



# Annual Report

## 2016 - 2017

# President's Report

This is my first Presidents report.

It has been another busy year for us all, some more so than others, as we have seen this throughout this year. We have had some good things happen but also a sad year with the passing of more Clannies who have left us so suddenly. We shall always remember our brothers and sisters. CLAN has worked extremely hard this year from the beginning of the year when we were in Sydney for the R.C. and all other states. Leonie's work can never be understated, what a great job she and all have done to keep the pressure on all the church's and charity's as well as the Government.

The Redress Scheme – we have moved a lot closer to an outcome, but we know that to achieve a National Redress Scheme that is fair to all, one that will understand that there were many forms of abuse. This is important for people to know so that they become aware of the injustices that we were subjected to. Justice must be served.

A bit about the CLAN Orphanage Museum. I have always known the importance of these item's, they are more than just a photo or a paper clipping from an old paper. It is much more, so much more the Orphanage Museum. It's the voice of those who never had the chance to tell their story for decades so were Silent - not anymore, the Museum will tell their stories for many years to come.

This has been such a busy year that it's hard to talk about it all. So, I'll mention that all the staff, old and new, do such a great job. Truly they do we are so lucky to have such dedication from these people we can't thank them enough. And the Committee for their great work. As for me, I have had a year that cannot be put into words. I have learnt many things this year, it has been wonderful working and a bit of travelling with Leonie meeting Clannies is just the best thing of all time, I do enjoy it very much.

I hope to be in this position next year. I think we all know that our work is not done yet but what inroads we have made in the year's leading to this time.

There will be an annual report sent out, it will have in detail some of the things I would like to talk about but no space. I look forward to seeing you all at the socials at protests. At meetings whenever we gather together it's always a highlight for me.

To all the Clannies remember... Never give up. Never give in. A big, big thank you to all. Keep up the good work everyone! 😊

Vlad Selakovic  
CLAN President

# Executive Officer's Report

It has been an extremely hectic 12 months since our AGM in Melbourne. In November last year, the Turnbull Government announced its proposed 'Opt-in' National Redress Scheme. This scheme gives state governments, churches and charities the option of joining the national scheme or choosing not to join. While we welcomed the announcement and progress being made on national redress, CLAN was deeply disappointed the Federal Government chose to ignore the number one recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: the need for a fully National Redress Scheme involving all responsible institutions.

Much of our campaigning since the Federal Government's announcement has focused on maintaining the pressure on state governments, churches and charities to join the national scheme. So far only the Catholic Church has committed fully to a National Redress Scheme and backed up its promise with funding.

As CLAN CEO, I was invited to join the Independent Advisory Council on Redress. This 15-member group met around half a dozen times in the first half of the year to inform the process of establishing the Federal Government's scheme and it was a great privilege to represent Care Leavers and advocate on their behalf during those meetings.

In May, I was joined by CLAN co-founder Joanna Penglase, President Vlad Selakovic, Vice President Frank Golding, Past President Jim Luthy and Associate Professor Jacqui Wilson at the *Setting the Record Straight for the Rights of the Child National Summit* in Melbourne's Federation Square. Joanna, Frank, Jacqui and I presented papers at this important conference that explored ways to improve the archiving and access to records for Care Leavers.

CLAN has held many protests throughout the year. In addition to National Redress and better access to records from state governments and other institutions, our protests have focused on our campaign for a National Police Apology, and representing Care Leaver issues during public sessions of the Royal Commission.

As the Royal Commission reaches its final months, CLAN continues to support many Care Leavers who have been telling their stories in private sessions with the Commissioners.

The Royal Commission is due to present its final report to the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove on December 15, 2017. This will conclude a four-and-a-half-year investigation that has been historic in both its scale and national impact.

The Royal Commission gave Care Leavers a chance to have their voices heard by the highest office in the land. Their stories are now part of Australian history and can never be covered up or ignored again.

During the process, CLAN learnt to trust the Royal Commission and the Commissioners and they worked hard to gain our trust. They listened and respected our point of view. Royal Commission Chair, Justice Peter McClellan, ensured the doors were never closed during a public hearing. This was the result of CLAN's advocacy on behalf of Care Leavers who fear confined spaces after being locked in cupboards, cells and cellars as children. Justice McClellan has admitted he wasn't aware of the long term and lasting impact of child sexual abuse.

Not many judges have been brave enough to admit that and we thank him for highlighting the need for continued advocacy for survivors.

I would like to thank Justice McClellan and Commissioners Jennifer Coate, Bob Atkinson, Helen Milroy, Andrew Murray and Robert Fitzgerald and all the Royal Commission staff who have worked so closely with us. Your work has lifted the burden of silence from the shoulders of many Care Leavers and we are hugely grateful for your determination to right the wrongs of the past.

I must also thank the dedicated team in the office at CLAN for their wonderful work supporting the CLAN committee and myself. Thank you Julie, Natalie, Janis, Kristen, Steven, Shanice, Kylie, Pauline and our wonderful cleaner, Yvonne. I also want to acknowledge our tireless volunteers Stewart and Michael. Stewart spends every Monday cataloguing items in the Australian Orphanage Museum and Michael keeps the CLAN lawns looking their best, travelling two hours each way from Moss Vale to our office. Thank you all for your cheerfulness during the busy times and your care and attention to the needs of Care Leavers.

I sincerely thank CLAN Committee members, Vlad Selakovic, Frank Golding, Stewart Quinn, Pat Griffiths, Rhonda Jantezki, Pat McNair in New Zealand, Jenny Brownley and Carolyn Frawley for making time for our committee meetings every month and working so hard to help CLAN run smoothly.

And lastly, I want to thank all the Clannies who come along to our protests, often travelling long distances at your own expense. Your commitment on behalf of all Clannies is immeasurable. Thankyou too to the Clannies who have written to the Prime Minister and Federal and State Members of Parliament as we continue to campaign for justice for Care Leavers.

It is an enormous privilege to represent Care Leavers and advocate for better outcomes from churches, charities and state governments. We have made great strides in recent years, but we will never, ever go away until we reach our goal of Care Leaver recognition, justice and National Redress, for all forms of Abuse, Neglect and Child Labour.

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Leonie Sheedy



# CLAN's Committee

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



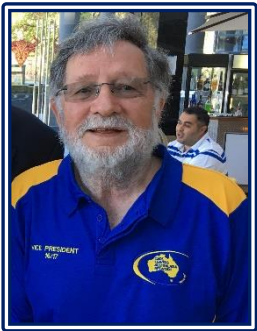
**Vlad Selakovic**  
**CLAN President**

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



**Stewart Quinn**  
**Treasurer**

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



**Frank Golding**  
**CLAN Vice-President**

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



**Pat Griffiths**  
**Secretary & Public Officer**

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



**Pat McNair**  
**Committee Member (NZ)**

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



**Rhonda Janetzki**  
**Committee Member**

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



**Carolyn Frawley**  
**Committee Member**

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



**Jenny Brownley**  
**Committee Member**

Jenny has been a committee member since 2015. She also attends the CLAN office every month to write the many dozens of birthday cards that are sent to Clannies throughout Australia and overseas.

# CLAN's Patrons

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



**Hon Malcolm Turnbull, MP**

Prime Minister of Australia & Member for Wentworth (NSW)



**Hon Jason Clare, MP**

Federal Member for Blaxland (NSW)



**Hon Jenny Macklin, MP**

Federal Member for Jagajaga (VIC)



**Senator Claire Moore**

Queensland Senator



**Hon Richard Marles, MP**

Federal Member for Corio (VIC)



**Steve Irons, MP**

Federal Member for Swan (WA)



**Hon Amanda Rishworth, MP**

Federal Member for Kingston (SA)

# CLAN's Volunteers

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

A big congratulations to the 2016 Volunteers of the Year Award.

- Margaret Anderson – For organising many CLAN socials in Coffs Harbour and for her wonderful knitting of CLAN scarves and beanies.
- Alfred Stirling – for his sterling attendance at almost every one of our protests in Melbourne over ten years.

CLAN greatly appreciates your hard work, dedication and commitment.

The 2017 Volunteers of the Year award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in Launceston, Tasmania.



Last year's Volunteers of the Year  
Alfred & Margaret



CLAN's Volunteer of the Year Award  
Shield

# Messages from CLAN's Patrons and Supporters



PRIME MINISTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

### **CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Over many years, CLAN has built an outstanding network of support, advocacy and services for people who grew up in care.

I am proud to be patron of CLAN, and to pay tribute to the staff, volunteers, donors and sponsors for their invaluable work, and tireless efforts to bring healing, opportunity and dignity to the lives of care leavers.

Your services are deeply valued, not only by the people whose lives you impact, but by those in the community who generously support your work.

No-one should underestimate what a difference you make for care leavers: creating and sustaining a network that provides support, solidarity, research, training, and counselling.

You have done – and continue to do – a vital and impressive job, and you have my admiration and my sincere thanks.

I offer my warmest wishes to everyone participating in this year's AGM and trust you will have a productive meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mal Turnbull'.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

17 November 2017

I'm sorry that I can't be with you today for the AGM and to celebrate what's been a year of achievement.

We've now got the National Redress legislation in Parliament and considering all of the hard work that's been done by everyone at CLAN over so many years to make redress a reality this is a fantastic thing and it is something we should celebrate.

But there is still a lot more work to do.

We've got to get all the states to sign up.

We've got to get all of the churches and charities who were responsible for such awful abuse to so many people to sign up and pay for what they did.

We've also got to get the NSW Police Force to finally give us the information that we need in the Police Gazettes so that people whose records have been destroyed, have evidence that they were in care, because of the Police Gazette data that shows they ran away from the home and were picked up by police and brought back.

We've got to make sure that information is finally made available to Clannies as well.

And finally, we've got to see all of the recommendations of the Royal Commission, those that have been made so far and those in the final report, supported by government and fully implemented.

There is still a lot more work to do, but today can I say thank you again for everything that CLAN does for so many people across Australia.

I hope you have a great day and hope you have a great Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you again soon.

**The Hon Jason Clare, MP**  
**Federal Member for Blaxland (NSW)**

'Your courage, leadership, hard work and dedication to telling the truth of around half a million Australians who were in institutionalised care, has and continues to be a source of inspiration to me. I will continue to advocate until you have justice. You have endured such hardship throughout your lives and together we will make sure that is recognised.'

**The Hon Richard Marles, MP**  
**Federal Member for Corio (VIC)**

I would like to say firstly thank you all for supporting CLAN, those who are able to make the AGM and to the members who were unable to make today. I will miss being there with you today. This organisation has done a significant amount of hard work in supporting those care leavers.

I am happy to see the Government's hard work in pushing for a National Redress, with great support from the Prime Minister and the Social Services Minister, and personally my close friends, Malcolm Turnbull and Christian Porter bringing it to the Parliament. We are committed to see the Redress Scheme succeed.

I would also like to thank you all again for the tremendous work you all do, and I hope to see you soon.

**Steve Irons, MP**  
**Federal Member for Swan (WA)**



My apologies to the CLAN clan for not being there today but I do have a good excuse: I am in Sydney, en-route to India, to meet with the Dalai Lama who (like many of you) knows something about persecution, abuse, injustice and discrimination.

By the time you meet again next year, I hope we have had some genuine, tangible outcomes from the National Redress Scheme and the recommendations of the Royal Commission.

I am honoured to report that both Prime Minister Turnbull and Opposition Leader Shorten agreed to the unusual request of having a cross-bencher, me, chair the joint parliamentary committee into the Redress scheme.

I promise CLAN, and other victims and carers' groups, that I will make sure we are a watchdog committee. That the recommendations from one of the best and bravest royal commissions (and commissioners) this country has ever seen, will not be watered down.

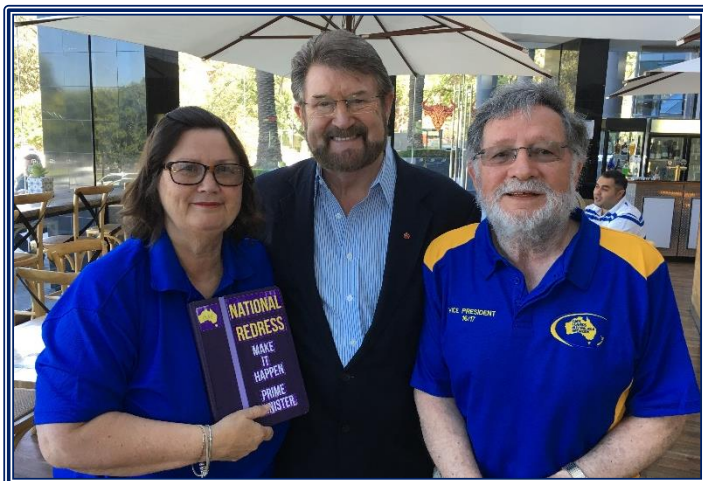
We have already seen the government's craven attempt to reduce the maximum payout from \$200,000 to \$150,000 – which, I said at an estimates hearing, was 'coincidentally' the exact maximum the Catholic Church came up with.

I sat in my office with the incredible duo of Anthony and Chrissie Foster, only ten days before his tragic death, working on tactics and logistics for my committee. I promise all of you we will fight in his honour and memory to get the best results possible.

I also want to say that your tireless efforts on social media – Twitter, Facebook, etc – are not in vain. They do not go unnoticed or unheralded.

Have a great day. Sorry, again, that I can't be there.

**Senator Derryn Hinch**



CLAN CEO Leonie Sheedy & Vice-President Frank Golding with Senator Derryn Hinch



CLAN Vice-President Frank Golding, CEO Leonie Sheedy and President Vlad Selakovic with The Hon Richard Marles, MP

# CLAN's Team

## **Julie Evans**

### **Office Manager/Accounts Manager**

Julie has worked for CLAN for 9 and a half years and has held several roles in this time. Julie started out as a Personal Assistant to Leonie and Joanna and as CLAN grew, Julie took on the role of Accounts Manager. Since this time, Julie has also had the responsibility of being CLAN's Office Manager to ensure everything at CLAN is running smoothly.

Julie has an extensive background in accounts and administration before joining CLAN. Julie continues to support the Executive Officer, Leonie Sheedy, as well as the CLAN Staff and volunteers in her capacity as Office Manager.

## **Janis Ishak**

### **Reception/General Admin**

Janis has worked for CLAN for 5 years with a variety of roles, telephone answering helping callers with their enquiries, email enquiries, helping to co-ordinate the social gatherings/events held at the CLAN Office and liaising with the CLAN members and volunteers. Janis also records the Newsletter, the Clanicle, which goes out every 2 months. She also sends out the birthday cards to CLAN members.

## **Shanice Andres**

### **Reception/General Admin**

Shanice started working at CLAN this year as our receptionist and administration assistant. Her main roles are answering the telephones and helping our members and other Care Leavers with their enquiries, and has also been assisting Care Leavers search for their records for themselves and family members.

## **Kylie Lonergan**

### **Counsellor**

Kylie had worked for CLAN for the past 4 years as a counsellor based in Melbourne. Kylie has helped a number of individuals in attending court and private Royal Commission hearings. Kylie has now left CLAN and a new counsellor in Melbourne has been appointed.

## **Natalie Wallace**

### **Counsellor/Royal Commission Administrator**

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

The counsellor role has incorporated many jobs, not only telephone and face to face counselling, but also casework, advocacy, general support, as well as writing submissions to Government and non-government agencies. She has also been involved in supporting CLAN members and other Care Leavers through the Royal Commission process. Natalie is also the Royal Commission Administrator which involves coordinating CLAN's funding responsibilities and reporting requirements as well as responding to Royal Commission publications and issues papers.

## **Kristen Harris**

### **Caseworker/Case Management/Counsellor**

Kristen has worked at CLAN for the past 3 and a half years, and has an educational background in Psychology. She has been assisting those who are in search of Care Leaver records for themselves and family members. She also provides telephone counselling and advocacy & support for Care Leavers and their families.

## **Steven Serbati**

### **Website Administrator/Records Assistant**

Steven has worked at CLAN for almost 2 years. He currently ensures that CLAN's website is kept up to date with the latest news on Redress and the Royal Commission. He also has assisted Care Leavers in search of their records for themselves and family members.



**CEO**  
Leonie Sheedy



**Senior Caseworker**  
Kristen Harris



**Office Manager**  
Julie Evans



**Senior Counsellor**  
Natalie Wallace



**Records Assistant**  
Steven Serbati



**Records Assistant**  
Shanice Andres



**Counsellor**  
Kristen Harris



**Counsellor**  
Kylie Lonergan



**Web Administrator**  
Steven Serbati



**Admin Assistant**  
Janis Ishak



**Admin Assistant**  
Shanice Andres



# July 2016

## Events from July 2016:

- CLAN supported a CLAN member at Wangaratta Police Station
- CLAN supported CLAN member at a Court Hearing in Melbourne
- 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – CLAN held a Social at Ross House in Melbourne for all Melbourne Clannies
- 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – CLAN held a Social in Geelong for all Clannies in Geelong and surrounding areas
- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – “Routes to the Past” meeting in Melbourne with Cate O’Neil from Find & Connect
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – the CLAN CEO visited prisoners in Fulham Prison in Victoria
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – CLAN held a social in Lakes Entrance
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 - CLAN supported a CLAN member at a Royal Commission Private Hearing in Sydney
- 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – CLAN held a Social in the Bankstown head office in Sydney
- 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – the CLAN CEO and an 80-year-old CLAN Member visited Blayney in country NSW to meet his sister for first time
- 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 – CLAN held a Social in Tamworth
- CLAN sent out 20 Birthday cards, 2 sympathy cards, 2 thank you cards and 12 get well cards to CLAN members
- CLAN sent out 73 consent forms to members and non-members who would like us to apply for their State Ward and Orphanage files. We had also sent out 33 files in the last two months.



Social in Ross House, Melbourne.  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Social in Geelong.  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Social at CLAN Office, Sydney.  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016



# August 2016

## Events from August 2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 – the CLAN CEO travelled from Tamworth to Newcastle for the beginning of the Royal Commission public hearing into Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 – the CLAN CEO attended the Royal Commission public hearing in Newcastle in regards to the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
- 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – the CLAN CEO visited St Albans Boys Home and Woodlands Boys Home in Newcastle and Monte Pio Catholic Orphanage in East Maitland, NSW
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – the CLAN CEO attended the Royal Commission in Newcastle
- 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – Sentencing of abuser Donald Victor Greenaway – CLAN attended court to support CLAN Member John who was at Woodlands Boys' Home
- 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – the CLAN CEO visited CLAN's oldest member Les, 100 years old, in Gosford Hospital
- 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016 – CLAN held a Social at Ross House in Melbourne, where there were over 20 members in attendance. The members wrote 120 postcards to be sent out to the Prime Minister at the social
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 – CLAN held a protest in Melbourne at the VIC Police Headquarters for an apology to Absconders. There were 22 members at the protest. It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> item on ABC News Melbourne and on ABC Current Affairs PM.
- The CLAN CEO had a meeting with the advisor of Jenny Mikakos MP, regarding the \$2.6 million going to the Good Shepherd convent Melbourne.
- 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 – the CLAN CEO visited a prisoner in Fulham Prison and gave him photos of his family. They were the first photos of the family that he had ever seen
- CLAN had a fundraiser to cover the cost of the Canberra trip for the 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Completed a submission named *State Wards Lives Matter* to the NSW Legislative Council – Inquiry into Child Protection.
- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 – the CLAN CEO supported a CLAN member through their settlement meeting



Silent Protest, Newcastle Royal Commission.  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



CLAN Members with VIC Police Commissioner Steve Fontana.  
VIC Police Protest  
23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

# September 2016

## Events from September 2016:

- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - CLAN attended the Royal Commission in Newcastle and held an awareness raising protest outside the front of the building. There were 5 CLAN members in attendance holding signs.
- CLAN completed a Submission for Child Protection and a newsletter for that month was also sent out to Members
- 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – CLAN attended a meeting in Canberra with Steve Irons MP for Swan, WA, Eliza Strapp from the Redress Advisory Council and Andrew Wilkie MP for Denison, TAS
- 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – CLAN attended a meeting in Sydney with Antonina Lewis, Records and Rights of the Child
- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – CLAN held a silent protest in Canberra, outside of Parliament House. It was attended by over 40 protestors including CLAN members, Labor politicians and CLAN Committee members. CLAN also attended a meeting with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Committee Member Jenny Brownley to discuss matters regarding National Redress
- 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – CLAN attended a meeting with Find & Connect Records in Ross House, Melbourne
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – CLAN attended the Find & Connect meeting in Melbourne with Vice-President Frank Golding
- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 – CLAN held a protest outside of NSW Police Headquarters in Surry Hills, Sydney, which was attended by 10 Clannies
- CLAN registered 15 members for private hearings with the Royal Commission.



CLAN Members outside of Parliament House, Canberra.  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



CLAN Members outside of Sydney Police Centre.  
Sydney Silent Protest for Absconders.  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.



# October 2016

## Events from October 2016:

- 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - CLAN travelled to Brisbane to hold a silent protest outside QLD Police Headquarters for an apology to Absconders.
- CLAN completed two submissions - Records & Recordkeeping, and Criminal Justice.
- 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - CLAN supported a CLAN Member at a Royal Commission private hearing
- 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - CLAN supported a Member with the Police.
- 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - CLAN travelled to Adelaide to hold a protest outside SA Police Headquarters
- Visit from Matthew Jones, Director of Royal Commission Policy & Projects, at the CLAN Office in Bankstown
- Kelly Hussey Smith visited the CLAN office in Bankstown to view and take photos of the Orphanage Museum
- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - CLAN attended the Blue Knot Day celebrations
- Leonie travelled to Sussex Inlet to visit an 89-year-old CLAN Member.
- CLAN supported a member with records and visited another member at home.
- CLAN co-founder Joanna Penglase visited the Bankstown office in Sydney to see CLAN CEO Leonie and all staff
- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - CLAN held a Halloween Party social at the Sydney office in Bankstown



CLAN Members outside QLD Police Headquarters  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2016.



CLAN Members outside SA Police Headquarters  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

# November 2016

## Events from November 2016:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 - CLAN supported a member at a Private Hearing at the Royal Commission.
- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - CLAN CEO Leonie and Committee Member Jenny met with the ex NSW Minister for Family and Community Services (FaCS), Brad Hazzard at his office in Sydney
- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – CLAN CEO Leonie organised a Care Leaver Training day at Nexus Primary Health at Broadford to help raise awareness and educate staff about Care Leaver issues
- 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – CLAN's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Ross House in Melbourne, attended by numerous CLAN members and Jenny Macklin, MP
- 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 – CLAN held a meeting with DHHS VIC at Ross House in Melbourne
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 – CLAN attended a meeting with Simone McGurk – Labor Member for Fremantle
- 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – CLAN attended Andrew Murray's lecture at Government House
- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – CLAN held a Social in Perth, WA
- 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – CLAN CEO Leonie Sheedy gave evidence at the Criminal Justice Hearing at the Royal Commission on the 29<sup>th</sup> and attended the hearing on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



CLAN CEO Leonie & Committee Member Jenny meeting with  
ex NSW Minister for Family & Community Services  
Brad Hazzard  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2016.



CLAN Members at the Annual General Meeting with Jenny Macklin, MP  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2016.



# December 2016

## Events from December 2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – CLAN Vice-President Frank Golding and CEO Leonie Sheedy attended a meeting in Canberra organised by Knowmore. Met Senator Rachael Siewert, Minister Christian Porter and Mark Dreyfus, MP.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – CLAN held a Christmas Social at Ross House, Melbourne. Attended by 31 CLAN members
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – CLAN held a Silent Protest outside of the Royal Commission in Sydney for the Salvation Army
- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Christmas Social at the CLAN office in Bankstown, Sydney. Attended by 30 CLAN members
- 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – CLAN attended a meeting in Sydney for DSS Stakeholders
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – CLAN organised a talk at the DHHS, VIC, with Vice-President Frank Golding
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – the New Aged Care Package Launch at CLAN office in Sydney attended by Senator Linda Reynolds from WA, Jason Clare, MP for Blaxland, Steve Irons, MP for Swan. 40 people in attendance.
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Sally Grimsley-Ballard (from the Royal Commission) farewelled at CLAN office in Sydney – attended by 20 CLAN members



Sally Grimsley-Ballard's Farewell at the CLAN Office  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.



CLAN Members at the social at Ross House in  
Melbourne  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016.



CLAN Members at the social at the CLAN office in Sydney  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2016.



Aged Care Package Launch at  
CLAN office in Sydney  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

# January 2017

## Events from January:

Due to the CLAN Office being closed over the holidays and staff on leave, there were limited events in January for CLAN and its staff.

- 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - CLAN had a teleconference with the Royal Commission and a CLAN Member as a Private Hearing
- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - CLAN supported a CLAN member at their Mediation Hearing
- Meeting held at Ross House between CLAN President Vlad and CEO Leonie. They also met with a Care Leaver regarding the counselling services that CLAN offers.
- CLAN arranged a media training day for President Vlad with Pauline Braniff





# February 2017

## Events from February 2017:

- The CLAN CEO supported and accompanied a CLAN member to visit her local member
- CLAN attended a mediation meeting on behalf of a CLAN Member in Melbourne
- CLAN supported a Member at a private hearing at the Royal Commission
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – CLAN CEO Leonie and CLAN President Vlad attended the Royal Commission in Sydney
- 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – CLAN held a Valentine's Day Social at the CLAN office in Sydney where 11 CLAN members attended
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – CLAN held a Valentine's Day Social at Ross House in Melbourne where 18 CLAN members attended
- CLAN attended a Teleconference with 2 Care Leavers to support them with their solicitors
- CLAN CEO attended Shirley Swains retirement at ACU Melbourne
- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – CLAN started its Museum training at the CLAN office



CLAN Members outside of the Royal Commission in Sydney  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2017



CLAN Members at the Sydney Social  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

# March 2017

## Events from March 2017:

- CLAN CEO Leonie met with Yvonne Porter, Manager of Wattle Place at the Bankstown office in Sydney.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 - CLAN CEO attended the Redress Advisory Council Meeting in Sydney
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - CLAN CEO Leonie and Committee Member Rhonda attended the Royal Commission
- 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - CLAN CEO Leonie met with FACS at their Ashfield offices for a meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - CLAN and Members attended the Royal Commission in Sydney
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 - The Scottish Child Abuse Representatives from Edinburgh visited the CLAN office to meet with CEO Leonie
- CLAN liaised with the Royal Commission regarding a private session for a Care Leaver in Perth.
- CLAN liaised with Government departments for State Ward files and other Orphanage and Medical records



Clannies at the Royal Commission, Sydney.

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017



Scottish Child Abuse Representatives from Edinburgh at the CLAN Office

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017



# April 2017

## Events from April 2017:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 - Museum training at the CLAN office in Bankstown
- 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Social held at the CLAN office in Bankstown, attended by 7 Clannies – turned into a working bee helping with the sending out of Clanicle 105
- 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN attended a Royal Commission private hearing with a CLAN Member
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN held a social at Ross House in Melbourne, attended by 15 Clannies
- 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN CEO Leonie Sheedy held a meeting with Martin Van Tijn from DHHS VIC at Ross House, Melbourne
- 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN supported a Member in Court in Melbourne
- 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN CEO attended a meeting with the Daughters of Divine Zeal in Richmond – Antonian Children's Home
- 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN CEO visited a very ill CLAN Member in Melbourne
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN CEO held a meeting with 2 new CLAN members
- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – DHHS VIC training with Vice-President Frank Golding and CEO Leonie in Melbourne.
- 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – CLAN CEO and CLAN's counsellor Kristen spent the day at the Mitchell Library going through the Benevolent Society records in search of records from Scarba House in Bondi.
- Shanice has been employed as part time Admin Assistant. Shanice commenced work on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and works on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Sydney Social at the CLAN Office

4<sup>th</sup> April 2017



Melbourne Social at Ross House

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

# May 2017

## Events from May 2017:

- 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO Leonie, staff member Janis and Volunteers Stewart, Greg and Jenny attended the Museum Training at the CLAN office
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO Leonie and 2 of CLANS counsellors attended a meeting with Gavin Peek from FACS at the CLAN office in Bankstown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO Leonie and CLAN Counsellor Kristen attended the State Library to research records
- 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO supported a CLAN member at the Royal Commission in Melbourne
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO Leonie attended the Redress Advisory Council Meeting in Melbourne
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO attended the Setting the Records Straight Summit in Melbourne
- 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO Leonie and Vice-President Frank Golding had meetings with:
  - Chris Hoffman from DHHS at Ross House in Melbourne
- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN held a social in Launceston, TAS with 8 Clannies attending
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN held a social in Hobart, TAS with 4 Clannies attending
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – The CLAN Committee held a Planning Day in Melbourne
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO supported a Care Leaver at Royal Commission
- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN held a protest at the FACS office in Ashfield with 4 Clannies and 2 staff members in attendance
- 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO visited the State Archives in Kingswood to research records that are held there
- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – CLAN held a social with Clannies from the Albury/Wodonga area
- 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 – CLAN CEO in Perth to support a Care Leaver at Royal Commission in Perth, Leonie also attended a meeting with Simone McGurk MLA.



CLAN CEO Leonie Sheedy, CLAN Co-Founder Joanna Penglase, Vice-President Frank Golding and President Vlad Selakovic at the Setting the Record Straight Summit in Melbourne standing with CLAN's "A Charter of Rights to Childhood Records".  
8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017



CLAN Members at the social in Launceston, TAS  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2017



CLAN Members at the social in Hobart, TAS  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2017



# June 2017

## Events from June 2017:

- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 – CLAN CEO attended a Social in Perth, 25 members attended
- 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – CLAN conducted a protest in Melbourne at the VIC Department of Justice where 11 members attended
- 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – CLAN CEO and several CLAN members attended Anthony Foster's State Funeral in Melbourne
- 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – CLAN held a social in Sydney at the Bankstown office, 12 members attended
- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - 12 FACS staff visited the CLAN office in Bankstown for a Care Leaver informed training day and to visit the National Orphanage Museum
- 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - 4 Royal Commission staff visited the Museum at the CLAN Office in Sydney
- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – CEO Leonie Sheedy, Vice-President Frank Golding and President Vlad Selakovic met with Richard Marles, MP, regarding funding for the National Orphanage Museum
- 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – CLAN held a social at Ross House in Melbourne where 13 Members attended
- 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 – CLAN CEO travelled to Warrnambool, VIC, to hold a social, well attended with 8 Clannies – This was CLAN's first social in Warrnambool
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 – CLAN CEO attended the Redress Advisory Council meeting in Sydney
- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – CLAN CEO attended a meeting with Martin & Julian from Berry Street
- CLAN sent out 829 information packs to Men's Sheds around Australia, 53 information packs were sent to the State Trustees offices, and 5 information packs to the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners



CLAN Members at the protest in Melbourne  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2017



CLAN Members at the Sydney Social  
8<sup>th</sup> June 2017



FACS Training Day at the CLAN Office  
9<sup>th</sup> June 2017



CLAN Members at the Perth Social  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2017



# Media Report

## CLAN in the Media

Over the past twelve months, CLAN has distributed 15 media releases and featured in more than 200 news reports across newspapers, radio, television and news websites. This extensive media coverage has helped CLAN cement itself as a respected voice in the national conversation, particularly with regards to coverage of the Royal Commission. Of particular note, were the many interviews on national media featuring CLAN CEO Leonie Sheedy, CLAN committee members and other Clannies sharing their personal stories. Photos of Clannies holding protest signs regularly feature in news reports about the Royal Commission. The media coverage supports CLAN's campaign for National Redress, for a national Police apology, for improved access to records and for funding for Australia's Orphanage Museum. Media coverage also ensures that Clannies voices are heard, our stories are remembered and the history we have lived is never forgotten.

This passage from an article in the *'Saturday Paper'* reporting Cardinal George Pell's Melbourne court appearance in July shows the CLAN colours of blue and yellow are highly recognised and identifiable as a sign of protest and survival:

*"Most had arrived early. Many before sunrise. Church abuse victims, Catholic supporters. You could see the colours of survivor groups – the blue of heaven, the yellow of light and spiritual renewal – on scarves and beanies."*

*The Saturday Paper, Edition No. 167, July 24 – August 4, 2017.*

Newspaper article which features CLAN's CEO Leonie Sheedy and CLAN President Vlad Selakovic

Monday, December 19, 2016

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## Dynamic duo fight on

We want justice for abused

DANNY LANNEN

GEELONG'S Leonie Sheedy will help shape a new national redress scheme for survivors of institutional child sex abuse.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has appointed the Care Leavers Australia Network joint founder as a member of an independent council advising on the scheme, established in response to a royal commission recommendation.

The council will advise Social Services Minister Christian Porter in areas including eligibility for compensation, assessments, counselling and personal responses.

CLAN and Mrs Sheedy have passionately advocated for a national redress scheme across years staging many silent protests at state houses of parliament.

She said her appointment was for all. "I think it's a recognition of all those Clannies who have stood in the hail, rain or shine for years every month," Mrs Sheedy said.

The Federal Government announced in November it would lead a compensation scheme for victims of child sexual abuse, strongly encouraging states, territories and institutions to opt in and fund their own redress claims.

Not all states have opted in. The scheme is due for rollout in 2018.

New CLAN president Vlad Selakovic, of Geelong, has vowed to continue fighting for a national scheme offering compensation for people who endured institutional abuse.

"Next year we will probably be planning a lot more protests, a lot more things can be done to keep the pressure on governments to make sure that all of the states come on line," Mr Selakovic said. "It's important for everyone to know and understand that all of the states and governments must come in line with this, and churches and charities.

"Everyone has to be made accountable for their actions."

He called for redress to be available for people who endured physical, mental or sexual abuse.

"If you were beaten, starved, humiliated ... you should be compensated," he said.

Mr Selakovic said his CLAN presidency had been 10 years in the making as a volunteer.

"This is the best achievement I could ever imagine," he said.

COMPENSATION CALL: Geelong's Vlad Selakovic is the new president of the Care Leavers Australia Network. Inset: Leonie Sheedy. PICTURE: PETER RISTEVSKI

# Counselling Report

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 hearings 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.

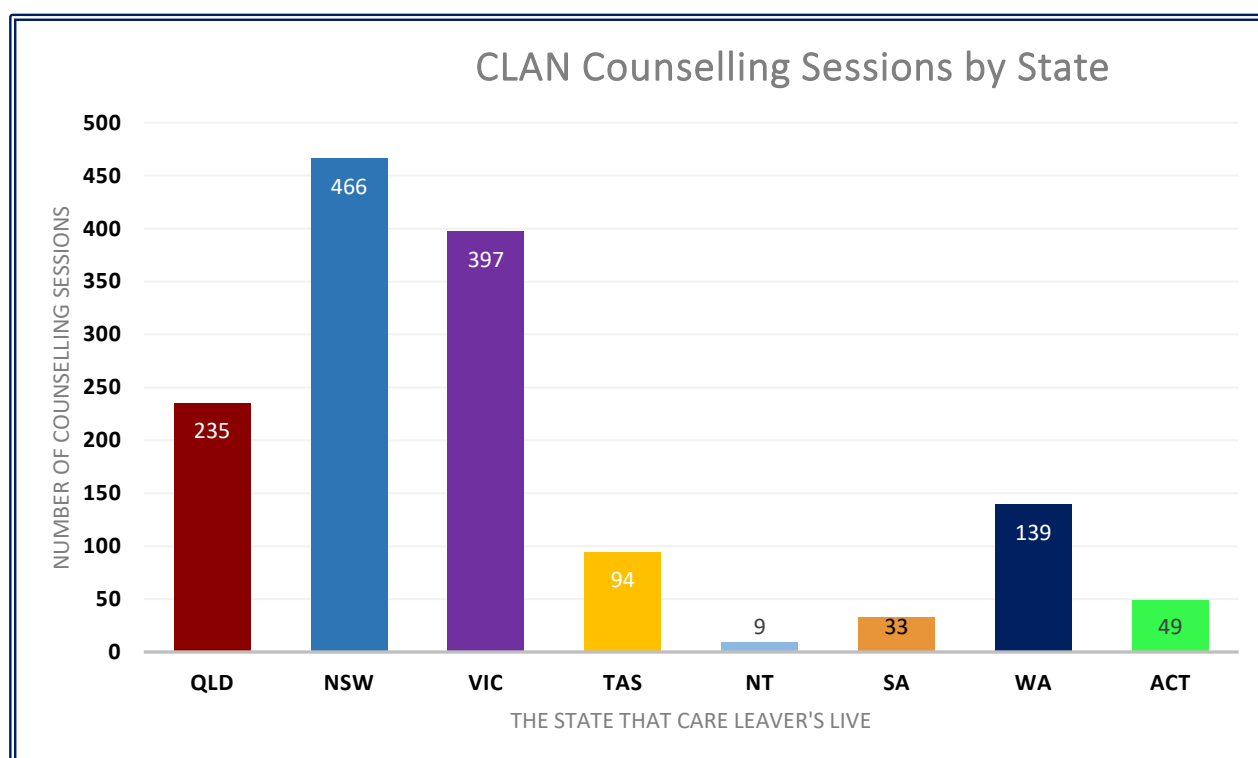
The CLAN counselling service is open to CLAN members, their families, as well as Care Leavers who are not members of CLAN. Counselling is conducted both face to face in our offices in Bankstown and Melbourne, as well as over the phone, allowing many Care Leavers who cannot physically access a counsellor 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 victim's 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.

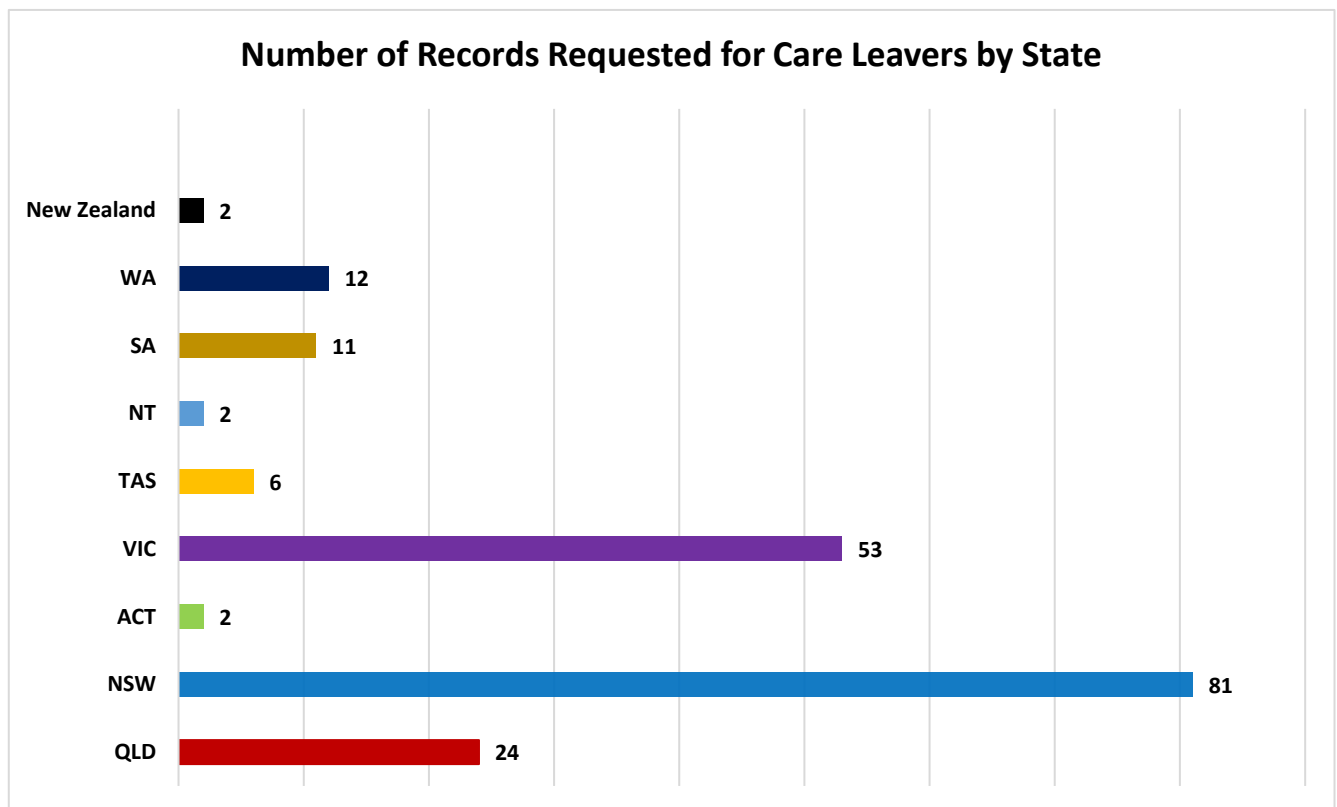
A big thank you to our counselling staff for all the effort and hard work they put in every day. CLAN can't do it without you!



# Casework Report

CLAN assists Care Leavers in family history research and accessing their personal files and Orphanage Records. CLAN assisted 193 people this year in obtaining Family War Records, State Ward Records & Past Providers Records.

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



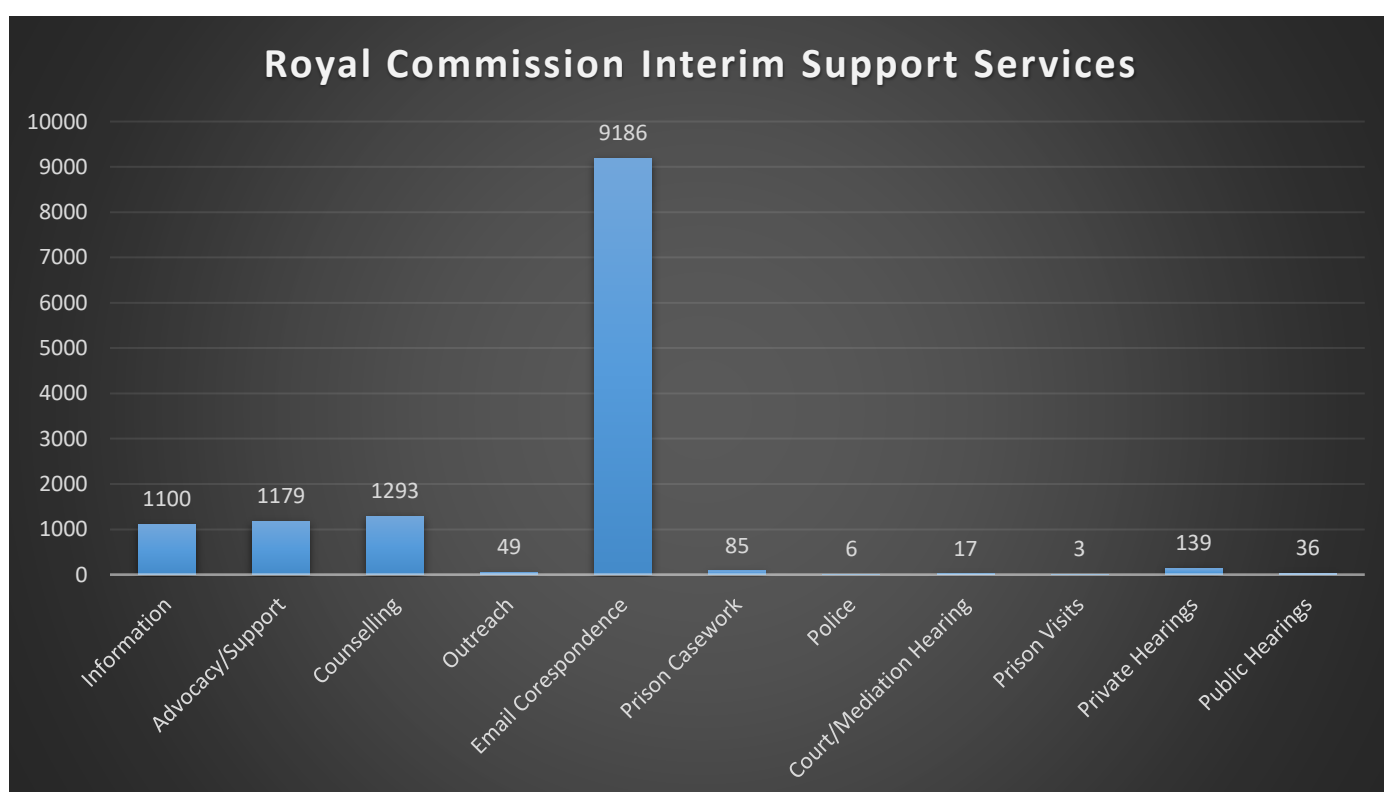
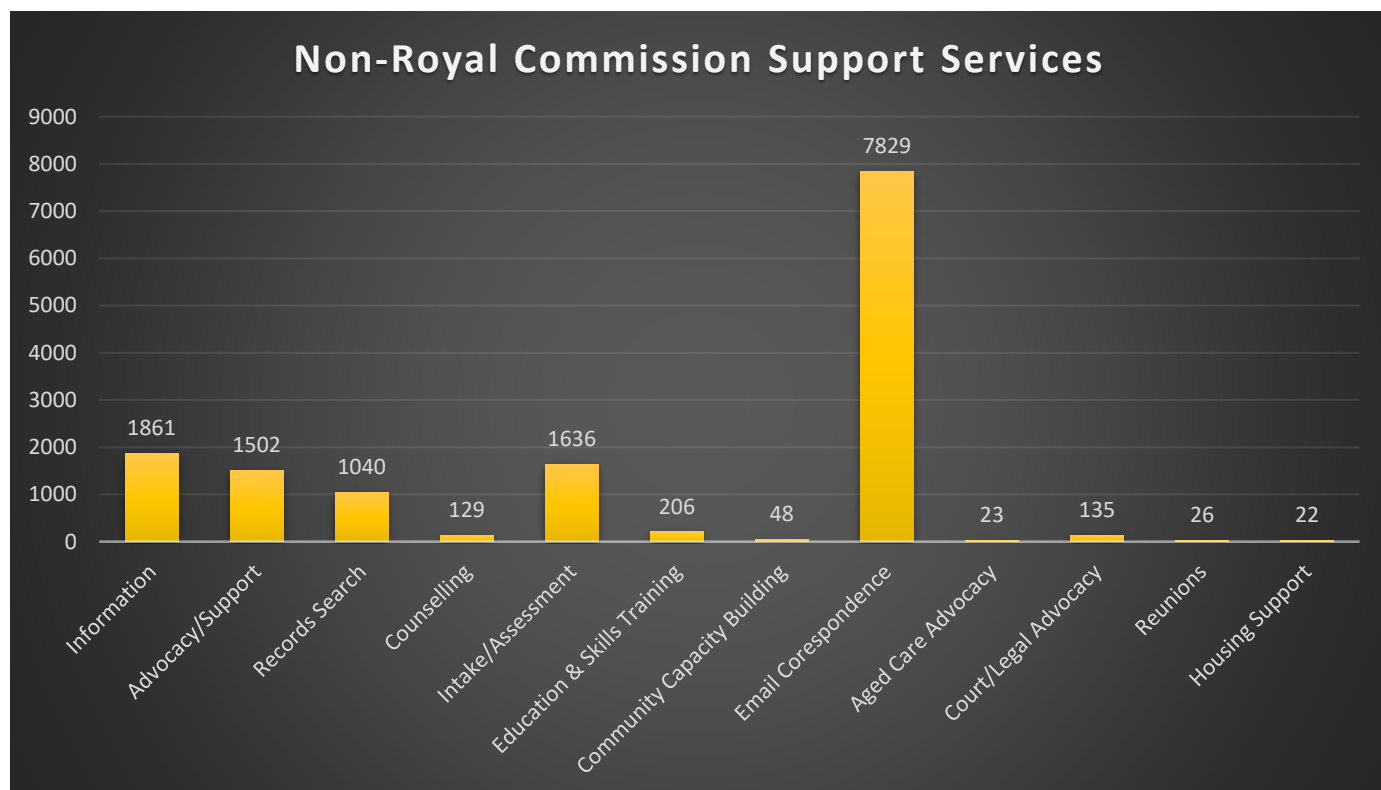
1,040 calls were made to State Governments, Births Deaths & Marriages, Health Services/Hospitals and various organisations, liaising with other professionals in order to assist in obtaining any information on records.

CLAN also assists Care Leavers obtain War Service Records of relatives of the Care Leaver. Last year, CLAN obtained 20 different War Service Records for Care Leavers and their family.



# Information Report

CLAN receives several phone calls and emails every day from people seeking our assistance and information. A total of 246 information packages were sent out to people wanting to know about CLAN and our services we provide, and a total of 11,000 phone calls were taken.



# Royal Commission Report

The Royal Commissioners and the team have worked tirelessly to give respect, care and commitment to Care Leavers who bravely came forward to tell what happened to them as children.

Respect is a very important word, Care Leavers have never been respected in our childhoods or in our adulthoods, we were left to fend for ourselves alone in the world.

However, the Royal Commission team listened respectfully to Care Leavers voices and gave us the respect which was so callously denied by the very people entrusted to care for us.

Since the Royal Commission was established in 2013 CLAN has supported 139 Care Leavers across Australia to attend their private session.

CLAN has written the following submissions to Royal Commission:

- Best Practice Principles in Responding to Complaints of Child Sexual Abuse
- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Justice Submission
- Records and Recordkeeping Practices
- Redress and Civil Litigation
- Response to Issues Paper 10: Advocacy and Support and Therapeutic Treatment Services

CLAN has attended all public hearings that involved Orphanages, Children's Homes or Foster Care, the only one we didn't attend was the Retta Dixon Home public hearing in Darwin.

However, we followed it via the Royal Commission website.

Sincere thanks to the team in our national office at Bankstown for all their commitment they give to the Clannies and the support they give to me. It has been a hectic 4 years during the Royal Commission. They have given true commitment to the Clannies and the staff are highly valued by Care Leavers.

A special mention goes to CLAN senior counsellor Natalie Wallace for tremendous work with all of the submissions, we couldn't have done it without her input, knowledge and writing skills.

In the past 12 months, Clannies have kept up a presence outside the Royal Commission with our posters and creating awareness of the terrible crimes committed on vulnerable children in Australia's Orphanages, Children's Homes and Foster Care.

Full credit to those Care Leavers who got up early, travelled long distances and paid out of their own pockets to attend the Royal Commission rallies and our monthly protests for justice and Redress for all Care Leavers.

Australia and Australians should be so proud of your efforts to bring a light to Australia's hidden horrid child welfare history.

We are anxiously awaiting the next 4 weeks for the final report of the Royal Commission, which will be delivered to the Governor General on 15th December 2017. We understand it will be 21 Volumes long.

The final report will be an important national significant document that all Politicians, State and Federal Governments, Churches, and Charities must take seriously and work in a bi partisan manner to make sure that justice is done for Care Leavers.

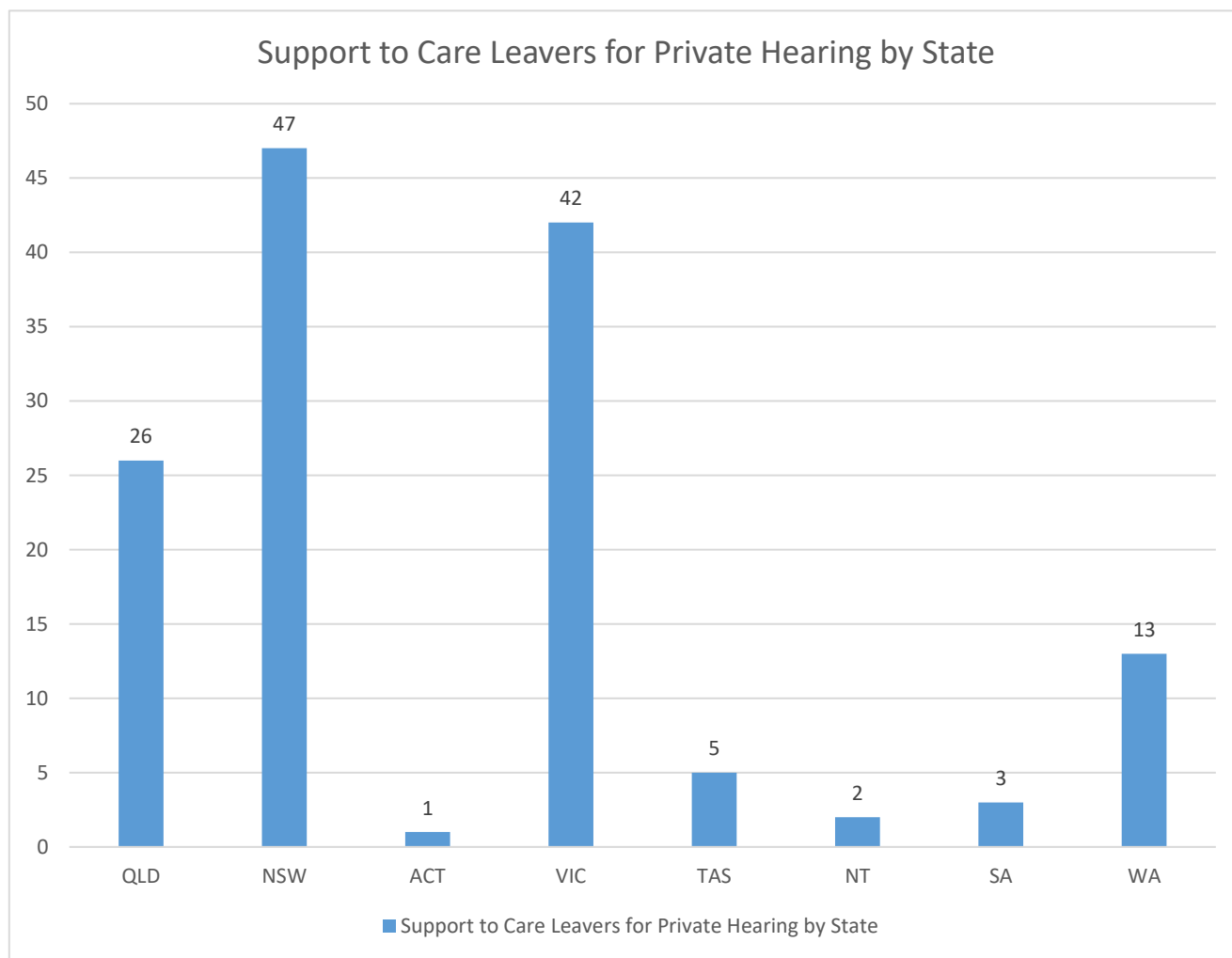
As well the Churches, Charities and State Governments must be compelled to opt-in to National Redress or the penalty if they won't, then the Federal Government must take steps for those organisations to lose the privilege of charity tax exemption.

CLAN will never ever go away, the Royal Commission closes its doors on 15th December 2017, the next part of our journey is making sure the recommendations of the Royal Commission are implemented.

In 2018, whoever our Prime Minister is, Care Leavers expect accountability and transparency.

CLAN and all the Clannies extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Royal Commissioners and the Royal Commission team. They are an amazing group of Australians who CLAN is privileged to work with.

Leonie Sheedy





# Australia's Orphanage Museum

Australia's Orphanage Museum received a Community Heritage Grant from the National Library of Australia in 2016.

CLAN staff Leonie and Janis together with CLAN member volunteers Stewart, Greg and Jenny, received training in collections management from a museum consultant Rebecca Jones in February and April 2017.

Training consisted of 2 days intensive training in collections management and 3 days working with Rebecca to reinforce this training.

Each Monday the volunteers come into CLAN to work together with Janis cataloguing the collection and entering onto the online database.

The museum cataloguing collection is done through "eHive" an online based system that helps to catalogue, organise and publish the collection online, enabling the community and Care Leavers to view the collection in a safe and simple way.

Thank you to CLAN Treasurer Stewart and all volunteers who have given their time and commitment to come in and help with this worthwhile project.

The photos below, and others, can be found on eHive for 'Australia's Orphanage Museum'.



White Dilly Bag made by Ivy, NSW



Euphonium



A collection of NSW Orphanage Badges

# Acknowledgments

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

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

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

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

- Toula, VIC - \$500
- Harry, VIC - \$500
- Salvation Army - \$3,000
- Renee, ACT - \$540
- Anonymous, VIC - \$25,000
- Ryan Carlisle Thomas Lawyers, VIC - \$1,325
- Peter, NSW - \$1,000

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

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

Sincere thanks to:

- Gwen, ACT
- Julie, QLD
- Trudy, ACT
- Patricia, QLD
- Beth, NSW
- Karin, NSW
- Maree, TAS
- Denise, NSW
- Jean, NSW
- Bill, WA
- Paul, VIC
- Daphne, QLD

A big thank you to Jenny Brownley from our committee who makes sure the Clannies get their birthday cards on time. She writes 600 a year!

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

We would also like to thank everybody who has and has continued to donate items to CLAN's Australian Orphanage Museum.

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

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

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

Thank you to Michael who comes to the CLAN Office from Moss Vale every 2 weeks to mow the lawns and keeping the yard looking neat and tidy!

Thank you to our member the late Gary O'Neill who bequeathed his estate to CLAN.

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

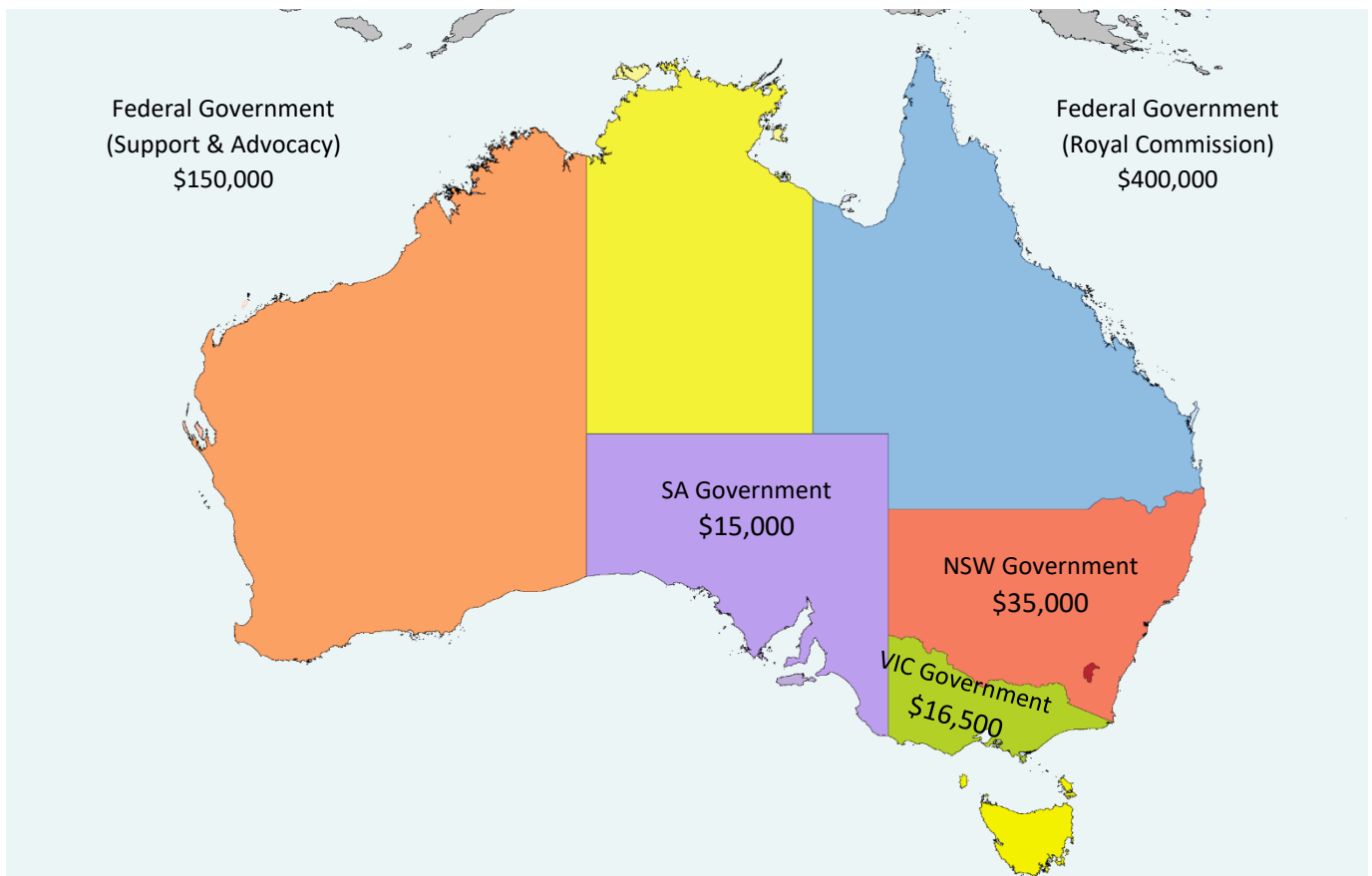


# Financial Report

The accounts were audited by MK Nominees & Association Pty Ltd of Sydney, NSW and follow on the next page. The budget for the 2016/2017 has been approved and adopted by the Committee.

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

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



We also received \$97,379.20 from our member the late Gary O'Neill.

Thank you to an anonymous donor from Victoria who donated \$25,000.



**CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED**  
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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 JUNE 2017**

**Liability limited by a scheme approved under  
Professional Standards Legislation**

**CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED**  
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**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Your Committee submit the financial report of the Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

**Committee Members**

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

Vlad Selakovic  
Frank Golding  
Patricia Griffiths  
Pat McNair  
Rhonda Janetzki  
Carolyn Frawley  
Stewart Quinn  
Jenny Brownley

**Principal Activities**

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

**Significant Changes**


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

**Operating Result**

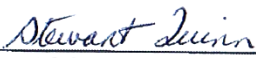
The profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$131,049.94.

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

Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Patricia Griffiths

Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Stewart Quinn

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017

**CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED**  
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**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Government Funding</b>			
Docs NSW		39,560.61	40,167.07
DHS Victoria		20,693.05	19,823.28
Dept Health Disability ACT		-	1,500.00
DSS Funding Activity 1		156,468.00	155,061.00
Govt SA		-	13,636.36
DSS Royal Comm Funding		414,000.00	413,714.00
DSS Funding		12,272.72	-
Department of Health		10,000.00	-
		<u>652,994.38</u>	<u>643,901.71</u>
Donations		155,938.10	25,459.03
Membership Fees		14,461.89	17,059.43
Raffle		-	1,025.65
		<u>823,394.37</u>	<u>687,445.82</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Centrelink Parental Leave		-	11,826.00
Bank Interest		335.18	6,101.07
Miscellaneous Income		18,211.22	12,280.15
		<u>18,546.40</u>	<u>30,207.22</u>
		<u>841,940.77</u>	<u>717,653.04</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees		107.44	29.16
Cleaning		50.00	2,750.00
Computer Software & Maintenance		1,882.25	2,190.58
Conferences & Courses		90.91	5,884.55
Consultancy		25,920.00	23,051.00
Depreciation & Amortisation		9,067.00	8,821.00
Donations		-	136.10
Expenses Anniversary		-	23,180.97
Gas		237.81	239.97
General Expenses		8,242.71	7,718.01
Hall Hire Expenses		151.87	211.17
Insurance		13,557.89	15,502.50
Legal & Accounting Expenses		2,650.00	2,500.00
Licences & Fees		762.89	1,044.10
Light & Power		3,096.37	3,013.17
Library Expenses		78.05	211.07
Motor Vehicle Expenses		7,322.98	9,766.56
Museum Expenditure		3,209.09	45.45
Postage		23,087.69	28,959.14
Printing & Stationery		8,858.49	11,593.74
Rates & Taxes		108.24	78.00
Rent		48,172.69	46,846.21
Salaries & Wages		465,902.93	485,524.15
Staff Amenities		396.90	455.48
Subscriptions		1,375.92	1,156.46
Supplies		2,489.87	3,876.01
Supervision		6,826.36	2,610.00
Superannuation Contributions		43,675.74	45,276.68
Telecommunications		9,313.92	9,481.15

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**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Travel & Accommodation		23,951.57	18,623.93
Vicky Gerahty Counselling		-	3,560.00
Waste Disposal		303.25	452.08
		710,890.83	764,788.39
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		131,049.94	(47,135.35)
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year		205,625.35	252,760.70
<b>Retained funds at the end of the financial year</b>		336,675.29	205,625.35

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**CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		439,683.22	303,234.58
Trade and other receivables	2	5,444.19	6,046.77
Inventories	3	232.84	232.84
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>445,360.25</u>	<u>309,514.19</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	4	29,151.69	32,596.48
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>29,151.69</u>	<u>32,596.48</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>474,511.94</u>	<u>342,110.67</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables		106,833.82	106,167.86
Borrowings		1,638.86	953.49
Employee benefits	5	29,363.97	29,363.97
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>137,836.65</u>	<u>136,485.32</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>137,836.65</u>	<u>136,485.32</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>336,675.29</u>	<u>205,625.35</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Retained Funds	6	336,675.29	205,625.35
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>336,675.29</u>	<u>205,625.35</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Inventories**

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

**Plant and Equipment**

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

**Depreciation**

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

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**Employee Benefits**

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

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

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

**Taxes**

**Income Tax**

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

**Goods & Services Tax (GST)**

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

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

**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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	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>2 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Input Tax Credits	5,444.19	6,046.77
	<u>5,444.19</u>	<u>6,046.77</u>
<b>3 Inventories</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Orphans of the Living	219.21	219.21
CLAN Caps	13.63	13.63
	<u>232.84</u>	<u>232.84</u>
<b>4 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Land and Buildings</b>		
Expenditure Museum	2,052.41	1,139.28
<b>Total Land and Buildings</b>	<u>2,052.41</u>	<u>1,139.28</u>
Motor Vehicles	36,174.79	36,174.79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(18,100.00)</u>	<u>(13,578.00)</u>
	18,074.79	22,596.79
Furniture & Fixtures	21,184.49	16,475.41
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(12,160.00)</u>	<u>(7,615.00)</u>
	9,024.49	8,860.41
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>27,099.28</u>	<u>31,457.20</u>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>29,151.69</u>	<u>32,596.48</u>



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	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>5 Employee Benefits</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	49,401.31	49,401.31
Provision for Personal and Carers Leave	42,490.57	42,490.57
Provision for Long Service Leave	29,363.97	29,363.97
<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<u>121,255.85</u>	<u>121,255.85</u>
<b>6 Retained Funds</b>		
Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year	205,625.35	252,760.70
Net surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the association	<u>131,049.94</u>	<u>(47,135.35)</u>
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year	<u>336,675.29</u>	<u>205,625.35</u>

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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 10:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Vlad Selakovic

**Finance  
Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Stewart Quinn

**Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED  
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**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

**Qualified Opinion**

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

**Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion except for the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009.

**Basis for Opinion**

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

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

**Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting**

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



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

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

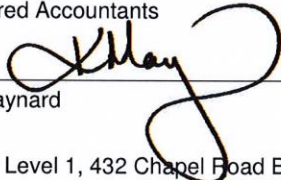
In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association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

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

**Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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

**Name of Firm:** Maynard Kearns  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Principal:**   
Kirk Maynard

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

**Dated this 14th day of November 2017**



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