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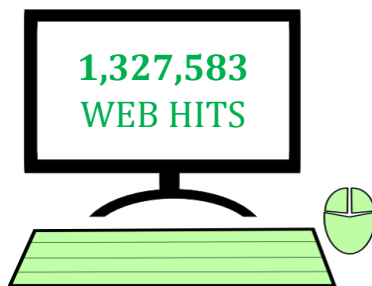


1002 Members

**2800
TWEETS**



950 TWITTER FOLLOWERS



TV & RADIO INTERVIEWS



**1000
COUNSELLING
SESSIONS**



**60
MENTIONS
IN THE
MEDIA**

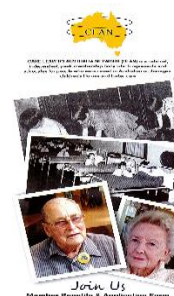


90 MEMBERS

HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED IN
ATTENDING ROYAL
COMMISSION PRIVATE
SESSIONS

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PACKS POSTED**



**450 BIRTHDAY
CARDS SENT TO
OUR MEMBERS**

Presidents Report

It is with pride that I write my first report as President of CLAN. I joined the Committee convinced that care leavers required a strong voice and advocate and a passageway to achieve redress for past abuses and current sufferings; and that CLAN was the avenue to achieve this. This year the staff and Committee worked consistently to progress the vision '*To achieve justice for all Forgotten Australians*'. CLAN provides this in many ways advocating strongly for individuals on various matters and *all* Care Leavers on the important issues of promoting healing and social networks amongst care leavers while fighting for a national redress scheme.

The Committee under the previous President Jim Luthy wrote clear directions for CLAN and I am happy to see progress made this year.

The CLAN Commitment: To support, educate and advocate for all Care Leavers

- *To continue to raise public consciousness of the experience of Institutional Care, and its ongoing effects in the lives of Care Leavers*
- *To lobby Governments, Churches and other Institutional Organisations in every State and Territory to provide justice in the form of acknowledgement and services for Care Leavers.*
- *To achieve a redress scheme in every State and Territory of Australia*
- *To continue to develop a National Orphanage Museum with both a permanent home and the capacity to provide travelling exhibitions.*
- *To work to achieve peace and healing by providing support services including counselling, and social networking.*
- *To record and publish the histories of Care Leavers.*

This year has been a successful year in efforts made to progress each of these aims and I am delighted to summarise the progress made to date:- publicity from CLAN and the work of the Royal Commission has ensured that the stories of Care Leavers has remained in the news throughout the year; meetings with senior Ministers, Politicians and the Catholic Church and Salvation Army were held to advocate for a sensitive approach to care leavers' issues and the need for redress; CLAN has continued to provide counselling for individuals and support for those presenting at the Royal Commission; the number of social events has increased and there is a social group in many areas now; following a meeting on the 1st June with the Minister of Social Services, Scott Morrison. He requested Steve Irons MP and patron of CLAN, look at a building in Geelong and determine its suitability for a National Orphanage Museum.

The Committee have discussed the need to access funding to record and publish the stories of Care Leavers. Additionally this was an exciting year celebrating the 15th Anniversary of CLAN and many CLAN members attended the celebrations and workshops in Geelong mid-year.

The staff and the Committee still have work to do in furthering each of these aims and will continue to work on these in 2015-16. Some of these activities are part of a five-year plan and will take continued effort and funds to achieve.

The Committee recognise that CLAN is a member based organisation registered under the National Charities and Not-for Profit Commission (ACNC) and are working in line with the ACNC standards while delivering services that CLAN members want such as counselling, guidance on obtaining records, advocacy and social support. There is also more work required to ensure care leavers' stories are recorded and kept. This is a project in its own right and will require a project brief and additional funding and staff to fulfil this aim. To further progress the Museum, there is a need to identify and document each of the items, their donors and the stories and memories associated with this. The suitable storage and display of the items also requires further work and funding as well as the identification and acquisition of a dedicated facility to establish our National Orphanage Museum. This is in our five- year plan and will require substantial efforts for funding to achieve this. Lobbying organisations and governments to achieve redress for *all* remains a large part of CLAN's work and this is a top priority for CLAN. It will also require sustained efforts now and in the years ahead. The Committee are aware of the number of priority areas for development and are working to achieve these in parallel with the provision of existing services.

I would like to acknowledge each of the Committee members; Frank Golding (Vice President), Pat Griffiths (Secretary & Public Officer), Bob Murray (Treasurer), Rhonda Janetzki, Carolyn Frawley, Liz Lynch & Pat McNair for their contribution and participation at the monthly meetings. Their willingness to read the various documentation and consider the options best for CLAN. This is not always easy and the Committee have pulled together when faced with challenges this year. As President I need to be cognisant at each meeting of the legislative requirements of a Committee and guide the Committee to achieve these. I have every confidence in the skills of the Committee to fulfil our obligations in 2015-16 and strengthen CLAN as an organisation.

This year Liz Lynch stepped down from the Committee mid-term so I would like to acknowledge now her contribution on the Committee and the additional voluntary work she provided in-between meetings including helping out in the Bankstown office. Liz approached her role with enthusiasm and energy. Bob Murray, our treasurer, will not be re-nominating but I thank him for his support and efforts this year.

The Chief Executive Officer, Leonie Sheedy has travelled tirelessly to meet with CLAN members, attend official business and support care leavers individually and at the Royal Commission. Much has been achieved through Leonie's energy and commitment to CLAN and Care Leavers. Furthermore, her skills in advocacy, cajoling and harassing politicians are second to none! I am so glad she is on our team and not theirs!

Credit goes to the small and dedicated staff who work at the forefront in responding to enquiries, publishing the newsletter and the exhaustive functions of running a national office. They are consistently warm and respectful towards Care Leavers and the Committee members alike. I have appreciated their prompts and support in my first year as President as I endeavour to work with the Committee to fulfil the governance role we are required to take. The Counselling Service is well established now. Members have commented to me also about how they value the work of the counsellors and of course that extends to their Supervisor and Mentor as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to hold the position of President. I have found this a worthwhile role and one of learning – about the media, our legal obligations and amongst other things meeting and negotiating with politicians and organisations. I particularly have enjoyed meeting CLAN Members and hearing your stories. CLAN and the Committee are here for you so contact us if you have ideas about how we can continue to build CLAN as a vibrant and essential organisation.

Warm regards

Maureen Cuskelly

President.



CLAN Patron Steve Irons MP, Leonie Sheedy, Scott Morrison MP & Maureen Cuskelly

Executive Officers Report

2014/15 – Glimpses of Positive Change.

With the end of 2015 approaching, it is the perfect time to reflect on the work CLAN has undertaken over the past 12 months since our last Annual General Meeting in Canberra. 2015 I believe can be described as a year of resilience for all Australian Care Leavers and one with signs of positive change.

I would like to acknowledge the Department of Social Services, along with the Department of Human Services Victoria, Department of Families & Community Services NSW, Department of Community Services ACT and The Department for Communities & Social Inclusion SA for their ongoing support and funding to CLAN. Furthermore I would also like to thank the Department of Social Services, Department of Human Services Victoria and The Department of Families & Community Services NSW for the funding which was provided towards CLAN's 15th Anniversary and Royal Commission forum "It's time to Care for Care Leavers" which was hosted at the Geelong football club stadium. Lastly I would like to thank the NSW & VIC governments in providing funding to CLAN to Attend the United Nations, committee against torture in Geneva, Switzerland in October.

Since the previous Annual General Meeting in Canberra 2014. CLAN has continually been working to assist Care Leavers from all over Australia, in registering and further supporting them to go to the Royal Commission to share their stories of abuse and trauma which they suffered whilst in 'Care', in various Orphanages, Children's Homes, Foster Care and other Institutions such as Mental Health facilities.

We successfully continue to advocate and lobby with Federal and State Ministers across Australia, to ensure that Care Leaver issues are clearly understood, heard and appropriate action for 'Care Leavers' be introduced in policy. In June CLAN's President Maureen and myself met with the then current Social Services Minister of Australia Scott Morrison, to discuss Care Leaver Issues and Struggles and why a National Redress Scheme is vitally important. Mr Morrison assured CLAN his department would run a scope study into the benefits of rolling out a National Redress Scheme. I would like to thank CLAN Patron Steve Irons for making it possible and setting up the meeting with Scott Morrison.

By working closely with the Royal Commission, Government Departments and other agencies we continue as always to strive and raise awareness of the legacy of care and the impacts into adulthood.

CLAN travelled all the way to Geneva, Switzerland in October 2014, after being invited to speak with the United Nations Committee Against Torture after CLAN submitted a paper highlighting the abuse which some Care Leavers received whilst in care. We informed and raised awareness about the Human Rights abuses that Care Leavers suffered within Australian Orphanages, Children's Homes and Foster Care, and further elaborated on the lack of action or responsibility taken by Churches, Charities and Government/s in Australia.

In July this year CLAN turned 15. It seems like such a long time since CLAN held its first public meeting in Ashfield. To celebrate the occasion we hosted the Royal Commission Forum “It’s time to Care for Care Leavers” in conjunction with our 15th anniversary celebration in Geelong. We were very fortunate that the Chair of the Royal Commission Peter McClellan AM QC was our key note speaker and provided members with a clearer understanding of the Royal Commission’s intentions and direction. In addition to Peter McClellan we were more than fortunate to have attend the forum;

- Commissioner Bob Atkinson
- Steve Irons MP
- Richard Marles MP
- Senator Claire Moore
- Bronwyn Halfpenny MP
- Christine Couzens MP
- Hugh McDermott MP

I would also like to acknowledge the individuals who were not able to attend though sent their well wishes via video;

- Jenny Macklin MP
- CLAN Co-Founder Joanna Penglase
- Jenny Mikakos MP
- Scott Morrison MP

The Forum was also the perfect opportunity to award Former President Jim Luthy and current Vice President Frank Golding the CLAN Lifetime Membership award. All their hard work and sacrifices for CLAN and Care Leavers cannot be over looked. In addition to Lifetime Membership, CLAN was proud to award Jenny Brownley (NSW) and Keith Broadbent (VIC) the Volunteer of the Year Award for all their support and work.

After many years of lobbying CLAN was honoured to work closely with the Geelong City Council to officially launch the Geelong Reflection Seat during the weekend of the Forum. It is a memorial to remember the children raised in Geelong Orphanages and Children’s Homes. It was a freezing cold, windy day - though a momentous one - with over 40 people coming down to Limeburner’s Point, Hearne Parade, to celebrate the occasion overlooking Corio Bay. I would like to thank Mark Beasley and Kaz Paton from the Geelong City Council for their vision and advocacy to make the memorial a reality.

To all the Royal Commission team starting from the Commissioners, Chair Peter McClellan, Jennifer Coate, Bob Atkinson, Henry Milroy, Andrew Murray and Robert Fitzgerald. In addition to all the Royal Commission staff, especially Sally Grimsley-Ballard who has formed such a strong bond with us, CLAN thanks you for your patience, care, commitment, support and understanding. We further thank you for your determination to set things right and to make the institutions as well as certain individuals accountable for their crimes and to shine a light on Australia’s dark history of child welfare.

I wish to express sincere thanks, to the dedicated team at CLAN for their great work over the year. I say with the utmost gratitude that without the team at CLAN my job as CEO as well as so many of our achievements would not have been possible. Julie, Natalie, Janis, Kristen, Vicki, Alice, Helene and Tony. I thank you not only for your hard work but also for your support and commitment to our members at CLAN and to myself.

Lastly I would like to sincerely thank the CLAN Committee members, Maureen Cuskelly, Frank Golding, Bob Murray, Pat Griffiths, Rhonda Jantezki, Liz Lynch, Pat McNair and Carolyn Frawley for making time every month and ensuring that CLAN continues to operate smoothly. I would also like to acknowledge Margaret Anderson for knitting over 160 yellow and blue beanies for CLAN's 15th anniversary celebration. As well as Gladys Coon and Vlad Selakovic of Geelong who assisted with packing all the goodie bags for the event.

Every day as I reflect, I am reminded of the great honour I have in working with a dedicated team, who further support me in representing and advocating for the rights of all Australian Care Leavers. Together we must continue to educate, raise awareness and advocate for our voices to be heard within the political and the wider Australian community. Only in this manner can we reach our goal of Care Leaver recognition, justice and National Redress, for all forms of Abuse, Neglect & Child Labour.

Hooroo,

Leonie Sheedy

CEO



CLAN Members at the Official Launch of the Geelong Reflection Seat

CLAN's Committee

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



Maureen Cuskelly

CLAN President

Maureen has been the President since the 2014 AGM. She has proven to be an effective and strong advocate for Care Leavers.



Bob Murray

Treasurer

Bob has been treasurer since the 2014 AGM. He has worked hard to promote CLAN and its work.



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.



Rhonda Janetzki

Ordinary 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.



Pat Griffiths

Secretary & Public Officer

Pat has been a long-term asset to CLAN. She continues to take the minutes for the committee meetings and producing correspondence on behalf of the committee.



Pat McNair

Ordinary 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 the NZ.



Carolyn Frawley

Ordinary Committee Member

Carolyn organizes social events in her state. Carolyn is also 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 thank and acknowledge them:

Hon Malcom Turnbull MP

Prime Minister of Australia & Member for Wentworth (NSW)

Hon Jason Clare MP

Federal Member for Blaxland (NSW)

Hon Richard Marles MP

Federal Member for Corio (VIC)

Steve Irons MP

Federal Member for Swan (WA)

Claire Moore

Queensland Senator

Mitch Fifield

Victorian Senator

Jenny Macklin

Federal Member for Jagajaga (VIC)

Amanda Rishworth

Federal Member for Kingston (SA)

CLAN is thankful and appreciative for the ongoing support of all our Patrons and for their advocacy.

CLAN'S VOLUNTEER'S



Geoff Meyers

Our volunteer gardener who travels all the way from Wollongong. Geoff is the life of the party. Known as the Prankster at CLAN and is always willing to have a laugh at the CLAN socials. We appreciate his help and sense of humour.



Yvonne Smith

Yvonne does the cleaning of the CLAN offices weekly and keeps everything sparky clean. Yvonne helps with the running of the socials & makes the sandwiches and the copious amounts of tea & coffee. We greatly appreciate her work.



Michael Dahms

Michael travels two hours each way to the CLAN office, to help with large mail outs & stamping envelopes. We greatly appreciate his help.



Jenny Brownley

Jenny is a very talented CLAN member, having made CLAN's 15th Anniversary sign. Jenny also does our birthday cards monthly. We greatly appreciate her help.

CLAN's Team

Julie Evans

Office Manager/Accounts Manager

Julie has worked for CLAN for seven and a half years and has held a number of 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 the smooth running of the CLAN office.

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

Reception/General Admin/Newsletter Co-Ordinator

Janis has worked at CLAN for three 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 CLAN and liaising with the CLAN members and volunteers accordingly.

Janis also co-ordinates, publishes and records the newsletter, the Clanicle, which goes out every 2 months. Janis also sends out birthday cards to the CLAN members who wish to celebrate their birthdays.

Kylie Lonergan

Counsellor

Kylie has worked at CLAN for the past 2 years and is a phone counsellor based in Melbourne. Kylie started to work with Wards of State in Victoria, in 2000. Kylie has helped a number of individuals in attending court and private Royal Commission Hearings. She also continues to help individuals in writing and submitting impact statements as well as Royal Commission Statements.

Vicki Geraghty

Counselling Supervisor

Vicki provides supervision to all the CLAN staff. Vicki holds meetings between the counselling staff and the case worker. Additionally Vicki provides support and advice to all staff and is a great asset to the team.

Kristen Harris

Caseworker/Case Management/Counsellor

Kristen has worked at CLAN for the past year and a half, and has an educational background within Psychology. She has been assisting those who are in search of Care Leaver records for themselves and family members as well as providing phone counselling as well as advocacy & support for Care Leavers and their families.

Natalie Wallace

Counsellor/Royal Commission Administrator

Natalie has worked at CLAN for the last six 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 nongovernment 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 Administration role. This involves coordinating CLAN's funding responsibilities and reporting requirements as well as responding to Royal Commission publications and issues papers.

Helene Terpak

Website Administrator/Reception/General Admin

Helene has worked for CLAN for over a year with a variety of roles, such as updating the CLAN website, telephone answering and helping callers with their enquiries, email enquiries, helping to co-ordinate the social gatherings/events held at CLAN and liaising with the CLAN members and volunteers accordingly.

Alice

Counsellor

Alice has worked at CLAN since April 2015. She is a phone and face to face counsellor based at our Bankstown office. Her 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 nongovernment agencies.

Antonio Serbati

Website Administrator

Antonio has worked at CLAN since March 2015, he currently ensures that CLAN's website is kept up to date and assists with various jobs around the Office.



Some of the CLAN Team with CLAN members

Royal Commission Report

CLAN has continued to focus its energy toward ensuring our members are supported, seen and heard throughout the Royal Commission process.

CLAN has been in constant contact with the Royal Commission. We have constantly been advocating for Care Leavers, consulting with the Royal Commission and Maureen and Leonie also gave evidence at a hearing being a voice for all Care Leavers.

We continue to provide support and advocacy to all Care Leavers, in attending private & public hearings all over the country.

CLAN has also participated in several Royal Commission Round tables since the last Annual General Meeting, continuing to consult and educate the Commission of the issues and legacy of being in Care. Topics covered have been Redress, access to services, access to records and actions to achieve justice.

In August 2014, The Royal Commission held a public hearing into Melbourne's Catholic Archdiocese principles, procedures and actions to responding to abuse. CLAN was present to support our members attending the hearing as well as to raise awareness of the impacts of the Churches response.

In October 2014, CLAN attended the public hearing into Bethcar Children's Home NSW. The hearing looked into the NSW Governments operations and monitoring of State Wards, the response of the NSW Police Service actions regarding Children's complaints and heard the stories of Care Leavers.

At the beginning of March 2015 The Royal Commission held a public hearing into Out of Home Care (Foster Care) due to the vast amount of inquires the hearing was re visited in June 2015 for a second hearing.

During this very emotional time, CLAN ensured that members giving evidence were supported during the hearing. There was a huge amount of media interest during this time & Care Leaver's concerns & stories were heard and distributed in large numbers.

In March 2015, CLAN was invited to attend a Royal Commission Round Table as well as give a statement at the public Hearing into Redress & Civil Litigation. Leonie ensured that the voices of Care Leavers were heard and stressed the importance of a National Redress Scheme as well as a change to the way Care Leavers were responded to in services.

CLAN travelled to Rockhampton in April 2015, to support members in telling their story at the public hearing into St Joseph's Orphanage, Neerkol. The public hearing looked into the experiences of the men and women who were once in Neerkol Orphanage and the responses of abuse from the Sisters of Mercy, the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton and the Queensland Government. Thank you to Committee member, Carolyn Frawely who travelled at her own expense to help support CLAN.

In May 2015, CLAN travelled to Ballarat to raise awareness of the past treatment and conditions experienced by Care Leavers. During this time we also attended the public hearing into the Ballarat Catholic Diocese and other Catholic Church Authorities, to support Care Leavers and raise awareness of the large numbers of abuse cases within Ballarat. CLAN would also like to thank the Local Community of Ballarat for their outgoing support during the Hearing.



Clannies awareness raising at the Royal Commission
In Rockhampton

Information & Support Services

CLAN receives several phone calls and emails every day from people seeking our assistance and information. A total of 300 information Packages were sent out to people wanting to know about CLAN and our services.

We also assist Care Leavers in family history research, accessing their personal files & their

CLAN assisted 197 people in obtaining family War, State Ward & past providers records and assisted a further 38 people in obtaining Birth, Death & Marriage certificates.

Records Applied & Received From:

• FACS (NSW)	52	• DOC (WA)	09
• DHS (VIC)	48	• Sisters of Mercy	07
• Catholic Care	16	• Families SA	07
• Salvation Army	17	• DHHS (TAS)	03
• DCS (QLD)	11	• War Rec.	27

CLAN has continued to provide information and education on the history of various orphanages & Children's Homes as well as continue to build our library which contains books on Orphanages & Children's Homes, within Australia and abroad. Care Leaver autobiographies and a large selection of self-help books.

CLAN has also continued to support Care Leavers in attending Court, Various Services as well as private & public Royal Commission hearings. To date CLAN has supported over 90 Care Leavers in attending Private Hearings.

Counselling Services

It has been another busy year for the CLAN counsellors helping Care Leavers with submissions to the Royal Commission, and supporting Care Leavers at private meetings at the Royal Commission. CLAN has been inundated with requests for counselling sessions and there has been a significant increase in the number of Care Leavers and their family members using our 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, allowing many Care Leavers who cannot physically access a counsellor the chance to use a counselling service in the privacy of their own home.

The CLAN counselling service not only offers Free counselling sessions to Care Leavers and their families. We also support Care Leavers with;

- Organisations such as Centrelink/Department of Housing,
- Writing support letters,
- Assistance with victims compensation scheme,
- Help with paper work for various government agencies,
- Support with court cases,
- Writing submissions on behalf of Care Leavers to the Royal Commission and attending private hearings with the individual.
- Reporting abuse to the police.

National Orphanage Museum Report

During the year we have received many visitors to the CLAN Orphanage Museum;

- CLAN members who have visited our office throughout the year from all over Australia.
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Families & Community Services NSW
- The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare MP
- SNAP
- Media

CLAN also held an exhibition of the National Orphanage Museum at our 15th Anniversary celebrations at the Geelong Football stadium. Visitors included;

- Richard Marles MP, Member for Corio
- Steve Irons MP, Member for Swan
- Claire Moore, Queensland Senator
- Peter McClellan, Chair Commissioner
- Bob Atkinson, Commissioner
- Bronwyn Halfpenny MP, Member for Thomastown
- Christine Couzens MP, Member for Geelong
- Hugh McDermott MP, Member for Prospect
- Department of Human Services Vic

Comments from the visitors to the museum:

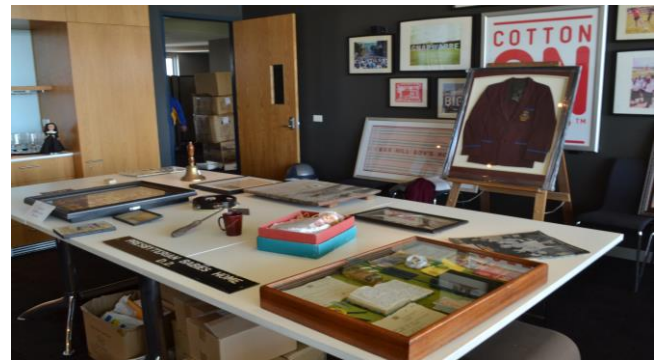
“Great to see a collection like this. The museum is fantastic” – James

“Thanks to the CLAN staff for the cuppa & the tour of the museum” – Jessica

“Very moving, it is a part of our countries history which must be displayed and known” - Tony

CLAN wishes to sincerely thank everyone who has donated their precious childhood items we value them deeply. Furthermore we would like to thank the Dept. of FACS (NSW) for their donations from Bidura and State Government Homes.

CLAN will continue to strive to make sure that the history of Care Leavers is never forgotten.



Orphanage Museum Exhibition at the Geelong Football Stadium.



Childhood Doll Donated by CLAN member VAL



Jason Clare MP & Royal Commission Staff visiting the Museum



Leonie Sheedy, Jim Luthy & Frank Golding Promoting CLAN's National Orphanage Museum



Badges from; Monte Pio Girls Home (NSW), United Protestant Homes, Tally Ho Boys (VIC) & Croagh Patrick Orphanage (Orange NSW)

CLAN's Social Network

Events

Thank you to all the Clannies involved in hosting and attending our social network events throughout the year.

Queensland

The Clannies in Queensland have had their share of fun with BBQ's, picnics and get togethers. We thank Julie & Carolyn for organising these events your work is appreciated.

Northern Territory

CLAN supported a member to attend a Royal Commission private hearing and had a cuppa with a few members while in Darwin.

Western Australia

It has been a successful year of socials in Perth with BBQ's, and get togethers at the RSL. CLAN would like to thank Carolyn for her work organising socials in Perth. Carolyn now organises socials in Cairns and has handed the torch to Bob.

South Australia

CLAN has supported several members to attend the Royal Commission and had a number of very successful socials at the German Club.

Tasmania

CLAN supported a few members to attend Royal Commission private hearings. CLAN during this time caught up with several members to share a cuppa.



Victorian Clannies catching up for a cuppa



Clannies from Adelaide catching up

Victoria

CLAN has organised regular socials at our office in Ross House, Melbourne. CLAN has also thanks to Rhonda held regular socials at Albury/Wodonga.

The Victorian Clannies also hold silent protests each month outside Churches, Government Buildings & Government House. We would like to thank them for turning up each month.

New South Wales

The Clannies in NSW have organised and attended a number of socials over the year. During the past year we have had socials at our Bankstown office with help from Yvonne, in Coffs Harbour thanks to Margaret as well as Cardiff with assistance from Maureen & Colleen.

New Zealand

Pat & Netta attempt to hold regular catch ups with NZ Clannies.

Orphanages & Children's Homes Reunions that CLAN promoted or organised...

- Riverview Boys' Home Reunion - QLD
- St Aidan's Bendigo Reunion - Victoria
- CLAN's Salvation Army Reunion
- Tally Ho Boys' Home Reunion - Victoria
- Gill Boys Home Reunion - NSW
- St Augustine's Reunion - Victoria
- St Catherine's Reunion - Victoria
- Box Hill Boys Home Reunion - Victoria
- Orana Care Leavers.

CLAN continues to promote & arrange Reunion's all over Australia!

CLAN's 15th Anniversary & Royal Commission Forum Report

Care Leavers from across Australia journeyed to Geelong on July 4 and 5 for CLAN's 15-year Anniversary Royal Commission Forum, It's Time To Care For Care Leavers.

It was a wonderful get together in the Captain's Room at Simonds Stadium. We shared memories, celebrated accomplishments, acknowledged many, many people's contributions and looked ahead to the work still to be done: supporting Care Leavers and campaigning for rights and recognition, including a National Independent Redress Scheme and a National Orphanage Museum.

We were very fortunate to have the Chair of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, The Hon Justice Peter McClellan AM, attend Saturday's forum and detail the progress of the Royal Commission and the important work still to be done between now and 2017.

We were also delighted to hear from Minister for Social Services Scott Morrison, via video message, who confirmed Federal funding for CLAN until 2017.

Shadow Minister for Families and Payments, Jenny Macklin has always been a great supporter of CLAN and, in a heartfelt video message, she paid tribute to the courage of Clannies, telling us: "you are believed."

We would like to thank our speakers and forum participants:

- Richard Marles MP and CLAN Patron;
- Steve Irons MP and CLAN Patron;
- Senator Claire Moore, CLAN Patron;
- Dr Hugh McDermott MP;
- Bronwyn Halfpenny MP;
- Christine Couzens MP;
- Commissioner Bob Atkinson AO,
- Dr Jim Goddard, Chair of the UK Care Leavers' Association.
- Peter Fox, abuse whistle-blower and CLAN supporter

The weekend began with a minute's silence to honour those Clannies no longer with us. We work hard every day to ensure their suffering is not forgotten and their experience of Care is not repeated.

We have come a long way during 15 years of campaigning and our anniversary was an opportunity to thank and acknowledge the many hard-working CLAN members who put in so much time for the benefit of the rest of us.

CLAN Life Memberships were presented to:

- CLAN Vice President Jim Golding; and,
- Past President Jim Luthy.

We also thanked Geelong's St Mary's Parish Priest Fr Kevin Dillon (Vic), Retired Catholic Bishop Geoffrey Robinson (NSW, who provided CLAN with its first ever donation), Uniting Church Reverend Bill Crews (NSW, who provided the venue for CLAN's first meeting) and the United Protestant Association's Steve Walkerden (NSW). These men have demonstrated enormous courage and kindness in their support for Care Leavers and received Certificates of Appreciation from CLAN.

We acknowledged the tireless efforts of Clannies who take part in our protests, support other Clannies and help out in our office. We couldn't do it without you!

Volunteers of the Year:

- Jenny Brownley, NSW; and,
- Keith Broadbent, Vic.

We acknowledge all our members for your commitment and contributions big or small but wanted to especially thank these people who have given their time in so many different ways:

- Pat Griffith, NSW;
- Margaret Anderson, NSW;
- Brian Cherrie, Vic;
- Mark Beasley (City of Greater Geelong);
- Gladys Coon, Vic;
- Rhonda Janetzki, Vic;
- Sally Grimsley-Ballard (Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse);
- Michael Dahms, NSW;
- Roy Janetzki, Vic;
- Jessie Turner-Booth, SA;
- Vlad Selakovic, Vic; and,
- Robert House, Vic.

We opened a wonderful exhibition of art, crafts, photos and sculpture by CLAN members and displayed many, many precious items of memorabilia and mementos that are now part of the National Orphanage Museum archive.

We also recognised and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to **Harvey Ronglien** for his achievement in founding the Owatonna Orphanage Museum in Minnesota USA. The certificate was presented by **Steve Irons, MP**, and while Harvey was not present to accept the award, he will be recognised in the Owatonna Press in Minnesota, USA.

On Saturday night we kicked up our heels with a fancy dress Celebration Dinner. Thank you to Fr Dillon for the wonderful anniversary cake and Routley's Bakery for donating the cake we enjoyed on Sunday. Thankyou Roy Janetzki for shaving off his beard for the first time in 40 years and raising \$2,348.20 for CLAN and, of course, thank you to Santa for leaving his reindeers behind and paying us a visit on his scooter. It was probably as cold as the North Pole in Geelong that night but he had a sack full of presents and every Clannie received a gift. It was a wonderful 'Christmas in July'.

So many people worked so hard to make the weekend a success. Thank you to Beth and Tara from the Geelong Football Club, CLAN Committee and staff Vicki, Janis, Tony, Kylie, Julie, Helene, volunteers Margaret and Dianne of Geelong, John the photographer and Warren for his video work.

Thank you to all the Clannies who came along and made it such a beautiful memorable weekend.

CLAN's 15th Anniversary & Royal Commission Forum – Photos

Royal Commission Forum - "It's Time to Care for Care Leavers"



CLAN Patron Richard Marles Opening the Forum



Jim Goddard from Care Leavers Association UK



Jenny Brownley accepting her Volunteer of the Year Award



Frank Golding being awarded a gift with his Life Time Membership Award



CLAN's question panel. Claire Moore, Jim Goddard, Bronwyn Halfpenny, Hugh McDermott, Jim Luthy & Steve Irons



Key note speaker, Justice Peter McClellan



Jim Luthy accepting his Life Time Membership Award



Vlad accepting his Certificate of Appreciation



CLAN Patron Steve Irons, presenting a Certificate



Michael & Roy accepting their Certificates of Appreciation



CLAN Supporter Peter Fox saying a few motivating words.



15th Anniversary Dinner Celebration



CLAN's Socials, Events & Protests



Acknowledgements

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

NSW – Margaret & Yvone

VIC – Leonie & Rhonda (Border)

QLD – Julie & Carolyn

NZ – Netta

CLAN wishes 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;

- United Protestant Association \$7,500
- Charles (QLD) \$4,000
- Peter (NSW) \$1,000
- William (QLD) \$1,500
- John (ACT) \$500
- Department of Social Services \$1,000
- Kieron (NSW) \$1,000
- Pam (VIC) \$500
- Steve (WA) \$500
- Fordham Labs Pty Ltd \$500
- Roy Janetzki, for raising \$2,348 and parting with his beard at CLAN's 15th Anniversary Celebrations.

We also thank the following patrons who support CLAN with their membership;

- Sue Boyce
- Mitch Fifield
- Steve Irons
- Claire Moore
- Amanda Rishworth

CLAN would also like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful members, supporters and a special mention to Ray Prosser who, have sent us financial donations, stamps, envelopes, newspaper articles and other items to help keep CLAN going. All donations are gratefully accepted.

A special mention to Robert House who organised CLAN's Art Exhibition at our 15th Anniversary Celebration.

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

Thank you to all our members who attend the CLAN socials in all States of Australia and New Zealand, and to our members who attend the silent protests in Melbourne and Sydney. You are all true champions!

Finally we would like to acknowledge as well as thank all of our friends and supporters who encourage CLAN to keep advocating and supporting All Australian Care Leavers.

*NEVER GIVE UP ON A JUST CAUSE! –
CLAN Member from WA*



Roy Janetzki parting with his beard after raising over \$1,000 for CLAN

Financial Report

The accounts were audited by MK Nominees & Association Pty Ltd of Sydney, NSW and follow on the next page. The budget for the 2015/2016 has been approved and adopted by the Committee.

The Royal Commission has taken most of CLAN's focus over the last twelve months though there has been also other areas which has kept CLAN full of activity. The day to day running of the office for the benefit of our members is continually run successfully by our great team. Counselling, Casework as well as advocating services has also kept CLAN constantly occupied.

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

▪ Federal (Royal Commission)	\$400,000
▪ Federal (For Support & Advocacy)	\$150,000
▪ NSW Government	\$35,000
▪ VIC Government	\$16,500
▪ SA Government	\$15,000
▪ ACT Government	\$3,000

At the commencement of the financial year, July 2014, CLAN held \$295,914.03

At the end of the financial year, June 2015, CLAN held \$335,903.21

CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK (CLAN) INC
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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2015

Liability limited by a scheme approved under
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CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK (CLAN) INC
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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee submit the financial report of the Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

Committee Members

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

Maureen Cuskelly
Bob Murray
Frank Golding
Patricia Griffiths
Pat McNair
Rhonda Janetzki
Carolyn Frawley
Liz Lynch
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 loss after providing for income tax amounted to \$(56.54).

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

Committee Member: _____
Maureen Cuskelly

Committee Member: _____
Patricia Griffiths

Dated this 6th day of November 2015

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME			
Government Funding			
Docs NSW		37,691.13	37,412.23
DHS Victoria		18,962.58	17,929.89
Dept Health Diasability ACT		6,000.00	-
DSS Funding Activity 1		125,000.00	125,000.00
DSS Funding Activity 3		25,000.00	25,000.00
Govt SA		15,000.00	15,000.00
DSS Royal Comm Funding		408,257.28	400,000.00
Dept Human Serv Don. Anniv		-	5,000.00
DSS Funding Travel/Meals Forum		9,907.64	8,555.40
Docs/DHS/DSS Fund Anniv 2015		70,000.00	-
		<u>715,818.63</u>	<u>633,897.52</u>
Donations		28,435.60	38,011.98
Membership Fees		13,185.83	22,612.39
Raffle		1,191.17	2,623.18
		<u>758,631.23</u>	<u>697,145.07</u>
OTHER INCOME			
Bank Interest		1,865.86	2,768.55
Miscellaneous Income		8,849.18	6,413.89
		<u>10,715.04</u>	<u>9,182.44</u>
		<u>769,346.27</u>	<u>706,327.51</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising		115.00	441.80
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees		76.75	85.50
Brand Bureau Retainer		25,053.43	2,475.00
Cleaning		2,050.00	-
Computer Software & Maintenance		3,024.41	1,562.37
Conferences & Courses		2,555.08	2,023.63
Consultancy		2,535.00	-
Depreciation & Amortisation		7,461.00	4,911.00
Donations		1,480.50	-
Electricity		2,854.59	2,370.36
Expenses Anniversary		37,882.11	6,333.71
Gas		251.50	239.78
General Expenses		7,850.24	8,363.73
Gifts		203.26	293.10
Hall Hire Expenses		431.31	248.37
Insurance		7,089.56	9,670.56
Legal & Accounting Expenses		2,240.00	2,046.36
Licences & Fees		884.28	-
Library Expenses		478.67	507.96
Motor Vehicle Expenses		6,735.46	4,779.84
Museum Expenditure		-	77.28
Postage		14,768.51	10,438.58
Printing & Stationery		9,709.30	22,425.57
Provision for Annual Leave		27,724.79	-
Provision for Long Service Leave		20,260.52	-
Provision for Personal/Carers Leave		42,490.57	-
Rent		45,646.92	46,402.54
Salaries & Wages		393,031.77	394,661.32
Staff Amenities		296.46	440.49

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INCOME STATEMENT
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	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Subscriptions		972.34	409.10
Supplies		4,799.84	6,383.63
Supervision		7,760.00	-
Superannuation Contributions		36,861.95	35,322.47
Telecommunications		13,293.65	12,281.87
Travel & Accommodation		30,229.54	30,188.96
Vicky Gerahty Counselling		4,480.00	9,280.00
Waste Disposal		312.00	267.82
Website Upgrade		5,512.50	21,201.90
		<u>769,402.81</u>	<u>636,134.60</u>
(Deficit) Surplus for the year		(56.54)	70,192.91
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year		259,370.37	189,177.46
Extraordinary Items		6,553.13	-
Retained funds at the end of the financial year		<u>252,760.70</u>	<u>259,370.37</u>

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CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK (CLAN) INC
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		342,869.87	262,162.33
Trade and other receivables	2	6,949.87	4,356.97
Inventories	3	355.57	355.57
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>350,175.31</u>	<u>266,874.87</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	40,092.02	33,396.13
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>40,092.02</u>	<u>33,396.13</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>390,267.33</u>	<u>300,271.00</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables		16,250.78	10,120.66
Employee benefits	5	121,255.85	30,779.97
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>137,506.63</u>	<u>40,900.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>137,506.63</u>	<u>40,900.63</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>252,760.70</u>	<u>259,370.37</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Retained Funds	6	252,760.70	259,370.37
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>252,760.70</u>	<u>259,370.37</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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 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.

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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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 national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. 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 Australia Network (CLAN) Inc 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and short-term deposits in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less plus bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown on the balance sheet as current liabilities under borrowings.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
2 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Input Tax Credits	6,949.87	4,356.97
3 Inventories		
Current		
Orphans of the Living	219.21	219.21
CLAN Caps	136.36	136.36
	355.57	355.57
4 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Expenditure Museum	1,139.28	1,019.30
Motor Vehicles	36,174.79	36,174.79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(9,044.00)	(4,522.00)
	27,130.79	31,652.79
Furniture & Fixtures	15,149.95	1,113.04
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,328.00)	(389.00)
	11,821.95	724.04
Total Plant and Equipment	40,092.02	33,396.13

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	2015 \$	2014 \$
5 Employee Benefits		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	49,401.31	21,676.52
Provision for Personal and Carers Leave	42,490.57	0.00
Provision for Long Service Leave	29,363.97	9,103.45
Total Employee Benefits	<u>121,255.85</u>	<u>30,779.97</u>
6 Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year	259,370.37	189,177.46
(Net deficit) Net surplus attributable to the association	<u>(6,609.67)</u>	<u>70,192.91</u>
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	<u>252,760.70</u>	<u>259,370.37</u>

CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK (CLAN) INC
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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 8:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc as at 30 June 2015 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 Australia Network (CLAN) Inc 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: _____
Maureen Cuskelly

**Finance
Manager:** _____
Patricia Griffiths

Dated this 6th day of November 2015

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

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2015, and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirement of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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

Qualification

As is common 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

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 Australia Network (CLAN) Inc as at 30 June 2015 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 of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

We also report that:

- (a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- (b) at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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 2015



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