



CLAN – Care Leavers Australasia Network

Annual Report 2020 - 2021



Australian Orphanage Museum, Geelong

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President's Report

It's been a hard year with the COVID lockdowns putting severe restrictions on what CLAN does best, meeting face-to-face with Clannies around the country. For the second year in a row, we had to postpone our big anniversary celebration. It was to be our 20th in 2020, then our 21st this year. But health and safety of our members has to come first, as always. We are confident that vaccination levels will allow us to meet big-time in Sydney in 2022. We encourage everyone to take the jab!

We did manage to hold some socials in some cities between lockdowns, and even managed a couple of silent protests where health rules allowed. It was great to see so many Clannies coming along. We plan to resume socials in early 2022 when health rules will be more settled.

Despite the frustrations, CLAN Committee members continued to meet by Zoom every month. My sincere thanks to all the Committee members for their hard work over the past twelve months. Against the odds, there were some huge moments during the year. We have made great progress on preparing the Australian Orphanage Museum ready for an official launch and opening in May 2022. Thanks to the many loyal and hard-working volunteers who have given so much time and labour to keep us moving on this wonderful project. We will have a new Museum website operating soon, so people who can't get to Geelong will be able to 'visit' the Orphanage Museum will be able to see lots of items on line.

As CLAN's representative on the working group planning a National Memorial to victims and survivors of Child Sexual Abuse, I can report that the competition stage has finished and the name of the designer will be announced soon. The Memorial will be built in a prominent place in Canberra and will be a fitting way to honour and show respect to the courage of people whose trust was betrayed.

CLAN was well represented in the art exhibition which I curated at the Ballarat Art Gallery. Called 'Out of the Darkness', it opened on 2nd May and ran through to August. There was good media coverage. Attendances were excellent, around 1,000 visitors a week, and feedback was terrific. Sue, a former resident of Ballarat Orphanage, wrote a beautiful poem. CLAN published a book about the Raft of Clan which was very well received and sold well.

On, on and upwards.

Robert House

President





Executive Officer's Report

Hello Clannies & all our supporters

What an amazing year since the last Annual General Report in November 2020.

We have had to cancel our Anniversary celebrations 3 times & even our socials due to COVID & the various government health requirements across Australia.

I want to thank CLAN's dedicated staff: Julie, Janis, Natalie, Kristen, Louise, David, Donna, Erin & Sara who have kept CLAN working the last 12 months.

They mostly worked from their own homes, however, David our web manager went into the office at Bankstown every day keeping the office open even when Bankstown was in the local area that was in lockdown.

We are extremely lucky to have our energetic, committed & caring staff.

CLAN managed to complete 6 editions of our bi monthly newsletters The Clanicle.

We also managed to have some socials in Victoria, NSW, WA, Tasmania, SA and Queensland.

In the last 6 months the Committee decided to hold off on socials until 2022.

Erin rang every member twice in the last year to see how the Clannies are going during covid lockdown.

We wanted you to know we cared about how you were going during the virus & ask if you needed anything.

The Committee made a "Get the Jab" video which was placed on our website, and our Twitter and Instagram accounts. Hope you got a chance to view it. Frank is hilarious as a pirate. We need to get the jab to keep ourselves & the community safe.

My sincere appreciation goes to the band of volunteers who helped with the Australian Orphanage Museum, clearing fences, demolishing the old shed etc. Your donation of your time & hard yakka is much appreciated. John Erika Robert Lenny & Terry thank you for maintaining the lawns & gardens, you do fabulous job.

A special thanks to our President, Robert House, who has put in tireless hours at the Museum. His leadership and expertise & support are so important. He truly cares about the Museum.

We held the last AGM in 2020 by zoom at the site of the new Australian Orphanage Museum at 351 Ryrie St Geelong. Thank you to our Patron Richard Marles for attending on the day.

Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Year: Netta English & Pat McNair from New Zealand for your commitment & support to CLAN & your fellow Care Leavers.

Despite COVID restrictions, throughout the year CLAN has continued its strong advocacy on behalf of Care Leavers, especially in fighting for changes to the National Redress Scheme.

We will never give up in fighting for justice.

In 2021 we all learnt new skills, especially how to do Zoom meetings and use Twitter. I am very proud of you all, however I look forward to socials in 2022 & celebrating our 21st Anniversary next year.

Thank you to the CLAN Committee for the continual support you gave me through the year and especially when I broke my ankle back in July.

Special mention to the vice president Frank Golding for your guidance support & listening ears

Finally thank you to the Victorian ,NSW & SA Governments for funding CLAN

Also we thank the Federal Government through DSS for the Redress & F&C funding

Finally my sincere thanks to all the Clannies for your trust in CLAN

I am proud to work for CLAN & I look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Hooroo

Leonie Sheedy 😊😊

CEO

About Us

Care Leavers Australasia Network CLAN is a national, independent, peak membership body which represents, supports and advocates for people who were raised in Orphanages, Children's Homes, Missions & Foster Care within Australia and New Zealand. CLAN has been operating since 2000 with offices in Sydney and Melbourne. Being raised without your own family has lifelong impacts which require dedicated Care Leaver informed support services.

Our Mission

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

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

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

What We Offer

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

CLAN also offers:

- Information about the National Redress Scheme
- Support and assistance with Redress applications
- Counselling and Advocacy with Redress
- Social Events in every state
- A bi-monthly newsletter, *The Clanicle*
- Help to obtain your State Ward or Home files
- Assistance to find Home friends
- Photo Gallery for Care Leaver members only
- The only place in Australia where you can have your childhood account published in *The Clanicle*
- CLAN also operates our Australian Orphanage Museum and library now located in Geelong.
- Advocacy for Care Leaver issues in all States and continuing the fight for Justice & Redress for ALL forms of Abuse, Neglect & Child Labour
- We send CLAN members birthday cards
- Help to obtain your State Ward or Home files
- Help to apply for Parents War Service Records

CLAN's Committee

CLAN held the AGM on the 21st November, 2020 via ZOOM where the CLAN Committee for 2021 was elected.

Thank you to the Clannies who came along to give their support on the day and those who logged on and attended via ZOOM.

Congratulations to the new CLAN Committee for 2020-21, we thank you all for your voluntary work and your tireless support to CLAN.



CLAN President - Robert House
Robert is a NSW Care Leaver who joined the Committee in 2018. He has organised Art exhibitions for CLAN at the 10th, 14th and 15th Anniversaries.



Treasurer - Stewart Quinn
Stewart has been the Treasurer since November 2016. A long-time member of CLAN, he also volunteered in the Australian Orphanage Museum, cataloguing items in our collection and ehive.



Vice-President - Frank Golding
Frank has been Vice-President since the 2014 AGM. He has been influential in effectively educating and raising awareness on Care Leaver matters. He is the author of a book titled "An Orphans Escape"



Secretary & Public Officer - Pat Griffiths

Pat has been a CLAN volunteer for 17 years. She continues to take minutes for our monthly committee meetings and ensures that everything runs smoothly. Pat really cares about CLAN & the Clannies.



Committee Member – Carolyn Frawley

Carolyn organises CLAN socials in Cairns, QLD, and is a great promoter of CLAN and its work. She has been a committee member for some years.



Committee Member – Rhonda Janetzki

Rhonda has been influential in raising awareness and educating various institutions as well as individuals in the Albury/Wodonga region. She also holds socials in Wodonga.



Committee Member – Glen Cooper –

Glen is a Care Leaver from NSW; Glen joined the committee in 2019. He has a degree in history and a strong interest in Child Welfare History.

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 sincerely thank them all.



Commissioner Bob Atkinson

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



Hon. Jason Clare, MP

Member for Blaxland, NSW



Hon. Steve Irons, MP

Member for Swan, WA



Hon. Jenny Macklin, MP

Former Member for Jagajaga, VIC



Hon. Richard Marles, MP

Member for Corio, VIC



Senator Claire Moore

Former Senator for QLD



Hon. Tanya Plibersek, MP

Member for Sydney, NSW



Hon. Amanda Rishworth, MP

Member for Kingston, SA



Hon. Bill Shorten, MP

Member for Maribyrnong, VIC
Opposition Leader



Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP

Former Prime Minister
Former Member of Parliament, NSW



Hon. Ken Wyatt AM, MP

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



Rhonda, Leonie & Frank with Hon John Eren MP, Richard Marles MP & Jenny Macklin MP at the opening of the temporary Australian Orphanage Museum in Geelong



Richard Marles MP our guest speaker at the ZOOM AGM held in Geelong, November 2020



Steve Irons MP with the Late Eric Barker and Sylvia

CLAN's Volunteers at the Australian Orphanage Museum





Photo above: Lenny, John and Terry working hard at the Australian Orphanage Museum.

Photo below : Volunteers in Sydney at a Social held the Yellow House in Bankstown



CLAN's New Zealand Volunteers of the Year



"Volunteers of the Year Award"

Congratulations to CLAN's Volunteers of the Year Netta England & Pat McNair of #NewZealand. They're worthy recipients. Netta wrote a book "Stolen Lives" of her childhood in #NZ #FosterCare Pat held socials & was on the Committee Thank you for your voluntary work in NZ for Care Leavers @CLAN_AU

They responded with:

We are hugely honoured and feel very privileged our NZ names have been recorded on your Honour Board. We are very indebted to Clan Australia who took us under their wing and showed us the way, we acknowledge our huge thanks to them for believing in us. Thank you CLAN Australia for all your help and support over the past ten years, and also for nominating us both as CLAN's Volunteers of the year, and promoting my book Stolen Lives. This all began on the 22 February 2011, when I survived the NZ Christchurch earthquake that took so many lives. I asked myself why did I survive that day when so many younger than me did not, so I must be here for a reason, and what was it? I put an advertisement in the NZ herald to start a support group of those who suffered abuse in NZ state care and the rest is history/

Meet the CLAN Team



CEO & Co- Founder of CLAN

Leonie Sheedy

Julie Evans – Office Manager / Accounts



Julie has worked for CLAN for 14 years and has held several roles in this time Julie is currently our Office and Account Manager and has been 10 years. Julie work tirelessly to ensure that everything at CLAN is running smoothly. She already had an extensive background in accounts and administration before joining CLAN. Julie continues to support the Executive Officer, Leonie Sheedy as well as the CLAN Staff. Julie make sures all Invoices are paid, Staff wages are done each fortnight. Julie also does the reporting of all Stats to Department of Social Services (DSS).

Natalie Wallace – Head Counsellor



Natalie has worked at CLAN for the past 13 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. Natalie also does Redress application forms and helps Care Leavers with the Redress process. Natalie is the Redress, Find & Connect Administrator which involves coordinating CLAN's funding responsibilities.

Kristen Harris – Senior Counsellor



Kristen has worked at CLAN for the past 7 and a half years with an educational background in Psychology. 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. Kristen also does Redress application forms and provides advocacy with the National Redress Scheme for applicants of Redress. Kristen also helps Careleavers with their Direct Personal Response (DPR).

Louise Shaw – Counsellor / Caseworker



Louise has worked for CLAN for the past 7 months as a Counsellor doing face to face and phone Counselling. She assists Care Leavers with Redress applications, and also works as a Caseworker locating Care Leaver Records.

Janis Ishak – Admin Officer / Museum Co-ordinator



Janis has worked at CLAN for nearly 9 years, her duties include Care calls, notifying members of events/socials etc. held at CLAN by email & telephone. Janis assists with Library cataloguing and co-ordinates ehive for the Australian Orphanage Museum collection. Janis co ordinates the entries for the Newsletter.

Donna Berkhout – Receptionist / Admin Officer



Donna has worked at CLAN for nearly 2 years as the Receptionist and Administration Assistant answering the telephone helping callers with enquiries, books in appointments for the Counsellors / Redress, sending the birthday & greeting cards to the Clannies and general admin duties.

Erin Farrell – Admin Officer



Erin has worked for CLAN for past 5 months doing a variety of Administration roles. Erin has rung all Members during the COVID lockdown to ensure they were doing OK. Her duties include answer phones, filing, etc

David Ishak – Website Administrator / Admin Officer



David has worked for CLAN for the past 8 months . He currently ensures that CLANs website is kept up to date with the latest CLAN news and on Redress. David assist Care Leavers to access the Members Portal and also provides training on Social Media eg Twitter, Instagram and How to Log on to ZOOM.

***Thank you to Donna & Julie for doing
the Annual Report. ***

Australian Orphanage Museum

Thank you to the Members of the Australian Orphanage Museum Committee for attending the Zoom Meetings and giving wonderful support.

Chair of the AOM - John Eren MP Lara.

Robert House, Frank Golding & Leonie Sheedy representing CLAN, Michaela Hart & Mary Roberts from Dept of FFH, Steve Cooke from Deakin University, Lisha Jackson from DSS, Steve Iron MP Swan & Richard Marles MP Corio.





Redress Report



The Royal Commission investigated the crimes committed against Care Leavers. The Commission earned Care Leavers' trust and they too believed Care Leavers. **But the National Redress Scheme** doesn't believe us.

We act as nominees and go in to battle for them if things go wrong. And they often do go wrong. The National Redress Scheme is seriously flawed, and we are lobbying continuously for changes.

Some of the key issues we want changed include:

- The appalling application form and the long delays in processing claims
- The forensic and unnecessary investigations that are offensive and intrusive
- Indexing prior payments – taxing the poorest of abuse victims
- The secret assessment matrix and unpublished rules
- Inconsistent decisions made by assessors who are unaccountable

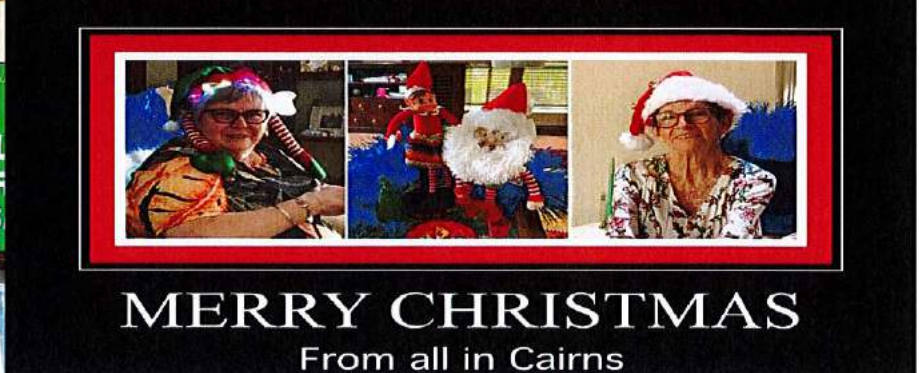
Advanced payments for elderly and frail Care Leavers so they get justice before they die.



- Keep in mind not all Care Leavers received their assessed amount, as they may have had prior payments.

Socials

Dec 2020 – Clannie's joined from across Australia for our Zoom Hat Christmas Party. We sang "Where did you get that Hat?"



Sydney – 1st Social since Covid Lockdown – February 2021



Geelong 11th March, 2021 - attended by Vic Minister Luke Donnellan & John Eren MP. Thank you to them both.



Tasmania – 20th March, 2021



Sydney Social 27.3.21 - Lots of volunteers helping with the adjustment to the Creative Clannie's Flyer.



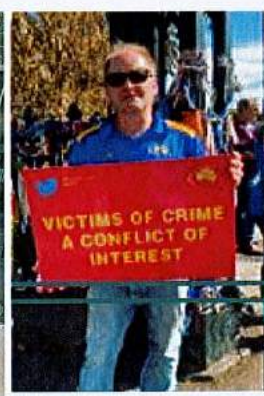
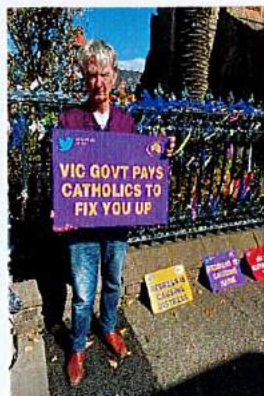
Melbourne – Ross House



Ballarat 2nd May, 2021
Art Exhibition & Social



**Ballarat 2nd May, 2021 – Protest St Patricks Cathedral – Care Leavers
are protesting because of the Victorian Government funding the Catholic Church
& Anglicare to provide Victim of Crime Support Services.**



Perth 4th & 5th May – CLAN met with WA Minister Simone McGurk to discuss funding for CLAN and our 21st Anniversary.



Silent Protest in Melbourne at the Dept of Justice and Community Safety Victoria - Care Leavers are protesting because of the Victorian Government funding the Catholic Church & Anglicare to provide Victim of Crime Support Services.



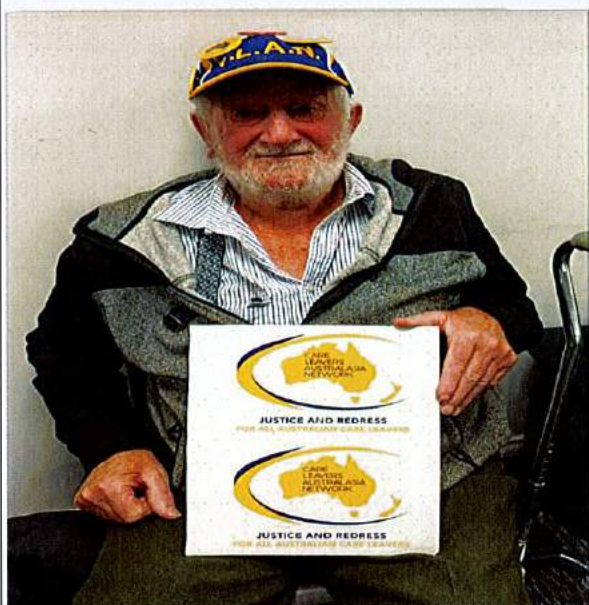
William Houston Trial -

During Covid we were unable to attend the trial of Christian Brother– William Houston, but on the day of sentencing we were able to attend the County Court in Melbourne. We were able to support the 2 victims from St Augustines Boys Home Geelong. We found out later they saw the sea of blue shirts and said they felt very emotional that we were there to support them in the Courtroom. Both men had not heard of CLAN until that day. No-one had told them about us!!!

Brother William Houston was sentenced to another 7 years in prison for his crimes.



Adelaide, South Australia – 23rd June, 2021 – CLAN managed during COVID to drive to SA & hold a Social. Special Thanks to Carol for appearing on the ABC News regarding issue of Redress Funder of Last Resort



Elderly – Care Calls 2020-21

Every couple of weeks Janis from our Sydney office completes care calls - just to check on Care Leavers and see how they are doing as many live alone and are isolated. There are over 50 Clannies that we call on a regular basis.

This is in addition to the round of phone calls that Erin made to Clannies to check on how they were faring during the Covid-19 pandemic

BIRTHDAY CARDS SENT TO CLANNIES

Many Care Leavers never received Birthday Cards when we were children. In acknowledging this, CLAN makes a determined effort to send a Birthday Card to all Clannies on their special day. Donna sends approximately 40 Birthday Cards each month to Care Leavers across Australia, as well as Get Well, Thinking Of You, Sympathy/Condolences, & Thank You Cards. It's lovely to hear how people feel about receiving these birthday cards. This is a very small selection of the emails and notes that we have received.

Dear All, Firstly thank you very much for the lovely birthday card for my birthday in May. It was so lovely to receive it. You are such wonderful people for the work you do in helping people who have suffered so much during their lives. Every best wish Zaiga VIC

Hi Leonie, Wendy QLD here I would like to thank you and CLAN for my beautiful birthday card. Very much appreciated Regards to you and all at CLAN Wendy

To all the Clannies I would like to say thank you for all your hard work you do for us care leavers Also thank you for all your kind wishes for my recovery from my surgery. Thank you I am on the mend and thanks Leonie for all your lovely messages it kept me going and to get well. Thanking you a for your hard work and dedication Mary VIC

Thank you for assisting me to have a voice, the child within was never heard Guy

Thank you for my birthday card, it cheered me up to receive it. I haven't thanked you for all the ones I've received all the years before, thank you for all the cards & to those who made and/or took the time to write & send them to me. I really do appreciate them as they make me feel remembered on my birthday. Teresa VIC

Hi All Thank you for your lovely card. It was a joy to get this from my "family". Enjoy your day!! Meg

Thank you so much for my birthday card. It means so much to have a birthday. Thank you for all your wonderful work. God Bless and keep you all Kathleen WA.

A Huge THANK YOU to the Clannies for our Handmade Cards

Membership Renewal Comments

Thank you for all your time and advice and support that has been ongoing for many yearsGeoff (NSW)

Thank you to all at CLAN for your assistance and ongoing support ... Ray (WA)

Congratulations on all the wonderful work you do!!....Toni (SA)

Thanks to all the Clan staff for their ongoing hard work and support for all Clannies especially in these difficult times.... Bob (Vic)

Thanks for your continued efforts for us all....Claire (Qld)

I look forward to a successful 2021 together. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment. I wish I could attend more socials and protests, but my health has declined considerably. Keep me in your thoughts.... Jenny (Vic)

Thank you for my much appreciated Birthday Card and Newsletters.....Lorraine (Qld)

thanks for you exemplary work.... Jennifer (NSW)

Hello to everyone at CLAN and staff. Thank you CLAN for the wonderful work you are doing. All the best to you all ...Chris (NSW) Thank you for the great work you do....Irene (NSW)

Thank you all for the hard work you do for all of us care leavers. We are very thankful...Alan (NSW)

Thank you for bailing me out of some sticky situations. You have my warmest regards....Joshua (NSW)

Thinking of you all and in awe of your fantastic work supporting people....Mary (Vic)

Thanks for the great service that you are providing, it is much appreciated. Thanks also for the counselling sessions with Louise. Louise is doing a great job as the sessions are really helping.....Lynette (NSW)

Many many thanks for all you do for us Clan members – we wouldn't be where we are today without our Great CLAN.....Alan (WA)

Thank you for everything you have done for me. I will always be grateful.....Vicki (VIC)

Thank you once again for the wonderful support that you offer. I could not have survived without your help. My birthday card was great. Thanks muchly.....Judith (NSW)

Thank you for everything you do for me and all Care Leavers.....Margaret (QLD)

Keep up the good work you do.....Mike (QLD)

I have loved the connection between me and CLAN. You have made it a lot easier for me and for that I thank you.....Ian (WA)

Thank you very much CLAN for your lovely and thoughtful birthday card....Priscilla (SA)

Thank you for all your assistance so far... Raymond (WA)

Just keep doing what you are doing. You are a big help to me... Michael (VIC)



Survey Report – Feedback from Clannies

SURVEY RESULTS – TABLE

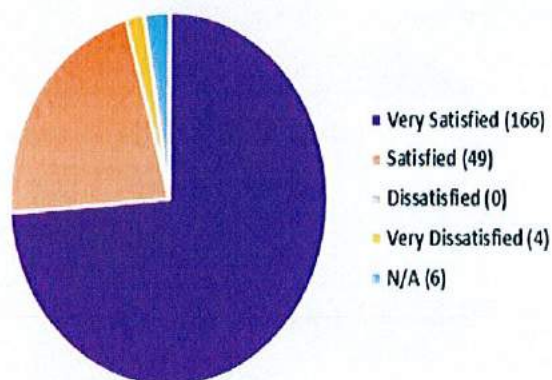
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| Very Satisfied | 1 | 166 | 121 | 69 | 88 | 74 | 59 | 149 | 28 | 22 | 57 |
| Satisfied | 2 | 49 | 28 | 27 | 23 | 14 | 44 | 55 | 16 | 12 | 30 |
| Dissatisfied | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| N/A | 5 | 6 | 70 | 123 | 105 | 130 | 111 | 18 | 176 | 186 | 130 |

TOTAL: 225 Surveys

SURVEY RESULTS – GRAPHS

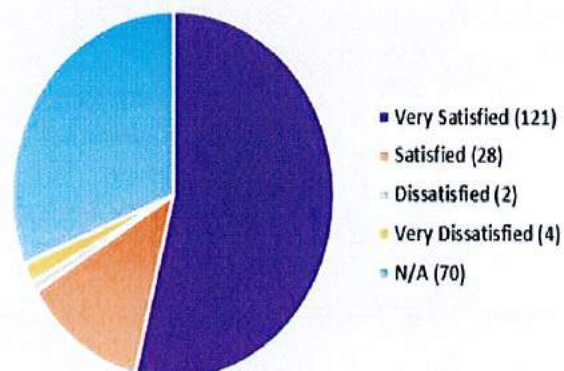
Question 1.

How satisfied are you with the newsletters you receive from CLAN?



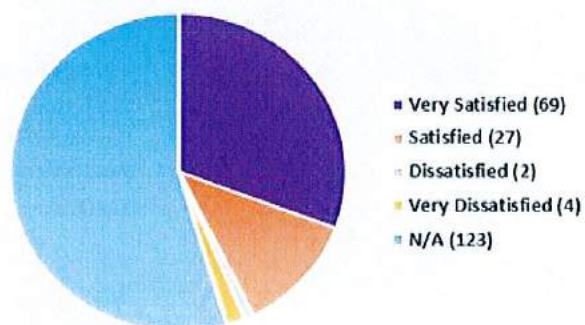
Question 2.

If CLAN have assisted you with support or advocacy how satisfied have you been with this service?



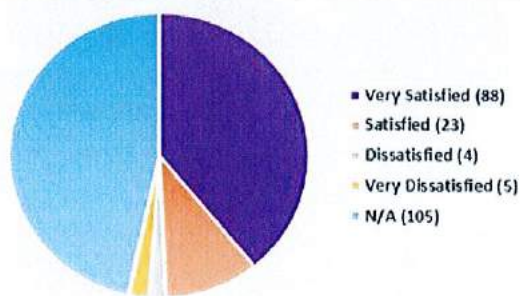
Question 3.

If you have received counselling how satisfied were you with this service?



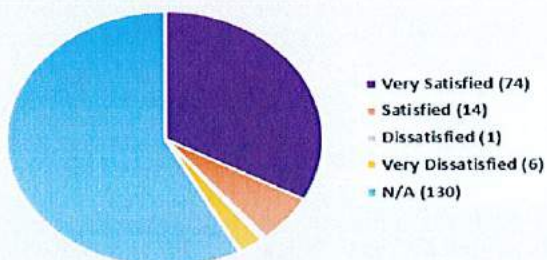
Question 4.

If CLAN have assisted you to obtain records or family history information how satisfied were you with this service?

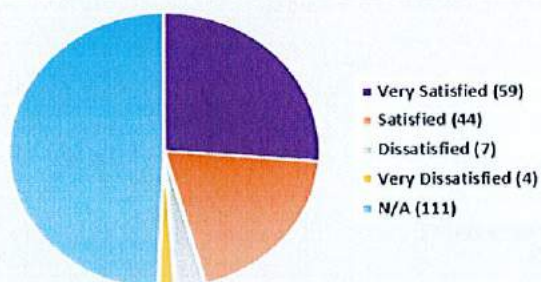


Question 5.

If CLAN have assisted you with your Redress application form or in advocating for you throughout the Redress process, how satisfied have you been with this service?

**Question 6.**

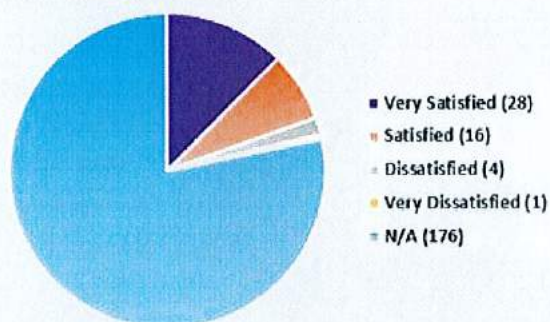
How satisfied are you with the socials that are organised through CLAN?

**Question 7.**

How satisfied are you with the information that CLAN provides to Care Leavers?

**Question 8.**

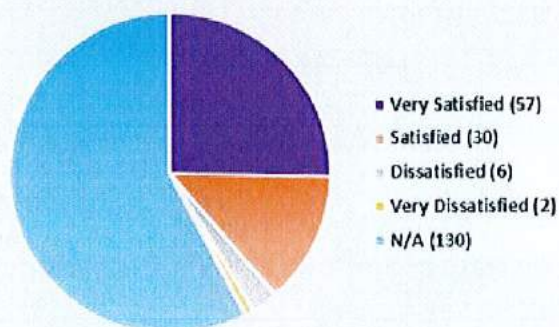
If you are a member of the CLAN Library, how satisfied are you with this service?

**Question 9.**

If you have visited the Australian Orphanage Museum, how satisfied are you with your visit?

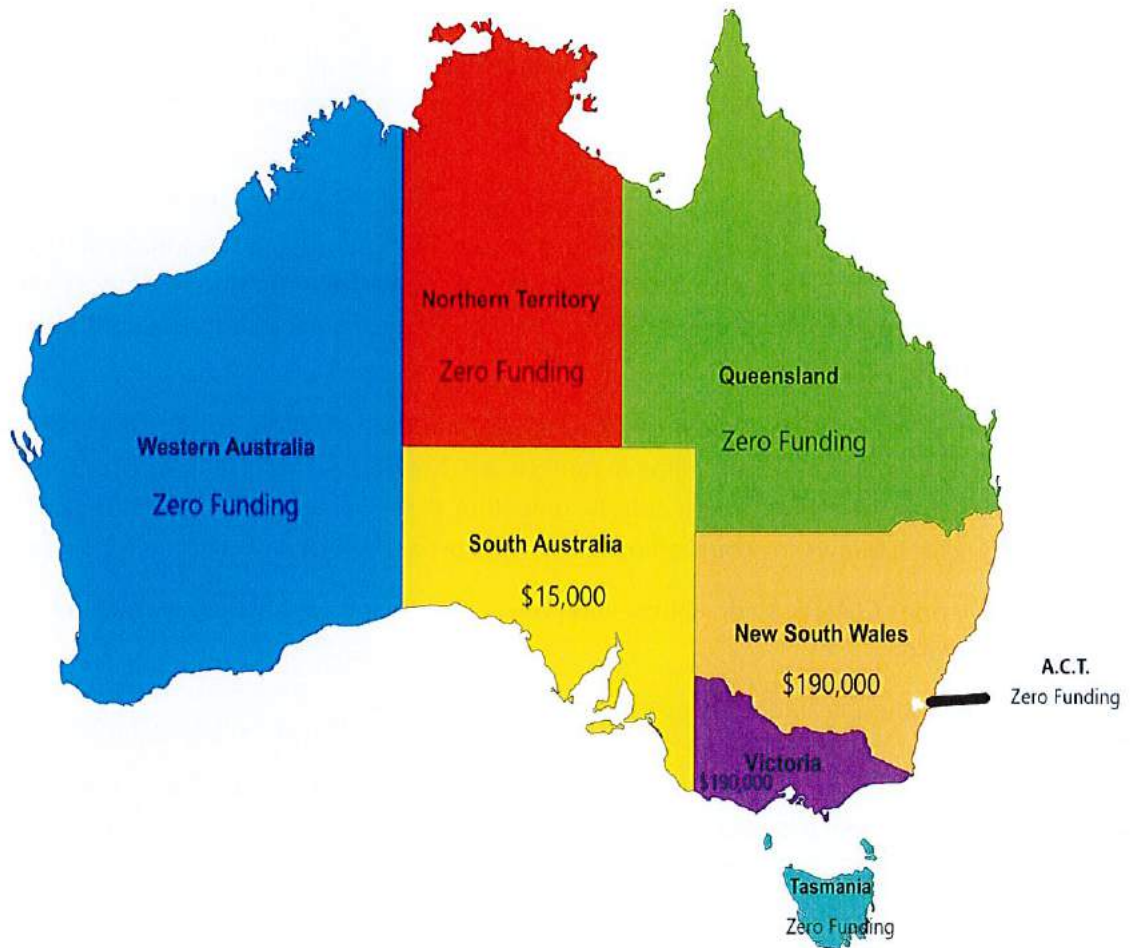
**Question 10.**

If you have used CLAN's Website (www.clan.au) how satisfied are you with what you found there?



Funding

States of Australia



Most of our Funding comes from the Australian Government.

Redress Funding - \$496,000.

Find & Connect Funding - \$160,000.

Thank you to New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the Federal Department Social Services for your ongoing Funding of CLAN

Counselling Report

It has been another busy year for the CLAN Counsellors. This year the counsellors were again heavily involved with completing National Redress Scheme applications as well as keeping up with the demand of general counselling. Their roles and responsibilities have shifted to accommodate the issues that Care Leavers have faced progressing through the Redress Scheme process. As a result, the counsellors have continued to navigate the complexities surrounding the scheme, as well as provide ongoing counselling, support and advocacy.

With three full-time and one part-time counsellor, in the past year the four counsellors have collectively completed **1514** counselling sessions. The counsellors have also completed **124** Redress Forms, and since the commencement of the Redress scheme to date, CLAN is Redress Nominee for just over **130** Care Leavers. There have also been **6** submissions/grant applications completed.

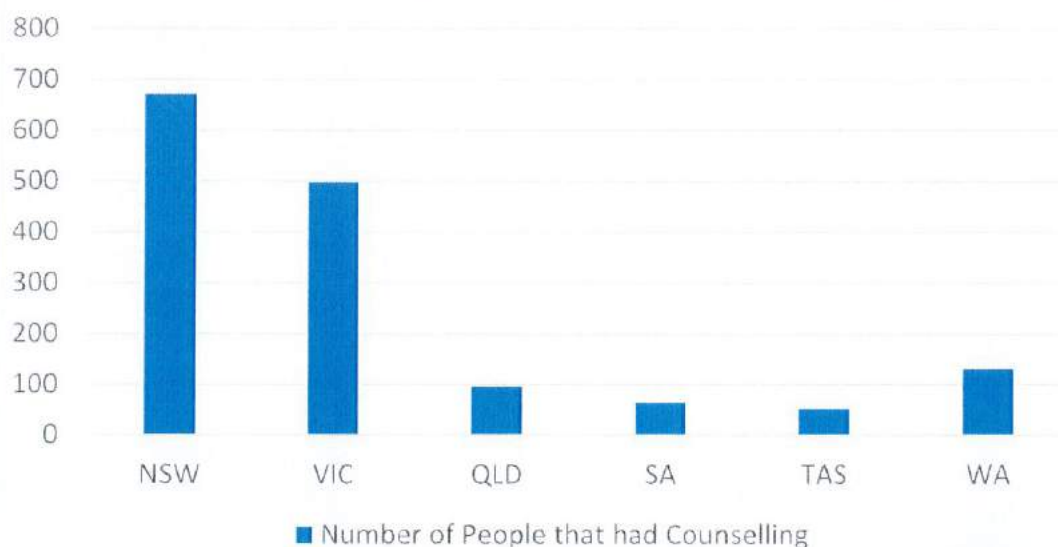
The Counselling service is open to Care Leavers and their families, conducting both face-to-face and telephone counselling in Bankstown, Melbourne and Geelong. Our telephone service is very beneficial to the elderly, unwell, or those living in remote and regional locations as it allows for counselling in the comfort and privacy of their own homes.

Not only does CLAN provide counselling, the counsellors have also supported Care Leavers and their families with:

- Completing National Redress Scheme applications,
- Advocating and support through the NRS process,
- Facilitating the Direct Personal Response following NRS outcomes,
- Conversing and advocating with Centrelink & Department of Housing,
- Writing support letters,
- Writing submissions,
- Applying for grants,
- Assisting to complete Redress Surveys,
- Assisting with Victims Compensation Schemes,
- Support through Civil Cases and Court Cases,
- Help with locating and completing paperwork for various agencies,
- Locating records,
- Support through reporting their abuse to the Police.

*** Thank you Natalie, Kristen, Sara & Louise for your ongoing support you give to the Clannies ***

Number of People that had Counselling

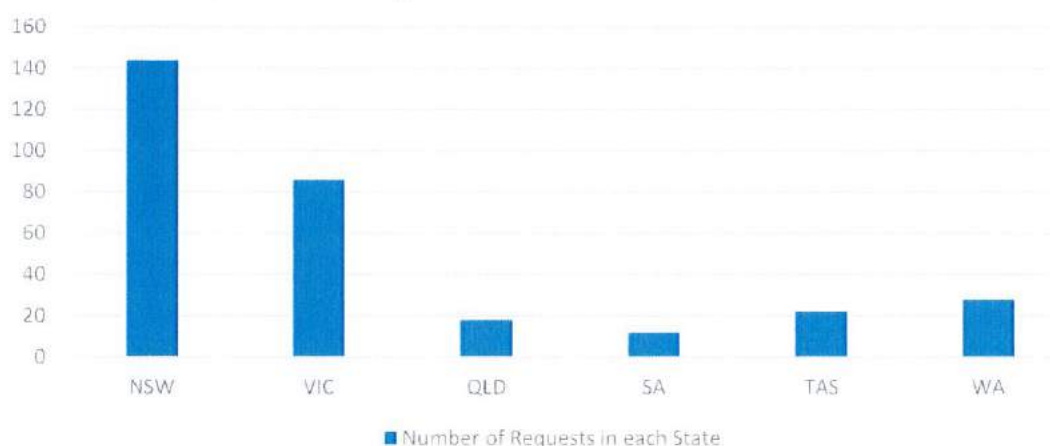


Casework Report

CLAN assists many Care Leaver's to get their State Ward Records and Home Records, we also assist with family history research. CLAN assisted **310** Care Leavers this past year and we still have the battle of redactions in each state. In the last 12 months we have requested and sent out 30 War Service Records.



Number of Requests for Records in each State



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2021

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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 2021.

Committee Members

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

Frank Golding
Patricia Griffiths
Rhonda Janetzki
Glen Cooper
Stewart Quinn
Robert House
Carolyn Frawley

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 surplus of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated amounted to \$150,480.21.

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

Committee Member: 
Patricia Griffiths

Committee Member: 
Stewart Quinn

Dated this 1st day of November 2021

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| | Note | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Government Funding | | | |
| Docs NSW | | 158,657.89 | 157,420.97 |
| DHS Victoria | | 193,597.54 | 181,167.05 |
| DSS Funding Activity 1 | | 162,117.00 | 160,710.00 |
| Govt SA | | 15,000.00 | - |
| Redress Support Services DSS | | 496,320.00 | 840,820.00 |
| Restore Consortium Vic | | 132,165.96 | 129,999.99 |
| Grant Museum | | 13,800.00 | 2,004,500.00 |
| Social Sector Transformation | | 40,000.00 | - |
| | | <u>1,211,658.39</u> | <u>3,474,618.01</u> |
| Donations | | 40,663.96 | 29,355.02 |
| Membership Fees | | 9,306.34 | 10,954.51 |
| | | <u>1,261,628.69</u> | <u>3,514,927.54</u> |
| OTHER INCOME | | | |
| Bank Interest | | 1,982.68 | 5,415.19 |
| Cash Flow Boost | | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | 16,914.48 | 10,624.90 |
| Profit on Sale of Non-current Assets | | - | 6,351.66 |
| | | <u>68,897.16</u> | <u>72,391.75</u> |
| | | <u>1,330,525.85</u> | <u>3,587,319.29</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Advertising | | 1,750.00 | 980.73 |
| Bank Charges & Merchant Fees | | 20.50 | 28.07 |
| Cleaning | | 1,350.00 | 876.63 |
| Clan Exhibition Project | | 2,000.00 | - |
| Computer Software & Maintenance | | 4,167.09 | 4,524.29 |
| Conferences & Courses | | - | 1,310.02 |
| Consultancy | | 11,800.00 | 4,000.00 |

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
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| | Note | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| Depreciation & Amortisation | | 14,029.24 | 10,278.00 |
| Gas | | 902.72 | 574.72 |
| General Expenses | | 70,523.41 | 40,497.21 |
| Hall Hire Expenses | | 193.24 | 412.66 |
| Insurance | | 37,444.52 | 31,859.52 |
| Interest Paid | | 26,664.66 | 29,564.89 |
| Legal & Accounting Expenses | | 4,200.00 | 5,750.00 |
| Licences & Fees | | 207.27 | 250.09 |
| Light & Power | | 1,985.08 | 3,015.70 |
| Library Expenses | | 179.79 | 126.93 |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses | | 3,859.21 | 5,798.94 |
| Museum Expenditure | | 10,380.47 | 16,256.16 |
| Payment Dire Circumstances | | - | 4,894.02 |
| Printing & Stationery | | 33,331.55 | 47,138.76 |
| Promotion & Marketing | | 14,352.25 | 7,661.00 |
| Rates & Taxes | | 19,692.41 | 12,600.11 |
| Relocation Expenses | | - | 4,492.73 |
| Rent | | 73,343.38 | 72,524.82 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | | 1,145.46 | - |
| Salaries & Wages | | 740,929.83 | 647,954.90 |
| Security Costs | | 3,281.49 | 1,010.91 |
| Staff Amenities | | 305.66 | 437.08 |
| Subscriptions | | 781.11 | 530.54 |
| Supplies | | 3,252.68 | 9,614.03 |
| Supervision | | 2,255.00 | 2,595.00 |
| Superannuation Contributions | | 69,731.60 | 60,541.61 |
| Telecommunications | | 10,957.38 | 8,878.40 |
| Travel & Accommodation | | 4,747.39 | 12,799.83 |
| Waste Disposal | | 937.90 | 710.42 |
| Website Upgrade | | 9,343.35 | 8,160.00 |

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| | Note | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--|------|--------------|--------------|
| | | 1,180,045.64 | 1,058,648.72 |
| Surplus for the year | | 150,480.21 | 2,528,670.57 |
| Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year | | 3,268,048.67 | 739,378.10 |
| Retained funds at the end of the financial year | | 3,418,528.88 | 3,268,048.67 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

| | Note | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 1,450,130.60 | 1,175,758.70 |
| Trade and other receivables | 2 | 13,130.49 | 46,004.56 |
| Inventories | 3 | 201.48 | 231.48 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>1,463,462.57</u> | <u>1,221,994.74</u> |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4 | 2,836,532.26 | 2,934,099.26 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>2,836,532.26</u> | <u>2,934,099.26</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>4,299,994.83</u> | <u>4,156,094.00</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade and other payables | | 35,660.55 | 23,064.59 |
| Employee benefits | 5 | 121,255.85 | 121,255.85 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>156,916.40</u> | <u>144,320.44</u> |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Borrowings | | 724,549.55 | 743,724.89 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>724,549.55</u> | <u>743,724.89</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | <u>881,465.95</u> | <u>888,045.33</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>3,418,528.88</u> | <u>3,268,048.67</u> |
| MEMBERS' FUNDS | | | |
| Retained funds | 6 | 3,418,528.88 | 3,268,048.67 |
| TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS | | <u>3,418,528.88</u> | <u>3,268,048.67</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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The financial statements cover Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated as an individual entity. Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated is a not-for-profit association incorporated in New South Wales under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and domiciled in Australia.

1 Basis of Preparation

The Committee have determined that Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated (the "Association") is not a reporting entity on the basis that, in the opinion of the Committee members, there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs. Accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose financial report, which has been prepared solely to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Association's Committee members, the requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009 and the Association's constitution.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies described below and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures. Other than those accounting policies and disclosure standards referred to above, no assessment has been made as to whether the financial statements comply with all Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Income tax

No income tax is payable by the Association as section 50-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* exempts charitable institutions from income tax.

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(b) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

(c) Revenue and other income
For comparative year

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specification criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Sponsorship, Donations and Grants

Unconditional sponsorship, donation and grant revenue is recognised in the income and expenditure statement when it is controlled. When there are conditions attached to the revenue relating to its use for specific purposes it is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until such conditions are met or services provided.

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For current year

The Association has adopted AASB15 for the year ended 30 April 2021. The adoption of this standard has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Association.

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred.

Generally, the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Association are:

Subscriptions

Membership subscription income is recognised over the period in which the services are rendered and corresponds to the satisfaction of performance obligations and transfer of control to the customer.

Amounts received in advance are recognised as deferred income and credited to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the expected subscription period.

Donations

Donations collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue when the Association gains control of the asset.

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Grant and Government funding revenue

Where grant and Government funding income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of the benefit.

(d) Inventories

Inventories comprise goods for resale. 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. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

The depreciable amount of all property, 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.

Depreciation

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the Association. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

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(f) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset or CGU.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or a period deemed appropriate for the needs of the Association.

Bank overdrafts are shown on the balance sheet as current liabilities under borrowings.

(h) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowance for uncollectable amounts. An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the Association will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

(i) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are carried at their invoiced cost and represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of the recognition of the liability.

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(j) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(k) 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.

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| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Trade and Other Receivables | | |
| Current | | |
| Tax clearing account | - | 37,305.82 |
| Input Tax Credits | 13,130.49 | 8,698.74 |
| | <u>13,130.49</u> | <u>46,004.56</u> |
| 3 Inventories | | |
| Current | | |
| Orphans of the Living | 161.94 | 191.94 |
| CLAN Caps | 39.54 | 39.54 |
| | <u>201.48</u> | <u>231.48</u> |
| 4 Property, plant and equipment | | |
| Land and Buildings | | |
| Expenditure Museum | 10,588.32 | 2,088.32 |
| Land & Buildings | 2,797,311.03 | 2,896,311.03 |
| | <u>2,807,899.35</u> | <u>2,898,399.35</u> |
| Total Land and Buildings | <u>2,807,899.35</u> | <u>2,898,399.35</u> |
| Motor Vehicles | 32,143.11 | 32,143.11 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | (6,880.00) | (2,862.00) |
| | <u>25,263.11</u> | <u>29,281.11</u> |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 28,735.80 | 28,735.80 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | (25,366.00) | (22,317.00) |
| | <u>3,369.80</u> | <u>6,418.80</u> |
| Total Plant and Equipment | <u>28,632.91</u> | <u>35,699.91</u> |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment | <u>2,836,532.26</u> | <u>2,934,099.26</u> |

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| | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5 Employee Benefits | | |
| Current | | |
| Provision for Annual; Leave | 49,401.31 | 49,401.31 |
| Provision for Personal and Carers Leave | 42,490.57 | 42,490.57 |
| Provision for Long Service Leave | 29,363.97 | 29,363.97 |
| | <u>121,255.85</u> | <u>121,255.85</u> |

6 Retained Funds

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Retained funds at the beginning of the financial year | 3,268,048.67 | 739,378.10 |
| Net surplus attributable to the Association | 150,480.21 | 2,528,670.57 |
| Retained funds at the end of the financial year | <u>3,418,528.88</u> | <u>3,268,048.67</u> |

7 Contingent Liabilities

In the opinion of the Committee, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2021.

8 Events occurring after the reporting date

No matter or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

9 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated
30 Columbine Avenue
Bankstown NSW 2200

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The Committee has determined that Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated. ("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:

1. presents fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements;
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;
3. the financial statements give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the Association with respect to fundraising appeals;
4. the Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeals;
5. the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with; and
6. the internal controls exercised by the Association are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the Association from any of its fundraising appeals.

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

Secretary: _____

Patricia Griffiths

Treasurer: _____

Stewart Quinn

Dated this 1st day November of 2021

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

Report on the audit of the financial report

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the income and expenditure statement for the period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement by the Committee.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial report of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2021 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009, Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and

(b) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

(c) the financial report gives a true and fair view of the Association's financial result of fundraising appeal activities for the year;

(d) the financial report has been properly drawn up, and the associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991 and Regulations;

(e) money received as a result of fundraising appeal activities conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW) 1991 and Regulations; and

(f) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Basis for Qualified Auditors Opinion

The Association, in common with many others of similar size and activity, derives a substantial proportion of its income from activities which cannot be fully controlled until they are entered in the accounting records, and are therefore not susceptible to independent audit verification. Accordingly, our audit in relation to these areas was limited to the amounts recorded in the books of the association and we offer no comment on the status of control of the Association.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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We 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 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission 2012, which has been given to the Committee members of the Association, would be the same terms if given to the Committee members at the time of this auditor's report.

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 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Committees' financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee are 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 the Committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. 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 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
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As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit

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 judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

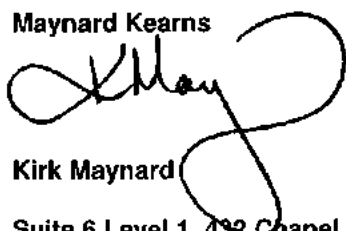
An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Association to express an opinion on the financial report.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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1st November 2021

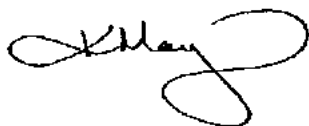
**AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALASIA NETWORK INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 67 736 746 011**

Auditors' Independence Declaration to the Committee of Care Leavers Australasia Network Incorporated.

I declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2021, there has been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit, and

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Dated 1st November 2021