

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to become a member of CLAN - Membership Fees (due **June 30** annually) are

Care Leavers (pensioners/unwaged)	\$ 10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care Leavers (employed)	\$ 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends of CLAN	\$ 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Researchers	\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Departments and/or Past Providers	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funded Groups	\$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library fee	\$ 10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Donations are greatly appreciated. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible**

*Please indicate your type of membership and whether you wish to join the library, by ticking in the boxes above*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of the Institutions you were raised in and which years:  
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\_\_\_\_\_

WERE YOU A STATE WARD? \_\_\_\_\_

IN WHICH STATE WERE YOU RAISED? \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my cheque or money order for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (Australian dollars)

Please mail to: CLAN (Care Leavers Australia Network)  
P.O. Box 164 Georges Hall NSW 2198

## WHAT WE OFFER

- telephone support
- socials in all states
- reunion support
- bi-monthly newsletter
- help to obtain your ward or Home file
- help to write your personal story
- free advertising in the CLAN newsletter to locate lost family members or Home friends.
- advocacy and lobbying on issues relating to care leaver services in all states so that we do not remain **Forgotten Australians**.

The CLAN office is open Monday to Friday during office hours. CLAN receives a lot of inquiries so please be patient – we will return your phone and email messages as soon as possible. *Your privacy and confidentiality will be respected at all times.*

## THE CLAN LIBRARY

As a member of the CLAN library, you can borrow from our collection of over 700 books, videos, DVDs, audio tapes and CDs.

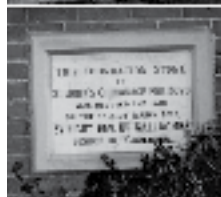
They deal with issues like abandonment, growing up without your own family, the effects of institutionalisation, parenting, relationships, and self-esteem and self-help.

We also have personal stories, histories of orphanages, research documents, and Child Welfare legislation from each state.

## THE CLAN MUSEUM

We are collecting items for Australia's first museum of orphanage life.

If you have any objects, photographs, badges, annual reports, books, clothing, religious statues, plaques, signs or other memorabilia - please donate them and help us make history! Your name will be listed as the giver if you wish it or you can be anonymous.



## CARE LEAVERS AUSTRALIA NETWORK

A network for people who grew up in Australia's orphanages, Children's Homes & in foster care



WERE YOU A  
STATE WARD, HOME CHILD OR FOSTER  
CHILD?

DID YOU GROW UP IN AN ORPHANAGE,  
A CHILDREN'S HOME OR AN  
INSTITUTION?

DID YOUR PARENTS GROW UP IN A  
HOME?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these  
questions, we can offer support.



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Mail address: P.O. Box 164 Georges Hall NSW 2198

Tel 02 9709 4520 Mobile 0425 204 747

Email: [support@clan.org.au](mailto:support@clan.org.au) [www.clan.org.au](http://www.clan.org.au)

If you live in VIC, NSW, ACT, SA, WA or TAS, you can  
contact CLAN free on:

**1800 008 774**



## WHAT CLAN IS ABOUT: JUSTICE, PEACE & HEALING

Half a million children in Australia's recent past were brought up in 'care', as state wards, foster children or Home children raised in institutions.

Many of us are now middle-aged or older but still carry the burden of unresolved issues from this past - the loss of our parents, sisters, brothers and extended family, the consequent loss of identity, the shame and stigma, feeling like an outsider in our own society. We left the 'care' system with little preparation for adulthood or for parenthood, many of us with the scars of physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) is an independent national support and advocacy body for all Australians from this background, and for their families. Our members include people raised in every state of Australia and in overseas orphanages; child migrants, the stolen generation, and foster children.

### CLAN'S MISSION

- to listen, hear and believe
- to advocate on every level for justice, peace and healing for care survivors
- to identify specific and individual strategies which will deliver positive life-changing outcomes to heal the past and give care leavers a chance of happiness and closure
- to document our history and our personal stories through a National Orphanage Museum

Being raised without your own family has lifelong effects which require lifelong support services.

## MEMBERSHIP OF CLAN

People who grew up in orphanages, Children's Homes or in foster care may apply for membership of CLAN.

Any person who supports the aims and objectives of CLAN, and the partners, children, grandchildren and other family members of care leavers, may apply for membership as a Friend.

Organizations or agencies that are past providers of institutional care (churches, charities, state governments) & funded groups may join CLAN but they may not stand for election to the management committee or sit on any sub-committee.

CLAN is funded by memberships and one-off grants and donations.

*The Committee may refuse to admit into membership of CLAN any persons who do not satisfy the Committee that they are likely to promote the aims and objectives of CLAN.*

*'I feel like we are all one family in CLAN, that I belong and that we are all brothers and sisters.'*

*'Since I have made a connection with CLAN I feel I am not alone in my fight for justice and acknowledgement of the wrongs done in the past.'*

For the only national overview of our history and experiences, read

*"Orphans of the Living" Growing up in 'care' in 20th century Australia (Fremantle Press 2007)*

by Joanna Penglase, co-founder of CLAN.

## THE SENATE INQUIRY & REPORT

CLAN helped to establish the Senate Inquiry into Children in Institutionalised Care which reported in August 2004. You can obtain a free copy of its report,

### *"Forgotten Australians"*

*A report on Australian who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children*

by calling 02 6277 3515 or emailing, [community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au) Or you can download the Report from: [http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/inst\\_care/report/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/inst_care/report/index.htm)

To access the Forde report from the Commission of Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in **Queensland** Institutions, go to [http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/redress-scheme/documents/forde\\_comminquiry.pdf](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/redress-scheme/documents/forde_comminquiry.pdf)

To access the report from the **South Australian** Commission of Inquiry into Children in State Care go to: <http://www.service.sa.gov.au/ContentPages/sagovt/mullighaninquiry.aspx> Or call 13 23 24 and ask for a copy to be posted to you at a cost of \$44.

To access the report of the **Tasmanian** Ombudsman's Inquiry into the Abuse of Children in State Care, 'Listen to the Children' Review of Claims of Abuse from Adults in State Care as Children go to: <http://www.ombudsman.tas.gov.au/publications> or call 1300 766 725

**Western Australia** has set up a redress scheme which is open till June 2009. For information go to <http://www.redress.wa.gov.au/>. If you still live in WA, call 1800 617 233. If you were in care in WA but now live in another state or overseas, contact CLAN – CLAN is the official service agency outside WA appointed to help and support you in applying to the redress scheme.



You don't have to deal with this on your own.  
Contact CLAN today and become part of  
**YOUR national network**

At CLAN we listen, we understand, we act.  
We are here for you.

The government commends CLAN for effectively reshaping the country's history by drawing the nation's attention to these tragic events.

- Federal government response to *Forgotten Australians* report, 2005