range of issues and topics. It has set the scene for the rest of the Inquiry. This Hearing was open to the public and was livestreamed on the Inquiry's website. A recording of the full hearing is now available to watch on the website. <https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/public-hearings/live-stream/>

Planning for the next Public Hearing in March 2020, which will cover Redress, is already underway. This Hearing will investigate the experiences of survivors making civil claims against the Crown and whether the Crown's responses to claims have been adequate and appropriate. The overall investigation into redress will run throughout the life of the Inquiry.

If you are a New Zealand survivor and wish to share your experiences with the Commissioners we encourage you to register at <https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/survivors/register/> or phone free from Australia 1800 875 745 or write:

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Warm regards
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New Zealand

The NZ Government has announced the final Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission of Inquiry. The scope of the inquiry has been extended to children in the care of faith-based institutions or facilities, orphanages, youth detention centres, psychiatric hospitals and government care services contracted out to private institutions. Prisons and sports organisations are excluded.

The Inquiry has a budget of \$78.85 million over four years, which includes more than \$15 million for counselling and support. An interim report which focuses on state care is due by the end of 2020 and the final report with the Royal Commission's findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Governor-General in January 2023. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said the Government would provide a formal Apology to survivors of abuse if the Royal Commission called for one.

The inquiry will review the period between 1950 to 1999 and will commence from next January through a combination of private sessions, formal hearings and engagement in other settings. The commission will have some degree of power to compel institutions and individuals to provide evidence. Compensation claims will be handled by the Historic Claims Unit which is already in operation.

On the 26th of May 2019, Minister for Children Tracey Martin made an announcement that young people leaving state care or youth justice system will be supported until they turn 25 as a result of a Pre-Budget funding boost. The Wellbeing Budget will invest \$153.7 million in Oranga Tamariki over four years to build a new nationwide Transition Support Service with approximately 3000 young people expected to be helped by the new service.



Protests

CLAN continues to hold protests & we sincerely thank all the Clannies who have come to support the protest. It's not always easy because we live too far away or we are too sick or we can't afford the fares

VIC

- Red Mass at St. Patricks Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne on the 29th of January 2019
- Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne on the 6th August of 2018, 20th of November 2018, 31st of March 2019 and 6th of May 2019
- County Court of Victoria on the 27th February 2019 and 13th of March 2019

NSW

- CLAN protested at the Prime Minister Scott Morrison's Electoral Office, Suite 102, Level 1, 30 The Kingsway, Cronulla on the 13th of November 2018
- St Marys Cathedral, St Marys Road, Sydney on the 9th of September 2018 and for Red Mass on the 29th of January 2019
- Parliament House, Sydney on the 27th of August 2018 and 13th of May 2019
- MP Gladys Berejiklian office, 280 Willoughby Rd, Naremburn on the 16th October 2018
- CLAN protested the first anniversary of Redress on the 1st of July 2019 by dressing in black outside the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Sydney because hardly any Care Leavers have received Redress



CLAN's Protests



Order of Australia Medal

CLAN was really pleased to nominate Jim Luthy for the Order of Australian Medal. It was announced early 2019. Jim was a very dedicated and committed President. We appreciate his voluntary commitment to all Australian Care Leavers and for his leadership of the CLAN committee for the 5 years he was our President. Congratulations Jim from all Care Leavers and Clannies.



Jim Luthy at the Annual General Meeting held at the Gold Coast 2018



Former CLAN President Jim Luthy



Former CLAN President Mr. Terrence Luthy also known as Jim receiving his Australian of Order Medal from the Queensland Governor Paul de Jersey in Brisbane in May 2019

Socials

The following socials were held during 2018-2019:

New South Wales

- CLAN Office, 463 Chapel Road, Bankstown, *31 July 2018, 27 September 2018, 1 December 2018, 14 February 2019, 29 March 2019, 18 April 2019*
- BBQ at Lynn's, 23 Wharf Street, South Grafon, *24 February 2019*
- Pelican Park, Brighton Redcliffe Road, Clontarf, *13 October 2018*
- 252 Chilcotts Road, Crystal Creek, *2 February 2019*

Central Coast

- John's Home, 3 Koala Place, Boambee East, *22 July, 9 Dec*
- Sealy Lookout, Scenic Drive, off Bruxner Park Road, Korora, *23 September 2018*
- Jetty Foreshore, Marina Drive, Coffs Harbour, *14 April 2019*

Victoria

- Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, *27 July 2018, 28 September 2018, 8 December 2018, 2 February 2019, 3 Apr 2019, 21 May 2019*
- Platinum Brew, 13 Southside Terrace, Beechworth Road, Wodonga, *22 July 2018, 23 September 2018, 28 November 2018, 27 January 2019, 24 March 2019, 28 April 2019*
- North Geelong Football Club, Swinburne Street, North Geelong, *2 May 2019*
- Warrnambool Football Club, Cramer Street, Warrnambool, *19 January 2019*

Queensland

- Beenleigh Sports Club, 28A Alamein St, Beenleigh, *11 August 2018*
- Cairns RSL, 115 The Esplanade, Cairns, *12 August, 14 October 2018, 9 December 2018, 10 February 2019, 14 April 2019*
- Mount Tamborine Park, Siganto St and School Rd, Mount Tamborine, *24 November 2018*
- Pirate Park/Railway Place, Cnr Bunton Street & Landsborough Parade, Scarborough, *13 April 2019*

South Australia

- Metropolitan Hotel, 46 Grote Street, Adelaide, *22 September 2018, 24 November 2018, 23 February 2019, 25 May 2019*

Western Australia

- Mumma's Eats n Sweets, 47 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah, *3 Dec 2018*
- Citipace Community Centre, Level 1, City Railway Station, *23 July 2018*

New Zealand

- Parents Place, 87 Boundary Road, Claudelands, Hamilton, *15 July 2018, 7 October 2018, 9 December 2018, 24 February 2019*

Thank you to all the social coordinators who organise these important events for Care Leavers in your local area, we appreciate your efforts.

Christmas Socials 2018



Sydney: Robert, Stewart, Sandra and Yvonne having fun!



Sydney: Clannies getting into the festive spirit!



Sydney: Santa Tony and Yvonne



Santa David and Clannies holding our festive sign!



Melbourne: Santa David, Leonie and fellow Clannies getting into the festive season.



Melbourne: Clarrie, John M and John K enjoying some festive cheer.

New South Wales



Giza, Bob, Yvonne, Reg, Arthur ,Don and Tony all having a good time!



Lovely to see Gay who brought her own coffee cup which brought us a smile



NSW Clannies at the White House in Bankstown after a social



Five CLAN members: Don, Lyn, Sandy, John and Margaret at John and Mary's at Coffs Harbour



A huge thank you to Tony who donates tea, coffee, sugar, toilet paper and lots of other things to CLAN during the year.

Queensland



Marjorie, Carolyn F, Janie and Carolyn F. enjoy the first Cairns Social of 2019



Queensland Clannies having a good meal with good company and a good time



Thank you Julie for organizing our Queensland socials!



The social held at Crystal Creek, Murwillumbah, fun for all Clannies!

Western Australia



Mary, 95, and her son Raymond joined us at the Perth Social in July.



It was wonderful to see such a strong gathering of our WA Clannies in Perth.

Victoria



Lots of fun at the first social for 2019 in Warrnambool in January!



Valda, Judy, Frank & Clannies at our St Patrick's Day social in Melbourne



A happy group of St Patrick's Day Clannies! So much Irish green! Nobody guessed who was wearing the Shamrock undies!



Jenny and Brian having fun, yummy food and nibbles for the occasion.



Richard Marles MP, Gladys, Teresa, Rob, Leonie & Erika who attended her 1st Geelong social.



Lenny of Clifton Springs and James of Bacchus Marsh catching up at the social in Bendigo

South Australia



SA Clannies enjoyed catching up over lunch in Adelaide in May.



Marian, Glenda, Karen, Alby and Liz attending our fun social

Clannies Write...

My congratulations for the part you played in the final outcome for the Federal Redress Scheme. Well done by CLAN and supporters who turned up to publicly demonstrate for the cause.

Peter WA

I really appreciate all the hard work you do keeping the needs of abused children in view. I reckon Leonie Sheedy could be Australian of the Year. She has cared for so many and inspired us all to never give up the fight for justice.

Trish WA

I have been blessed by the counselling I have received. Trying to 'tough it' out myself through good days and heavy days. CLAN has done so much for my wife and I already. Just waiting for governments to become fully accountable for fair and equitable redress instead of reducing it to pennies.

Jeff QLD

As we never had a birthday celebration or a card or anything at all, it's lovely to get one from the CLAN family now. Can't thank the work done for us all and, I'm sure, at a lot of personal costs to Leonie and chair people who started it and are running it for our benefit. Forever grateful to the CLAN team and members.

Alan WA

Love the card, it's the only one I get. Greatly appreciate the continuing counselling while I go through redress.

Marilyn TAS

I think you are a wonderful organisation! Keep doing what you are doing!!

Bill NSW

Dear CLAN, I would like to thank Leonie for travelling all the way to Perth for our social on Monday 23 July. Thanks also for the luck door prize. We all had a great time.

Emily WA

To our angel warrior Leonie, and all staff and CLAN members. A blessed and holy season. I thank all for their hard work and always being there at the many phone calls for advice and help. And the many get togethers and joyous occasions.

Shan, NSW

Dear Leonie, thank you and your team for your commitment, professionalism, resilience and compassion. I really value my membership of CLAN and I will always treasure your honesty and genuine welcome to the organisation. Congratulations to all the Executive Members. Vlad you are an awesome President, Patricia, a great secretary, and all the Committee Members reflect the value of CLAN. Leonie, I love the gifts and Certificate. The op shops just love seeing you at the door! Redress is important and the challenges continue. Solidarity.

Senator Clare Moore, QLD

"Congratulations to CLAN for all that you do — the sentencing of Pell is wonderful news to hear! You are all angels!"

Bev, NSW

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and wishes on my birthday. As we get older there are so fewer people left in our lives to think of on their special occasions. Thank you all so much. 2018 was a great year for CLAN and all survivors. I think 2019 will be an even greater year. Best wishes to all.

Peter, SA

CLAN's Submissions

During the last 12 months the CLAN staff have written submissions to the following Australian Government in response to the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sex Abuse Act 2018 and related legislation:

- Inquiry into the oversight of the implementation of Redress related recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- CLAN'S response to Civil Liability (Institutional Child Abuse) Amendment Bill 2018
- CLAN'S response to NSW Law Reform Commission regarding consent relating to sexual offences
- CLAN'S response to Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care
- CLAN'S response to VIC Child Safe Standards Review
- CLAN'S recommendations to WA Royal Commission Duty of Institutions
- Attend the consultation workshop on the next stage of reforms in relation to the Child Protection Act 1999 - Children's rights and voices
- Submission to the Victorian State Government: Review of Victoria's Child Safe Standards
- Submission to the Royal Commission into Mental Health Terms of Reference Consultation

Thank you to Natalie, Kristen and Sara for your contributions to these important submissions.

CLAN'S Library

We named our library '*the Eric Barker Reading Room*' in honour of Eric from Bendigo for providing CLAN with a generous donation.

Hundreds of books were packed and transferred to our office at 62 McKillop Street, Geelong.

You can still borrow books from the national library. Many thanks to staff member Sara and volunteer Margaret for unpacking these books and putting them in each state and territory. It was an enormous job and the committee sincerely thanks you.

The library membership fee is \$10 to help with the postage. Please contact the office if you wish to borrow one of the many books available. We continue to search for any Care Leavers who have written a book.

Ring 1800 008 774



Eric Barker Reading Room named after Eric Barker after generous donation

Counselling Report

It's been another busy year for the CLAN counsellors. This year has also seen the commencement of the National Redress Scheme. CLAN Counsellors have seen their roles and responsibilities expand to accommodate the workload of the National Redress Scheme. The Counsellors have spent this past year assisting, and completing Redress Scheme applications on behalf of Care Leavers, and as a result providing them with ongoing counselling, support and advocacy.

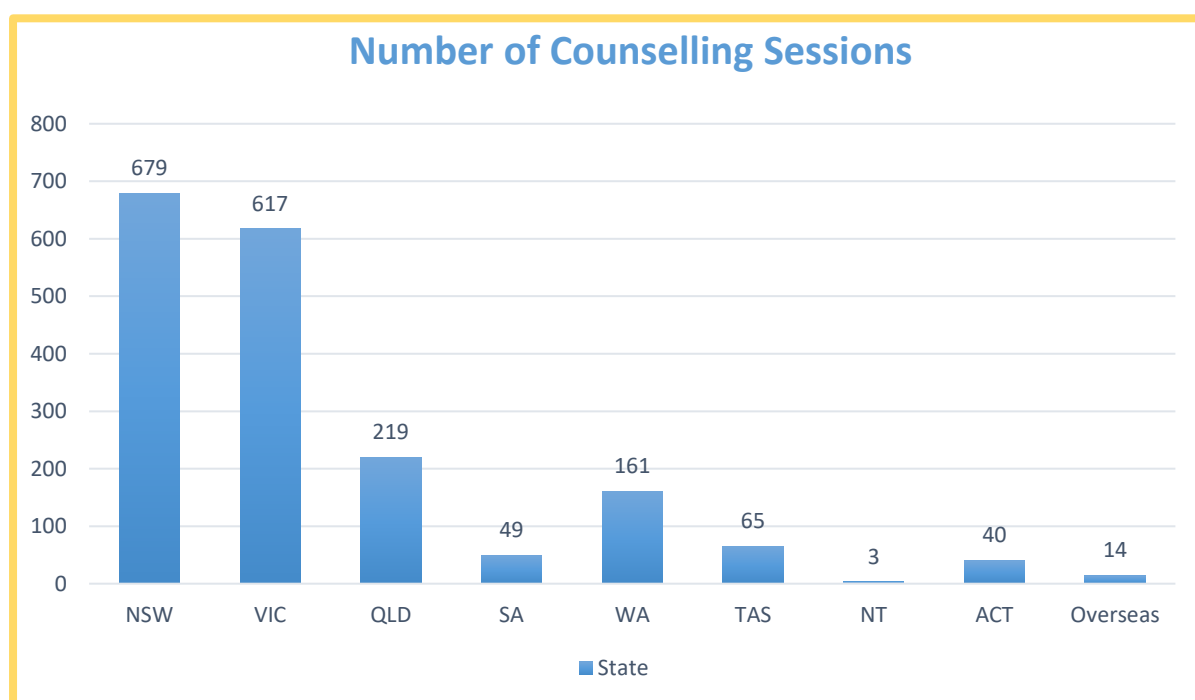
In the past year CLAN counsellors have completed 118 Redress Applications on behalf of Care Leavers. CLAN is nominee for 81 of those. Furthermore, CLAN has been inundated with requests for general counselling, and there has been a significant increase in the number of Care Leavers and their families using our free counselling service.

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:

- Completing Nation Redress Scheme Applications
- Advocating and supporting Care Leavers through the Redress Scheme Process.
- 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,
- Locating records
- Reporting their abuse crimes to the Police.

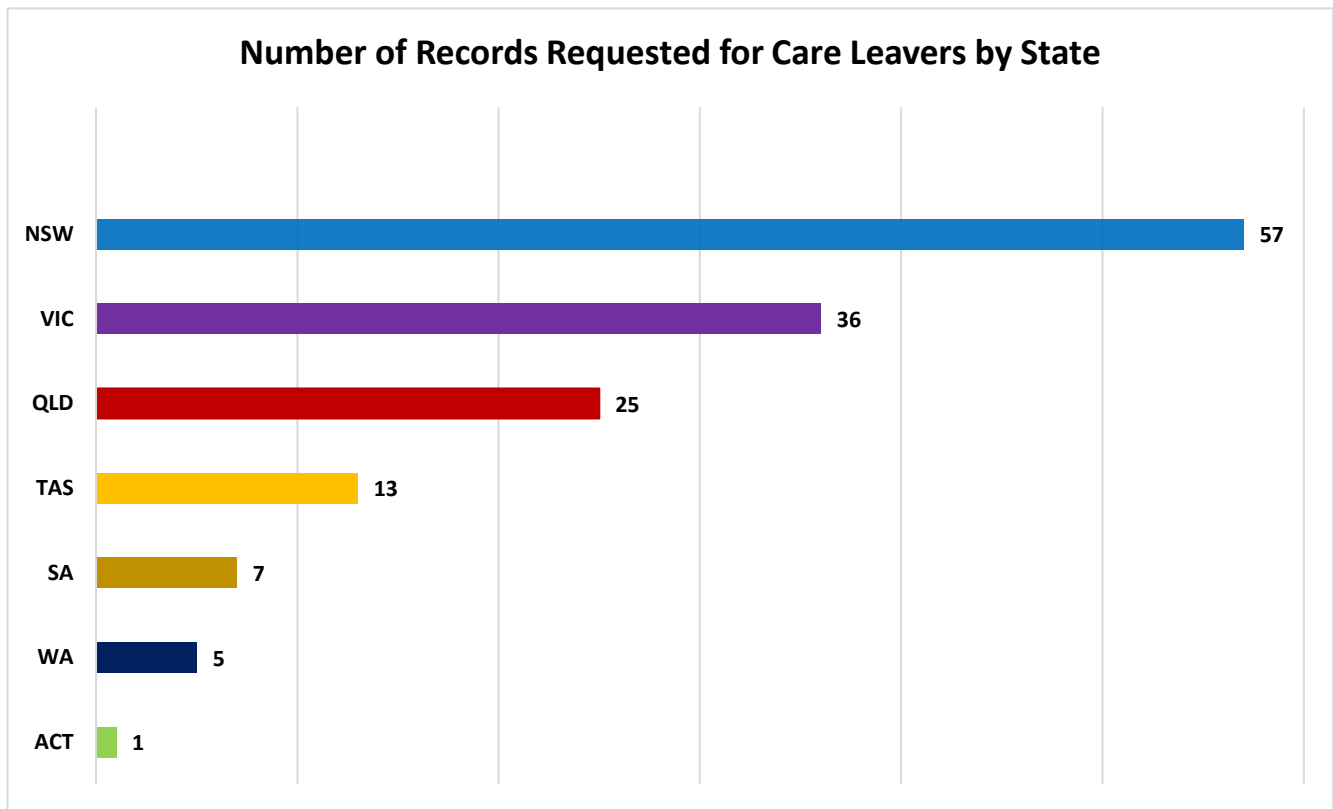
The graph below depicts counselling by state.



Casework Report

CLAN assists Care Leavers in family history research and accessing their personal files and Orphanage Records. CLAN assisted **144** people this year in obtaining Family War Records, State Ward Records & Past Providers Records.

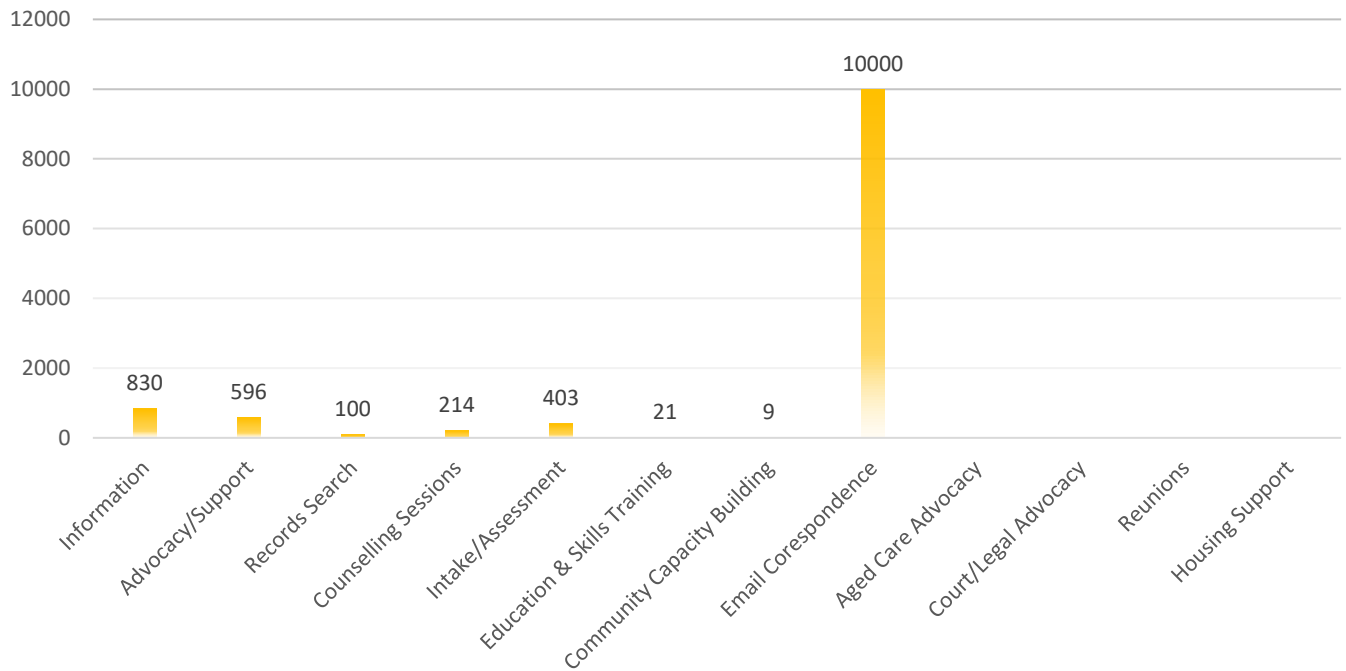
The graph below indicates the State and Territories which CLAN has applied to:



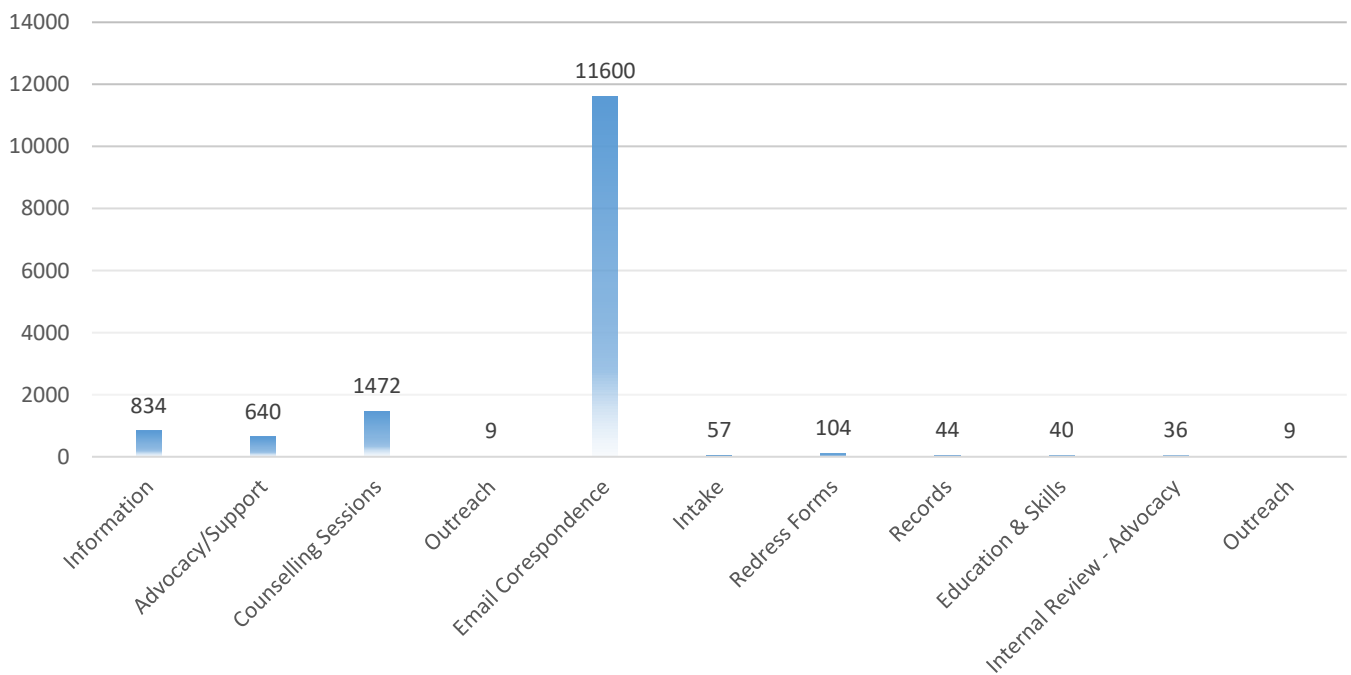
954 enquiries were made in the last financial year in order to provide assistance in obtaining any information on records. This involved liaising with all State Government departments, Births Deaths & Marriages, Health Services/Hospitals, various organisations and other professionals.

Information Report

NON-REDRESS SUPPORT SERVICES



REDRESS SUPPORT SERVICES



Australian Orphanage Museum

It has been a busy year at CLAN with changes to the location of our Museum.

As you know the Australian Orphanage Museum is now housed at 62 McKillop Street, Geelong.

Firstly it was a mammoth task packing up all the items from the White House in Bankstown and moving them to Geelong – the next task was the unpacking in Geelong. Thank you to all who helped with this enormous job. Thanks also to Robert, Vlad, Roman & Warren for hanging “The Raft Of The CLAN” Royal Commission sign they are both huge !

CLAN was successful in winning a Community Heritage Grant in November 2018 of \$4,500 for a Significance Assessment of our Collection, which has now been completed by our appointed Assessor Rebecca Jones. The Significance Assessment of our collection has helped us understand the role it has in the wider museum community across Australia.

Our web based system “ehive” has now catalogued more than 1,100 items with almost half having images stored as well as all the relevant information pertaining to the particular item.

We hope you will take a look at the **Australian Orphanage Museum** on www.myehive.com

Huge thank you to Janis Ishak, Rebecca Jones and committee member Stewart Quinn for all their work in the museum.



The Raft Of The CLAN

Thank you to Robert House CLAN committee member who commissioned the New York based Australian painter Peter Daverington to paint The Raft Of The CLAN. This painting was launched in the Great Hall in Parliament House Canberra on the National Apology Day & it was launched by former Prime Minister Julia Gillard. What an achievement Robert, we are very proud to have the original painting hung at the Australian Orphanage Museum and copy of it in the Yellow House Bankstown.



Thank you John, Roman, Vlad, Warren & Robert for assisting to set up the painting & John for buying & putting on dead locks on the 2 doors where The Raft of CLAN is now hung at the Australian Orphanage Museum in Geelong.



Warren, John and Vlad working hard to put up our wonderful Raft of The CLAN painting.



Robert and John peeping over the painting and working hard to hang it.

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:

- Kevin (NSW) \$500
- Anthony (QLD) \$1,000
- Angela (VIC) \$500
- Judith (NSW) \$2,500
- Rhonda (VIC) \$300
- Peter (NSW) \$1,000
- Annette (NSW) \$1,000

We would also like to thank Professor Kathleen Daly who is a member of the Commonwealth Independent Advisory Council on Redress for provided CLAN with a \$20,000 donation for the Australian Orphanage Museum.

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

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.

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.



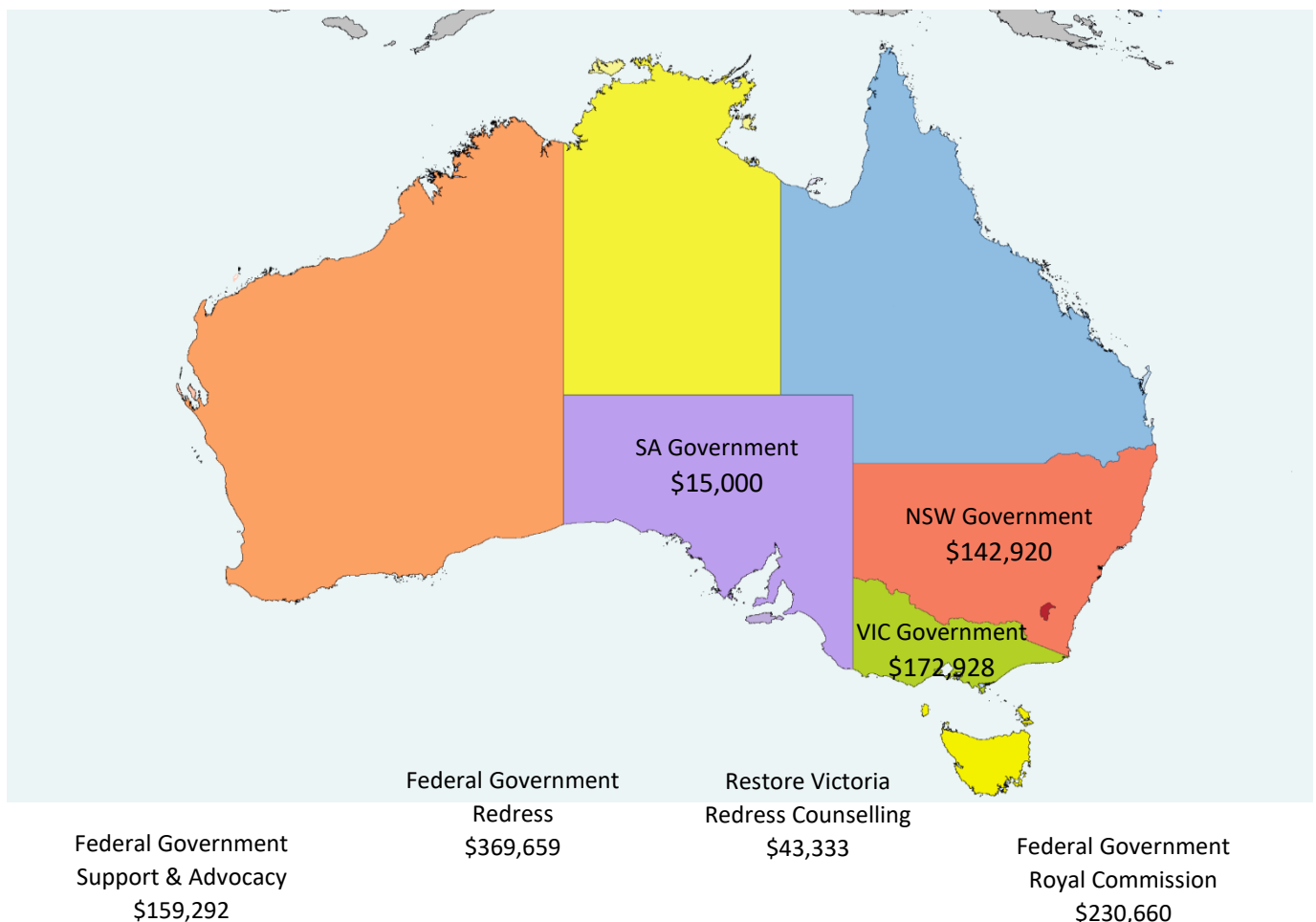
- 35 Thank you to Trudy for her gift for the opening of the CLAN office. We used it today at the High Tea.

Financial Report

The accounts were audited by MK Nominees & Association Pty Ltd of Sydney, NSW and follow on the next page. The budget for 2018/2019 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 the State Governments of South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales who provide funding to support Australian Care Leavers.



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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

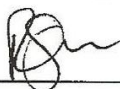
The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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

Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

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:



Patricia Griffiths



Stewart Quinn

Dated this 6th day of November 2019

CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
INCOME			
Government Funding			
Docs NSW		142,920.29	78,306.87
DHS Victoria		172,528.85	172,995.77
DSS Funding Activity 1		159,292.50	157,885.50
Govt SA		15,000.00	15,000.00
DSS Royal Comm Funding		230,660.00	419,381.82
Redress Support Services DSS		369,659.28	-
Restore Consortium Vic		43,333.37	-
Grant Museum		4,500.00	-
		1,137,894.29	843,569.96
Donations		32,839.42	50,563.21
Membership Fees		7,919.79	12,775.10
		1,178,653.50	906,908.27
OTHER INCOME			
Centrelink Parental Leave		5,754.80	6,998.70
Wages Subsidy		-	9,090.90
Insurance Proceeds		4,750.47	-
Bank Interest		6,292.84	4,903.61
Miscellaneous Income		7,453.25	1,063.65
		24,251.36	22,056.86
		1,202,904.86	928,965.13
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising		936.92	1,699.81
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees		422.63	117.19
Cleaning		1,981.75	4,764.56
Computer Software & Maintenance		3,162.91	3,081.80
Conferences & Courses		1,945.00	5,580.00
Consultancy		24,115.00	70,228.20
Depreciation & Amortisation		11,684.00	9,112.00
Gas		349.75	272.31
General Expenses		12,772.72	7,181.00

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Hall Hire Expenses		467.94	503.63
Insurance		19,424.58	16,069.77
Legal & Accounting Expenses		2,750.00	2,725.00
Licences & Fees		652.02	1,540.04
Light & Power		4,119.83	3,798.49
Library Expenses		222.79	312.40
Motor Vehicle Expenses		6,002.74	5,379.90
Museum Expenditure		4,688.57	1,348.78
Payment Dire Circumstances		3,617.27	-
Printing & Stationery		30,560.76	32,908.61
Promotion & Marketing		7,520.21	-
Rates & Taxes		129.96	27.82
Relocation Expenses		7,976.55	-
Rent		61,990.80	57,129.25
Salaries & Wages		600,992.54	508,447.04
Staff Amenities		320.00	359.90
Subscriptions		1,513.40	1,803.98
Supplies		2,492.37	2,321.11
Supervision		2,890.00	5,042.00
Superannuation Contributions		56,219.69	47,974.87
Telecommunications		10,613.34	8,305.82
Travel & Accommodation		20,338.46	21,023.51
Waste Disposal		569.87	445.84
Website Upgrade		6,218.18	-
		<u>909,662.55</u>	<u>819,504.63</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>293,242.31</u>	<u>109,460.50</u>
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year		<u>446,135.79</u>	<u>336,675.29</u>
Retained funds at the end of the financial year		<u>739,378.10</u>	<u>446,135.79</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		620,152.86	552,726.38
Trade and other receivables	2	7,407.90	6,653.15
Inventories	3	219.21	219.21
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>627,779.97</u>	<u>559,598.74</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	1,012,894.96	31,163.26
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,012,894.96</u>	<u>31,163.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,640,674.93</u>	<u>590,762.00</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables		111,932.86	115,262.24
Employee benefits	5	29,363.97	29,363.97
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>141,296.83</u>	<u>144,626.21</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings		760,000.00	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>760,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>901,296.83</u>	<u>144,626.21</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>739,378.10</u>	<u>446,135.79</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Retained funds	6	739,378.10	446,135.79
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>739,378.10</u>	<u>446,135.79</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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. 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 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.

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 2019

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.

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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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
2 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Input Tax Credits	7,407.90	6,653.15
3 Inventories		
Current		
Orphans of the Living	219.21	219.21
4 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Expenditure Museum	2,088.32	2,052.41
Land & Buildings	991,744.33	-
Motor Vehicles	36,174.79	36,174.79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(27,144.00)	(22,622.00)
	9,030.79	13,552.79
Furniture & Fixtures	33,943.52	32,308.06
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(23,912.00)	(16,750.00)
	10,031.52	15,558.06
Total Plant and Equipment	19,062.31	29,110.85
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,012,894.96	31,163.26

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
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	446,135.79	336,675.29
Net surplus attributable to the association	<u>293,242.31</u>	<u>109,460.50</u>
Retained funds at the end of the financial year	<u>739,378.10</u>	<u>446,135.79</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 Board 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 2019 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:

Secretary: _____
Patricia Griffiths

Treasurer: _____
Stewart Quinn

Dated this 6th day of November 2019

**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 2019 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 Associations Incorporation Act 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
A.B.N. 67 736 746 011**

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 6th day of November 2019

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