

# Busy week for CLAN members

MEMBERS of the Care Leavers of Australia Network (CLAN) are having a busy week, with the handing down of a senate report and a television appearance.

On Thursday, June 25, Senators will hand down a report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Reports.

The Senate inquiry, which held hearings in Bankstown, was following up on previous reports on child migrants and Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care.

At the hearing CLAN called on the Federal Government to implement the recommendations of the Forgotten Australians Report, which are now nearly five years old.

CLAN spokesperson Leonie Sheedy said there was bipartisan support for the 2004 report's recommendations, but since then almost nothing had happened.

At the time Ms Sheedy described the issue as "unfinished business" and said it was time for the government to

apologise to Australian children who had suffered in the past from "mis-guided and harmful government policies".

The Orphanage Museum run by Ms Sheedy and CLAN at 359 Chapel Road, Bankstown will also be featured on an episode of the ABC television show *The Collectors* on Friday, July 3, at 8pm.

Ms Sheedy said the show had spent the whole day in Bankstown.

"We reminded them that Western Australian state wards are even seen on the \$50 note (next to child advocate Edith Cowan)," Ms Sheedy said.

"It was lovely to have a chance to talk about the items that people from all over Australia have provided to us."

Featuring items from orphanages in Australia and overseas, including memorabilia, personal items and historical records, the museum is open to the public from Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm or by appointment by calling 9793 9349.

More information on CLAN can be found at [clan.org.au](http://clan.org.au).



Senators Claire Moore, Mitch Fifield, and Don Farrell with Senate inquiry secretary Elton Humphery, taking a break from hearings held in April this year to visit Bankstown's Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) museum.

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