



CLAN

Annual Report 2013/14



CLAN Fast Facts

 **985**
MEMBERS

 **1600**
TWEETS
350 TWITTER FOLLOWERS

 **93948**
WEBSITE HITS

 **1104**
COUNSELLING
SESSIONS

 **383** CLAN
INFORMATION
PACKS MAILED

 **50**
MENTIONS
IN THE PRESS

 **12**
TV & RADIO
INTERVIEWS
(ABC, NEWS 24)

 **65** MEMBERS
WERE SUPPORTED IN
ATTENDING PRIVATE
ROYAL COMMISSION
HEARINGS

 **450**
BIRTHDAY CARDS
WERE SENT TO MEMBERS

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Join Us

We have updated our Member Benefits and Application form to make it easier for new members to join us. The new brochure highlights what we offer members, including our free counselling service, support at the Royal Commission, our social events and more.



Executive Officers' Report

2013/14 – A Year of an Enhanced Profile for Care Leavers

With another year drawing to a close, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the achievements that CLAN has accomplished on behalf of our members.

Since the last AGM in Adelaide in 2013 CLAN has been kept very busy working to assist Care Leavers from all parts of Australia to come forward to the Royal Commission and tell the highest office in Australia of their abuse and trauma history in Australia's orphanages, children's Homes and foster care and other institutions eg. mental hospitals, goals. The oldest person we have supported at the Royal Commission is 91 years old.

We had 30,000 special Royal Commission flyers made "Some Memories Never Fade". We thank our members for giving them out in their local Community.

We continue to liaise with Federal and State Ministers and their advisors in each state of Australia. CLAN would like to acknowledge the ongoing support and funding we receive from the DSS and Victoria, NSW, ACT and SA governments for their funding to CLAN. I would especially thank the Federal Minister for the funding for 14th Anniversary and RC forum. We have had meetings with Kevin Andrews the Federal Minister's Chief of Staff in Canberra. Kevin Andrew's advisor attended the Bankstown Office to discuss Care Leaver issues.

CLAN continues to create awareness of the long term legacy of Care Leaver's lives, including ALL forms of abuse, not just sexual use but also the legacy of losing our families.

We continue to work effectively with the Royal Commission, Government Depts and other agencies that have responsibility for our issues. During the year we were invited to speak to New South Wales Department of Community Services Royal Commission Team about CLAN's history.

In July this year we hosted our 14th Anniversary & Royal Commission Forum: "Road to Recovery - Truth, Justice and Redress for ALL Australian Care Leavers." We were very fortunate that the Chair of the Royal Commission Peter McClellan AM QC was our keynote speaker. It was a very successful two days and we had Clannies from every state of Australia attend.

The Interim Report of the Royal Commission was released at the end of June. In Volume 2 on page 10 it includes the voices of Care Leavers with names changed.

Final report of the Victorian Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other non-government organisations - 'Betrayal of Trust' was released November 2013. Sadly State government run orphanages and Homes were excluded from this important inquiry.

Both reports make an interesting read!

On the 30th August 2013 I attended the DART Centre Forum at the ABC Studios alongside the Chair of the Royal Commission, Justice Peter McClellan. This was a workshop for Journalists covering the Royal Commission.

I also visited South Australian Prison of Port Lincoln, NSW Prisons in Junee and Long Bay Jail. I met up with care leavers who had never heard of CLAN and it was a great opportunity to provide information about our services and the Royal Commission to the men.

On the 6th November 2013 CLAN Conducted a meeting with the Police Service Sex Crimes, Shelly Johns and Michael Haddow. Knowmore Legal Services also attended this forum with many Clannies attending and having the opportunity to ask many questions.

I was also interviewed by the ABC TV News as well as Grahame Richardson's show named "Richo" on Sky, promoting CLAN's needs.

I would like to sincerely thank the dedicated and committed team at CLAN, I would not be able to do my job as the CEO of CLAN without them.

Julie, Natalie Janis, Kylie, Vicki, Kristen and lastly Helene provide lots of support, care, commitment and laughter in the White House headquarters of CLAN in Bankstown. We are very, very lucky to have them working for CLAN, they truly care about the members.

Thank you to our wonderful Patrons, supporters and friends of CLAN. The following Patrons who attended our 14th Anniversary celebrations and to Jenny Macklin MP who presented Joanna Penglase OAM Co-Founder of CLAN with Life time membership.

Thank you to Jason Clare MP for presenting the Volunteer of the Year to 87 year old Ray Prosser of Victoria, for his commitment to the silent protests over 7 years and his donation of stamps and envelopes.

Three of our members have published books, which were launched at the 14th Anniversary

Thank you to Richard Marles MP for launching Diane Mancuso's Book, 'Australia's Shame'.

Thank you to Steve Irons MP for launching Sonia St Clare's Book, 'Locked in the Cupboard'.

Thank you to Senator Claire Moore for launching Sandi Gamble's Book, 'Stolen'.

Thank you to David Shoebridge NSW MLC Greens for presenting a certificate of Appreciation to NSW Detective Peter Fox.

Thank you Richard Marles MP for presenting a certificate of Appreciation to John Ellis – of the Ellis Defence re Catholic Church.

Thank you to all our volunteers who assist in making the workload of CLAN easier and we appreciate you all.

Royal Commission Team

Thank you to all the team at the Royal Commission from the Chair Peter McClellan and all Commissioners, Jennifer Coate, Bob Atkinson, Helen Milroy, Andrew Murray and Robert Fitzgerald and ALL the RC staff. A special mention to Sally Grimsley- Ballard. Thank you to the team for the care and support given to Care Leavers before and after they attend a Private hearing.

Last, but not least a huge thanks to the CLAN Committee members Jim Luthy, Phyllis Cremona, Pat Griffiths, Carolyn Frawley, Hugh Mc Dermott, Robert Conway and Priscilla Taylor.

To our President Jim Luthy who is standing down after 4 years at the helm. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to you Jim for your dedication to CLAN, to all care leavers, and giving evidence at the Royal Commission into the Salvation Army public hearing. We would also like to thank his wife Anne for sharing Jim with us. We wish you all the best and hope you have lots of trips on your bike, travel safely.

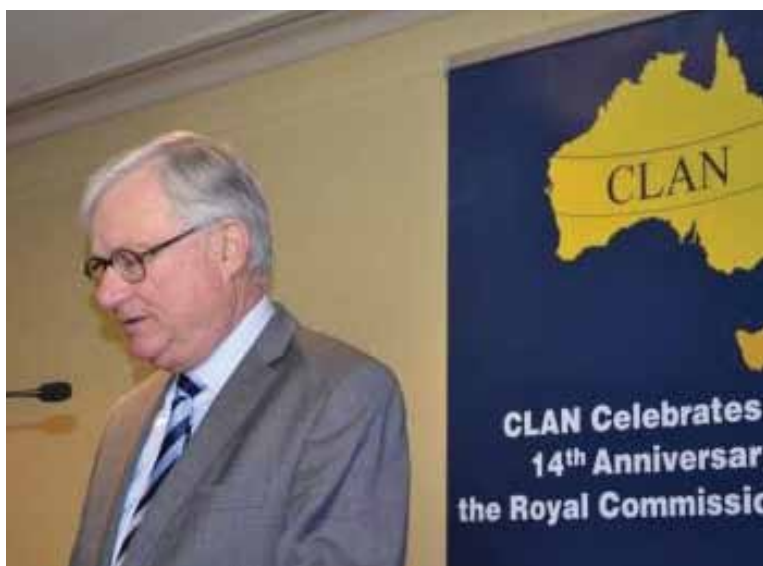
Thank you to Phyllis Cremona for the mentoring she provided me with over the past few years. I really appreciate her support as well as the knowledge and skills she shared with me over many years.

Our valued Secretary Pat Griffiths continuously volunteers her precious time to type up the minutes of our monthly teleconference meetings, which she has been committed to doing for the past 10 years.

As Executive Officer of CLAN, it is a great privilege and honour to represent Australian Care Leavers and to be part of a passionate, dedicated team focused on recognition, justice and redress for all forms of abuse for all Australian Care Leavers.

Hooroo,

Leonie Sheedy
CLAN Executive Officer



Chair of the Royal Commission Peter McClellan AM QC was the keynote speaker at CLAN Royal Commission Forum

INTERIM REPORT VOLUME 2



Royal Commission Interim Report

Presidents' Report

Firstly I would like to welcome each of you to our Annual General Meeting in the nation's capital, Canberra.

It's fitting for CLAN to be holding its meeting here due to the national Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse having originated here. CLAN thanks the former Prime Minister, Julia Gillard for her willingness to serve notice on those care organisations who treated children so cruelly.

This year has seen a rise in the public profile of CLAN and yet I am still amazed that there are some care leavers that we come into contact with who are still unaware of a Royal Commission and some churches, charities, and other organisations who thought that they would never be asked about their corporate crimes.

I want to particularly mention the work of M/s Leonie Sheedy, CLANs CEO. Without her work and vision CLAN would not have had the opportunity to present its case in Geneva to the United Nations Committee Against Torture. This is a huge honour for her, Natalie our counsellor who did so much in the initial preparation of the submission and of course CLAN. I also want to acknowledge the contribution of both the NSW and Victorian Governments who have ensured that both women are able to go in person to present our case.

CLAN must continue to operate in a proactive way and so I would also urge the incoming committee to get together for a planning day as soon as possible. The present committee was able to do this and it allows people to meet and to really focus on the issues at hand.

This year also saw the fourteenth birthday celebrations of CLAN and we were honored by the keynote address by Justice Peter McClellan. Next years celebrations are already in the planning stage in Geelong with Justice McClellan again accepting CLANs invitation.

During the year as you know I was very ill and unable to attend these events and also some committee meetings but I thank you for your ongoing support, cards and best wishes over that period.

I want to particularly thank the office staff who work at times under duress. They willingly give help and support way beyond their job descriptions.

This committee has had an interesting year and I want to acknowledge all of you who gave so freely of your time. There are some who will not be renominating for a variety of reasons but thank you for what you have contributed over the past year.

I really want to acknowledge our secretary M/s Pat Griffiths. Pat willingly stepped in when our Vice President Phyllis Cremona resigned suddenly due to personal reasons. At short Pat spoke at the birthday celebrations due to Phyllis and myself being unable to attend.

Pat's organisational skills are absolutely wonderful and without her effort things would not have run as smoothly as they did.

Finally thank you all for the privilege of being CLAN president. It has been an honour to serve with such a caring group of people.

James Luthy
CLAN President

CLAN's Committee

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



JIM LUTHY, CLAN PRESIDENT

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



ROBERT CONWAY,
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Bob took on the role of treasurer and continually provides helpful information and input into the operation of CLAN



PHYLLIS EXELL,
CLAN VICE-PRESIDENT

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



PAT MCNAIR,
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Pat is the New Zealand representative for Care Leavers, and Pat keeps the committee up to date with all the Care Leaver issues in New Zealand.



PAT GRIFFITHS,
SECRETARY AND PUBLIC OFFICER

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



LEONIE SHEEDY,
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

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



PRISCILLA TAYLOR,
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Priscilla is the social coordinator in her state. Additionally Priscilla supports and promotes CLAN. Her input into the operation of CLAN is greatly appreciated.



HUGH MCDERMOTT,
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Hugh is a Barrister, and the son of a Care Leaver. Hugh is very passionate about Care Leaver issues and with Hugh's background in Law he is an asset to the CLAN team.



CAROLYN FRAWLEY,
ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Carolyn organizes social events in her state. Carolyn also promotes CLAN and its work. Her contribution to CLAN is very valuable.

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. Jason Clare MP

Member for Blaxland (New South Wales)

Mitch Fifield

Victorian Senator

Steve Irons MP

Member for Swan (Western Australia)
The only 'Homie' in the Australian Parliament

Hon. Richard Marles MP

Member for Corio (Victoria)

Claire Moore

Queensland Senator

David Shoebridge

NSW Member of the Greens Party

Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP

Member for Wentworth (New South Wales)
Minister for Communications

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

CLAN's Volunteers



GEOFF MEYERS

Our volunteer gardener who travels all the way from Wollongong to keep CLAN's grounds immaculately groomed each fortnight. Geoff is the CLAN prankster always dresses up at our socials and is always quick with the jokes. We really appreciate his help and sense of fun.



YVONNE SMITH

Yvonne does the cleaning of the CLAN offices weekly and keeps everything spic and span. Yvonne helps with the running of the social gatherings, making the copious cups of teas and coffees and always washing and cleaning up ! Thank you Yvonne.



JENNY BROWNLEY

Jenny is a very talented CLAN member, having made the recent CLAN signs that were on display at the 14th Anniversary celebrations, as well as other creative displays. Jenny also does the archiving of the newspaper clippings. She does a great job and we value her help.



MICHAEL DAHMS

Michael travels by train on a two hour journey each way to and from CLAN to come and give us a hand when we need help in the office with large mail outs etc. He did a great job with the stamping of all the post cards recently. Thank you Michael



ELIZABETH LYNCH

Liz helps Leonie with protests at the Royal Commission in Sydney, with holding the signs and attending the public hearings. Liz also helps CLAN with stamping, mail outs and any other job that needs doing. Thank you Liz.

CLAN's Staff

JULIE EVANS

OFFICE MANAGER/ACCOUNTS MANAGER

Julie has worked for CLAN for six 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 nearly two 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 18 months and is a phone counsellor based in Melbourne. Kylie started to work with Wards of State in Victoria, in 2000. This year Kylie has helped 1 person with Towards Healing, 1 member at court, 8 members at Royal Commission private hearings. Kylie has done 19 submissions for the Royal Commission, 6 x Victim Impact Statements and 24 with housing/service disconnection.

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.

NATALIE WALLACE

COUNSELLOR/ROYAL COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

Natalie has worked at CLAN for the last five 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. More recently this has also involved supporting CLAN members and other Care Leavers through the Royal Commission process, where Natalie has had the opportunity to meet some of our members for the first time after many years speaking on the phone.

More recently Natalie has taken over 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.

KRISTEN HARRIS

CASEWORKER/CASE MANAGEMENT

Kristen has worked at CLAN for the past 6 months, assisting those who are in search of Care Leaver records for themselves and family members.

Kristen completed her psychology degree last year and began working for CLAN, providing advocacy, information, access to records and support for Care Leavers and their families..

HELENE TERPAK

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR/PROJECT OFFICER

Helene's prime function is the transfer of content from CLAN's old website to the new website, and ensuring that CLAN's website is updated with the most recent activities relating to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Media Articles, and CLAN's undertakings.

Helene has a strong background working in an administrative and project management capacity in the telecommunications, government and not for profit sectors and has been with CLAN for five months.

Royal Commission Report

Much of CLAN's energies have been directed toward ensuring our members are seen and heard throughout the Royal Commission process.

CLAN team members visited the Royal Commission Offices in August 2013 and were shown through the two hearing rooms and the private meeting rooms at Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place Sydney.

This visit was a good introduction, ahead of the first scheduled public hearing day (on Monday 16 September) where CLAN had a presence outside the building entrance on opening day.

30,000 CLAN Royal Commission flyers were printed and widely distributed during September, ensuring members and care leavers know of the support on offer from CLAN as they engage with the Royal Commission process.

We attended a Royal Commission Referral Protocols Working Group meeting in October that aimed to improve linkages and referrals between the Royal Commission and the various organisations funded to provide support services.

CLAN attended Royal Commission public hearings held in Perth in October 2013 and later that month attended a meeting with Victorian Police Taskforce SANO in Melbourne.

We also convened a meeting in November at the Bankstown office for CLAN members to discuss police/ legal matters associated with the Royal Commission, with NSW Police and the Knowmore legal service attending the meeting.

The Royal Commission's public hearing into the North Coast Children's Home Lismore, was an historic occasion – the first time a Home had been placed in the national spotlight – and CLAN held a awareness raising event outside the Royal Commission in Sydney. This generated lots of media attention.

A meeting was held between CLAN and Justice Peter McClellan on 27th November 2013 to discuss matters of concern and to seek his agreement to participate in the proposed CLAN 14th anniversary conference in July 2014.

December was a very busy month, with the Royal Commission Public Hearing into the Catholic Churches 'Towards Healing' protocol. January 2014 continued the pace, especially once the Royal Commission Public Hearing into

the Salvation Army Boys Homes in Qld and NSW got underway.

The Royal Commission Public Hearings were on again on key topics of interest to CLAN members, and resulted in many days of silent protests and support of members attending these hearings.

I (finally) got to provide a successful training half-day to the Royal Commission staff. Another day will be held in March for other staff.

Travelling continued to feature in 2014, with CLAN travelling to Western Australia for the Public Hearings of the Royal Commission and to support our members at the Royal Commission private hearings in every state of Australia.

In June, we issued a media release strongly expressing our frustration towards the Federal Government's decision to divert \$6.7 million from the budget of the Royal Commission on Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

CLAN attended the public hearings for the following Homes:

- North Coast Childrens Home – Lismore
- Parramatta Girls Home – Parramatta
- Hay Girls Institution – Hay
- Salvation Army Homes – Riverview, Indooroopilly, Gill Memorial, Bexley Boys
- Catholic Church Towards Healing
- WA Christian Brothers – Clontarf, Bindoon and Tardun



Information & Support Services

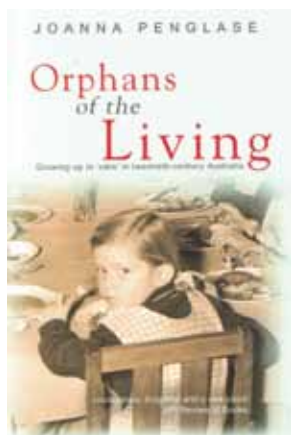
CLAN receive several phone calls and emails every day from people seeking our assistance and information. A total of 383 information packages were sent out to people wanting to know about CLAN over the last year.

We also receive requests from Care Leavers to help them access their personal files, information about legal issues, history of orphanages, compensation and redress, referral to other support services, enquiries about CLAN's library and information about the Royal Commission. 65 Members were supported in attending private Royal Commission hearings throughout the year.

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

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

The CLAN library has over 1000 books about the various orphanages, Children's Homes and other institutions across Australia and overseas as well as self-help books and autobiographies of Care Leavers which have continued to be borrowed throughout the last year.



Joanna Penglase, Co-founder of CLAN, wrote 'Orphans of the Living'

Counselling Services

It has been another busy year for the CLAN counsellors helping care leavers with submissions to the Royal Commission, 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. Due to the increased interest in counselling and accessing state ward records CLAN has now employed a caseworker full time.

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 traditional free counselling sessions to Care Leavers members, non-members and their families. We support Care Leavers with organisations such as Centrelink, Department of Housing, as well as writing support letters, assistance with the Victims Compensation Scheme, help with paperwork for various government agencies, support with court cases, writing submissions on behalf of Care Leavers to the Royal Commission, reporting abuse to the Police and support for their private session with the Royal Commission. Our caseworker helps care leavers with applying for records, doing family research etc.

Please remember that there are times everyone needs support or just someone to listen to what they are saying. If you feel that this may be you then please contact CLAN and we will do what we can to assist you.

Caring for Forgotten Australians DVD

Aged care has been raised as an area of particular anxiety for Care-Leavers given their previous experiences in institutional care. The Australian Government has classed Care-Leavers as a special needs group within the Aged Care Act.

In 2003, with the support of the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), Aged Care Channel (ACC) was established to enable staff and residents of residential care homes access to accredited education and training programs and support the care of Australia's ageing population.

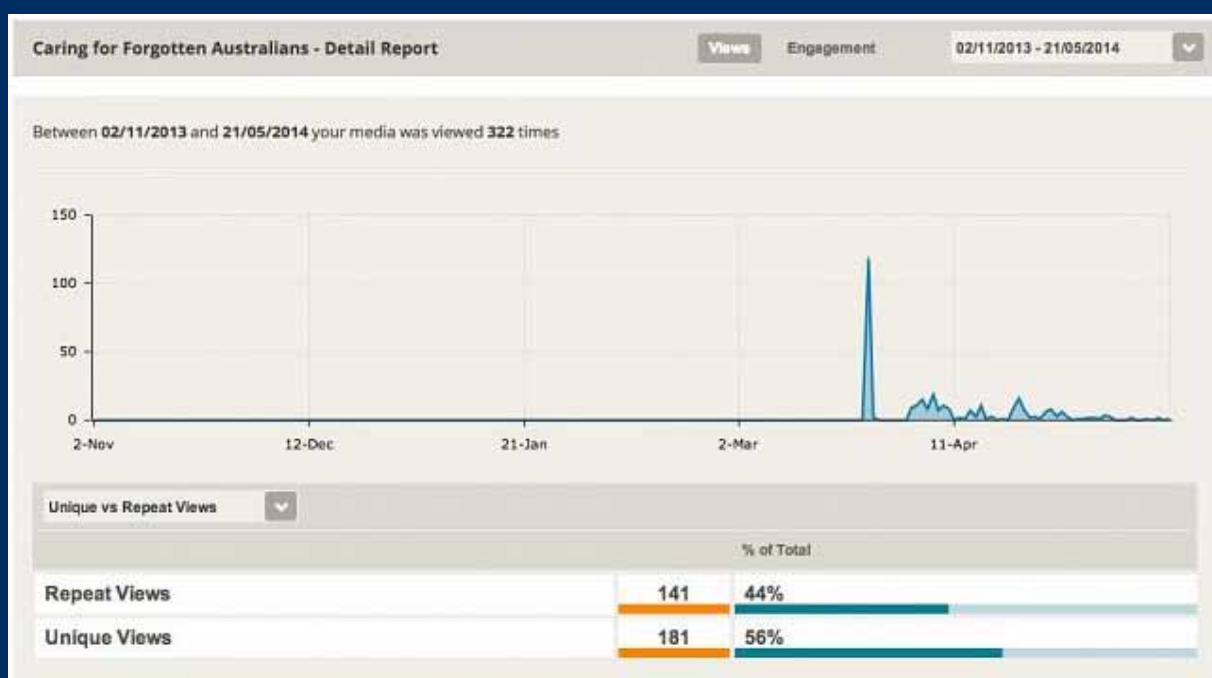
The "Caring for Forgotten Australians" DVD was published on Mar 11, 2014 by ACC Residential Care CORE Program. The DVD discusses the unique issues facing older people who were

raised in institutions or foster homes, many whom have a dislike and distrust of institutions including care homes and identify strategies to address their specific needs.

This DVD is designed to give carers a better understanding of how care leavers feel, and why they may present with challenging behaviour. It also provides them with strategies to ensure that their last years in care are better than their first years in care.

22 May 2014

The below graphic depicts the number of users so far who have watched the program 'Caring For Forgotten Australians' on CLAN's Website so far.



National Orphanage Museum Report

During the year we have received many visitors to the CLAN Orphanage Museum from a number of organisations:

- The many CLAN members who have visited our office throughout the year from all over Australia
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Community Services NSW
- Media
- Aged Care Channel
- Anglican Church Representatives
- SANO task force Police
- Knowmore Legal Team
- Wattle Place

Comments from the visitors to the Museum:

"Thanks for the cuppa, great to catch up. The museum is fabulous!" - Dee

"Great to spend some time at the office and museum and get to know more about how it is all run. Keep up the good work!" - Bob

"Thrilled to be here at museum, enjoyed looking at article from Bays water and all other Homes. Thank you CLAN, keep up the good work." - Alf & Bev

CLAN has received several articles and memorabilia to the Museum this year, we thank everyone for their contributions it is very much appreciated. Some of them listed below:

- Clontarf Orphanage in WA Choir Blazer – donated by Peter Bent from WA
- Birthday cards, school books and drawings & original "jacks" – Judy from VIC
- Victorian Amateur Athletic Association Certificate – Stefan VIC from St Augustine's Home in Geelong
- Wallet and handkerchief made by Jenny NSW whilst in Parramatta Girls Home
- Out of Bounds – sign from Ballarat Orphanage – donated by Frank Golding VIC

Thank you all for your donations to the museum.



Original 'jacks' donated by Judy from VIC



'Out of Bounds' sign from Ballarat Orphanage, donated by Frank Golding VIC



Toohey from Strathfield Framing, who did a marvellous job framing the Clontarf Orphanage Choir blazer, donated by Peter Bent WA



Wallet and handkerchief made by Jenny NSW whilst in Parramatta Girls Home



Birthday cards, school books and drawings donated by Judy from VIC

CLAN's Social Network Events

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

Queensland

The Clannies in Queensland had their share of fun with BBQ's, picnics and get togethers at members' homes. We thank Julie for organising these events which totalled three for the year.

Northern Territory

CLAN supported a CLAN member to a Royal Commission Private Hearing and had a cuppa with a few members while there.

Western Australia

Carolyn has had a successful year of socials in Perth, six in all and together with the Royal Commission Public Hearing WA Clannies have had their calendars quite busy.

South Australia

Priscilla has hosted and organised the three socials this year including a historical tram ride through Adelaide. We wish Priscilla all the best as she is retiring from this position this year and thank her for her commitment to CLAN.

Tasmania

We thank Karen and Marilyn for organising the four Tassie Socials this year, we know you all have had great gatherings when you all get together.

Victoria

Thanks to Brian, Vlad, Phyllis and Leonie in Melbourne for organising the socials which take place regularly in Melbourne, mostly at Ross House. Also Rhonda, Maureen and Dennis for organising the Border socials in Albury Wodonga.

The Victorian Clannies also hold silent protests each month outside Churches, Government Buildings and Parliament House. We would like to thank them all for turning up each month even in poor weather conditions, its always great to see you there holding up the signs and wearing the CLAN badges.

New South Wales

The Clannies in NSW love their socials too and there's always great excitement to be had at the office when they turn up. During the past year we have had socials here in the Bankstown office with help from Yvonne and Jenny, in Coffs Harbour thanks to Margaret, Cardiff with assistance from Maureen & Colleen in all 13 socials in the three locations.

Bankstown office has also hosted a meeting from the Australian Healthcare Associates and A Royal Commission Information Day.

New Zealand

With Netta's help NZ had a Pot luck lunch and social get together in June at the Parent's Place in Hamilton. Everyone had a marvellous time chit chatting and generally catching up.

Orphanages and Children's Homes Reunions

- Ballarat Orphanage/Children's Home Reunion - Victoria
- Gill Boys Home – Salvation Army Goulburn - NSW
- Charlton Boys Home – NSW
- Melbourne Orphanage Reunion
- Dalmar Old Boy's & Girls Reunion - NSW
- Ballarat Orphanage Veterans Reunion (pre 1960 era) - Victoria
- Orana Care Leavers Reunion - Victoria
- Tally Ho Boys Home Reunion – Victoria
- Riverview Boys Home Reunion



Carins QLD Social



Geelong Social

Photos - Clannie's coming together

CLAN's 14th Anniversary & Royal Commission Forum

"Road to Recovery, Truth, Justice and Redress for all Australian Care Leavers"



Peter Fox and the Clannies

Photos - Clannie's coming together

CLAN Socials, Protests and Events...



Acknowledgements...

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

- NSW - Margaret, Maureen, Yvonne
- SA - Priscilla
- VIC - Leonie and Brian, Rhonda (Border)
- TAS - Marilyn
- QLD - Julie
- WA - Carolyn
- Netta - New Zealand

CLAN wishes to thank the following government departments for their continued support and funding:

- Department of Social Services
- Families South Australia
- Department of Human Services VIC
- Department of Community Services NSW
- Ancestry

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

- United Protestant Association \$7,500
- Salvation Army \$5,000
- William (QLD) \$3,000
- Anonymous \$2,000
- Aged Care Channel TV Network \$2,300
- Thelma (VIC) \$1,000
- Peter (NSW) \$1,000
- Anglicare Sydney \$800
- Leonie's friends for her 60th Birthday (NSW) \$500
- Danebank Anglican Girls' School (Hurstville) \$321.10
- Charles (QLD) - \$1000 and envelopes

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

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

CLAN also wishes to thank an anonymous donor who gave \$500 towards Lewis Blayse funeral expenses.

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

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

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

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

Finally, we would like to congratulate Ray on being the volunteer of the year. At 87 years of age, Ray has continued to support CLAN for the past 7 years, attending silent protests and for providing CLAN with envelopes and stamps.



Ray Prosser, being given his award by CLAN Patron Jason Clare MP at the 14th Anniversary.

Treasurers Report

The accounts were audited by MK Nominees & Associates Pty Ltd of Sydney NSW and follow on the next page. The budget for 2014/2015 has been approved and adopted by the committee.

The Royal Commission has taken most of the focus of CLAN for the last twelve months but we are so much more than just that. The day to day running of the office for the benefit of our members is accomplished by a great team of whom we are very proud. Thank you Julie for everything you do to make my life a little easier. It has been my pleasure to serve on this committee for the last three years and I must say thank you to our amazing secretary, Pat. She is the super glue that holds it all together and I am totally in awe of her energy and enthusiasm for CLAN. Leonie has had a very busy year and a very tough year too. Her strength and courage get her through it all. Thank you Leonie for your dedication to the cause. Our outgoing President, Jim Luthy has been a mentor, a friend and a brother to me and I'm sure you all feel the same loss as I do at his calling it a day. Thank you Jim, you'll be a hard act to follow.

Over and out,
Bob Conway

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

- Federal (Royal Commission) - \$400,000
- Federal (For support and advocacy) - \$150,000
- NSW Government - \$35,000
- VIC Government - \$16,500
- SA Government - \$15,000
- ACT Government - \$3,000

As you can see, Queensland, Western Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania do not provide funding for CLAN to deliver essential services to Care Leavers.

At the commencement of the financial year, July 2013, CLAN held \$222, 261.48

At the end of the financial year, June 2014, CLAN held \$295,914.03



**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 2014, and the profit and loss statement.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation of the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

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

Independence

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

Maynard Kearns

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Qualification

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

Qualified Auditors Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation in the qualification paragraphs not existed, the financial report of Care Leavers Australia Network (Clan) Inc presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Care Leavers Australia Network (Clan) Inc as of 30 June 2014 and of its financial performance for the year then ended.

Name of Maynard Kearns
Chartered Accountants



Name of _____
Kirk Maynard

Add Suite 6 Level 1, 432 Chapel Road Bankstown NSW 2200

Dated this 12th day of November 2014

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Profit & Loss Statement

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Income

Donations	\$36,630.16
Donations Anniversary	\$1,381.82
Anniversary forum/dinner	\$139.99
Dept of Human Serv. Don. Anniv	\$5,000.00
DSS Funding Travel/Meals Forum	\$8,555.40
DHS NSW/Vic funding UN	\$0.00
Reimbursement Printing	\$0.00
Membership \$10	\$8,219.66
Membership \$20	\$3,254.23
Membership Overseas \$20	\$55.86
Membership Friend \$25	\$2,241.16
Membership Researchers \$50	\$590.85
Membership Past Providers \$200	\$6,390.97
Membership Funded Groups \$100	\$454.55
Library Fees \$10	\$1,309.04
Orphans of the Living \$25	\$96.07
An Orphans Escape \$20	\$0.00
Journey of Hope	\$0.00
Training	\$0.00
Caps	\$13.64
Raffle	\$2,623.18
Grants	\$0.00
Reimbursement Wages	\$0.00
Fund Income	
Docs NSW	\$37,412.23
DHS - Victoria	\$17,929.89
Dept Health Disability ACT	\$0.00
DSS Funding Activity 1	\$125,000.00
DSS Funding Activity 3	\$25,000.00
Govt SA	\$15,000.00
DSS Royal Comm Funding	\$400,000.00
Govt Fahcsia counselling 2	\$0.00
Aust Govt Fahcsia counselling	\$0.00
Aust. Govt Fahcsia plan staff	\$0.00
DHHS - TAS	\$0.00
Reimbursement Insurance	\$0.00
Reimbursement Mobile	\$0.00
refund	\$3,869.09
Survey	\$40.91
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
Reimbursement Cert. Wattle PI	\$1,050.03
reimbursement Printing	\$0.00
reimbursement Postage	\$272.73
Reimbursement Open Place	\$180.91
DVD Forgotten Australians	\$140.00
reimbursement travel/expenses	\$706.59
Total Income	<u>\$703,558.96</u>

4-9500

Freight	\$0.00
Orphans of the Living	\$0.00
CLAN Caps	\$0.00
Total 4-9500	<u>\$0.00</u>

Gross Profit

\$703,558.96

Expenses

Insurance	\$7,096.34
Insurance Royal Comm	\$0.00
Supplies	\$3,751.67
RC Supplies	\$2,631.96
overpayment	\$0.00
Discounts	
Payment for Journey of Hope	\$0.00

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Discounts Taken	\$0.00
Expenses - Promotional items	\$0.00
Refund	\$13.64
Bank Fees	\$85.50
Travel Expenses to forum	\$0.00
Expenses - Anniversary	\$6,333.71
Expenses Anniversary 2015	\$0.00
Expenses Trip to United Nation	\$0.00
Expenses Office Opening	\$0.00
Garbage Collection	\$267.82
Garbage Collection RC	\$0.00
Aust. Federation Employers	\$0.00
Late Fees Paid	\$0.00
Legal & Accounting RC	\$0.00
Legal & Accounting	\$2,046.36
Printing Royal Comm	\$11,927.55
Printing	\$10,498.02
Employment Expenses	
Staff Amenities	\$183.63
Staff Amenities Royal Comm	\$256.86
Car Registration/Service RC	\$0.00
Advertising RC (jobs etc)	\$282.00
Advertising (jobs etc)	\$159.80
PAYG Paid	\$0.00
PAYG Paid Royal Comm	\$0.32
cleaning expenses	\$0.00
cleaning expenses RC	\$0.00
Superannuation Audit	\$0.00
Superannuation	\$14,384.79
superannuation 2010/11	\$0.00
Superannuation Royal C	\$20,937.68
GST Paid	\$0.00
Wages & Salaries Act.1	\$164,757.55
Wages & Salaries Royal Comm	\$229,903.77
Brand Bureau retainer	\$2,475.00
Supervision	\$0.00
Supervision Royal C	\$0.00
Workers' Compensation	\$1,287.10
Workers Compensation Royal Com	\$1,287.12
Leonie - Meals	\$0.00
Conferences/Courses	\$2,023.63
Conf/Courses R.C	\$0.00
expenses reimbursed	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Exp.	\$7,344.36
Misc. Exp. Royal comm	\$1,005.41
Expenses - Gifts	\$281.29
Expenses - Gifts RC	\$11.81
Expenditure Museum	\$77.28
Membership National Library	\$0.00
Expenditure Library	\$507.96
Renewal Post Box	\$0.00
Postage & Shipping	\$6,555.99
Postage royal commission	\$3,882.59
Norton Design	\$0.00
Netregistry	\$594.91
Software Upgrades	\$967.46
Software Upgrades Royal C	\$0.00
Service Evaluation Survey	\$0.00
Subscriptions RC (Papers, Toll	\$409.10
Rent - Head office	\$31,658.91
rent Head Office Royal Comm	\$10,996.77
Rent - Melbourne	\$2,681.82
Rent Melb Office royal Comm	\$1,065.04
Hall Hire Royal Comm meetings	\$248.37
Internet	\$163.64
Internet Royal Comm	\$327.28
Interstate Accommodation	\$1,285.87

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Accommodation Royal comm	\$3,280.23
Telephone	\$4,426.00
Telephone Royal Comm	\$6,270.76
Big Pond	\$0.00
,Travel, Accom, Meals Committe	\$2,689.01
Travel & Meals	\$6,505.10
Travel/Expenses R.C. support	\$16,428.75
Mobile Telephone RC	\$183.63
Mobile Telephone	\$910.56
Services	
Gas	\$160.03
Gas royal commission	\$79.75
Electricity	\$1,577.23
Electricity Royal comm	\$793.13
Fire Extinguisher Service	\$0.00
Petrol	\$2,038.79
Petrol royal comm	\$1,048.75
Consultancy	\$0.00
Vicki Gerahty counselling Mgr	\$9,280.00
Business Plan	\$0.00
Security Bond	\$0.00
Lease Preparation	\$0.00
New Office Set Up	\$0.00
Website Upgrade	\$21,201.90
Motor vehicle Expenses	\$146.88
Motor Vehicle Expenses - RC	\$1,545.42
Total Expenses	<u>\$631,223.60</u>
Operating Profit	<u>\$72,335.36</u>
Other Income	
Interest Income	\$2,768.55
Total Other Income	<u>\$2,768.55</u>
Other Expenses	
Interest Expense	\$0.00
Depreciation	\$4,911.00
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$4,911.00</u>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>\$70,192.91</u>

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Balance Sheet

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Assets

Current Assets	
Cash On Hand	
Account Balmain	\$25,190.66
Deposit Bearing - debit cards	\$1,374.62
Account - Northbridge	\$0.00
Account Surry Hills	\$0.00
Account - Term Deposit	\$0.00
Maxi Interest Account	\$225,855.63
Investment Account	\$0.00
Petty Cash	\$2,774.76
Superannuation Prepayment A/c	\$0.00
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
Electronic Clearing Account	\$0.00
Pledges Receivable	\$0.00
Investments	
Shares	\$0.00
Bonds	\$0.00
Fixed Interest Investments	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Inventory	
Orphans of the Living	\$219.21
CLAN Cap	\$136.36
Withholding Credits	
Voluntary Withholding Credits	\$0.00
ABN Withholding Credits	\$0.00
Other Assets	
Trade Debtors	\$0.00
Expenditure Museum	\$1,019.30
Deposits Paid	\$0.00
Prepayments	\$0.00
Property & Equipment	
Buildings	
Buildings at Cost	\$0.00
Buildings Accum Dep	\$0.00
Motor Vehicles	
Motor Vehicles at Cost	\$36,174.79
Motor Vehicles Accum Dep	-\$4,522.00
Furniture & Fixtures	
Furniture & Fixtures at Cost	\$1,113.04
Furniture & Fixtures Accum Dep	-\$389.00
GST Paid	\$0.00
Security Bond	\$6,966.66
Total Assets	\$295,914.03

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Bankcard	\$0.00
Diners Club	\$0.00
MasterCard	\$0.00
Visa	\$0.00
Trade Creditors	\$0.00
A/P Accrual - Inventory	\$0.00
GST Liabilities	
GST Collected	\$3,487.21
GST Paid	-\$4,356.97
Fuel Tax Credits Accrued	\$0.00
WET Payable	\$0.00
Import Duty Payable	\$0.00
Voluntary Withholdings Payable	\$0.00
ABN Withholdings Paid	\$0.00
Luxury Car Tax Payable	\$0.00
Payroll Liabilities	
Payroll Accruals Payable	\$6,004.00

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Payroll Accruals Payable R.C	\$0.00
PAYG Withholding Payable	\$0.00
Annual Leave Liabilities	\$21,676.52
Long Service Leave Liability	\$9,103.45
Superannuation Liabilities	
Superannuation Accruals	\$629.45
Superannuation Acc. Royal Comm	\$0.00
Superannuation Paid	\$0.00
Deposits for Future Services	\$0.00
Grants received in Advance	
Fahcsia - Counselling	\$0.00
Fachsia - Counselling 2	\$0.00
Fachsia - B/plan, courses	\$0.00
Fachsia - Royal Commission	\$0.00
Long-Term Liabilities	
Mortgage Loans	\$0.00
Bank Loans	\$0.00
Other Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$36,543.66
Net Assets	<hr/> \$259,370.37
Equity	
Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit	\$0.00
Retained Earnings	\$114,618.59
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$70,192.91
Historical Balancing	\$74,558.87
Total Equity	<hr/> \$259,370.37



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